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## Assessing pre-reading skills

Students with weak pre-reading skills at school entry often struggle with reading and writing.

Knowing the letter names and sounds and having **phoneme awareness**, even at a simple level, is highly predictive of later reading development.

Students may need further assessment of their pre-reading skills, especially if they are in the early years of school.

Further testing to assess pre-reading skills is available in [The New Zealand Dyslexia Handbook](#).

- Alphabet knowledge test – Appendix 1C
- Phonemic awareness test – Appendix 2

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