

# MPLa & assessment of decoding

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DECODING  
(AURAL & READ)

## Minor changes to the definition of decoding:

Current wording is unnecessarily restrictive of ways decoding might be assessed

Changes give more flexibility

# “Minimum Proficiency Levels Unpacked” doc

GPF Precision construct can be assessed in other ways than oral fluency.

Domain	Constructs	Sub-constructs
Decoding	<b>D1 Precision</b>	D1.1 Identify symbol-sound/finger spelling and/or symbol-morpheme correspondences
		D1.2 Decode isolated words
	<b>D2 Fluency</b>	D2.1 Say or sign a grade-level continuous text at a pace and with accuracy

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Select the letter that completes this word.



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s   v   b   m  
        

Select the word I say.

*(student hears 'table')*

tree   table   tap   tablet

## Expanded statement

*In a short simple text of one or two sentences, students **read aloud** most words – including some unfamiliar words – accurately but slowly and often word by word.*

## Proposed revision

In a short simple text of one or two sentences, students **decode** most words – including some unfamiliar words.

## Domains, constructs and descriptors

### Proposed revision – add red text

In a short and simple connected text of one or two sentences, decode most words, including some unfamiliar words with familiar sound–symbol patterns (applies to alphabetic and alpha-syllabic languages only). **Decoding skills can be demonstrated in a variety of ways, including through oral fluency.**

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Decoding Fluency is not essential for alignment

**Strongly aligned** – no Decoding required

**Additionally aligned** – can be met with 1 or 2 Precision sub-constructs + Reading

10 Decoding & 5 Reading score points

3 of 5 sub-constructs must be covered (Decoding has 3, Reading 2)

**Minimally aligned** – can be met with 0, 1 or 2 Precision sub-constructs + CASL

10 Decoding & 5 Comprehension of Aural and Signed Language (CASL) score points

4 out of 7 sub-constructs (Decoding has 3, CASL had 4)

*Alignment criteria from: Policy Linking for Measuring Global Outcomes Toolkit (Jan 2023)*

Reliable large-scale assessments of fluency may not be feasible

Reading with comprehension implies fluency

Fluency measures can hide comprehension problems in multi-lingual contexts