

Grade Level Passages

For use with Protocol for Accommodations in Reading (PAR)

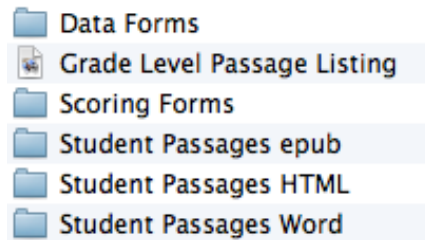
The Protocol for Accommodations in Reading (PAR) is intended to help educators make informed decisions about reading accommodations. This protocol calls for the use of grade level reading passages. Listed below you will find additional information regarding these grade level reading passages.

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Getting My Files Ready

Forms and passages are organized in folders. The following table describes what is included in each folder and provides suggestions on what to print in order to administer PAR.



	What is included:	How to prepare:
Data Forms	PAR Background Data PAR Administration Results Likert Graphic	Print 1 of each for each student assessment. <i>Suggestion: Print multiple copies of each so that you are ready for multiple administrations.</i>
Scoring Forms	Scoring Forms for each grade level passage.	Print out scoring forms that correspond to selected passages <i>Suggestion: Print one master copy of the entire collection. Replace as you use specific documents.</i>

<p>Student Passages for All Reading Conditions</p>	<p>These are the reading passages to give to the student to read.</p> <p>a. Use a printed copy for the Student’s Oral Reading and the Adult Reader conditions.</p> <p>b. Use electronic version for the Text Reader condition.</p> <p>*Note: Files are named with the following convention:</p> <p>X (grade level in Roman Numeral) and either E for Expository or N for Narrative Text <i>Example: 3rd grade Expository Text would be named: XIII E</i></p> <p>*Note: PAR Practice Passage Use this passage with the student to determine the best font size, reading speed, color, line spacing, etc.</p>	<p>Pick a grade level. Print out the Microsoft Word version to give to the student.</p> <p><i>Suggestion: Print all out and put them in a notebook.</i></p> <p>Copy the files to the computer you will use to administer the PAR.</p> <p>Copy the file formats used for the text readers you have available.</p> <p>For some text readers, you might have to convert these to other file formats.</p> <p><i>Suggestion: Copy the files to a flash drive for portability to any computer.</i></p>
<p>Grade Level Passage Listing</p>	<p>This is a listing of the passages a summary of key elements. Use this to select passages for students.</p>	<p>Print this out with your scoring forms.</p>

Which file format should I use with my Text Reader?

Don Johnston provides reading passages in three file formats. Use the following table to match file types to the text reader you will be using .

Text Reader	Suggested File Type
Read:OutLoud	HTML
Kurzweil/Read & Write Gold	Microsoft Word
Bookstream	epub
ipad with Voiceover	epub
PDF Aloud	Save Microsoft Word as .pdf files
Natural Reader	Microsoft Word or HTML
Jaws	HTML
Intel Reader	Save Microsoft Word as .txt files
Classmate Reader	Save Microsoft Word as .txt files

About Grade Level Passages

These passages were created specifically for use with PAR. Reading passages were created using Flesh-Kincaid (F-K Level) readability scoring which is typically used by publishers as their measure of grade level readability when producing educational materials. Readability is a tricky measure. You will even find differences between various Flesh-Kincaid calculators. Readability is also affected by a student's familiarity with the topic and the genre of the text.

It is our hope that we gather feedback on the usability of these passages for PAR. We will be soliciting your help to learn which passages are the best examples of grade level materials that are of interest to your students and which passages provide the best feedback in terms of making recommendations for reading accommodations.

We would like to collect feedback on your experience with PAR and the various reading passages. You can even test them out with typical students. Be a part of the PAR Professional Learning Network. Please send feedback to: info@donjohnston.com or look for us on Facebook.

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If you would like to ensure that you receive future revisions and new reading passages, please be sure to individually register for these materials at: <http://www.donjohnston.com/par>.