

What is a reading assessment strategy?



A reading assessment **strategy** is how you intentionally and strategically identify and use the right assessments at the right time to yield the right data to support students and your system.

In reading, an assessment strategy helps you:



	IDENTIFY	MONITOR	RESPOND	EVALUATE
 In Classrooms & Schools	Students who might be at risk for reading difficulties or who might need extra support.	Student progress toward grade-level standards.	To student learning and student needs, adjusting instruction and support.	Student learning.
 Across the System	Teacher and leader needs across the system.	Systemwide progress toward year-end goals and priorities.	To teacher and coach needs, adjusting professional learning, resources, and program design.	Program design, instructional practice and implementation.

 Lit has an overview of reading assessment types and terms that you can also explore here: bit.ly/lit-assessments

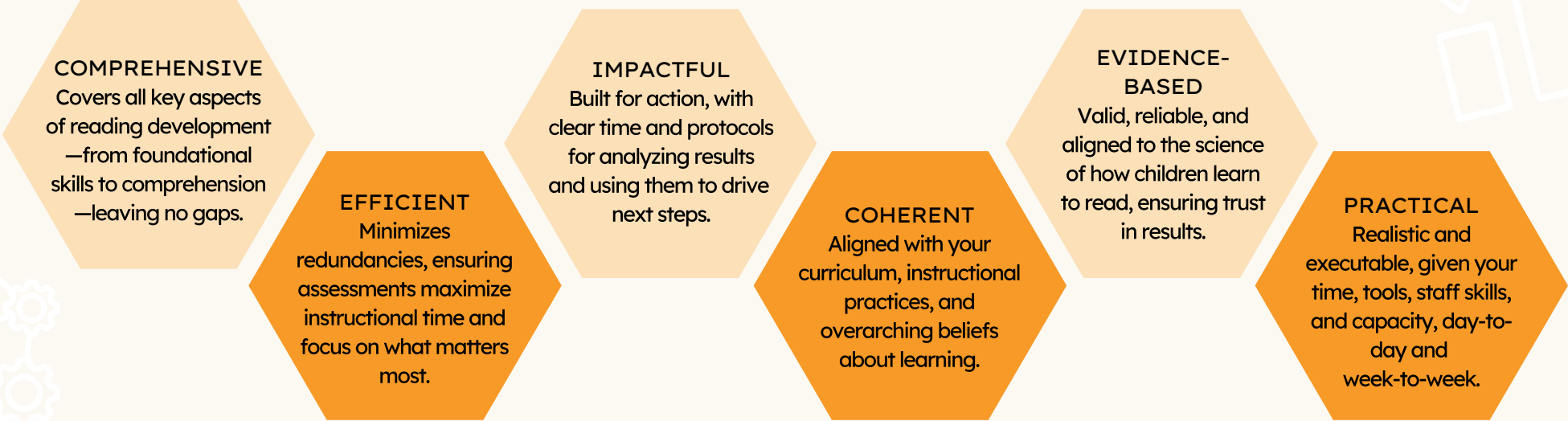
Creating a strategy requires you to ask and build:

ASK

BUILD

What do we believe about kids and assessment?	What assessments will we use?	When will we administer each assessment? To whom?	How and when will we use the data?	What is everyone’s role? (Educators, families, students)
Clear beliefs about what kids are capable of Shared mindsets about the purpose of assessment	An assessment suite that is comprehensive, reliable, valid, and aligned to your curriculum	A shared calendar, aligned to your instructional scope and sequence	Time and tools to analyze and respond to data Professional learning to unpack what the data is saying	A clear understanding of everyone’s role in the strategy (students, families, teachers, and leaders)
WHY? Grounded in research and equity.				

A strong reading assessment strategy is:



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