Am I Ready to Read Books?

This oral survey will help assess a Preschool or Kindergarten student's knowledge and understanding of books.

Hand the student a fiction picture book that has human or animal characters in it. Choose a book that has an easily identifiable setting (such as a city, a park, or a zoo).

Ask the questions on this page.

Student name: ___________________________________  Score: ______ out of 10

1. Where is the front cover of the book?  
   (Student should point to the front cover of the book.)

2. Where is the back cover of the book?  
   (Student should point to the back cover of the book.)

3. Can you find the title page of the book?  
   (Student should be able to flip to the title page.)

4. Open to any page in the middle of the book and ask the student to flip to the next page.  
   (Student should flip forward exactly one page.)

5. Open to any page in the middle of the book. Ask the student to tell you the page number.  
   (Student should point to the number and read it aloud.)

6. Open to any page in the middle of the book. Ask the student to point to the first word on the page.  
   (Student should point to the first word of text on a page.)

7. Open to any page of the book that shows the setting clearly. Ask the student to identify the setting.  
   (Student should correctly identify the setting.)

8. Can you point to a picture of a character in this story?  
   (Student should point to a picture of a character on the page.)

   (Student should say that the author writes the words in a book.)

10. What does the illustrator of a book do?  
    (Student should say that an illustrator draws the pictures in a book.)