PM BENCHMARK

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Measuring and assessing reading
success with **PM** levelled confidence

PM Benchmark
Reading Assessment Resources
Levelled Texts

The benchmark for reading assessment has been raised with *PM Benchmark Reading Assessment Resource 1 & 2!*

The PM Benchmark Reading Assessment Resources allow teachers to:

- identify students' instructional or independent reading levels using fiction and non-fiction texts
- identify the knowledge, skills and strategies students use when reading unseen texts
- assess students' fluency when they read aloud
- assess students' retelling strategies
- determine students' comprehension understanding within and beyond the text
- analyse this information to make informed decisions about students' future development.

Each *PM Benchmark Reading Assessment Resource* consists of:

- 46 texts – fiction and non-fiction, from levels 1–30
- a Teachers' Resource Book
- a Student Record for each text
- a CD containing printable student records
- a Procedures Card
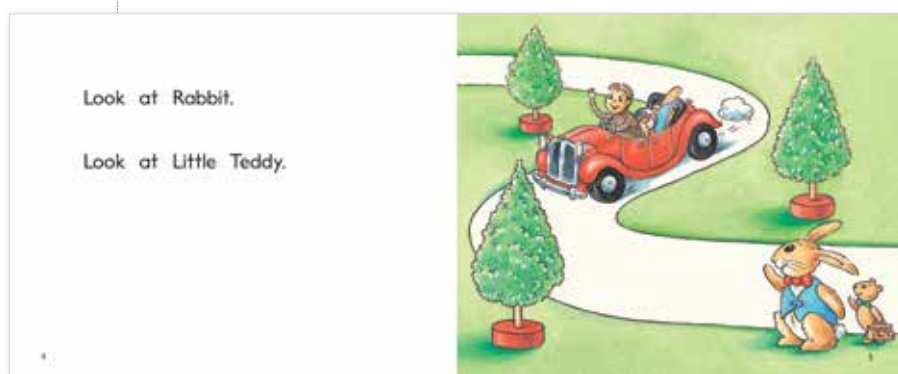- a product overview and professional development DVD.

Levelled Texts

Each *PM Benchmark Reading Assessment Resource* provides 46 accurately levelled fiction and non-fiction texts, ranging progressively from emergent levels to reading age 12.

Included is one fiction text per level for levels 1–14 and one fiction and one non-fiction text per level for levels 15–30.
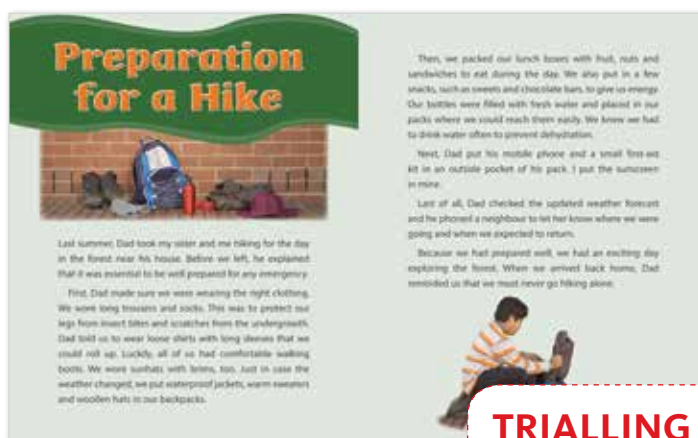
Each resource includes 46 carefully levelled texts.

Look at Rabbit.

Look at Little Teddy.

PM Benchmark 1, Level 3 – *Monkey's Car*

Preparation for a Hike

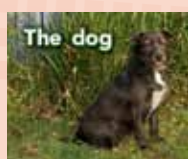PM Benchmark 2, Level 27 – *Preparation for a Hike*

Text types are clearly identified and introduced at appropriate levels.

TRIALLING

Each *PM Benchmark* text, levels 1–30, has been trialled with children of an appropriate reading age to guarantee the suitability and readability of the text for the specific level.
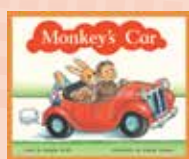
The dog **LEVEL 1**	Look at us **LEVEL 2**	Monkey's Car **LEVEL 3**	Zac's Plane **LEVEL 4**	Matthew is Brave **LEVEL 5**	Dad's Present **LEVEL 6**	The Big Bike **LEVEL 7**
Joe's Bean Plants **LEVEL 8**	The Helicopter in the Box **LEVEL 9**	The Best Tunnel **LEVEL 10**	My Beach Holiday **LEVEL 11**	The Donkey and the Wolf **LEVEL 12**	Wet-Day Popcorn **LEVEL 13**	Molly's Tooth **LEVEL 14**
The Ice-Cream Dog **LEVEL 15**	Our Teacher, Mr Davis **LEVEL 15**	The Lucky Kick **LEVEL 16**	Emperor Penguins **LEVEL 16**	The Swimming Race **LEVEL 17**	The Lantern Parade **LEVEL 17**	The Bags by the Gate **LEVEL 18**
BMX Bikes **LEVEL 18**	A Visit to the Aquarium **LEVEL 19**	Frogs **LEVEL 19**	Amy's Song **LEVEL 20**	Winter **LEVEL 20**	Scaredy-Cat **LEVEL 21**	Plastic in Our World **LEVEL 21**
A Cure for Hiccups **LEVEL 22**	Bushfires **LEVEL 22**	Flood in the Valley **LEVEL 23**	Water World **LEVEL 23**	The Snowboard Lesson **LEVEL 24**	Why a River Floods **LEVEL 24**	Real Teamwork **LEVEL 25**
The Greatest Climb **LEVEL 25**	The Bigger Half **LEVEL 26**	Snowboarding **LEVEL 26**	The Stormy Night **LEVEL 27**	Dogs Should Be Kept On Leads **LEVEL 27**	Charlie **LEVEL 28**	How a Parachute Works **LEVEL 28**
The Wallet **LEVEL 29**	Wind Power **LEVEL 29**	Dr Max **LEVEL 30**	Tracking Giant Petrels **LEVEL 30**			
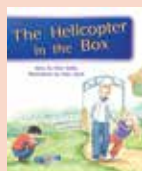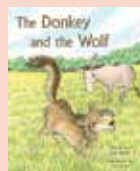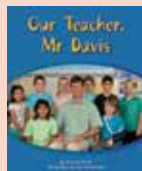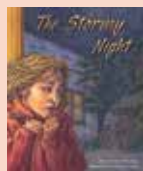
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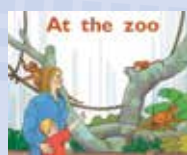
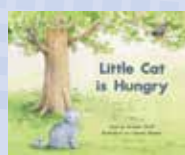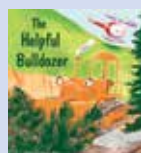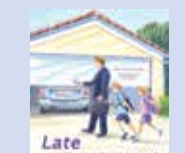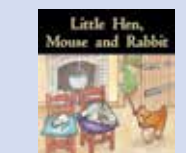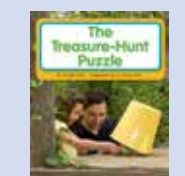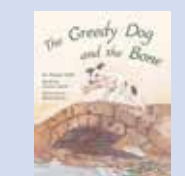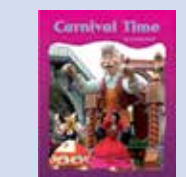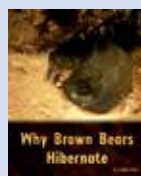|						
On the table LEVEL 1	At the zoo LEVEL 2	Kate Goes to a Farm LEVEL 3	Little Cat is Hungry LEVEL 4	Sam and Little Bear LEVEL 5	Nick's Snowman LEVEL 6	Baby Bear and the Big Fish LEVEL 7
Playing in the Rain LEVEL 8	Clever Little Dinosaur LEVEL 9	The Helpful Bulldozer LEVEL 10	Late for School LEVEL 11	My First Train Ride LEVEL 12	The Best Runner LEVEL 13	Little Hen, Mouse and Rabbit LEVEL 14
Skip Goes to the Rescue LEVEL 15	Ants LEVEL 15	Honey Escapes LEVEL 16	The Treasure-Hunt Puzzle LEVEL 16	The Greedy Dog and the Bone LEVEL 17	A Builder LEVEL 17	Earthquake LEVEL 18
Harvest Mice LEVEL 18	The Old Hut in the Forest LEVEL 19	A Supermarket LEVEL 19	Leo the Lion Cub LEVEL 20	My New Aquarium LEVEL 20	Akito's Glasses LEVEL 21	Carnival Time LEVEL 21
Tricks with a Kite LEVEL 22	Saving Fresh Water LEVEL 22	The Miller, His Son and Their Donkey LEVEL 23	How Seeds Spread LEVEL 23	Graffiti LEVEL 24	A New Skatepark LEVEL 24	Just in Time LEVEL 25
Sea Turtles LEVEL 25	Smoke! LEVEL 26	Why Brown Bears Hibernate LEVEL 26	The Nervous Passenger LEVEL 27	Preparation for a Hike LEVEL 27	Sara's Invitation LEVEL 28	Robot Explorers LEVEL 28
Late Again! LEVEL 29	How Camels Survive in the Desert LEVEL 29	The Haircut LEVEL 30	Vehicle Pollution LEVEL 30			

Titles are not available for individual purchase.

Teachers' Resource Books with CD & DVD

The *Teachers' Resource Books* have been developed explicitly to help teachers assess and analyse students' reading achievements.

The *Teachers' Resource Books* include helpful information on how to use each component of the resource.

The accompanying CD includes printable student record pro formas in PDF format.
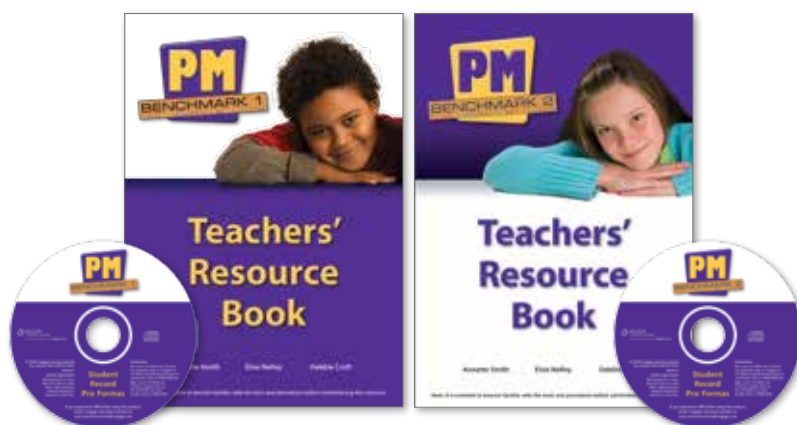
Modelled Assessments DVD

Also provided in each *Teachers' Resource Book* is the *Modelled Assessments DVD*. It contains frequently asked questions and professional development videos to assist teachers to effectively assess students' reading levels.
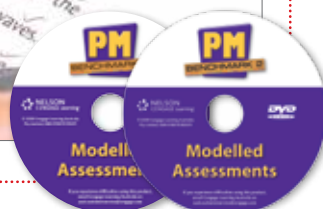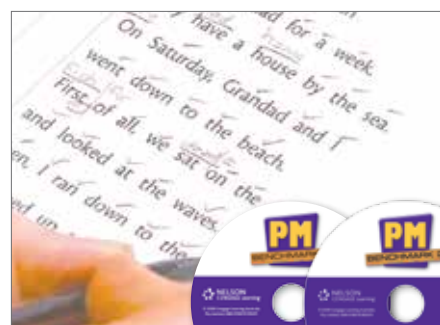
Procedures Cards

The Procedures Card included in each *PM Benchmark* *Reading Assessment Resource* provides a summary of the recommended procedures for taking a reading assessment. The use of standard procedures for reading assessments ensures consistent and valid information is gathered by all assessors.

● The PM Reading Level Table and formulas for calculating self-correction and accuracy rates appear on the back page.
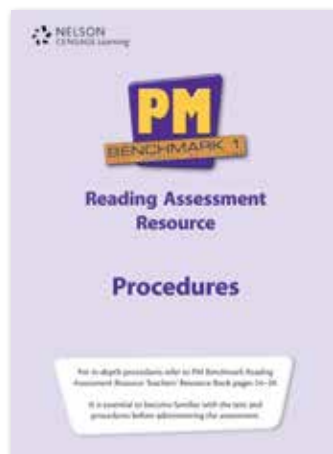
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Student Records/Assessment & Profiling Software

Student Records

Each Student Record is a comprehensive four-page pro forma clearly outlining a student's current achievement in reading.

Page 1: a summary page with recommendations for future development.

Page 4: retelling indicators and comprehension questions.

Pages 2 and 3: specific details of the reading record and behaviours observed.

PM Benchmark Assessment and Profiling Software

The *PM Benchmark Reading Assessment Resource: Assessment and Profiling Software* makes the entering of reading records and generation of student assessment profile data easier, more efficient and more accurate.

The software is easy to use and administer, allowing you to record errors, self-corrections, reading behaviours, retelling analysis and comprehension responses. Recommendations for future development are provided to assist with ongoing teaching.

The software automatically calculates reading accuracy rate, error rate and self-correction rate; summarises the student's level of understanding in retelling and comprehension; and identifies independent and instructional reading levels. A variety of graph options are available to visually present individual student and class progress.

PM Benchmark Packs

PM Benchmark Reading Assessment Resource 1
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PM Benchmark Reading Assessment Resource 1 and Software
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PM Benchmark Reading Assessment Resource 2
9780170183079

PM Benchmark Reading Assessment Resource 2 and Software
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PM Benchmark 1 & 2 Assessment and Profiling Software
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INSTALLATION ASSISTANCE

We recommend adopting schools nominate an administrator to install the software. For assistance with this process you are welcome to contact our help desk who will guide you through installation.

▶ Suitable for:

Computer
- Windows® XP, Windows® 7 and above
- Mac OS X 10.6.8 and below

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Once installed you can...

1

Create individual reading records for each student

To start a new reading record, the class, student, teacher, *PM Benchmark RAR* and book need to be selected.

The bar at the top of each screen allows teachers to go back to previous screens. The assessment can be suspended at any stage to save the incomplete record.

2

Record errors and self-corrections and calculate accuracy rates

Once the student's errors and self-corrections have been entered, the accuracy rate, error rate and self-correction rates will be calculated automatically. Errors and self-corrections can be further broken down into 'meaning', 'structure of sentence' and 'sources of visual information'.

Graphs are automatically displayed showing the type and spread of errors and self-corrections.

3

Record reading behaviours and retelling

Teachers can select either 'yes' or 'no' alongside the statements provided.

4

Record students' comprehension

The comprehension questions relate to the text used in the assessment. Literal, inferential and applied knowledge questions and responses are clearly identifiable. If relevant, the student's comments and additional comprehension notes can also be added.

5

Print or view a complete assessment summary

Once the assessment is completed, a summary is displayed. The summary can also be printed.

6

View recommendations for ongoing teaching

To assist with further development, recommendations for ongoing class work are suggested. The recommendations are based on the student's reading achievements and the book used in their assessment.

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Create Reports and Graphs

The *PM Benchmark* *Reading Assessment Resource: Assessment and Profiling Software* allows you to create a variety of graphs and reports.

CLASS REPORTS

Class reports

The 'class progress graphs' show the students' most recently achieved results. This information can be used for organising students into groups of similar learning needs and for setting up school reports.

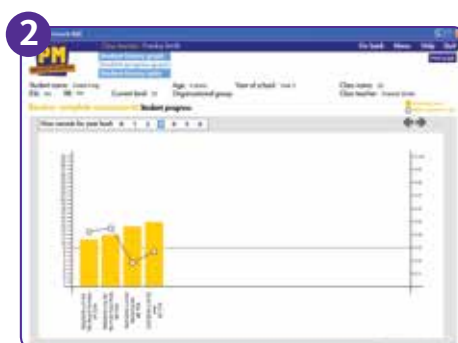#### Class progress table

The 'class progress table' shows a summary of students' most recently achieved results in a table format.

STUDENT REPORTS

Student history graphs

The 'student history graph' provides a quick year-by-year visual summary of the student's reading development.

Student progress graphs

The 'student progress graph' shows all completed assessments with the reading level and self-correction ratio recorded.

Student history table

The 'student history table' provides a summary of assessments and achievements in a table format.