



EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE ASSESSMENT REVIEW

York Assessment of Reading for Comprehension (YARC)



Age range	11 to 16 years
Assesses	The rate and comprehension of reading. Provides reading ages and standardised scores for reading rate, comprehension, single word reading and reading fluency.
Materials	Passage Reading Booklet, Passage Reading Manual, Student Record Booklets.
Cost	Complete set - £175.00. Additional reading forms - £20.00.
Assessment time	Manual suggests 20-30 mins, but in practice 30-40 mins is probably more realistic.
Recommended uses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To assess and monitor student progress. • To identify difficulties with reading. • To assess eligibility for access arrangements (exam allowances/concession). • To provide diagnostic information in order to plan educational management.
Who can use it?	Can be used by teachers/ASL teachers with individual students.
Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main component is the <u>Passage Reading</u>, comprising two parallel sets of graded fiction and non-fiction passages for silent reading. Level 1 passages aimed at S1-S3, and level 2 passages aimed at S4-S6. Each passage is accompanied by 13 comprehension questions to tap literal and inferential comprehension skills plus a summarisation question. Two supplementary passages are included for children with lower reading ability to read aloud (providing standardised scores and age equivalent scores for reading accuracy). • <u>Single Word Reading Test (SWRT)</u> Can be used to select the passage level (1 or 2) with appropriate level of difficulty. • <u>Reading Fluency</u> There are two passages (level 1 and level 2). The passage is read aloud. Time and errors recorded.
Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quick and straightforward to administer. • Includes a range of inferential questions (e.g. - knowledge-based inference, predictive inference and evaluative inference). • Each comprehension question has been classified according to type of info that is needed to provide a correct answer, which is illustrated in a grid – enables a qualitative interpretation of a student’s reading skills, useful for teachers planning intervention strategies. • Manual includes a chapter on ‘implications for teaching and next steps’. • There is a free Score Conversion Tool available at www.yarcsupport.co.uk