**Names Test:  Quick Assessment of Decoding Ability**

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***The Names Test***is a tool for diagnosing students' decoding skills. Students are presented with a list of 25 decodable first and last names and are asked to read the names aloud to determine decoding strengths and weaknesses.  Give the student a copy of the names. Ask him/her to read the names as if calling roll. You have your own copy that you mark with C for correct or, if the child does not read the name correctly, phonetically spell what the student reads.

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| Jay Conway | Chuck Hoke |
| Kimberly Blake | Homer Preston |
| Cindy Sampson | Ginger Yale |
| Stanley Shaw | Glen Spencer |
| Flo Thornton | Grace Brewster |
| Ron Smitherman | Vance Middleton |
| Bernard Pendergraph | Floyd Sheldon |
| Austin Shepherd | Neal Wade |
| Joan Brooks | Thelma Rinehart |
| Tim Cornell | Yolanda Clark |
| Roberta Slade | Gus Quincy |
| Chester Wright | Patrick Tweed |
| Wendy Swain | Fred Sherwood |
| Dee Skidmore | Ned Westmoreland |
| Troy Whitlock | Zane Anderson |
| Shane Fletcher | Dean Bateman |
| Bertha Dale | Jake Murphy |
| Gene Loomis**The Names Test** Cunningham, P. (1990).  The Names Test:  A Quick Assessment of Decoding Ability.  International Reading Association, 800 Barksdale Road, PO Box 8139, Newark, DE 19714-8139.  Telephone: 302-731-1600.  Directions and test printed in:  Reading Teacher, 44, p. 124-9.x |  |