

# Take the Headsprout Reading Test!

## Instructions:

1. Have your child read the story “What Lives in the Sea?” for two minutes, starting with the first sentence after the title. Follow along with this scoring sheet and put an X through any word read incorrectly.
2. When the two minutes are up, draw a line after the last full word your child has read (either correctly or incorrectly).
3. Calculate the total words read, read correctly, and the percent correct as shown below.

Cumulative # of words	Chapter 1. Near the Shore, on the Sea Floor	Errors or skipped words
12	There are many creatures that live on the bottom of the sea.	
22	The bottom of the sea is called the sea floor.	
34	Near the shore, where the sea and the land meet, you might	
44	see crabs, lobsters, starfish, or even sea urchins. Crabs and	
56	lobsters have legs they use to crawl along the sea floor. Starfish	
65	and sea urchins use funny kinds of little feet.	
77	Many kinds of shells live on the sea floor, too. Have you	
90	ever seen a seashell? Was it empty? Did you know that a little	
101	sea creature used to live inside that empty shell? These little	
112	creatures look like blobs, but they are still real creatures. They	
122	live inside the shell as if it were their house.	
131	There are many, many different kinds of seashells. Four	
142	different kinds are the clam, the whelk, the scallop, and the	
153	limpet. Another shell is called the mouse ear, and another is	
166	called the moon shell. How do you think the mouse ear and the	
171	moon shell got their names?	
181	Swimming in the water near the shore are many other	
192	creatures, such as the squid and the jellyfish. Watch out for	
204	jellyfish, because they can sting! If you looked under the sea, you	
216	might find an octopus swimming in the water, too, or resting on	
223	the sea floor. It likes both places!	
233	Another creature you might find swimming in the water is	
249	the sea horse. A sea horse is not really a horse. It is really a fish!	
262	A sea horse can rest by holding on to plants with its tail.	



275	Animals that live in the water and on the land can also be	
289	seen near the shore. Lots of sea birds come onto the shore to lay	
300	their eggs. Penguins, loons, sea gulls, and pelicans are just some	
310	of the many, many kinds of birds you might see.	
322	Sea turtles also lay their eggs on the shore, but they spend	
335	most of their time in the water. They can swim very far. Some	
345	swim hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of miles every year!	
358	A seal is another kind of animal that lives both in the water	
374	and up on the shore. If you ever see a seal on shore, it flops up	
388	and down in a bumpy kind of way. But in the water, a seal	
394	swims very smoothly and very fast!	
407	An animal that looks a little like the seal but is much bigger	
421	is the walrus. The walrus has two big tusks it can use to defend	
432	itself, if it has to. It can also swim very fast.	

**Total number of words read\*:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Cumulative # of words from last line read  
 + any additional words from partially read line)

**Total errors or skipped words:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Words read correctly:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Total number of words read – total errors  
 or skipped words)

**Percent correct\*\*:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Words read correctly/Total words read x100)

## Determining Which Product is Right for Your Child

1. Find the appropriate column on the table below based on the total number of words read.
2. Find the appropriate row based on the percent correct.
3. The cell where the appropriate column and row meet shows which product is right for your child!

	1. Total number of words read*	
2. Percent Correct**	140 or more	0 to 139
90 to 100%	<i>Reading Comprehension</i>	<i>Early Reading</i>
0 to 89%	<i>Early Reading</i>	<i>Early Reading</i>

