**Definition of “Ready”**

Product Backlog items that can be “Done” by the Development Team within one Sprint are deemed “Ready” for selection in a Sprint Planning.[[1]](#footnote-1) Product Backlog items usually acquire this degree of transparency through the refining activities.[[2]](#footnote-2) Also known as backlog grooming activities.

[[3]](#footnote-3)

The team makes explicit and visible the criteria (generally based on the INVEST[[4]](#footnote-4) matrix) that a user story must meet prior to being accepted into the upcoming iteration. Just as completed items which fit the definition of "done" are said to be "DONE-done", items that fit the definition of ready are called "READY-ready"[[5]](#footnote-5).

**Self-Assessment**

* **Item Readiness**: Describe that, in order for an item to be considered ready for inclusion in a Sprint, each Product Backlog item should be small enough to fit into a Sprint and must be clear in the expectations of the Product Owner (i.e., by specifying acceptance criteria).[[6]](#footnote-6)
* Describe how to refine larger product backlog items into smaller ones that are “ready” to be built by the development team in a sprint.[[7]](#footnote-7)
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