

# First Grade Readiness Checklist

Skills to Strengthen at Age 6

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## Reading Fluency + Comprehension

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- Names all 26 letter sounds without hesitation
- Reads CVC words accurately (sit, map, bug)
- Reads 30–50 high-frequency sight words automatically
- Reads simple 3–5 word sentences in a leveled reader
- Answers "who" and "what happened" questions after a story
- Retells a story with beginning, middle, and end

## Math Within 20

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- Counts to 100 by ones; counts by 10s to 100
- Writes numerals 0–20 correctly
- Adds within 10 using objects, fingers, or mental math
- Subtracts within 10 using objects, fingers, or mental math
- Beginning addition within 20 (counting on, making 10)
- Compares two numbers using greater/less/equal
- Solves simple word problems (addition and subtraction)

## Writing + Spelling

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- Writes first and last name with correct capitalization
- Writes all 26 uppercase and most lowercase letters
- Writes a sentence with capital letter, spaces, and period
- Spells CVC words correctly (cat, sun, big)
- Spells 10–15 common sight words
- Attempts unknown words using letter sounds





## Independence + Self-Management

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- ☐ Works independently for 15–20 minutes
- ☐ Follows 3-step directions without reminders
- ☐ Organizes personal belongings and materials
- ☐ Transitions between tasks within 2–3 minutes
- ☐ Asks for help using words, then waits

## Focus + Sustained Attention

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- ☐ Stays focused on a non-preferred task for 15–20 min
- ☐ Listens to a read-aloud for 15–20 min and answers questions
- ☐ Finishes an assigned task before moving to something else
- ☐ Continues working with background distractions



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