MAZE (silent reading) Administration and Scoring Instructions

Administration

1. Place the silent reading passage in front of each student and say:

   "When I say 'begin' I want you to read a story. You will have three (3) minutes to read the story. Some of the words in the story are replaced with a line that has 3 words under it. Your job is to circle the one (1) word that makes the most sense in the story. Only one (1) word is correct."

   "When I say 'begin' turn to the first story and start reading silently. When you come to a group of three words, circle the one (1) word that makes the most sense. Work as quickly as you can without making mistakes. If you finish the page turn to the next page and keep working until I say stop or you are all done with the story. Do not go on to the next story until I tell you. Do you have any questions?"

2. Say "Begin" and start your stopwatch.

3. Monitor students to make sure they understand that they are to circle only one (1) word.


Scoring

1. Count the number of word choices that the student circled up to the point of the last word circled. Do not count any words past the last circled word.

2. Count how many word choices were incorrect.

3. Write the total number of choices and errors in a number sentence at the bottom of the page as follows:

   16 - 2 = 14 correct word choices