

Cat5 Teacher's Guide

Reading

Cat5 offers Reading subtests for Kindergarten through grade 12. For this study, the assignment of test levels to grades is as follows:

Assignment of Cat5 levels to grades

Test Level	Grade	
	Spring	Fall
10	K	1
11	1	2
12	2	3
13	3	4
14	4	5
15	5	6
16	6	7
17	7	8
18	8	9
19	9	10
20	10	
21	11	
22	12	

- For **Levels 10 and 11**, students will need headphones, as they will listen to the questions. An audio button will appear beside the text for each question and students will select the button to hear the text. For Levels 10 and 11, headphones have been provided.
Note: The volume level on a student's device will have to be adjusted before the student signs in to a testing session. There is no way to adjust the volume level once a student has signed in to a session.
- For **Levels 10 and 11**, an instructions video is launched as soon as a student begins the Reading subtest. **If you anticipate that internet bandwidth limitations may result in video streaming problems for your students, you may want to play the video for the whole class before you ask students to sign in to the testing session.** You can do this by signing in to the session yourself or as one of your students and showing the video using a projector or smartboard. Then, when students begin the test, they can skip over the instructions video.

- The Reading subtest should be administered before any of the other language subtests (Word Analysis, Vocabulary, Writing Conventions, and Spelling). The contexts for many of the questions in the language subtests are taken from the themes found in the Reading subtest, so students will be better prepared for the other language subtests after they have taken the Reading subtest.

For **Levels 14 to 22**, the Reading subtest can be administered in one sitting. For **Levels 10 to 13**, however, students should take the subtest in multiple sittings. Please note the length of each sitting for **Levels 10 to 13** in the table below. At the end of a sitting, select 'Pause Session' in the Session Details page of your teacher dashboard. The students will no longer be able to access their screens. Before the next sitting, select 'Resume Session' so that students can access their screens again.

Note: You should always Pause Session at the end of a sitting and should always Log out Session at the end of the school day so that students cannot sign in to the session outside of the classroom or outside of your scheduled testing time.

Cat5 Reading testing times (minutes)

Level	Reading	Length of each sitting	Number of sittings
10	60 min	10 min	6
11	60 min	15 min	4
12	60 min	20 min	3
13	60 min	30 min	2
14	60 min	60 min	1
15	60 min	60 min	1
16	60 min	60 min	1
17	60 min	60 min	1
18	60 min	60 min	1
19	60 min	60 min	1
20	60 min	60 min	1
21	60 min	60 min	1
22	60 min	60 min	1