



Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills 8th Edition

Benchmark *First Sound Isolation (FSI)*

Grade Kindergarten Beginning of Year (BOY)

Student Booklet

Examiner script

Practice Item 1:

Listen to me say this word, ‘it’. The first sound that you hear in the word ‘it’ is /i/. Listen. /i/, ‘it’. What is the first sound you hear in the word ‘it’?

CORRECT Student responds with /i/	<i>Good. /i/ is the first sound in ‘it’.</i>
INCORRECT Student does not respond within 3 seconds or responds incorrectly	<i>/i/ is the first sound you hear in the word ‘it’. Listen. /i/, ‘it’. Say it with me. /i/. Let’s try it again. What is the first sound you hear in the word ‘it’?</i> Correct response: <i>Good.</i> Incorrect response: <i>/i/. Say /i/.</i> Correct response: <i>Good.</i> Incorrect response: <i>Okay.</i>

Practice Item 2:

Listen to me say this word, “sad”. What is the first sound you hear in the word “sad”?

CORRECT Student responds with /sss/	<i>Good. /sss/ is the first sound in ‘sad’.</i>
INCORRECT Student does not respond within 3 seconds or responds incorrectly	<i>/sss/ is the first sound you hear in the word ‘sad’. Listen. /sss/, ‘sad’. Say it with me. /sss/. Let’s try it again. What is the first sound you hear in the word ‘sad’?</i> Correct response: <i>Good.</i> Incorrect response: <i>/sss/. Say /sss/.</i> Correct response: <i>Good.</i> Incorrect response: <i>Okay.</i>

Begin Testing:

Now I am going to say more words. You tell me the first sound you hear in the word.

Reminders	
Timing	Untimed
Prompts	Student hesitates: wait 3 seconds; give the next word; score the missed word as incorrect. Student seems to forget the task: say Remember to tell me the <u>first</u> sound that you hear in the word. Immediately say the next word. (Repeat as often as needed).
Discontinue	If no sounds are correct in the first ten words, discontinue and record a score of 0.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Item	Word	Score		
		Correct 2 points	Correct 1 point	Incorrect
1	he	/h/	-	0
2	off	/o/	-	0
3	toe	/t/	-	0
4	is	/i/	-	0
5	pay	/p/	-	0
6	up	/u/	-	0
7	my	/m/	-	0
8	at	/a/	-	0
9	fin	/f/	-	0
10	egg	/e/	-	0
11	bad	/b/	/ba/	0
12	rock	/r/	/ro/	0
13	zip	/z/	/zi/	0
14	nose	/n/	/nO/	0
15	sat	/s/	/sa/	0
16	kids	/k/	/ki/ or /kid/	0
17	dance	/d/	/da/ or /dan/	0
18	gold	/g/	/gO/ or /gOl/	0
19	vans	/v/	/va/ or /van/	0
20	lips	/l/	/li/ or /lip/	0

No. of 2 pt responses: → X 2 = SUB-SCORE A

No. of 1 pt response: →
 +
 SUB-SCORE B

Sum of sub-score
 A and sub-score B → TOTAL SCORE