



Tutorial Guide: Reading Street: Program Components

Program Description

Reading Street is a Pre-K through Grade 6 reading program designed to help teachers build readers by using engaging literature, research-based instruction, and a wealth of teaching tools.

Program Components

Some of the basic components of Reading Street include the following:

- Student Edition
- Teacher's Edition
- Leveled Readers
- Trade Books
- Big Books
- Decodable Readers

Student and Teacher's Edition

Two of the most important components are the Student and Teacher's Editions. The Student Edition features quality, authentic literature organized around unit concepts. Students also practice their higher-order thinking skills and complete writing assignments that prepare them for high-stakes tests.

The Teacher's Edition includes research-based core instruction that is systematic, explicit, and focused on priority skills. To help address the diverse needs of the students, differentiated instruction for below-level, on-level, and advanced learners is also provided.

Assessment

A critical component that distinguishes Reading Street is the assessment. The program outlines a four-step assessment plan that helps ensure that the students make adequate yearly progress:

1. Diagnose and differentiate the students' needs as the four steps are followed.
2. Monitor the students' progress as they advance through the program with the help of resources like Monitor Progress boxes, weekly assessments, and shared reading notes.
3. Assess and regroup students according to their performance levels at various milestones, such as the end of a unit.
4. Perform summative assessment through Unit Benchmark and End-of-Year Assessment tests that help guide students to advanced reading levels.



Leveled Readers

The Leveled Readers allow students more opportunities to practice the same skill, strategy, and vocabulary as the main selection. Students will also benefit from another conceptually coherent reader at an appropriate level. Choose between three levels: On-Level, Strategic Intervention, and Advanced. Leveled Readers are available for English Language Learners as well, and they're available online in SuccessNet through the Leveled Reader database.

Several tutorials that show how to use the features of SuccessNet (such as the Leveled Reader database) are available on this Web site.

Trade Books and Big Books

Trade books that extend students' reading and concept development are also used in Reading Street. Each unit in the program has an On-Level, Strategic Intervention, and Advanced trade book to support all reading abilities. Similarly, Big Books that develop concepts and oral vocabulary and can be used to monitor listening comprehension skills are also used.

Decodable Readers

The Decodable Readers provide focused phonics and blending practice for each phonics skill. These are available in kindergarten through Grade 3. These can be used as resources to provide fluency practice for students. All vocabulary and phonics skills are retaught in these readers, so students have a higher chance of achieving one hundred percent accuracy.

Phonics and Word Study

The Phonics and Word Study component provides additional resources and activities to help teach phonics. These resources include

- Sound Spelling Cards that can be used to introduce each sound spelling in the phonics lessons. Each card includes an instructional routine with a spelling generalization, a photograph to represent the target sound, and a list of spellings for the sound.
- Alphabet Cards that can be used to help students develop letter and word recognition skills to connect sounds to letters. They are available in both English and Spanish, so use them to help English Language Learners transition from Spanish to English.
- the Phonics and Spelling Practice Book that provides additional written practice with phonics and word study.



Language Arts

The Language Arts component includes useful resources to assist with instruction. They include

- Grammar Transparencies, which help provide weekly grammar instruction and guided practice in the classroom.
- Daily Fix-It Transparencies, which help with daily proofreading, spiral review in context, and with connecting grammar, spelling and writing.
- the Grammar and Writing Practice Book, which contains daily grammar and writing practice, as well as a cumulative review.

English Language Learners

English Language Learners benefit from the differentiated support given in Reading Street. Notice that some of the additional resources include big visuals in poster format and weekly readers that connect to the anthology. There are also sources for working with these children and their families with story summaries in many different languages.

Digital Components

In addition to the materials available in the classroom, Reading Street provides access to digital components that are available online. The Teacher's Edition, Student Edition, lesson planner, Leveled Reader database, new literacy activities, and professional development can be accessed online from school or home.

Pearson SuccessNet also gives access to the program content and assessment in Success Tracker. Success Tracker is an online assessment and data management system with diagnostic prescriptions to Reading Street and alignment to standards. Look for Pearson SuccessNet tutorials on this Web site.

CD resources that can enhance instruction and support student learning are also provided. These resources include ExamView, a test generator that helps teachers customize tests; AudioText CDs, where the entire Student Edition is read aloud; and a Background Building Audio CD, which helps activate prior knowledge and builds background for each main selection.

Additional digital resources include the following:

- Phonics Activities CD-ROM
- Phonics Songs and Rhymes Audio CD
- Sing with Me/Background Building Audio CD
- Songs and Rhymes Audio CD

Practice and Additional Resources

Additional practice and support materials for Reading Street include Practice Books, Retelling Cards, the Graphics Organizer Book, and the Read Aloud Anthology.



Review

This tutorial explained the basic program components of Reading Street.

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- Teacher's Editions
- Assessment
- Leveled Readers
- Trade books
- Big Books
- Decodable Readers
- Phonics and Word Study
- Language arts

Also available are resources for English Language Learners, the digital components of the program, and additional resources available for practice.

To learn more, please look for other Reading Street tutorials on this Web site.