Personalised assessment feedback – Reading

Information for parents and carers

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Understanding feedback

Your child has taken a short, online personalised assessment for Reading. This information is to help you understand the feedback they have been given.

The purpose of personalised assessments is to help all children progress through understanding what they can do, the things they cannot do and their next steps.

What is assessed?

Reading personalised assessments provide information on how well a child understands a text and whether they are able to make judgements about what they are reading.

How does the assessment work?

Texts and questions are chosen from a large 'bank' designed for Years 2 to 9. Each text is selected based on the answer given to the previous question. If pupils get questions right they are given slightly harder texts and questions. If they cannot answer a question, answer incorrectly or skip a question, they receive a slightly easier text or sentence-completion exercise. All pupils will get some questions right and some questions wrong, as this gathers information on the limits of what each pupil can do at that particular time. This means all pupils will receive an assessment that is unique to them.

What does the feedback tell me?

The feedback is a snapshot of your child's skills at the time the assessment was taken. It provides just one source of information on your child's overall knowledge and understanding. Your child's teacher will consider this feedback, alongside other information they have on your child's skills in reading in the classroom, in order to plan their learning.

The first section '**The hardest questions I got right were on these skills:**' lists the areas in which your child gave correct answers for the most challenging questions.

The second section '**Some of the questions I got wrong were on:**' relates to the easiest questions answered incorrectly.

The final two sections '**Most pupils with similar skills are able to ... and are likely to move on to:**' relate to your child's overall performance in the assessment and provide an overview of the sort of skills that pupils with a similar pattern of answers are able to achieve or are working towards.

Sample questions relevant to each skills statement listed in the feedback can be viewed by clicking on the 'sample question PDF' button when your child is logged into their Hwb account.

Reports showing your child's progress over time will also be available from your child's school at the end of the school year.

For more information about personalised assessments visit
hwb.gov.wales/personalised-assessments-for-parents-and-carers

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