

Poetry Out Loud Accuracy Score Sheet

NAME OF STUDENT:

TITLE OF POEM:

Maximum Score 8 points

Inaccuracy Deduction (subtract) — points

Prompt Deduction (subtract) — points

FINAL ACCURACY SCORE — points*

*Lowest possible score is 1 point

Accuracy judge: Follow along with the text of the poem as the competitor recites. Mark the text each time there is an error in accuracy. You may want to mark all minor inaccuracies the same (since each is worth a 1 point deduction), and flag the bigger mistakes differently. After the recitation, use the guidance below to assign a point deduction to each mistake. To get the final accuracy score, count up the point deductions, and subtract them from the maximum score of 8 points.

Example: If the competitor repeated a word (-1 point), confused an article (-1 point), and skipped one line (-3 points), that would be 5 points subtracted from the maximum score of 8. The final accuracy score would be 3 points.

Minor inaccuracies, resulting in a 1 point deduction, include:

- Confusing a pronoun (“he” instead of “she”)
- Confusing an article (“a” instead of “the”)
- Pluralizing a word or vice-versa (“horses” instead of “horse”)
- Replacing a word with a similar word (“jump” instead of “leap”)
- Confusing the order of words (“hops and skips” instead of “skips and hops”)
- Skipping a word
- Repeating a word
- Adding a word

Major inaccuracies, resulting in larger deductions per occurrence, include:

- One line out of order -2 points
- Repeating a line -2 points
- Skipped 1 line/skipped 3 or more words in the same line -3 points
- Reversed 2 stanzas -5 points
- Skipped 1 stanza -6 points

Use of prompter: Each time a student uses the prompter, 3 points will be deducted from the final accuracy score.