

**Oklahoma School Testing Program**  
**Oklahoma Modified Alternate Assessment Program**  
**Performance-Level Descriptors**  
**Grade 7 Reading**

***Advanced:*** Students performing at the Advanced level on the Oklahoma Modified Alternate Assessment consistently demonstrate a thorough understanding of the knowledge and skills expected of students at this grade. These skills are broadly demonstrated in reading processes, responses to text, and in the acquisition of information through research. In addition to demonstrating an understanding and application of all skills at the Satisfactory performance level, students scoring at the Advanced level typically use a range of strategies to understand text; regularly demonstrate a thorough knowledge of literary forms when using regular or modified text; and consistently apply strategies for accessing, summarizing, and interpreting information.

***Satisfactory:*** Students performing at the Satisfactory level on the Oklahoma Modified Alternate Assessment demonstrate a general understanding of the reading knowledge and skills expected of students at this grade. Students scoring at the Satisfactory level typically read and comprehend grade-level-modified reading material and will:

- determine literal and nonliteral word meanings in context, using a wide variety of strategies;
- identify and explain comparisons such as analogies, metaphors, and similes to infer meanings of words and phrases;
- determine author's purpose;
- recognize and understand transition words in text;
- demonstrate literal understanding of a variety of texts;
- identify main idea and supporting details;
- demonstrate comprehension by inferring, summarizing, and predicting in a variety of texts;
- distinguish facts and opinions in text;
- identify and explain figurative language, sound devices, and literary elements;
- identify characteristics of genres and subgenres;

- use appropriate strategies to organize, summarize, and interpret information;
- identify elements of fiction and nonfiction;
- select the best source for a given purpose.

***Limited Knowledge:*** Students performing at the Limited Knowledge level on the Oklahoma Modified Alternate Assessment demonstrate a partial understanding of the reading knowledge and skills expected of students at this grade. Students scoring at the Limited Knowledge level are inconsistent in demonstrating Satisfactory level competencies.

***Unsatisfactory:*** Students performing at the Unsatisfactory level on the Oklahoma Modified Alternate Assessment do not demonstrate at least a Limited Knowledge level of the skills expected of students at this grade. Students scoring at the Unsatisfactory level should be given additional comprehensive reading instruction.