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Preface

The *Ekwall/Shanker Reading Inventory* (ESRI) has been a valuable tool for educators whose mission is to assist students in the development of their reading ability. The seventh edition can support the efforts of teacher candidates, classroom teachers, school psychologists, resource teachers, reading coaches, and reading specialists to differentiate instruction in order to be even more effective as they work with all readers. The ESRI fits well with most reading programs and with the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts.

The tests can be used to assess a wide range of students' reading abilities. There are forty different diagnostic tests designed to measure nine different areas of reading. These tests measure oral and silent reading ability, listening comprehension, phonemic awareness, concepts about print, letter knowledge, basic sight vocabulary, phonics, structural analysis, context clues, dictionary skills, fluency skills, vocabulary, reading comprehension, and reading interests. When instructional intervention is required to assist a student, these assessments can be very useful.

New to This Edition

In the print version of the Seventh Edition the glossary has been updated and a more precise description of where the ESRI assessments fit with the Common Core State Standards is included.

The major change to the Seventh Edition of the ESRI is that it is now available as an Enhanced Pearson e-Text publication. This change will greatly enhance the ability to use the assessments in this book.

You will now be able to access each of the tests and the recording sheets in a digital form. This will allow you to print the copies being used to assess a reader's skills from your computer.

The test Crib Sheets containing abbreviate directions to refer to while giving a test can also be printed from your computer.

Also new to the e-version edition of the ESRI are digital copies of the 220 sight word flash cards used in Test 2b: Basic Sight Words. And digital copies of the 143 sight word phrases flash cards used in Test 2c: Basic Sight Word Phrases. Users of the e-version text will not need to hand print those cards.

The words in the updated glossary will be accessible by clicking on them in the e-version text.

How to Use the ESRI

The ESRI may be used as a quick screening device for placement of students in groups or classes, for a brief assessment to confirm a teacher's observation of a student, or for a comprehensive individual diagnosis. Specific directions guide the teacher to conduct the kind of diagnosis appropriate for each setting. The examiner's selection of the tests to be used will determine the depth of the assessment. Examiners may use as few or as many tests in the battery as they wish.

The four forms of the Graded Reading Passages at each grade level enable examiners to use the ESRI to measure students' growth in reading ability over time. Crib Sheets are provided for each test to make them user-friendly. The ESRI provides a flow chart to clarify the administration of the oral reading, silent reading, and listening comprehension passages; a chart to help the examiner identify which reading abilities are measured by the various tests in the battery; and test summary sheets and analysis sheets to enable the user to interpret data and report on the testing in an understandable, systematic way. The ESRI also provides a chart for the prescriptive analysis of all phonics skills, enabling the user to compare the student's performance on all tests given in which phonics skills might be applied. The ESRI takes the reader step by step through the diagnosis of two sample subjects and then presents diagnostic reports for each of these students in their entirety.

All passages, except those at the pre-primer level, contain ten questions to enhance the reliability of the inventory. The scoring procedure is based on research and the most commonly accepted criteria for scoring informal reading inventories.

Although all passages were written at specific levels based on widely accepted readability formulas, the user should realize there is less difference between a seventh- and an eighth-grade passage than there is between a first- and a second-grade passage. Consequently, at the upper grade levels factors such as interest and knowledge of the subject matter may sometimes be more important in determining when a student can adequately read a passage than the designated grade level of the passage. Thus, the examiner should not become overly concerned about always obtaining a perfect sequence of independent, instructional, and frustration levels on the higher-level reading passages.

Enhanced Pearson eText

The *Ekwall/Shanker Reading Inventory* is now available as an enhanced eText exclusively from Pearson. Features include:

- **Printable/Downloadable Forms and Scoring Sheets** that allow users to easily reproduce materials needed to administer and score assessments.
- **Other Benefits**
 - **Convenience:** Instant access to your eText from your computer, iPad, or Android tablet device.
 - **Interactivity:** Studying and class preparation is easy with interactive features including note-taking, zoom, highlighting, full-text search capabilities, and more.

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