

# Verizon Life Span Literacy Matrix: Adult Literacy Measures

## Test - Test of Word Reading Efficiency (TOWRE)

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### Purpose

The *TOWRE* measures word reading accuracy and fluency. The test provides an efficient means of monitoring the growth of two kinds of word reading skills that are critical in the development of overall reading abilities

**Population** - Ages: 6 years, 0 months through 24 years, 11 months

**Time** – 5-10 minutes

### Description

The *Test of Word Reading Efficiency* (TOWRE) is a nationally normed measure of word reading accuracy and fluency

### Benefits

Because it can be administered very quickly, the test provides an efficient means of monitoring the growth of two kinds of word reading skills that are critical in the development of overall reading ability: the ability to accurately recognize familiar words as whole units or "sight words" and the ability to "sound out" words quickly.

### Validity/Reliability

The average alternate forms reliability coefficients (content sampling) all exceed .90. The test/retest (time sampling) coefficients range from .83 to .96. The magnitude of the coefficients reported from all the reliability studies suggests that there is little error in the TOWRE and that examiners can have confidence in the results. Extensive evidence of the validity of TOWRE test scores is provided for content-description validity, criterion-prediction validity, and construct-identification validity.

The TOWRE was normed on over 1,500 individuals ranging in age from 6 to 24 years old residing in 30 states. The sample characteristics were stratified by age and keyed to the demographic characteristics reported in the 1997 Statistical Abstract of the United States. Reliability of the TOWRE was investigated using estimates of content sampling, time sampling, and scorer differences.

### Cost

Complete TOWRE Kit - \$178.00

Additional test forms and other material available on the publisher's Web site.

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