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The Gray Oral Reading Test (GORT-R) is an individual, timed test that diagnoses reading problems and measures progress in oral reading. The test is used with children and adolescents aged 7-17 and is usually administered by a **special education** teacher or reading specialist. A series of 13 increasingly difficult passages is read aloud, and the examiner records errors and notes the child's reading style. When a certain number of errors is made in two successive passages, the reading portion is ended, and the child is then asked several comprehension questions about each passage. The test takes 15-30 minutes depending on how much of it is completed. A separate score is derived for each passage based on reading rate and errors, and the passage scores are combined to yield a total score and then converted to standard scores and percentiles. GORT-R is useful in diagnosing specific problems such as skipping words, mispronunciation, and adding words. However, since it is a timed test, slower readers are penalized.