RTI/MTSS First
Responder: How K-6
Teachers Can Provide
Effective Tier 1 Reading
Interventions



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RTI/MTSS First Responder: Reading Interventions K-6



- 1. READING INTERVENTIONS. What are examples of classroom reading-related interventions?
- 2. TIER 1/CLASSROOM INTERVENTIONS. What students need Tier 1 and how are intervention plans created?
- 3. DEFINING STUDENT PROBLEMS: CHEAT SHEET. What are the most frequent reasons for student academic problems?

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RTI/MTSS Classroom Teacher Toolkit

The Teacher as 'First Responder': Creating Academic-Intervention Plans to Motivate Learners Jim Wright, Presenter

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Interacy Interventions. What are examples of classroom reading-related interventions?













1. Phonemic Awareness:
The ability to hear and manipulate sounds in words.

2. Alphabetic Principle: The ability to associate sounds with letters and use these sounds to form words.

Five Components of Reading



- Fluency with Text: The effortless, automatic ability to read words in connected text.
- Vocabulary: The ability to understand (receptive) and use (expressive) words to acquire and convey meaning.
- 5. Comprehension: The complex cognitive process involving the intentional interaction between reader and text to convey meaning.

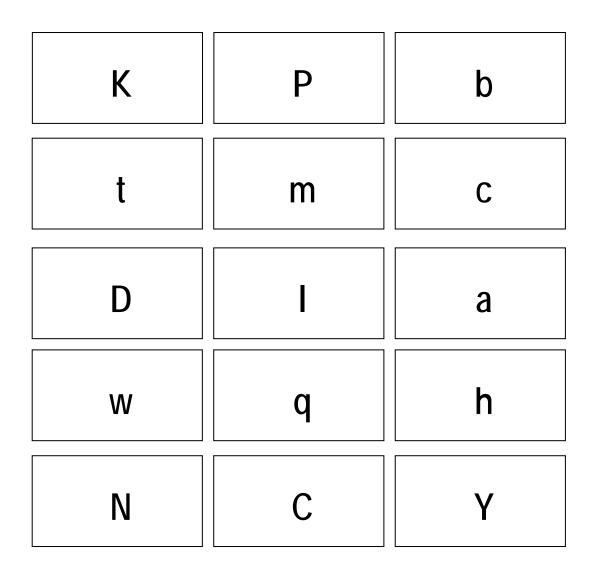
Source: Big ideas in beginning reading. University of Oregon. Retrieved September 23, 2007, from http://reading.uoregon.edu/index.php

Grade 1: Problem: "Roy doesn't know his letter names."

Intervention: Incremental Rehearsal

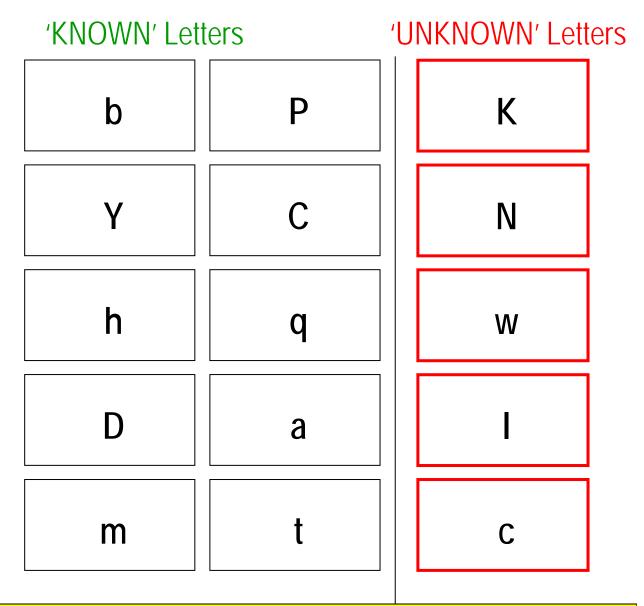
Letter Names: Incremental Rehearsal

Step 1: The tutor writes down on a series of flash cards the letters that the student needs to learn.



Incremental Rehearsal of Letter Names

Step 2: The tutor reviews the letter identification cards with the student. Any card that the student can answer within 2 seconds is sorted into the 'KNOWN' pile. Any card that the student cannot answer within two seconds—or answers incorrectly—is sorted into the 'UNKNOWN' pile.



Incremental Rehearsal of Letter Names

Step 3: The tutor is now ready to follow a nine-step incremental-rehearsal sequence: First, the tutor presents the student with a single index card containing an 'unknown' letter. The tutor reads the letter aloud, then prompts the student to read off the same unknown letter.

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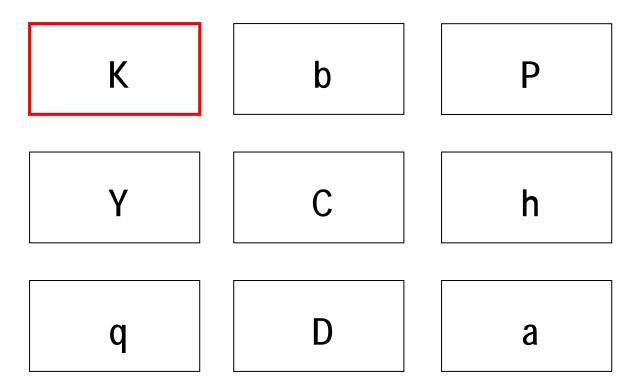
Step 3 (Cont.): Next the tutor takes a letter from the 'known' pile and pairs it with the unknown letter. When shown each of the two letters, the student is asked to identify it.

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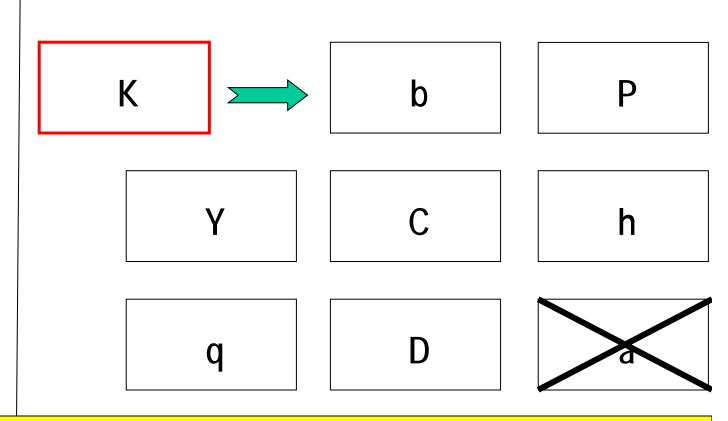
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Step 3 (Cont.): The tutor then repeats the sequence--adding yet another known letter card to the growing deck of flash cards being reviewed and each time prompting the student to answer the whole series of letter names. This process continues until the review deck contains a total of one 'unknown' letter and eight 'known' letters (a high ratio of 'known' to 'unknown' material).



Incremental Rehearsal of Letter Names

Step 4: At this point, the last 'known' letter that had been added to the student's review deck is discarded (placed back into the original pile of 'known' items) and the previously 'unknown' letter name is now treated as the first 'known' letter in new student review deck for future drills.



Incremental Rehearsal of Letter Names

Step 4: The student is then presented with a new 'unknown' letter to identifyand the review sequence is once again repeated each time until the 'unknown' letter is grouped with nine 'known' letters—and on and on. Daily review sessions are discontinued either when time runs out or when the student answers an 'unknown' letter incorrectly three times.

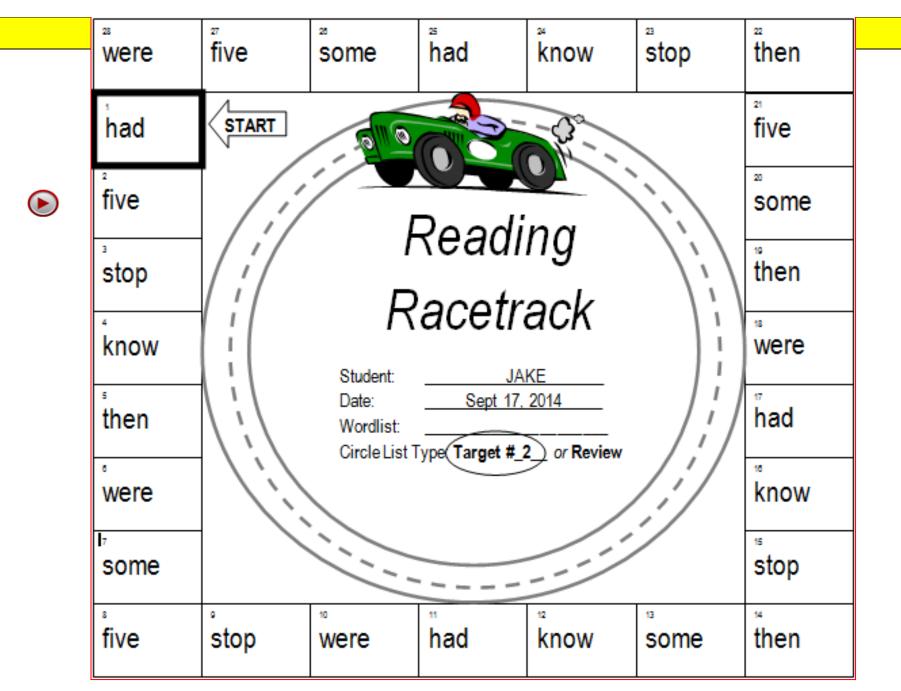
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Grade 2: Problem: "Luis needs to strengthen his sight-word vocabulary before he can move up to his next book."

Intervention: Reading Racetrack

Reading Racetrack

- The teacher selects 28 words from a sight word list (e.g., Dolch, Fry) to create 'Reading Racetracks'.
- In one session, the student reads through four target Racetracks with 7 words each and one review Racetrack with all 28 words.
- The student reads words aloud from a 'Reading Racetrack' sheet for 1 minute.
- The student engages in repeated readings from that Racetrack wordlist until reaching a 90-word criterion or having read the list five times in a row.



Source: Rinaldi, L., Sells, D., & McLaughlin, T. F. (1997). The effect of reading racetracks on the sight word acquisition and fluency of elementary students. Journal of Behavioral Education, 7, 219-233.

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Grade 4: Problem: "Malik doesn't closely monitor his understanding of what he reads."

Intervention: Click-or-Clunk

Reading Comprehension: Self-Management Strategies CLICK OR CLUNK: MONITORING COMPREHENSION

- The student continually checks understanding of sentences, paragraphs, and pages of text while reading.
- If the student understands what is read, he/she quietly says 'CLICK' and continues reading.
- If the student encounters problems with vocabulary or comprehension, he/she quietly says 'CLUNK' and uses a checklist to apply simple strategies to solve those reading difficulties.

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'Click or Clunk' Check Sheet

MY READ	ING CHECK SHEET*
Name	Class



Sentence Check... "Did I understand this

sentence?"

If you had trouble understanding a word in the sostence, try...

- Reading the sentence over.
- Reading the next sentence.
- Looking up the word in the glossary (if the book or article has one).
- Asking someone.



- Reading the sentence over.
- Reading the whole paragraph again.
- Reading on.
- Asking someone.





Paragraph Check... "What did the

paragraph say?"

If you had trouble understanding what the paragraph said, try...

Reading the paragraph over.



Page Check... "What do I remember?"

If you had trouble remembering what was said on this page, try...

 Re-reading each paragraph on the page, and asking yourself, "What did it say?"

^{*}Adapted from Anderson (1980), Babbs (1984)

Reading Comprehension: Self-Management Strategies

RETAIN TEXT INFORMATION WITH PARAPHRASING (RAP). The student is trained to use a 3-step cognitive strategy when reading each paragraph of an informational-text passage: (1) READ the paragraph; (2) ASK oneself what the main idea of the paragraph is and what two key details support that main idea; (3) PARAPHRASE the main idea and two supporting details into one's own words. This 3-step strategy is easily memorized using the acronym RAP (read-ask-paraphrase). OPTIONAL BUT RECOMMENDED: Create an organizer sheet with spaces for the student to record main idea and supporting details of multiple paragraphs—to be used with the RAP strategy-to be used as an organizer and verifiable work product.

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Read-Ask-Paraphrase: STEPS:

- 1. Read: Read the paragraph closely.
- 2. Ask: What is the main idea and 2 supporting details?
- 3. Paraphrase: Write key idea and details in your own words.

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Read-Ask-Paraphrase (RAP) Sheet
Name: Date: Title/Pages of Reading:
Student Directions: For each paragraph from your assigned reading, (1) READ the paragraph; (2) ASK yourself what the main idea of the paragraph is and what two key details support that main idea; (3) PARAPHRASE the main idea and two supporting
details in your own words and write them in the blank provided.
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Tier 1: Classroom Intervention. How can teachers create, document, and implement academic intervention plans for specific students?





RTI/MTSS for Academics: Pyramid of Interventions

Tier 3: Intensive

Tier 2: Strategic

Tier 1: Classroom Academic Interventions

Tier 1: Core Instruction

Tier 1: Classroom
Intervention. The
classroom teacher provides
Tier 1 interventions to
those individual students
with academic difficulties
who need additional
classroom support to
achieve success in core
instruction.

MTSS: Tier 1: Classroom Intervention

 Teachers sometimes need to put reading (or other academic) interventions in place for 'red flag' students.
 These are students whose delays or difficulties require a sustained remediation plan that will last at least several weeks.

Tier 1 interventions take place in the **classroom**, typically **during core instruction**.

Tier 1 interventions are often modest in scope but can still have strong **positive outcomes**. They follow the full MTSS **problem-solving approach-**-adapted to the realities of a busy classroom environment.

Teacher Problem-Solving: Just a Part of the Job...

Instructors regularly engage in problem-solving efforts, such as:

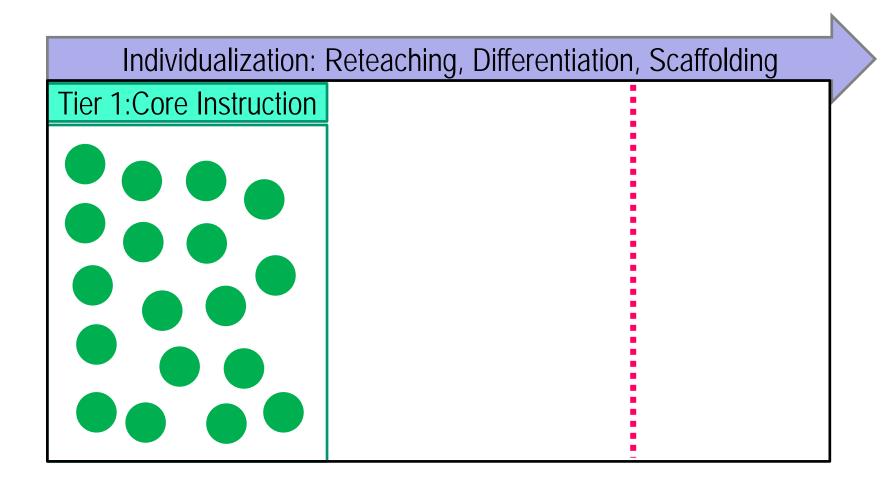
- searching the Internet for ideas to help a struggling learner.
- pulling a student aside to identify deficits in knowledge or skills and reteach instructional content as needed.
- conferencing with a student to develop an action-plan to improve academic performance.
- brainstorming with members of the grade-level or instructional team for ideas to support a student.
- meeting with a consultant (school psychologist; reading or math teacher, etc.) for intervention suggestions.
- scheduling student-parent conferences to enlist home and school to boost academic performance or address behaviors.

Teacher Problem-Solving: All the Work, Little Credit...

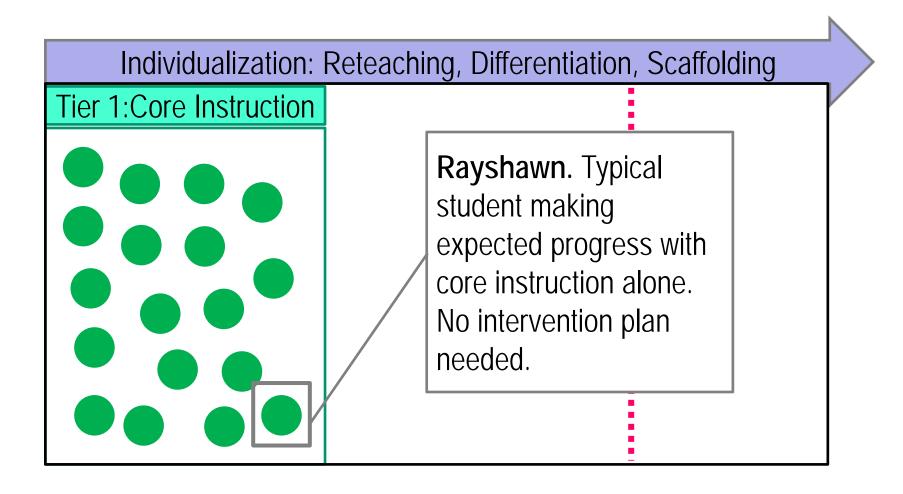
In this era of accountability, classroom intervention efforts are not acknowledged unless they are documented: "Teachers are already doing 90% of the work. But they are often getting zero credit."

RTI/MTSS provides a structure and toolkit for teachers to record and share classroom intervention plans. With little or no extra time, instructors can get full credit for their problemsolving work.

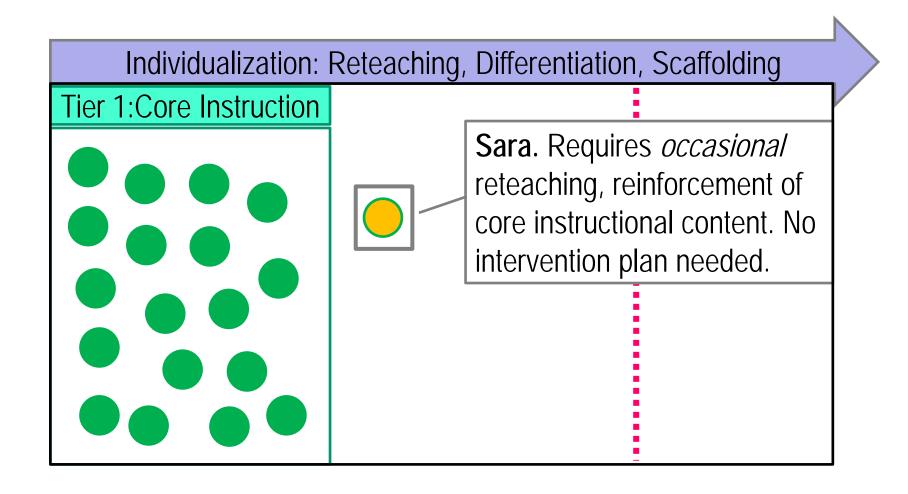
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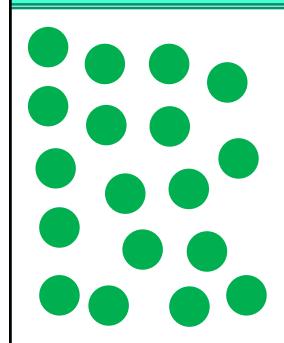
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Individualization: Reteaching, Differentiation, Scaffolding

Tier 1:Core Instruction



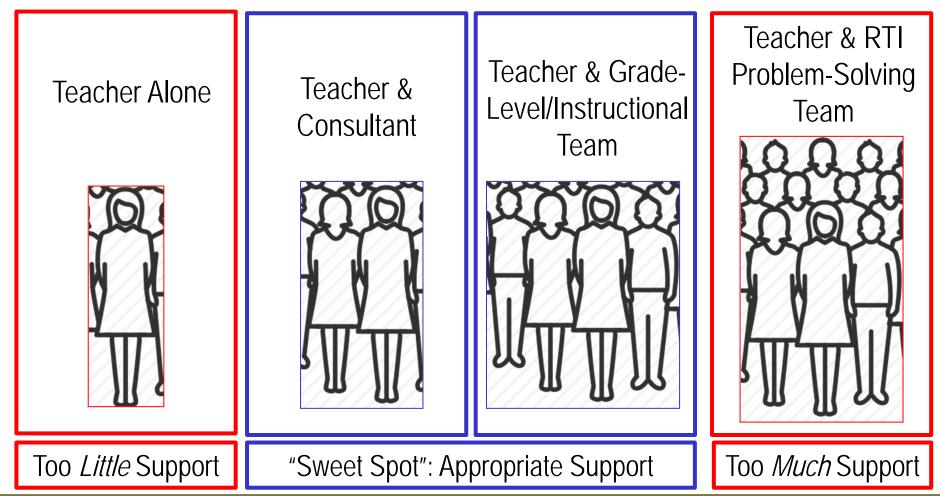
Neda. Needs sustained teacher attention across several instructional weeks. Benefits from strategies to boost comprehension (e.g., Read-Ask-Paraphrase). Documentation of intervention plan



recommended.

Teachers & Classroom Support Plans: Finding the Balance

When helping teachers to plan Tier 1/classroom interventions, what is the right balance between *too little* and *too much* support?



Tier 1 Intervention Plans: Essentials...



- At Tier 1, problem-solving occurs when the teacher meets briefly with a team (e.g., grade-level team, instructional team, department) or a consultant.
- The teacher defines the student problem(s), selects intervention(s), decides how to monitor the intervention, and documents the intervention plan with the guidance of the team or consultant
- The teacher meets again with team or consultant several weeks later to check on the status of the intervention.

Tier 1/Classroom Intervention Plan

Description of the Student Problem (Handout; pp. 5-6)			
Environmental Conditions or Task Demands	Problem Description	Typical or Expected Level of Performance	
When shown flashcards with mixed-case letter names for 3 seconds	Andrew correctly identifies 34 out of 52	while most classmates can correctly identify all letter names.	

Intervention

What to Write: Write a brief description of the intervention(s) to be used with this student. TIP: If you have a script for this intervention, you can just write its name here and attach the script to this sheet.

On alternate days, teacher or teaching assistant will spend 10 mins with Andrew using Flashcards with 3-Second Delay to review mixed-case letter names.

Progress-Monitoring. Select a method to monitor student progress.

Type of Data Used to Monitor:

CBM/Mixed-Case Letter Names (materials from easyCBM.com): 1-minute probe

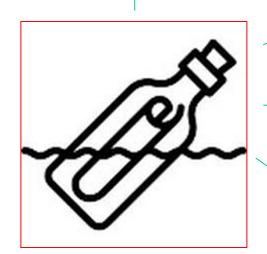
Baseline	Outcome Goal
8 correct letter names per min	24 correct letter names per min (6 wks)

How often will data be collected? (e.g., daily, every other day, weekly): **Weekly**

RTI/MTSS Classroom Intervention Plan: 'Message in a Bottle': Who might benefit?

Colleagues. Your intervention efforts can be read by your fellow teachers and future educators

Parents & Student. You can make the creation of the Classroom Support Plan the focus of student and parent conferences.



RTI/MTSS Problem-Solving

Team. Your classroom intervention plan helps the team to make better recommendations.

Special Education Eligibility Team. Evidence of a classroom intervention plan is often a requirement when attempting to diagnose a learning disability or other IEP condition.

Creating Effective
Tier 1/Academic
Intervention Plans: A
Cheat Sheet



Pick a Student...

Think of a student in your classroom that you believe would benefit from a Tier 1/classroom intervention...

Creating a Classroom Intervention Plan: 3 Steps

When putting together a classroom plan to support a struggling student, the teacher goes through these steps:

- 1. Problem Identification: Define the student problem(s) in specific terms.
- 2. Intervention: Select at least one intervention strategy to address the problem.
- 3. Data Collection: Choose a way to collect data to track student progress.

The Stages of Learning: Common Sources of Student Academic Problems

Students move through predictable stages when learning new skills:

- Skill **Acquisition**: The student is just acquiring the skill.
- Fluency: The student can perform the skill but must make that skill 'automatic'.



 Generalization: The student must perform the skill across situations or settings.

These 3 categories—along with **motivation**—are the most frequent sources of classroom academic problems.

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Step 1: Problem Identification: Define the student problem(s) in specific terms. The first and most important step in creating any intervention plan is to identify the specific 1-2 problems that you believe are the greatest obstacle to the student's success. Here are some tips:

- Use available data sources to understand the problem. When the key student problem(s) elude you, use information that is easily accessible to analyze and better understand their academic abilities, such as observing the student engaged in academic tasks, reviewing work products, interviewing the student, or talking with others who know the student (e.g., reading teacher).
- Describe deficits through academic tasks. If you find it difficult to narrow down an academic problem (e.g., "Riley has limited letter knowledge"), try describing the student's performance on specific academic tasks that the learner finds challenging (e.g., "When shown flashcards with mixed-case letter names for 3 seconds, Riley can name only 33 of 52 correctly").
- . Link the problem to a root cause. Once you have defined the student problem(s), it can be extremely helpful to link that surface problem to its probable underlying ('root') cause. While student academic problems can arise for a variety of reasons, the 4 most common root causes are deficits in skill, fluency, generalization, and motivation. See the table below for definitions:

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Before selecting your intervention, however, take a moment to consider the root cause you selected in the previous step. Because this root cause explains WHY a problem is probably occurring, you can use it like a compass needle to point you toward intervention ideas that are most likely to be effective while minimizing wasted time and effort. Use the table below for general guidelines about what an intervention plan should include for each type of academic problem:

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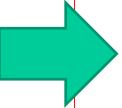
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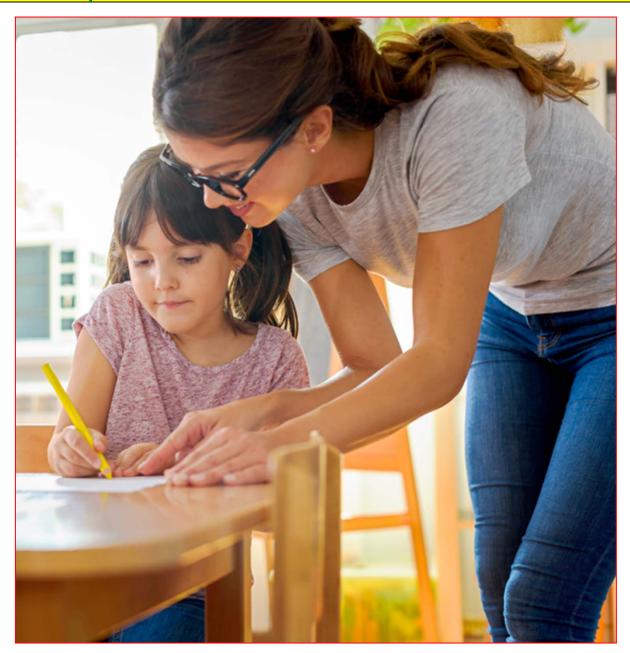
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Type of Student Problem	em General Suggestions for Intervention				
Skill Deficit.	Teach the student the skill(s) through direct instruction. Reinforce the student for effort and accuracy. (Your documented intervention plan can include an outline of what you plan to teach the student, any methods and/or materials that you will use in your instruction, and a schedule of number and length of teaching sessions.)				
Fluency Deficit.	Give the student opportunities to practice the skill(s) and then provide timely performance feedback. (Note: The teacher or tutor may lead these activities or have the student practice independently with adult supervision.) Reinforce the student for fluency as well as accuracy.				
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Step 3: Choose a way to collect data to track student progress. Your final step is to choose a method for monitoring student progress on the intervention—and to set an end-of-intervention goal that will represent success. Here are some tips:

 Link the problem to a data-collection method. The method used to measure a student intervention will of course vary, depending on the academic skill(s) that are your intervention focus. However, each of the 4 possible types of academic problem discussed in this handout has its own suggestions for progress-monitoring, as seen in the table below:

STEP 3: Choose Data-Collection Approach				
Type of Student Problem	General Suggestions for Data Collection			
Skill Deficit.	Use teacher judgment to select ways to monitor that logically measure progress			
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	example, a teacher may keep an ongoing record of those letters the student can			
	accurately name within 3 seconds from flashcards.			
Fluency Deficit.	Administer brief, timed measures to track growth in speed and efficiency on			
	the target skill(s) (e.g., using teacher-made, DIBEL5 or easyCBM materials).			
Generalization Deficit.	Choose those target situations/settings to which the student should generalize			
	specific skill(s). In those situations/settings, record when the student (1)			
	successfully displays the target skill(s) or (2) fails to display the skill(s).			
Motivation (Performance)	Regularly track student work completion and/or quality of completed work to see if			
Deficit.	motivation strategies are successful.			

- Use easy-to-access progress-monitoring tools. When possible, make use of methods to track student academic progress that are easily accessible in a classroom, such as: behavior report cards, checklists, observational logs, rubrics, or work samples.
- Collect baseline data. As your intervention begins, you will want to collect initial data to estimate your student's starting point (pre-intervention or baseline data). If you are ready to launch your intervention, however, and you do not yet have baseline data, don't worry. Just start the intervention immediately, collect your first week of progress-monitoring data, and count that kick-off week of data as 'baseline.'

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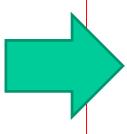
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Fluency Deficit.	Administer brief, timed measures to track growth in speed and efficiency on the target skill(s) (e.g., using teacher-made, DIBELS or easyCBM materials).			
Generalization Deficit.	Choose those target situations/settings to which the student should generalize specific skill(s). In those situations/settings, record when the student (1) successfully displays the target skill(s) or (2) fails to display the skill(s).			
Motivation (Performance) Deficit.	Regularly track student work completion and/or quality of completed work to see if motivation strategies are successful.			

- Use easy-to-access progress-monitoring tools. When possible, make use of methods to track student academic progress that are easily accessible in a classroom, such as: behavior report cards, checklists, observational logs, rubrics, or work samples.
- Collect baseline data. As your intervention begins, you will want to collect initial data to estimate your student's starting point (pre-intervention or baseline data). If you are ready to launch your intervention, however, and you do not yet have baseline data, don't worry. Just start the intervention immediately, collect your first week of progress-monitoring data, and count that kick-off week of data as 'baseline.'

Handout p. 25



Response to Intervention STEP 3: Choose Data-Collection Approach Type of Student | General Suggestions for Data Collection **Problem** Skill Deficit. Use teacher judgment to select ways to monitor that logically measure progress in the skill area(s) that you are working on. If working on letter-naming, for example, a teacher may keep an ongoing record of those letters the student can accurately name within 3 seconds from flashcards. Fluency Deficit. Administer brief, timed measures to track growth in speed and efficiency on the target skill(s) (e.g., using

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STEP 3: Choose Data-Collection Apr	D	proach ((Cont.)

31LF 3. CHOU	se Data-Collection Approach (Cont.)		
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Problem			
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Deficit.	student should generalize specific skill(s). In those		
	situations/settings, record when the student (1)		
	successfully displays the target skill(s) or (2) fails to		
	display the skill(s).		
Motivation	Regularly track student work completion and/or quality		
(Performance)	of completed work to see if motivation strategies are		
Deficit.	successful.		

Activity: What Type of Problem?

Pick one of your Tier 1 intervention students.

Discuss whether your student falls into one of the 4 common categories of academic problem: skill (acquisition), fluency, generalization,

motivation. See if the handout recommendations apply to your student.



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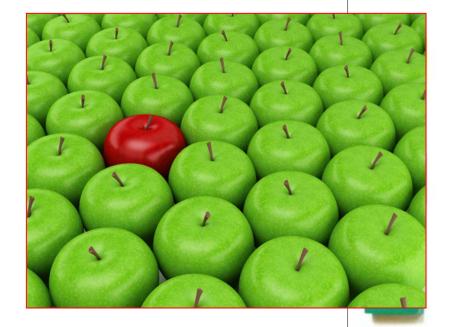








How to individualize instruction. What are ideas to differentiate/scaffold instruction for academic success?

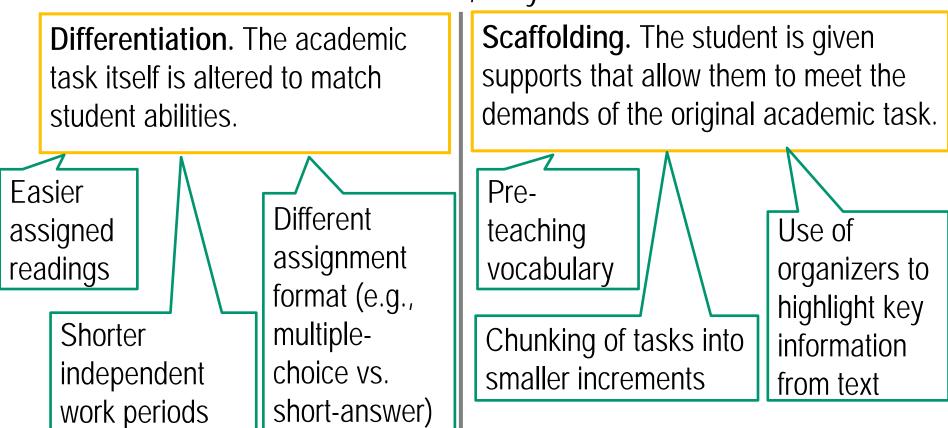






Differentiation vs. Scaffolding: Two Kinds of Support

Differentiation & scaffolding share similarities. Both require individualization and are used to increase student engagement and academic success. However, they also differ...



Source: Alber, R. (2014). 6 scaffolding strategies to use with your students. Edutopia. Retrieved from https://www.edutopia.org/blog/scaffolding-lessons-six-strategies-rebecca-alber

Interventions, Instructional Adjustments & Modifications: Sorting Them Out (Handout; p. 11)

- Academic Intervention. An academic intervention is a strategy used to teach a new skill, build fluency in a skill, or encourage application of an existing skill to new situations or settings. Example: Read-Ask-Paraphrase.
- Instructional Adjustment/ Accommodation. An instructional adjustment (also known as an 'accommodation') helps the student to fully access and participate in the general-education curriculum without changing the instructional content or reducing the student's rate of learning. Examples: Chunking larger tasks into smaller sub-tasks; keyboarding a writing assignment in lieu of handwriting.
- Modification. A modification changes the expectations of what a student is expected to know or do—typically by lowering the academic standards against which the student is to be evaluated. Example: Open book test for one.

Deciding How to Accommodate. What are examples of classroom 'instructional adjustments' (accommodations) that can benefit struggling learners? pp. 13-15



Classroom Accommodations for Academics: A Teacher **Toolkit** pp. 13-15

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Classroom Accommodations for Academics: A Teacher Toolkit

An accommodation ("instructional adjustment") is intended to help the student to fully access and participate in the general-education curriculum without changing the instructional content and without reducing the student's rate of learning (Skinner, Pappas & Davis, 2005). An accommodation is intended to remove barriers to learning while still expecting that students will master the same instructional content as their typical peers.

Here is a list of possible accommodations that teachers can consider using for specific students or with the entire

ALLOW PHYSICAL MOVEMENT. To accommodate the fidgety student, negotiate appropriate outlets for movement (e.g., allowing the student to pace at the back of the classroom during a lesson). CHUNK CLASSWORK SESSIONS AND INCLUDE BREAKS. Break up lectures or student work sessions into smaller segments and include brief breaks to sustain Attention/Impulsivity student attention CREATE LOW-DISTRACTION WORK AREA. Set up a study carrel in the corner of the room or other low-distraction work area. Direct or allow distractible students to use this area when needed. USE PREFERENTIAL SEATING. Seat the student in a classroom location that minimizes distractions and maximizes the ability to focus on the teacher's instruction. USE SILENT CUES. Meet with the student and agree on one or more silent teacher cues to redirect or focus the student (e.g., placing a paperclip on the student's desk)

USE 'VISUAL BLOCKERS'. Encourage the student to reduce distractions on assignments by using a blank sheet of paper or similar aid to cover sections of the

during class instruction. Use the cue as needed.

page that the student is not currently working on.

REPEAT/REPHRASE COMMENTS. Repeat or rephrase student questions or comments to the class or group before responding. Communication 8. DIRECTIONS: ASSIGN A BUDDY. Assign a study buddy who is willing and able to repeat and explain directions to the student. DIRECTIONS: SIMPLIFY, Simplify written directions on assignments to promote student understanding. 10. PROVIDE SCHEDULES/AGENDAS. Provide the student with an academic agenda or schedule for the class period or school day, to include: instructional activities, independent assignments, other tasks to be covered during the period, as well as their

approximate duration. Preview with students to prepare them for upcoming activities

 Attention/Impulsivity: USE 'VISUAL BLOCKERS'. Encourage the student to reduce distractions on assignments by using a blank sheet of paper or similar aid to cover sections of the page that the student is not currently working on.



Communication: DIRECTIONS: SIMPLIFY.
 Simplify written directions on assignments to promote student understanding.



Independent Work: STRUCTURE
 ASSIGNMENTS FOR INITIAL SUCCESS.
 Promote student motivation on worksheets and independent assignments by presenting easier items first and more challenging items later.



Lab Work: Find an Accommodation for Your Classroom



In your groups:

- 1. Scan the sample accommodation ideas on pp. 13-15 of your handout.
- 2. Select:
 - one idea that you currently use in your classroom.
 - one idea that you would like to start using or use more often.
- Share your selections with your group.



RTI/MTSS Files...

Case 1: Andrew:

Kdg: Letter knowledge



Case 2: Miranda:

Grade 1: CVC words



Case 3: Lyla:

4th Grade: Reading fluency

Case 4: Jared:

5th Grade: Reading

comprehension

















Classroom Intervention Plan

Description of the Student Problem (Handout; pp. 5-6)					
Environmental Conditions or Task Demands	Problem Description	Typical or Expected Level of Performance			
When shown flashcards with mixed-case letter names for 3 seconds	Andrew correctly identifies 34 out of 52	while most classmates can correctly identify all letter names.			

Intervention

What to Write: Write a brief description of the intervention(s) to be used with this student. TIP: If you have a script for this intervention, you can just write its name here and attach the script to this sheet.

On alternate days, teacher or teaching assistant will spend 10 mins with Andrew using Flashcards with 3-Second Delay to review mixed-case letter names.

Progress-Monitoring. Select a method to monitor student progress.

Type of Data Used to Monitor:

CBM/Mixed-Case Letter Names (materials from easyCBM.com): 1-minute probe

Baseline	Outcome Goal	
8 correct letter names per min	24 correct letter names per min (6 wks)	
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How often will data be collected? (e.g., daily, every other day, weekly): Weekly

RTI/MTSS Files: Case 1

Andrew Kindergarten *Problem:* Limited letter knowledge

Intervention:

Flashcards:

3-Second Delay



RTI/MTSS Files: Case 1

- Problem: Andrew is a Kindergarten student who does not know the names of all mixed-case letters (skill deficit).
- Intervention: His teacher, Ms. Coleman, decides to use Flashcards with 3-Second Delay to teach unknown letter names.



Classroom Intervention Plan for Andrew

Description of the Student Problem (Handout; pp. 6-7)				
Environmental Conditions or Task Demands	Problem Description	Typical or Expected Level of Performance		
When shown	Andrew correctly	while most		
flashcards with	identifies 34 out of 52	classmates can		
mixed-case letter		correctly		
names for 3		identify all		
seconds		letter nam		

General Problem: *Andrew does not kno all letter names.*

Classroom peer performance

Phonics: Letter Names: Flashcards/3-Second Delay

- The tutor has a deck of 5 letter-name flashcards and has defined a session criterion for mastery: e.g., the student will name all letters in the deck correctly 3 times in a row.
- The tutor shows each flashcard to the student, saying, "Look at this letter and say the name of the letter."
- If the correct response comes within 3 seconds, the tutor says, "Yes, the name of the letter is [letter name]."
- If the student responds incorrectly or hesitates, the tutor says, "No, the name of the letter is [letter name]. Say [letter name]."
- When all flashcards are presented, tutor shuffles cards and repeats.
- When the student attains the mastery criterion, the tutor repeats the above procedures with a new deck of 5 letter flashcards.

Classroom Intervention Plan for Andrew

Intervention

What to Write: Write a brief description of the intervention(s) to be used with this student. TIP: If you have a script for this intervention, you can just write its name here and attach the script to this sheet.

On alternate days, teacher or teaching assistant will spend 10 mins with Andrew using Flashcards with 3-Second Delay to review mixed-case letter names.

 Progress-Monitoring: Mrs. Coleman selects free progress-monitoring probes for CBM Letter Names from easyCBM to monitor Andrew's flashcard intervention.

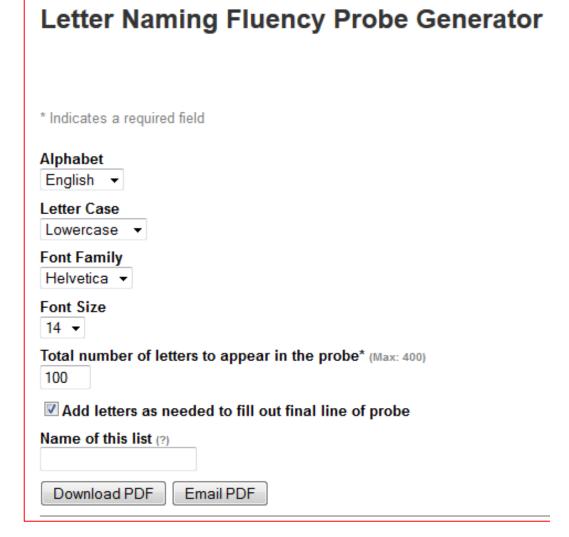
Each probe contains a randomized list of mixed-case letters and takes 1 minute to administer to the student.

At **baseline**, Andrew can correctly name 8 mixedcase letters in 1 minute. The **goal** at the end of 6 weeks is for Andrew to correctly name 24 letters per minute (Kdg: Fall: 50th percentile).

Response to Intervention

Letter Name/Sound Fluency Probe Generator http://www.interventioncentral.org

Use this free online application to design and create Letter Name and Letter Sound Fluency Probes.



Classroom Intervention Plan for Andrew

Progress-Monitoring. Select a method to monitor student progress.

Type of Data Used to Monitor:

CBM/Mixed-Case Letter Names (materials from easyCBM.com): 1-minute probe

Baseline	Outcome Goal
8 correct letter names per min	24 correct letter names per min (6 wks)

How often will data be collected? (e.g., daily, every other day, weekly): Weekly

RTI/MTSS Files: Case 2

Miranda Grade 1

Problem: Inconsistency with CVC words

Intervention:
Word Boxes/Word
Sort



RTI/MTSS Files: Case 2

- Problem: Miranda is in the 1st Grade but is not able consistently to decode CVC words (skill deficit).
- Intervention: Her teacher, Mr. Diaz, selects Word Boxes/Word Sort as an intervention to strengthen her CVC decoding skills. (A Teaching Assistant assigned to the classroom for 45 minutes every other day will assist with this intervention.)



Classroom Intervention Plan for Miranda

Description of the Student Problem			
Environmental Conditions or Task Demands	Problem Description	Typical or Expected Level of Performance	
When shown a CVC word	Miranda often requires several verbal prompts to decode successfully	while most classmates can decode with a minimum of adult help.	

General Problem: *Miranda has* inconsistent skills in decoding CVC words.

Classroom

Young children must master phonics--the mapping of the sounds of speech to the symbols of the alphabet--before they can become accomplished readers.

Word boxes/word sort is a one-to-one intervention that can strengthen essential phonics skills through work on CVC words (Joseph, 2002).

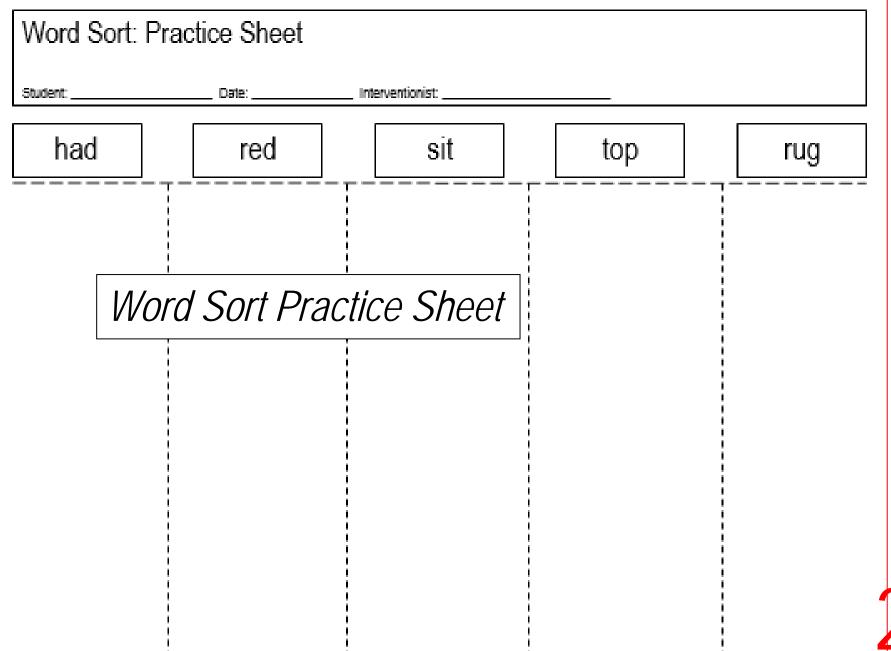
Materials. To use word boxes and word sort, the teacher will need these additional materials:

- Word Boxes: Recording Form (attached)
- Word Boxes: Phonics Practice Sheet (attached)
- Word Sort: Practice Sheet (attached)
- Counters (e.g., pennies, poker chips)
- Moveable letters (e.g., magnet letters, cut-out letters)
- Markers for student use

Word
Boxes:
Phonics
Practice
Sheet

Word Boxes: Phonics Practice Sheet			
Student:	Date:	Interventionist:	
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			

Response to Intervention



Word Boxes: Recording Form

Word Boxes: Recording Form

Student:	Date:	Interventionist:

Directions: Write up to 10 words below to be reviewed using word boxes. Then use this form to record the student's performance in identifying the letter-sound components of the selected target words. The form has space for up to 3 trials for each word. Record 'Y' in a trial if the student is able to:

- 1. place a counter in each box of the word-box form while correctly stating the matching letter-sound.
- place the appropriate movable letter into each box of the word box form while correctly stating the matching letter-sound.
- write the appropriate letter into each box of the word box form while correctly stating the matching lettersound.
- 4. pronounce the entire word as written in the word box form.

	WORD	Date: Trial 1	Date: Trial 2	Date: Trial 3	NOTES
1		_Y_N	_Y _N	_Y_N	
2		_Y_N	_Y _N	_Y_N	
3		_Y _N	_Y _N	_Y_N	
4		_Y_N	_Y _N	_Y_N	
5		_Y _N	_Y _N	_Y_N	
6		_Y _N	_Y _N	_Y_N	
7		_Y_N	_Y_N	_Y _N	
8		_Y_N	_Y_N	_Y_N	
9		_Y_N	_Y_N	_Y_N	
10		_Y _N	_Y _N	_Y _N	

Preparation. The teacher selects up to 10 consonant-vowel-consonant (CVC) words each tutoring session and writes them into the *Word Boxes: Recording Form*.

The teacher also writes these 10 words onto index cards--one word per card. NOTE: These CVC words can be any mix from the five vowel groups: a,e,i,o,u.

Response to Intervention

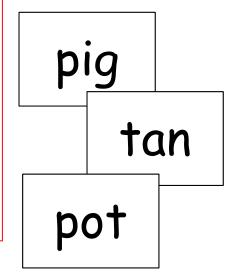
Word Boxes:	Recording	Form
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Student:	RICKY	Date:	Interventionist:	
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Directions: Write up to 10 words below to be reviewed using word boxes. Then use this form to record the student's performance in identifying the letter-sound components of the selected target words. The form has space for up to 3 trials for each word. Record 'Y' in a trial if the student is able to:

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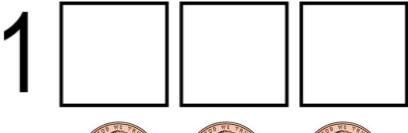
	WORD	Date: Trial 1	Date: Trial 2	Date: Trial 3	NOTES
1	pig	_Y_N	_Y_N	_Y _N	
2	tan	YN	_Y_N	_Y_N	
3	pot	_Y_N	_Y_N	_Y_N	



Part 1: Word Box: Procedures.

1. The teacher sounds out word and puts counters into word boxes. The teacher places counters under the blanks of the appropriate word box. The teacher next reads aloud a word from the CVC word list ('p-i-g'), sounds out each letter sound in the word, and slides a counter into the corresponding word box.

Word	Boxes:	Phonics Prac	tice Sheet
Student:	Ricky	Date:	Interventionist:





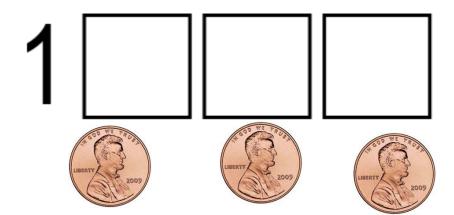




Part 1: Word Box: Procedures.

2. The teacher sounds out word and the student puts counters into word boxes. The teacher directs the student to put counters into the word boxes while the teacher pronounces the letter sounds of the CVC word.

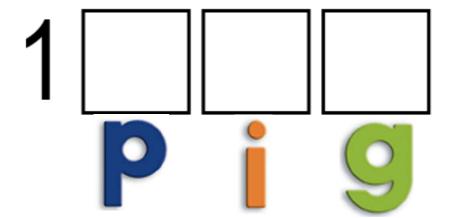
Word	Boxes:	Phonics Prac	ctice Sheet
Student:	Ricky	Date:	Interventionist:



Part 1: Word Box: Procedures.

3. The student sounds out word, puts letters into word boxes. The teacher lines up magnetic/cut-out letters for the target word under each of the appropriate blanks on the *Word Boxes: Phonics Practice Sheet*. The student sounds out each letter sound while sliding the letter counter into its word box.

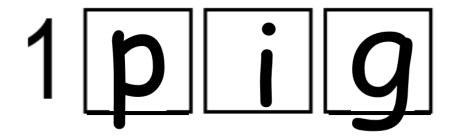
Word Boxes: Phonics Practice Sheet			
Student:	Ricky	Date:	Interventionist:



Part 1: Word Box: Procedures.

4. The student writes letters of word into word boxes. The student is given a marker and directed to write the letters of the target word into the appropriate word boxes. The student is then prompted to read the word aloud.

Word	Boxes:	Phonics Pra	ctice Sheet
Student:	Ricky	Date:	Interventionist:



Response to Intervention

Word Boxes & Word Sort

Part 1: Word Box: Procedures.

5. [Optional] The teacher records student responses. The instructor may want to keep a record of student performance on the word-box activity—using the *Word Boxes: Recording Form.*

Directions: Write up to 10 words below to be reviewed using word boxes. Then use this form to record the student's performance in identifying the letter-sound components of the selected target words. The form has space for up to 3 trials for each word. Record 'Y' in a trial if the student is able to:

- 1. **place** a **counter** in each box of the word-box form while correctly stating the matching letter-sound.
- place the appropriate movable letter into each box of the word box form while correctly stating the matching letter-sound.
- write the appropriate letter into each box of the word box form while correctly stating the matching lettersound.
- 4. pronounce the entire word as written in the word box form.

	WORD	Date: <u>11/7/</u> 17 Trial 1	Date: <u>Sam</u> e Trial 2	Date:_Same Trial 3	NOTES
1	pig	Y X _N	X _YN		Trial 1: R. needed prompts for steps 3,4.

Response to

Word Boxes & Word Sort

pig

tan

pot

Part 2: Word Sort: Procedures.

1. The student completes a word sort. At the end of the session, the student uses the Word Sort Practice Sheet to sort the word flashcards under their CVC 'family'. If a word is incorrectly sorted, the teacher points to that word and asks, "Is this word in the right place?"

Word Sort: Practice Sheet					
Student: Ricky	Y Date:	Interventionist:			
had	red	sit	top	rug	
				2	

Classroom Intervention Plan for Miranda

Intervention

What to Write: Write a brief description of the intervention(s) to be used with this student. TIP: If you have a script for this intervention, you can just write its name here and attach the script to this sheet.

Teacher to review CVC words using Word Boxes/Word Sort 3 times per week for 15 minutes with Miranda.

Response to Intervention

 Progress-Monitoring: To track Miranda's CVC-word intervention, Mr. Diaz chooses to use 1-min Nonsense Word Fluency (NWF) probes, available for free download from DIBELS Next/Acadience Learning.

At **baseline**, Miranda is correctly reading 4 correctly read NWFs (Whole Words Read or WWR). The norms from DIBELS (Winter: Gr 1) indicate that a typical reader at her grade level should read at least 8 NWF items (WWR).

So Mr. Diaz sets a goal for Miranda at the end of 6 instructional weeks to be able to read at least 8 NWFs (WWR).

Classroom Intervention Plan for Miranda

Progress-Monitoring. Select a method to monitor student progress.

Type of Data Used to Monitor:

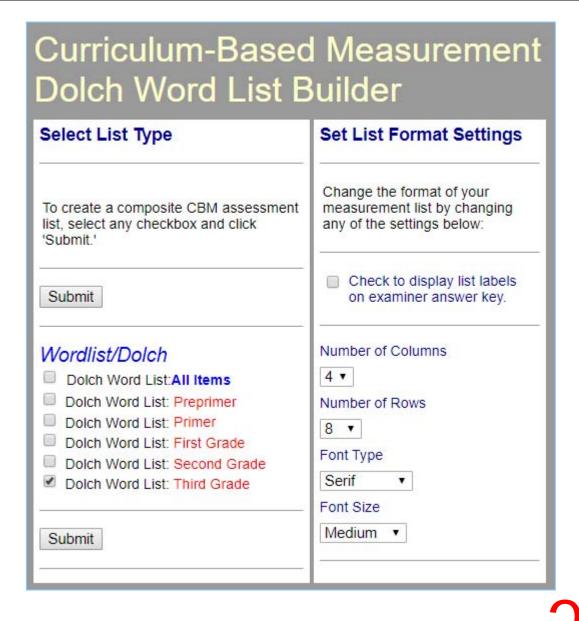
1-min Nonsense Word Fluency Probes/DIBELS Next/Acadience Learning

Baseline	Outcome Goal
4 correctly read NWFs: Whole Words Read	8 correctly read NWFs: Whole Words Read(6 wks)

How often will data be collected? (e.g., daily, every other day, weekly): Weekly

Response to Intervention

Dolch Word List Builder: Free App



Source: easyCBM.com

RTI/MTSS Files: Case 3

Lyla
Grade 4

Problem: Reading fluency
Intervention:

Passage Preview in Stages



RTI/MTSS Files: Case 3

- Problem: Lyla reads with accuracy but reads aloud at a much slower rate than her 4th-grade classmates (fluency deficit).
- Intervention: Her general-education teacher, Ms. Robinson, decides to use Passage Preview in Stages to promote oral reading fluency. (Because Lyla is in a co-taught classroom, both teachers will assist in providing the intervention.)



Classroom Intervention Plan for Lyla

Description of the Student Problem				
Environmental Conditions or Task Demands	Problem Description	Typical or E Level of Per	•	
When reading aloud for 1-min from a Gr 4 easyCBM Passage Reading Fluency	Lyla reads an average of 98 correctly read words (CRWs) per minute	while the norm (wi 25 th perc is 112 Cf	inter: entile)	
probe			easyCBM benchmarl	

General Problem: *Lyla is not a fluent reader in grade-level passages.*

norms

Reading Fluency: Passage Preview in Stages

- The student and tutor sit side-by-side at a table with a book between them.
- The tutor begins by reading aloud a section from the book for about 2 minutes while the student reads silently.
- At the end of the 2 minutes, the tutor stops reading and asks the student to read aloud the passage just read. If the student commits a reading error or hesitates for longer than 3-5 seconds, the tutor tells the student the correct word and has the student continue reading.
- For each new section in the passage, the tutor first reads that section aloud before having the student read aloud with feedback.

Sources: Rose, T.L., & Sherry, L. (1984). Relative effects of two previewing procedures on LD adolescents' oral reading performance. Learning Disabilities Quarterly, 7, 39-44.

Classroom Intervention Plan for Lyla

Intervention

What to Write: Write a brief description of the intervention(s) to be used with this student. TIP: If you have a script for this intervention, you can just write its name here and attach the script to this sheet.

The 2 classroom teachers will each work with Lyla on alternate days for 10-minute sessions, using the Passage Preview in Stages intervention.

 Progress-Monitoring: A good tool to monitor reading fluency is CBM Passage Reading Fluency/Oral Reading Fluency. Mrs. Robinson is already using free reading probes and benchmark norms from easyCBM (www.easycbm.com) in her classroom—so she will also use them to monitor Lyla's intervention.

At **baseline**, Lyla is reading 98 correctly read words per minute (CRWs). An ambitious but realistic fluency **goal** is for Lyla to grow at a rate of 1.5 words per week across the span of the 6-week intervention. So, if the intervention is successful, Lyla should gain 9 words in reading fluency (6 weeks x 1.5 CRW/Week) and end at **107 CRWs**.

Classroom Intervention Plan for Lyla

Progress-Monitoring. Select a method to monitor student progress.

Type of Data Used to Monitor:

1-min Passage Reading Fluency Probes (Gr 4) from easyCBM.com

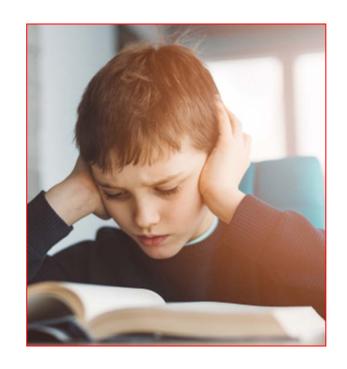
Baseline	Outcome Goal
98 CRWs per min	107 CRWs per min (6 wks)

How often will data be collected? (e.g., daily, every other day, weekly): Weekly

RTI/MTSS Files: Case 4

Jared
Grade 5

Problem: Failure to recall information from readings



*Intervention:*Read Actively

RTI/MTSS Files: Case 4

- Problem: Jared is a fluent reader but frequently fails to monitor his understanding when reading assigned non-fiction passages. As a result, he often fails to recall key information (generalization deficit).
- Intervention: Jared's 5th-grade teacher, Mr. Griffin, chooses Read Actively as a student strategy to promote better recall of key ideas.



Classroom Intervention Plan for Jared

Description of the Student Problem				
Environmental Conditions or Task Demands	Problem Description	Typical or Expected Level of Performance		
When assigned to read an informational passage and to	Jared is inconsistent in recalling main ideas/details from the passage	recalls from the		
complete a written recall	passags	mc Classroom peer ide performance (wo	ork	
		samples)		

General Problem: *Jared does not recall key ideas from readings.*

Reading Comprehension: Read Actively

- The instructor teaches students to first read through each paragraph, paying attention to the topic and important details and facts.
- The instructor then directs students to cover the paragraph and state (or silently recall) the key details of the passage.
- Finally, the instructor prompts students to uncover the passage and read it again to see how much of the information in the paragraph the student accurately recalled.
- This process is repeated with all paragraphs in the passage.

Classroom Intervention Plan for Jared

Intervention

What to Write: Write a brief description of the intervention(s) to be used with this student. TIP: If you have a script for this intervention, you can just write its name here and attach the script to this sheet.

Mr. Griffin will supervise Jared's use of the Read Actively intervention during independent reading time.

Initially, Mr. Griffin will sit with Jared and coach him in use of the strategy. The goal at the end of the initial 6 weeks is for Jared to use the strategy independently.

 Progress-Monitoring: Mr. Griffin decides to collect and evaluate Jared's written retells, using a written-retell rubric. After each reading, Jared writes a retell summarizing key information from the reading. The rubric scores the retell using 4 categories ("General Purpose/Gist"; "Organization", etc.), with each evaluated on 4point scale—16-point rubric maximum.

At **baseline**, Jared scores an average of 7 points of 16 on the rubric. If the intervention is effective, the teacher expects that Jared's rubric ratings will rise to at least 12 of 16 (a rating of 'Capable').

Response to Intervention

Sample Retell Rubric

MLPP RETELLING RUBRIC K - 12 INFORMATIONAL TEXT

Qualities of Retelling	4 Mature	3 Capable	2 Developing	1 Beginning
Central Purpose/Gist	Retelling indicates a clear and elaborated understanding of the central purpose of the selection.	Retelling indicates a basic understanding of the central purpose of the selection.	Retelling indicates an incomplete or inaccurate understanding of the central purpose of the selection.	Retelling indicates no understanding of the central purpose of the selection.
Restatement/ Elements	Retelling contains a clear and accurate restatement of important and supporting elements. May contain related prior knowledge.	Retelling contains a clear and accurate restatement of most important and supporting elements.	Retelling lacks important elements and/or contains inaccurate information.	Retelling is minimal and inaccurate.
Organization	Important and supporting elements are logically presented and clearly connected.	Most important and supporting elements are presented logically and connected.	Elements are presented in a random or disconnected order.	There is little or no development of elements.
Linguistic Spillover	Use of language, conventions, and/or format from the selection reflects an elaborated and personalized understanding of the information.	Use of language, conventions, and/or format from the selection indicates basic understanding of the information.	Use of language, conventions, and/or format from the selection may indicate superficial understanding.	Retelling includes little or no use of language, conventions, and/or format from the selection.

Classroom Intervention Plan for Jared

Progress-Monitoring. Select a method to monitor student progress.

Type of Data Used to Monitor:

Written Retells and Informational-Passage Retell Rubric from www.missionliteracy.com

Baseline	Outcome Goal
Global Rubric Rating: 7/16 pts	Global Rubric Rating: 12/16 pts (6 wks)

How often will data be collected? (e.g., daily, every other day, weekly): Weekly

Pasnonsa to Intervention Description of the Student Problem (Handout; pp. 5-6) Typical or Expected Problem Description Problem sk Level of Performance Description Andrew correctly while most identifies 34 out of 52 shcards with classmates can mixed-case letter correctly How To: Create a names for 3 identify all seconds letter names. Written Record of Intervention Classroom Interventions What to Write: Write a brief description of the intervention(s) to be used with this student. TIP: If you have a script for this intervention, you can just write its name (Online) here and attach the script to this sheet. alternate days, teacher or teaching assistant will spend 10 mins Intervention Andrew using Flashcards with 3-Second Delay to review mixedletter names. Description gress-Monitoring. Select a metho Plan to student progress. Type of Data Used to Monitor: **Monitor** CBM/Mixed-Case Letter Names (materials easyCBM.com): 1-minute probe **Progress** Baseline Outcome 24 correct letter names min 8 correct letter names per min (6 wks) How often will data be collected? (e.g., daily, every other day, weekly): Weekly

Response to Interver

Documenting Interventions: Activity

When Would You Document in Your Classroom?

List situations at your school when you may want to document (put into writing) a Tier 1/classroom intervention plan.

How well would the sample form shared today suit your needs?



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Description of the Student Problem (Handout; pp. 5-6)				
Environmental Conditions or Task Demands Problem Description Typical or Expected Level of Performanc				
When shown flashcards with mixed-case letter names for 3 seconds	Andrew correctly identifies 34 out of 52	while most classmates can correctly identify all letter names.		

Intervention

What to Write: Write a brief description of the intervention(s) to be used with this student. TIP: If you have a script for this intervention, you can just write its name here and attach the script to this sheet.

On alternate days, teacher or teaching assistant will spend 10 mins with Andrew using Flashcards with 3-Second Delay to review mixed-case letter names.

Progress-Monitoring. Select a method to monitor student progress.

Type of Data Used to Monitor:

CBM/Mixed-Case Letter Names (materials from easyCBM.com): 1-minute probe

Baseline	Outcome Goal
8 correct letter names per	24 correct letter names per min
min	(6 wks)

How often will data be collected? (e.g., daily, every other day, weekly): **Weekly**