

# PAT Early Years in Prep Assessment

## What is PAT Early Years?

Progressive Achievement Tests Early Years (PAT EY) are tests about mathematics and reading for students in Prep.

PAT Early Years Maths is an assessment covering the early development of mathematical skills with a strong focus on number.

PAT Early Years Reading is an assessment of pre-literacy and early reading skills, covering print conventions, decoding, listening comprehension and reading comprehension.

The tests are designed to be fun and take less than 30 minutes each to complete.

PAT EY assessments are developed by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER).

PAT tests are currently used in many schools, across many year levels.

## When will students be assessed?

PAT Early Years tests will occur twice in the Prep year. Teachers may spend some time in the lead up to the tests doing a practice program with Prep students to familiarise them with how the test works.

Test	Term	Test Window
PAT Early Years Start Foundation	1	22 February – 12 March
PAT Early Years Mid Foundation	4	18 October – 5 November