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Assessing pre-reading skills

Learners with underdeveloped pre rereading skills at school entry often struggle with reading and writing. Knowing the letter names and sounds and having phonemic awareness, even at a simple level, is highly predictive of later reading development.

Learners may need further assessment of their pre-reading skills, especially if they are in the early years of school.

Further testing to assess pre-reading skills is available in *The New Zealand Dyslexia Handbook.*

- Alphabet knowledge test Appendix 1C
- Phonemic awareness test Appendix 2

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