



## EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE ASSESSMENT REVIEW



### Neale Analysis of Reading Ability – Second Revised British Edition (NARA-II)

<b>Age Range</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 years to 12 years 11 months</li> </ul>
<b>Assesses</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The NARA II assesses the reading attainment of children.</li> <li>• A test of oral reading based on a series of short narratives.</li> <li>• It measures the accuracy, comprehension and rate of reading</li> <li>• This set of skills closely resembles those required for successful reading for comprehension at school.</li> </ul>
<b>Costs</b>	£105.00 + VAT – Complete Set £47.50 + VAT - Manual £42.50 + VAT - Reader £14.50 + VAT - Record Form 1 (pack of 10) £14.50 + VAT - Record Form 2 (pack of 10) £15.50 + VAT - Diagnostic Tutor Form
<b>Recommended Uses</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intended to be used with children whose reading skills are causing concern.</li> <li>• It is an attainment and a diagnostic test that be can be used to monitor the progress of children in reading.</li> <li>• To provide a profile of the children’s reading accuracy and comprehension skills – and their rate of reading.</li> <li>• A measure for teachers to identify and help children with reading difficulties.</li> <li>• To enable schools to identify particular reading needs of children which may warrant further input/ assessment/ intervention.</li> <li>• It can provide information so that appropriate teaching programmes or intervention plans can be implemented.</li> <li>• It provides standardised scores, reading ages, parallel forms for testing and extension passages for use with more able or older pupils.</li> <li>• NARA-II consists of two alternate standardised tests to enable children’s performances to be monitored without them becoming too familiar with the passages.</li> <li>• It can also be used to assess the impact of intervention programmes.</li> </ul>
<b>Who can use it</b>	Teachers and Educational Psychologists can administer the NARA-II
<b>Time to Administer</b>	Approximately 20 minutes
<b>Evaluation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The NARA-II is a very quick and easy to administer test.</li> <li>• It offers education practitioners a standardised and widely used assessment of reading for comprehension</li> <li>• The two parallel versions of the test enable it to be used twice</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- useful to assess children's progress over time.</li><li>• It can be argued that when assessment requires independent measures of decoding and reading comprehension abilities – that the NARA-II may be unable to separate out these two skills. For example, the number of questions over which comprehension ability is assessed is dependent on reading accuracy – and so children with low reading accuracy are assessed over a restricted number of questions. Consequently, the restricted comprehension scores that less skilled decoders obtain may provide an underestimation of their ability to comprehend written text during assisted reading.</li><li>• Scoring the NARA-II is straightforward.</li><li>• There is also space provided to note the specific nature of errors made (e.g. mispronunciations, substitutions etc)</li></ul>
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