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## Frequently Asked Question:

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## Answer:

Letter reversals for young children (up to Grade 1) can still be counted as correct, provided the reversed/inverted letters cannot be confused with another letter (e.g., b vs. d). Thus, a reversed letter "c" would be correct, whereas a "b" written in place of a "d" would not be. There is some degree of examiner judgment required in order to assess the child's spelling ability. If the child clearly knows how to spell the word but can't write the letters correctly, the examiner should use clinical judgment and perhaps query the child for clarification.

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