York Assessment of Reading for Comprehension (YARC) – Australian Edition

Published by GL Assessment in the UK and standardised in Australia by PAA, the YARC is the most widely used, individual reading assessment currently available in Australia.

The YARC assesses a wide variety of reading skills such as phonemic awareness, knowledge of letter sounds, single word reading, reading comprehension and reading rate and fluency. Student profiles of strengths and weaknesses from different tests within the YARC batteries can provide valuable data for understanding possible learning difficulties and for intervention planning.

There skills are assessed in three separate test batteries, each designed for students of different ages:

- **Early Years for 5 years to 7.11 years**: phonemic awareness; sounds of letters; single word reading
- **Passage Comprehension for 5.06 years to 12.8 years**: single word reading; reading vocabulary; reading rate
- **Passage Comprehension Secondary for secondary school students 12 years to 18 years**: single word reading; reading comprehension; summarisation; reading rate; reading fluency.

Students first complete the single word reading test (SWRT). The level of subsequent reading comprehension passage is generally based on performance on the SWRT. Students generally complete two comprehension passages.

The Secondary test includes two passages from the Passage Comprehension test for assessing secondary students with poor reading skills.

Testing takes approximately 20 minutes.

Scoring and reporting is done online, free of charge. Results are expressed as Scaled Scores, percentile Ranks and Reading Ages.