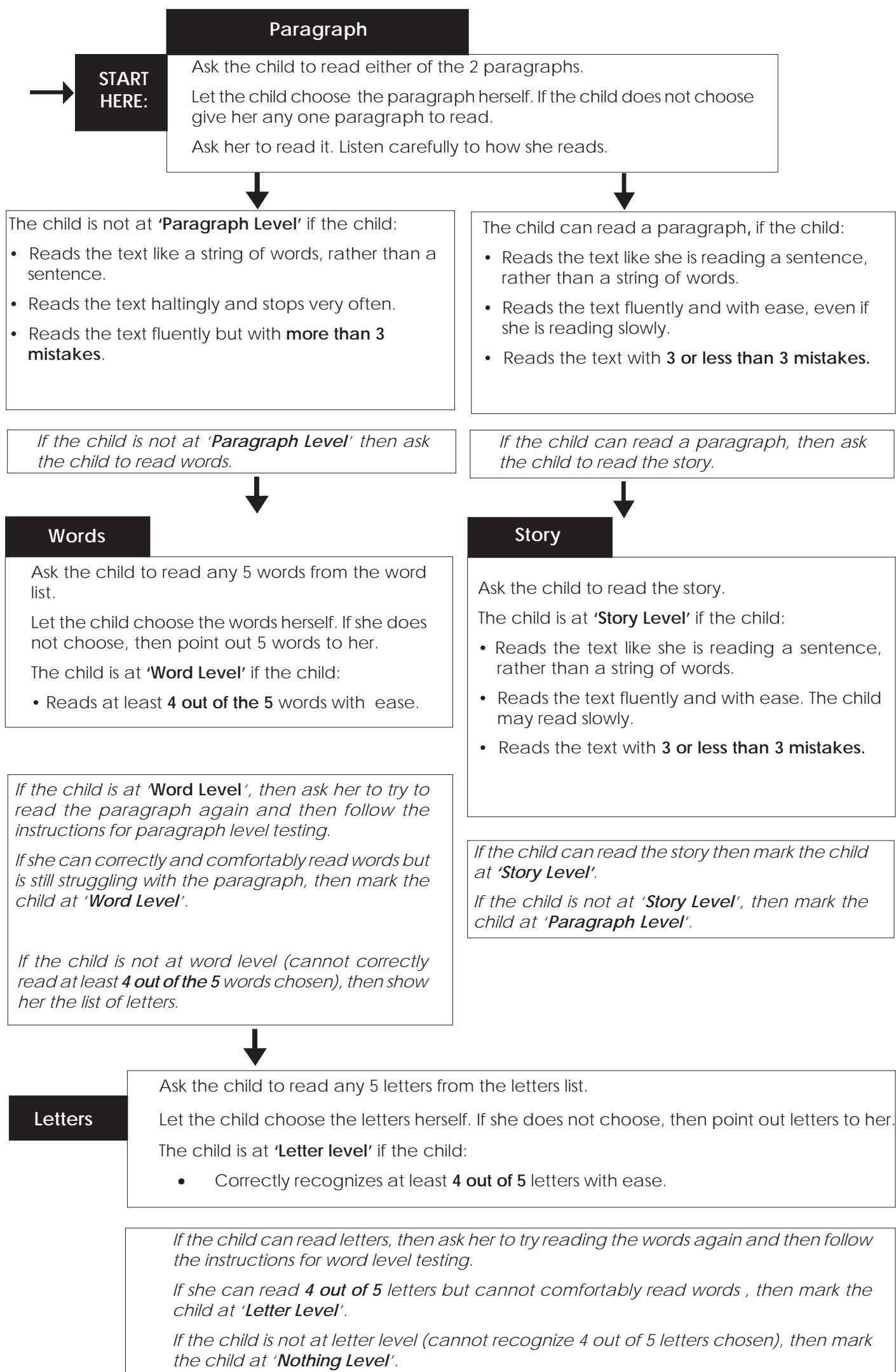


## How to Test Reading



IN THE SURVEY SHEET, MARK THE CHILD AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL SHE CAN REACH.

**What is a mistake and what is not:** As you listen to children read, you may hear the following. Here are examples from Hindi :

**What is not a mistake**

- 'ata' is read as 'atey' or 'chahta' is read as 'chahtey' or 'hai' is read as 'tha' etc. There may be variations in children's reading due to local pronunciation or usage. **Do not consider this a mistake.**
- A word is replaced with another word of the same meaning while reading. For example: the text says 'barsaat ka mausam' but the child reads it as 'barsaat ka samay'. **Do not consider this a mistake.**
- Usually if a child is told to read again carefully, she will read again and in most situations will not repeat these mistakes.
- At times children may read the word wrong – such as 'neend' is read as 'nadi' or 'maja' is read as 'jama'. It is also the case that sometimes a child skips a word. Here too, if a child is told to read again carefully – either she reads correctly or she continues to make the same mistake.

**What is a mistake**

- If in spite of reading the same text several times, the child is repeatedly reading a word wrong or not reading it at all, then these have to be treated as mistakes and this means the child is having difficulty in reading that level.
- If the child reads the same word incorrectly more than once, it will be considered as only one mistake.
- In a paragraph, if a child makes **more than 3 mistakes** of this type then she cannot be considered a '**Paragraph Level**' child. Similarly, in a story, if a child makes **more than 3 mistakes** of this type then she cannot be considered a '**Story Level**' child.

**READING TEST SAMPLE (1)**

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<b>Story</b>	<b>Para</b>	
A big tree stood in a garden. It was alone and lonely. One day a bird came and sat on it. The bird held a seed in its beak. It dropped the seed near the tree. A small plant grew there. Soon there were many more trees. The big tree was happy.	This is a big monkey. He lives on a tree. He likes to jump. He also likes bananas.	
	<b>Letters</b>	<b>Words</b>
	m t z f k o a r v p	both step cup out rope dog hat key