

Irlen Academic Skills Reference Guide

READING

WORD MEANING	weak	average	good
DECODING/PHONICS	weak	average	good
PRONUNCIATION	weak	average	good
SIGHT VOCABULARY	weak	average	good
RATE	slow	average	fast
COMPREHENSION/ RETENTION	weak	average	good
SUSTAINED ATTENTION	short	average	longer than most
SKIM/SPEED READ	difficult	average	good

MATHEMATICS

FACTS	weak	average	strong
CONCEPTS	weak	average	strong
WORD PROBLEMS	weak	average	strong
SPEED	slow	average	fast
ACCURACY	weak	average	strong

HANDWRITING

LEGIBILITY	sloppy	average	neat
RATE	slow	average	fast
COPYING (book/boards)	many errors	some errors	accurate

COMPOSITION

GRAMMAR	weak	average	strong
SENTENCE STRUCTURE	weak	average	strong
PARAGRAPH ORGANIZATION/ SEQUENCING	weak	average	strong
PUNCTUATION	weak	average	strong
PROOFREADING	weak	average	strong

LISTENING SKILLS

IN LECTURES	weak	average	strong
IN SOCIAL GROUPS	weak	average	strong
DAYDREAMING	often	sometimes	never

TEST TAKING

ESSAYS	weak	average	strong
SHORT ANSWER	weak	average	strong
SCANTRON SHEET	many errors	some errors	accurate
MULTIPLE CHOICE	many errors	some	accurate

MEMORY

SHORT TERM	weak	average	strong
LONG TERM	weak	average	strong
FACTS/DETAIL	weak	average	strong
CONCEPTS	weak	average	strong
MATERIAL HEARD	weak	average	strong
MATERIAL READ	weak	average	strong

STUDY SKILLS

weak	average	strong
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Code:	IS RELATED TO IRLN	MAY BE RELATED TO IRLN	NOT RELATED TO IRLN
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Irlen Strategies Questionnaire

If your child is in Elementary School, please answer the following questions:

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| *Does anyone read instructions to or work with your child? | Yes | No |
| *Does anyone consistently help your child with homework? | Yes | No |
| *Does anyone consistently correct or edit your child's work? | Yes | No |
| *Does your child dictate his/her reports and then recopy them? | Yes | No |
| *Does your child have difficulty getting ideas down on paper? | Yes | No |
| *Does anyone read the material or assignments to your child? | Yes | No |

If you or your child are in Junior High / High School / College / Adult, please answer the following questions:

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| *Do you read aloud or mumble to yourself when reading or during lessons? | Yes | No |
| *Do others read books to you? | Yes | No |
| *Have you found it impossible to finish reading an entire book? | Yes | No |
| *Do you dictate reports? | Yes | No |
| *Do you have others edit reports and written work? | Yes | No |
| *Must you use a dictionary when reading or writing? | Yes | No |
| *Do others summarize books or relate information to you? | Yes | No |
| *Do you use Spark, Notes, Schmoop, shorter versions of books, or other
related information? | Yes | No |
| *Do you avoid textbook reading? | Yes | No |
| *Do you read beginnings or endings of paragraphs or chapters rather
than the entire chapter? | Yes | No |
| *Do you prefer used textbooks? | Yes | No |
| *Do you prefer highlighted textbooks? | Yes | No |
| *Do you prefer to read on a Kindle Reader? | Yes | No |
| *Do you change the background color on your computer or tablet? | Yes | No |
| *Do you adjust the brightness on your computer? | Yes | No |
| *Do your parents or friends help you with homework? | Yes | No |
| *Do you use techniques to avoid schoolwork or just not do it? | Yes | No |
| *Did you pass your courses by listening in class without doing
assigned reading? | Yes | No |
| *Do you find it easier to learn information through a discussion group
rather than by reading? | Yes | No |
| *Is it difficult to listen and take notes simultaneously? | Yes | No |
| *Do you use an app to take a picture to download text rather than take notes? | Yes | No |
| *Were you told you had behavioral or attitudinal problems in school? | Yes | No |
| *Were you considered lazy or unmotivated in school? | Yes | No |
| *Do you think that your learning problem is because you are dumb,
stupid, or lazy? | Yes | No |
| *Do you work hard to get your grades but feel that you are brighter
than your grades indicated? | Yes | No |