

Additional Scoring Guidelines for TX-KEA Spelling Subtest



Students earn one point for each correct, recognizable letter that is written in the correct position within a spelling word. This is a test of orthographic knowledge, so childlike handwriting is acceptable.

- If letters are not represented in the **correct order** you only award points for letters in the appropriate positions.
 - For example, if a child produces HAAT for the word "HAT" you only award two points for the correct first and second letter.
 - Or if a child produces a mirror image TAH for the word "HAT" you would award only one point for the correct second letter.

- If a letter is **substituted**, you cannot award a point for that letter.
 - For example, if a child produces HET for the "HAT" you only award two points for the correct first and last letter.

- If a letter is **omitted**, you can only give a point for any letters that are in the correct position.
 - For example if a child produces HT for the word "HAT" you only award one point for the H in the correct first letter.

- If a letter is **inserted** at the end of the word, no points are taken away for this extra letter.
 - For example, if a child produces HATT for the word "HAT" you award all three points for the correct first, second and third letter.

Note: See the **Recognizable Letter Appendix** for samples of accepted letters and reversals for each word.