

Assessment Map

PiRA for Scotland – Autumn Term



Book bands: Each PiRA for Scotland assessment has been carefully designed so that it is the appropriate level for pupils in a specific year and term. However, where some pupils may be working significantly above or below expectations, you may wish to assign them an assessment for a different year group.

Use the book bands you have identified for these pupils to work out which assessment is appropriate for their level. A range of book bands may be identified where there is progression in the texts within each test, so that the first text is easier than the final one.

NB: The book bands you should use are those that refer to the level a pupil can read **independently** (i.e. with 95%+ accuracy) and not the instructional book band used for guided reading (which they can often read at between 90 and 95% accuracy).

P2 Autumn		
Text type	Text description	Content Assessed
Word reading	There are seven questions, accompanied by a script on the last page of the test, to be read aloud to the class.	Understanding: 2 marks Tools for Reading: 8 marks
Story	'Hen in the Shed' is a short story about a hen, a fox and a chick.	Understanding: 5 marks Tools for Reading: 3 stars
Story	'Bob's Hat' is a short story about a man and his hat, and how he painted his hat, coat and boots.	Understanding: 3 marks Analysis and evaluation: 2 marks Tools for Reading: 2 marks
This assessment is appropriate for pupils reading the following Reading Planet book bands: Red – Yellow Letters and Sounds phase 3–4		

P3 Autumn		
Text type	Text description	Content Assessed
Poem	'On the Farm' is a poem with a single verse. It describes a mystery animal that the pupils have to guess from the clues in the poem.	Understanding: 3 marks Analysis and evaluation: 2 marks Tools for Reading: 4 marks
Story	'Sam felt ill' is a short story about a boy who feels ill in class.	Understanding: 4 marks Analysis and evaluation: 2 marks Tools for Reading: 3 marks
Non-fiction	This section asks questions about the contents page of a book about transport, and then about an excerpt from the book, 'Motorbikes'.	Understanding: 4 marks Analysis and evaluation: 1 mark Tools for Reading: 2 marks
This assessment is appropriate for pupils reading the following Reading Planet book bands: Turquoise – Purple		

P4 Autumn		
Text type	Text description	Content Assessed
Non-fiction	'Keeping Pets' is a non-fiction article about keeping rabbits, hamsters, guinea pigs, cats and kittens, and dogs and puppies.	Understanding: 8 marks Analysis and evaluation: 1 mark Tools for Reading: 6 marks
Story	'Billy's Tooth' is a story about a boy with a loose tooth.	Understanding: 5 marks Analysis and evaluation: 8 marks Tools for Reading: 4 marks
Poem	'Mum' is a poem that describes the character of a mother.	Analysis and evaluation: 1 mark Tools for Reading: 7 marks
This assessment is appropriate for pupils reading the following Reading Planet book bands: Lime		

P5 Autumn		
Text type	Text description	Content Assessed
Story	'Another Start' is a story about Lisa arriving in a new school after she and her mother have moved to a new house.	Understanding: 7 marks Analysis and evaluation: 3 marks Tools for Reading: 6 marks
Interview	'A Day in the Life of Roger Hunter' is a transcript of an interview with the best-selling children's author by Kirsty Pippins, presenter of Kule Dudes Rule.	Understanding: 3 marks Analysis and evaluation: 1 mark Tools for Reading: 10 marks
Poem	'Time' is a poem about how fast time seems to pass.	Understanding: 3 marks Analysis and evaluation: 1 mark Tools for Reading: 6 marks
This assessment is appropriate for pupils reading the following book bands: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading Planet bands: Mercury – Venus • Pearson bands: Brown • Collins bands: Ruby – Emerald • OUP stages: 11–12 		

P6 Autumn		
Text type	Text description	Content Assessed
Non-fiction	'Great Escapes' is about the life and stunts of Harry Houdini.	Understanding: 11 marks Tools for Reading: 5 marks
Report	'Lucky Escape!' is about a Siberian tiger that escapes from its enclosure, and the efforts made to catch the tiger.	Understanding: 3 marks Analysis and evaluation: 2 marks Tools for Reading: 4 marks
Story	'Crossing the Canyon' is about Juan, a man escaping something to try to reach safety, when he is stopped by a canyon across his path and encounters a little girl.	Understanding: 3 marks Analysis and evaluation: 1 mark Tools for Reading: 11 marks
This assessment is appropriate for pupils reading the following book bands: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading Planet bands: Earth – Mars • Pearson bands: Grey • Collins bands: Sapphire • OUP stages: 13–14 		

P7 Autumn		
Text type	Text description	Content Assessed
Letter	'Kayaking' is a letter from Sam to his grandparents, describing a camping holiday, the surroundings and a trip to go kayaking on a river.	Understanding: 2 marks Analysis and evaluation: 5 marks Tools for Reading: 1 mark
Story	'Keeping Joe Busy' is a story told from the point of view of Danny, about when his mum asks him to look after his little brother Joe. They go walking by the side of a stream.	Understanding: 7 marks Analysis and evaluation: 4 marks Tools for Reading: 11 marks
Non-fiction	'Otter Info' describes otters in Britain: how their population has reduced and why; what otters do during the day and night; and where they live.	Understanding: 7 marks Tools for Reading: 3 marks
<p>This assessment is appropriate for pupils reading the following book bands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading Planet bands: Jupiter • Pearson bands: Dark blue • Collins bands: Diamond – Pearl • OUP stages: 15–16 		

Assessment Map

PiRA for Scotland – Spring Term

P2 Spring		
Text type	Text description	Content Assessed
Poem	'My Colour Week' is a poem containing one verse. It should be read aloud to the class and is followed by six questions.	Understanding: 4 marks Tools for Reading: 4 marks
Story	'The Dragon' is a short story about Ben and Sam meeting a dragon.	Understanding: 7 marks Analysis and evaluation: 3 marks
Non-fiction	'Animals in Africa' describes elephants, giraffes, lions and zebras.	Understanding: 4 marks Analysis and evaluation: 1 mark Tools for Reading: 2 marks
<p>This assessment is appropriate for pupils reading the following Reading Planet book bands:</p> <p>Blue – Green Letters and Sounds phase 4–5</p>		

P3 Spring		
Text type	Text description	Content Assessed
Poem	'My Week' is a poem about what the writer does on different days and in different weather.	Understanding: 3 marks Analysis and evaluation: 4 marks Tools for Reading: 2 marks
Non-fiction	This section asks questions about different kinds of sharks.	Understanding: 6 marks Tools for Reading: 3 marks
Story	'Grandpa Pat' is about Jen's visit to see her grandpa.	Understanding: 5 marks Tools for Reading: 2 marks
<p>This assessment is appropriate for pupils reading the following Reading Planet book bands:</p> <p>Purple – Gold</p>		

P4 Spring		
Text type	Text description	Content Assessed
Poem	'Family Snapshot' is a poem about a picture of a family that describes each of the people shown.	Understanding: 1 mark Analysis and evaluation: 5 marks Tools for Reading: 2 marks
Story	'A Present for Dad' is a story about Jo and her ideas about buying the best present ever for her dad's birthday.	Understanding: 6 marks Analysis and evaluation: 6 marks Tools for Reading: 4 marks
Non-fiction	'Quad Roller Skates' is an article about the parts of a quad roller skate, how skates were used, why they are becoming popular again and the protective gear to wear when using them.	Understanding: 7 marks Tools for Reading: 9 marks
<p>This assessment is appropriate for pupils reading the following Reading Planet book bands:</p> <p>Lime</p>		

P5 Spring		
Text type	Text description	Content Assessed
Non-fiction	'Survival Foods' describes the types of food that can be eaten in the wild.	Understanding: 7 marks Analysis and evaluation: 1 mark Tools for Reading: 6 marks
Story	'Marooned' is a story of someone alone on a desert island and the things they see, hear and experience.	Understanding: 2 marks Analysis and evaluation: 8 marks Tools for Reading: 6 marks
Poem	'Attic Fanatic' is a poem about things someone can hear when they are lying in bed.	Understanding: 4 marks Analysis and evaluation: 1 mark Tools for Reading: 5 marks
This assessment is appropriate for pupils reading the following book bands: Reading Planet bands: Earth – Mars Pearson bands: Grey Collins bands: Sapphire OUP stages: 13–14		

P6 Spring		
Text type	Text description	Content Assessed
Poem	'A Small Dragon' is a poem about how a dragon hatches from an egg and looks around.	Understanding: 1 mark Analysis and evaluation: 4 marks Tools for Reading: 7 marks
Story	'The Yellow Dragon' is a story about the Jade Emperor and a yellow dragon that goes to him to ask for help for villagers.	Understanding: 3 marks Analysis and evaluation: 6 marks Tools for Reading: 8 marks
Recount	'Explorer's Journal' recounts a person seeing a Komodo Dragon.	Understanding: 5 marks Tools for Reading: 6 marks
This assessment is appropriate for pupils reading the following book bands: Reading Planet bands: Jupiter Pearson bands: Dark Blue Collins bands: Diamond – Pearl OUP stages: 15–16		

P7 Spring		
Text type	Text description	Content Assessed
Persuasive	'Transforming the School Playground' is a speech created by a P7 pupil of a school that has been given a large amount of money to improve its playground.	Understanding: 7 marks Analysis and evaluation: 1 mark Tools for Reading: 5 marks
Poem	'Merlin and the Snake's Egg' is a poem about Merlin the wizard and his encounters as he searches for a snake's egg.	Understanding: 3 marks Analysis and evaluation: 3 marks Tools for Reading: 6 marks
Story	'A Lesson in Life' describes a pupil from the future in a science detention conducting an experiment.	Understanding: 3 marks Analysis and evaluation: 6 marks Tools for Reading: 6 marks
This assessment is appropriate for pupils reading the following book bands: Reading Planet bands: Saturn Pearson bands: Dark Red Collins bands: n/a OUP stage: 17		

Assessment Map

PiRA for Scotland – Summer Term

P1 Summer		
Text type	Text description	Content Assessed
Phonics	There are eight phonics questions, accompanied by a script on the last page of the test, to be read aloud to the class.	Understanding: 1 mark Reading for meaning: 1 mark Phonics: 7 marks
Story	'Dad' is a short story about a girl watching her dad arrive home and giving her a present. It should be read aloud to the class and is accompanied by five questions.	Understanding: 6 marks Reading for meaning: 1 mark Phonics: 2 marks
Story	'Food' is a short story about eating different food in different places. There are four questions.	Understanding: 2 marks Reading for meaning: 1 mark Phonics: 4 marks
<p>This assessment is appropriate for pupils reading the following Reading Planet book bands:</p> <p>Red Letters and Sounds phase 3</p>		

P2 Summer		
Text type	Text description	Content Assessed
Poem	'In the Park' is a poem of three verses. It should be read aloud to the class and is followed by seven questions.	Understanding: 5 marks Tools for Reading: 2 marks
Story	'Spip' is a short story about an alien landing on Earth and making a friend.	Understanding: 7 marks Analysis and evaluation: 1 mark Tools for Reading: 1 mark
Non-fiction	'People Who Help Us' describes a farmer, a teacher, a firefighter, a nurse and a truck driver and how they help us.	Understanding: 4 marks Analysis and evaluation: 2 marks Tools for Reading: 3 marks
<p>This assessment is appropriate for pupils reading the following Reading Planet book bands:</p> <p>Green – Orange Letters and Sounds phase 5–6</p>		

P3 Summer		
Text type	Text description	Content Assessed
Playscript	'Who Will Help?' is a playscript about a farmer and his farm animals.	Understanding: 4 marks Analysis and evaluation: 2 marks Tools for Reading: 1 mark
Story	'Jason's Pet' is a short story about Jason's new pet and Jason's visit to the pet shop to buy it some food.	Understanding: 3 marks Analysis and evaluation: 2 marks Tools for Reading: 2 marks
Non-fiction	'Man on the Moon' describes the first landings by people on the Moon.	Understanding: 7 marks Analysis and evaluation: 3 marks Tools for Reading: 1 mark
<p>This assessment is appropriate for pupils reading the following Reading Planet book bands:</p> <p>Gold – White</p>		

P4 Summer		
Text type	Text description	Content Assessed
Non-fiction	'Bees' explains how a queen bee makes a nest and lays eggs, and how the grubs turn into worker bees.	Understanding: 10 marks Tools for Reading: 2 marks
Story	'The Bike Ride' is a story about Callum, who stops doing his homework to ride his bicycle, but crashes.	Understanding: 2 marks Analysis and evaluation: 8 marks Tools for Reading: 4 marks
Playscript	'Three Billy Goats Gruff' is a version of the classic tale of three goats trying to cross a bridge under which a troll lives.	Understanding: 2 marks Analysis and evaluation: 5 marks Tools for Reading: 7 marks
This assessment is appropriate for pupils reading the following book bands: Reading Planet bands: Mercury – Venus Pearson band: Brown Collins bands: Ruby – Emerald OUP stages: 11–12		

P5 Summer		
Text type	Text description	Content Assessed
Report	'Parkside Pupils' Playground Protest' reports on students protesting against a school's move to build new classrooms on the playing field.	Understanding: 6 marks Analysis and evaluation: 2 marks Tools for Reading: 4 marks
Story	'At the Airport' is a story about Jim travelling by aircraft to America to see his dad, when he sees a stowaway emerge from a plane.	Understanding: 5 marks Analysis and evaluation: 3 marks Tools for Reading: 8 marks
Playscript	'Whose Turn?' is a playscript about children using a climbing frame.	Understanding: 4 marks Analysis and evaluation: 3 marks Tools for Reading: 5 marks
This assessment is appropriate for pupils reading the following book bands: Reading Planet bands: Earth – Mars Pearson band: Grey Collins band: Sapphire OUP stages: 13–14		

P6 Summer		
Text type	Text description	Content Assessed
Playscript	'The Birthday' is a playscript about Jack and Alice, twins who want to do different things for their birthday.	Understanding: 3 marks Analysis and evaluation: 4 marks Tools for Reading: 5 marks
Story	'The Pirate Crew' describes a number of pirates and their leader, Captain Hook, adapted from the story Peter Pan by Sir James Matthew Barrie.	Understanding: 8 marks Analysis and evaluation: 2 marks Tools for Reading: 5 marks
Non-fiction	'Pirate Parties' is an advert for people who transform a home into a pirate playground for parties.	Understanding: 4 marks Tools for Reading: 9 marks
This assessment is appropriate for pupils reading the following book bands: Reading Planet band: Jupiter Pearson band: Dark Blue Collins bands: Diamond – Pearl OUP stages: 15–16		

P7 Summer		
Text type	Text description	Content Assessed
Brochure	'The Secret Caves of Cozumel' describes and promotes the Cozumel Caves in Mexico.	Understanding: 6 marks Analysis and evaluation: 2 marks Tools for Reading: 6 marks
Playscript	'Can You Keep a Secret?' is a script from a television series about a talented group of children.	Understanding: 3 marks Analysis and evaluation: 2 marks Tools for Reading: 6 marks
Non-fiction	'The Man Behind James Bond' describes the life and work of Sir Ian Fleming, the author who created the James Bond stories.	Understanding: 4 marks Tools for Reading: 11 marks
<p>This assessment is appropriate for pupils reading the following book bands: Reading Planet bands: Saturn – Supernova Pearson band: Dark Red Collins bands: n/a OUP stage: 17</p>		