

Reading Assessment Tool Information



Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System (BAS), 2nd Edition

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What is it?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This assessment kit includes a set of 58 levelled books (both fiction and nonfiction) and related recording forms that teachers can use to assess student's reading strengths and needs and identify their independent and instructional reading levels.
Type of administration	Individual
Grades	K–8
What does it measure?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oral reading: including fluency, accuracy, and rate Comprehension: including three types of thinking about reading—thinking within, thinking beyond and thinking about the text
When can they be used?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the beginning of the year to determine starting point for instruction As a progress monitoring instrument throughout the school year.
Who can use it?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom teachers

This is just one of a number of reading assessment resources that many Alberta schools currently use to gather information about the reading skills of individual students. This particular resource has not been reviewed by Alberta Education. School jurisdictions will need to consider their own decision-making criteria to select and support the use of reading assessments that will best serve their students.