

# INFORMAL VOCABULARY INVENTORY

(Harris & Jacobson)

<u>Primer</u>	<u>Grade 1</u>	<u>Grade 2</u>	<u>Grade 3</u>	<u>Grade 4</u>
father	zoo	wink	wobble	tingle
hen	train	sharp	worst	vacuum
high	smell	possum	reward	sturdy
bird	quiet	perfect	stalk	yam
people	money	overhead	presto	skull
thank	letter	breeze	manager	raw
youth	guess	hospital	lantern	pioneer
seed	draw	meadow	hoof	grocer
night	bone	apartment	ghastly	drought
open	beautiful	captain	eager	crimson
grow	always	coyote	cactus	confidence

<u>Grade 5</u>	<u>Grade 6</u>	<u>Grade 7</u>	<u>Grade 8</u>
rodent	visor	tutor	scant
violent	vague	tardy	phony
plumber	theft	sphere	rapport
labor	rotate	saliva	trivial
holly	rabies	pedestal	violation
revenge	plankton	peril	transmit
pursue	overcast	motto	foreground
fabric	habitat	jackhammer	merge
chat	fiend	khaki	joust
blurt	ecology	camouflage	doctrine
astronomer	employ	abacus	amputate

Say 10 of the 11 words to the student. Begin at student's grade placement. Ask student to define, or use in a sentence in a way that describes the word. Give 10 points if correct, 0 points if incorrect, and 5 points if you feel the answer is partially correct.

## Vocabulary Levels

90% = Independent

70%-80% = Instructional

<50% = Frustrational

(Technical note – Words taken from Harris & Jacobson (1982). Basic Reading Vocabularies. McMillan.)