About Quick Phonics Screener, Third Edition

The third edition of QPS includes both Quick Phonics Screener and the new Quick Spelling Survey. Quick Phonics Screener (QPS) is a phonics assessment that teachers have successfully used for more than 10 years to diagnose a student's strengths and instructional needs in phonics and decoding skills. Quick Spelling Survey (QSS) is a spelling assessment that a teacher can administer to a group or a whole class. The words used in QSS follow the same phonics continuum of skills used in QPS.

Administering QSS before QPS can save significant assessment time. A teacher can use QSS to screen a group or a whole class of students to determine which students should be given QPS (a one-to-one assessment) and on which skill set the assessment should begin.

Both QPS and QSS can be administered across a school year (fall, winter, spring) to monitor a student's performance. QPS provides information about the student's progress in phonics and decoding skills. The QSS results across a school year can confirm that the student has learned the phonics and decoding skills and can apply those skills when spelling words with the same patterns.

Skill Sets

These assessments are untimed, criterion-referenced diagnostic assessments that measure a student's ability to recognize, decode, and pronounce or spell the following phonics elements organized into 13 skill sets:

- Skill Set 1: Letter names

- Skill Set 2: Letter sounds

- Skill Set 3: VC (vowel-consonant, e.g., *am*) and CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant, e.g., *cat*)

- Skill Set 4: Common beginning- and ending-consonant digraphs (e.g., *ch*, *–ng*)

- Skill Set 5: CVCC (consonant-vowel-consonant-consonant, e.g., *fast*) and CCVC (consonant-consonant-vowel-consonant, e.g., *glad*)

- Skill Set 6: Silent e (e.g., *cane, hope*)

- Skill Set 7: R-controlled vowels (e.g., *barn, term*)

- Skill Set 8: Advanced consonant sounds, silent consonants, and consonant digraphs (e.g., soft *c, kn, tch*)

- Skill Set 9: Vowel digraphs, diphthongs, and advanced vowel sounds (e.g., *oa, oi, igh*)

- Skill Set 10: Common prefixes and common suffixes

- Skill Set 11: Two syllables

- Skill Set 12: Three syllables

- Skill Set 13: Four syllables