



# MIDYEAR AND POST-TESTS

## Tips for Successful Cloze Testing – Midyear and Post

When students have finished their work in BrightFish Reading at the end of a term or school year, you can administer the Adaptive Cloze post-test to see their progress in reading. There are three administrations of the Cloze test: pre-test, midyear and post-test.

Here is a suggested introduction for you to give to students before they start working on the test.

“Today you will be taking an assessment to show how much you have improved in your reading. It is the same format as the test you took when you first started BrightFish Reading, but the passages are new. You will read each passage silently and fill in the blanks where there are missing words. Your goal is to complete the sentences with the best word from a drop-down list of three options. You may be asked to work on up to 4 passages and the test will take about 20 minutes.

Please take your time on the test. Here are a few tips to help you do your best:

1. Read the entire passage silently before making any selections. After you have finished filling in the blanks, reread the passage to make sure it makes sense with the words you have selected.
2. Do not rush. Time is not a factor. If you run out of time this period, you can save and exit. Your answers will be saved and you can continue the test in your next BrightFish class.
3. If you are feeling tired, you may take a break and resume when you are ready.

### Cloze testing tips for teachers:

1. Allow at least a full class period for the test. Some students will require more than one period. The test should take 20 minutes on average to complete. It may be quicker if students score in the independent range on the first two passages. Some students may need more time.
2. Monitor students to ensure they understand the task and are engaged with the test. Watch for students who are rushing through it. This can lead to artificially low scores.
3. Ask students to do their best as the test will reflect all of their hard work in BrightFish Reading. Students need to be in a good frame of mind. If the student is having a bad day, you may want to have the student do something else and take the test the next period.

Once students have finished their tests, you will see their results in the Midyear or post-test column of the Test Results report. You can view the Gains Report to see level changes. You can also schedule a re-test for any students whose scores appear to be low due to lack of focus.