The Simple View of Reading

**Poor Reading Skills**
Has difficulty decoding unknown words and recognising familiar printed words. Can understand the meaning of the words and the grammatical structure of spoken language but finds it difficult to transfer the skill to printed text due to the poor printed word recognition.

**Good Reading Skills**
Can speedily decode unknown words and recognise familiar printed words. Can understand the meaning of the words and the grammatical structure of spoken language and uses this knowledge to understand printed text.

**Word Recognition Processes**

**Language Comprehension Processes**

**Very Poor Reading Skills**
Finds it very difficult decoding unknown words and recognising familiar printed words. There ability to comprehend the spoken word is poor which impacts on their ability to understand any text they do manage to decode.

**Poor Reading Skills**
Finds it very difficult decoding unknown words and recognising familiar printed words. There ability to comprehend the spoken word is poor which impacts on their ability to understand the printed text.

**Good**

**Poor**

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