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Guiding Great Minds

A PARENT'S GUIDE

Understanding Your Child's Learning Assessment

What every parent should know

*"When learning needs are understood, support
becomes clearer and more focused for every
child."*



GETTING STARTED

1 What Every Parent Should Know

Many parents hear the words "learning assessment" and immediately feel a quiet sense of worry.

COMMON QUESTIONS PARENTS ASK

- ? Is something wrong with my child?
- ? Is it an exam?
- ? Will my child fail?

A learning assessment is **not** an exam. It is not about passing or failing. It is simply a way to understand how a child learns, so that the right kind of support can be given at the right time.

DEFINING THE PROCESS

2 What Is a Learning Assessment?

A learning assessment is a way of observing a child's learning skills. It may look closely at:

- ◆ Reading ability and comprehension
- ◆ Writing skills and expression
- ◆ Mathematics and number sense
- ◆ Language development
- ◆ How the child approaches learning tasks
- ◆ Specific areas where support may be needed

The purpose, above all else, is to understand the child's unique *learning profile*. It is not about labels or comparisons.



WHY IT MATTERS

3 Why a Child May Be Assessed

A child may be referred for an assessment when they:

- ◆ Find reading difficult
- ◆ Struggle with mathematics
- ◆ Avoid homework or learning tasks
- ◆ Take longer to understand instructions
- ◆ Show signs of frustration during schoolwork

Sometimes teachers also suggest an assessment based on classroom observation alone.

SIMPLE EXAMPLE

A child may know the answers orally but struggle to write them down. An assessment helps to understand why this happens, and what to do about it.

INSIDE THE PROCESS

4 What Happens During the Assessment?

The child works through simple, age-appropriate learning tasks. These may include:

- ◆ Reading short passages
- ◆ Writing simple sentences
- ◆ Solving number questions
- ◆ Following instructions
- ◆ Matching or sorting activities (for younger children)

EXAMPLE

The child may be asked to read a short paragraph and then explain, in their own words, what they understood. There is no pass or fail. The adult simply observes how the child approaches each task.



MAKING SENSE OF IT

5 What the Results Show

The results describe *how* the child learns. They may show:

- ◆ Areas the child handles with ease
- ◆ Areas where the child needs more practice or support
- ◆ How the child responds to different types of tasks
- ◆ What kind of support may be most helpful

SIMPLE EXAMPLE

A child may understand mathematics well when using physical objects, but struggle with written numbers. This insight helps guide how the child is taught next.

MOVING FORWARD

6 What Happens After the Assessment?

After the assessment, adults use the information to plan thoughtful, individual support. This may include:

- ◆ Specific learning activities
- ◆ Support at home
- ◆ Support in school
- ◆ Step-by-step learning plans
- ◆ Follow-up observation over time

EXAMPLE

If a child struggles with reading fluency, they may be given short daily reading practice using simple texts, building confidence one small step at a time.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

A learning assessment is not about finding problems in a child. It is about understanding how the child learns, so that support becomes clearer, kinder, and more focused.

Every child learns in a different way and at a different pace. When adults observe closely and respond with care, learning becomes more structured and manageable for the child.



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Let's Understand Your Child's Learning Journey

Hill Rays Academy provides professional educational assessments that help parents better understand their child's learning needs and identify the most effective path forward. If you have concerns about your child's learning, we're here to help.

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