

First session Questionnaire

Use the first session/s to learn as much as you can about the student's literacy skills and needs. The following questions provide some guidelines.

Name: _____ Prison: _____

Availability: _____ Unit: _____

1. What do you know about the Howard League programme?

You get a certificate at the end, which outlines the learning activities you have done. Each session will be a mixture of reading, discussion and literacy exercises e.g. vocab, spelling, listening. There will be homework to do between sessions

1a. Do you have any questions?

2. What do you want to get out of the programme? Goals?

3. Tell me about school (Where? How long were you at school?) What did you like about school? What did you most dislike?

5. Do you remember having trouble with reading as a child? What do you remember?

5a. Did you have extra help with reading?

Yes No

5b. Did you, or do you have problems with sight and hearing?

Yes No

Try to eliminate problems, or establish possible specific reasons for literacy problems.

6. How confident do you feel about reading in general?

- Very confident Quite confident Not very confident Don't like reading

7. Student reads an extract aloud.

If there are obvious problems, you may decide to do some supplementary testing relating to word recognition.

8. What do you find hard about writing?

- Everything Spelling Handwriting Getting the words in the right order

Other: _____

9. What do you read and how often?

10. Which parts of a newspaper would you be most interested in? What types of library books would you/do you like to read?

Establishing interests will help you choose resources to work with.

11. If possible, write a few sentences on your favourite thing or TV Show, and why you like it.
