

**Virginia Standards of Learning Assessments  
Grade 3 Reading Performance Level Descriptors  
Brief**

<b>Performance Level</b>	<b>Descriptor</b>
<b>Pass/Advanced</b>	The student demonstrates exceptional understanding and extensive application of the knowledge and skills necessary to apply word analysis strategies; preview, question, and summarize text; use reference materials; comprehend the story elements of fiction; and understand the text features of nonfiction.
<b>Pass/Proficient</b>	The student demonstrates sufficient understanding and application of the knowledge and skills necessary to apply word analysis strategies; preview, question, and summarize text; use reference materials; comprehend the story elements of fiction; and understand the text features of nonfiction.
<b>Fail/Basic</b>	The student demonstrates partial understanding and application of the knowledge and skills necessary to apply word analysis strategies; preview, question, and summarize text; use reference materials; comprehend the story elements of fiction; and understand the text features of nonfiction.
<b>Fail/Below Basic</b>	The student demonstrates minimal understanding and little application of the knowledge and skills necessary to apply word analysis strategies; preview, question, and summarize text; use reference materials; comprehend the story elements of fiction; and understand the text features of nonfiction.