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READ XL >>

Reading Improvement >> Reading Excellence



*A Formula for Reading Success
for Middle School and Above*

Formula for Success >>

READ XL responds to the specific educational needs of the older, struggling reader. Because these students require adaptive and adjusted instruction in order to accelerate achievement, **READ XL** is based on a model of teaching and learning that anticipates and addresses the problems of struggling readers as it scaffolds instruction to meet their needs.

The Right Content

Reading research explicitly states that struggling readers need to be exposed to increasingly demanding text. As students gain confidence from reading accessible text, they more easily gain the skills necessary for tackling difficult materials.

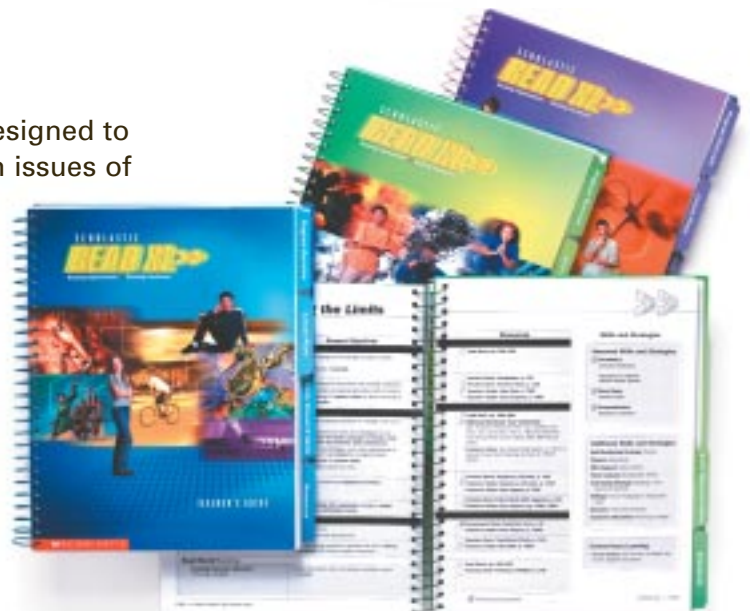
- » *Age-Appropriate Content*
- » *Accelerated Instruction*
- » *Emphasis on Nonfiction and Content-Area Reading*
- » *Informational and Functional Text*



Scaffolded and Direct Instruction

READ XL Teacher Guides are carefully designed to address the instructional and self-esteem issues of students who read below grade level. Through modeling, graphic organizers, reteaching, and additional practice, students gradually build mastery.

- » *Targeted Support for English Language Learners*
- » *Emphasis on Comprehension, Vocabulary, Writing, and Study Skills*



Test Preparation and Continuous Assessment

Screening, diagnosis, and placement in READ XL is based on the Lexile Framework for Reading. Selection tests assess vocabulary, word study, and comprehension. And, students are given the tools and practice they need to succeed on standardized reading tests.

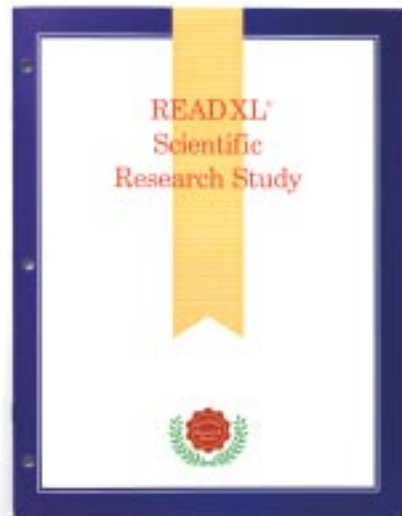
- » *Ongoing Monitoring of Student Progress*
- » *Emphasis on Test Preparation*



Based on Scientific Research

READ XL addresses the needs of students of varying backgrounds and abilities by delivering assessment-driven, standards-aligned instruction that is scaffolded to meet students' needs. READ XL:

- » *Develops Essential Skills in Phonics, Fluency, Vocabulary, Comprehension, and Writing*
- » *Provides Continual Guided Practice*
- » *Promotes Success in Reading in the Content Areas*
- » *Increases Motivation*



» *For a copy of READ XL's research base, please call 1-800-724-6527.*



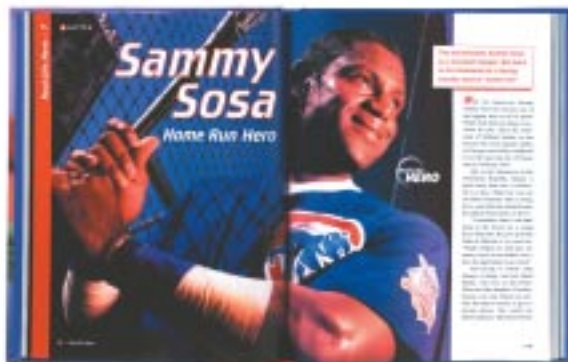
Motivational Content >>

In **READ XL**, reading success begins with high-interest text that draws students into reading—plus a relevant Real-World Reading Curriculum that appeals to and supports the most reluctant readers. The motivating content of the READ XL Student Anthology, as well as the high-interest Independent and Audiobook libraries, engage students and prepare them for the **real world**.



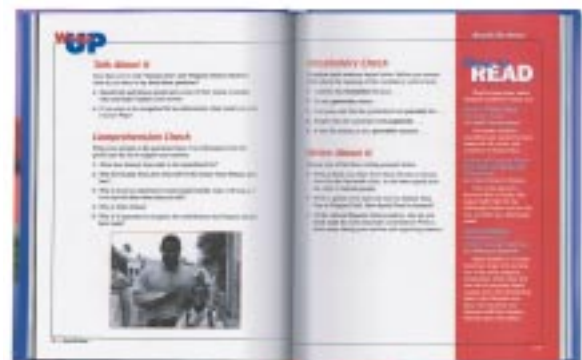
» **Carefully chosen selections** at students' instructional reading level are the springboard for skill development.

- » **Over 60 percent nonfiction** selections relate to content-area learning.
- » **Relevant, age-appropriate fiction** motivates and engages students.



» **Supportive text introductions** draw students into the selection and scaffold comprehension.

- » **Wrap-Ups** help students synthesize ideas and practice targeted selection skills. Writing prompts provide ideas that provoke meaningful reader response.



Three Levels of Reading Achievement:

Level 1 >

Shared Novels:
 Weird Zone #6: Gigantopus from Planet X!
Lexile 520
 Tony Abbott

Just Juice
Lexile 690
 Karen Hesse

The Cay
Lexile 860
 Theodore Taylor

Hatchet
Lexile 1020
 Gary Paulson

Independent Reading Library:
 Help! I'm Trapped in an Alien's Body
Lexile 610
 Todd Strasser

UFOs: Fact or Fiction?
Lexile 430
 Laura D'Angelo

The Legend of Red Horse Cavern
Lexile 470
 Gary Paulsen

Kate Shelley and the Midnight Express
Lexile 490
 Margaret A. Wetherer

Finding Buck McHenry
Lexile 500
 Alfred Slato

Nine True Dolphin Stories
Lexile 520
 Margaret Davidson



Level 2 >>

Shared Novels:
 Kindertransport
Lexile 690
 Olga Levy
 Drucker

The Summer of the Swans
Lexile 830
 Betsy Byars

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry
Lexile 920
 Mildred D. Taylor

Secret of the Seal
Lexile 720
 Deborah L. Davis

Summer on Wheels
Lexile 930
 Gary Soto

Independent Reading Library:
 Grant Hill
Lexile 450
 Sheila Sweny

Watchers: Last Stop
Lexile 490
 Peter Lerangis

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes
Lexile 630
 Eleanor Coerr

Real Kids, Real Adventures #1: Shark Attack
Lexile 640
 Deborah Morris

Scholastic Q&A: Why Do Volcanoes Blow
Lexile 750
 Melvin and Gilda Berger

On the Far Side of the Mountain
Lexile 760
 Jean Craighead George

Exploring the Rain Forest
Lexile 770
 Mattias Klum
 and Hans Odoo

El Güero: A True Adventure Story
Lexile 860
 Elizabeth Borton de Trevino

Through My Eyes
Lexile 860
 Ruby Bridges



Level 3 >>>

Shared Novels:
 The Sunita Experiment
Lexile 780
 Mitali Perkins

My Brother Sam Is Dead
Lexile 770
 James Lincoln Collier & Christopher Collier

Out of the Dust
Lexile 830
 Karen Hesse

Julie of the Wolves
Lexile 860
 Jean Craighead George

Independent Reading Library:
 Drive By
Lexile 560
 Lynne Ewing

Allison's Trumpet and Other Stories
Lexile 600
 Hentoff, Okimot, Cowell

Classic Tales of Terror
Lexile 650
 Poe, Jacobs, Wells, Saki, Burrage, Stevenson

Marisol and Magdalena: The Sound of Our Sisterhood
Lexile 730
 Veronica Chambers

Hurricane
Lexile 850
 Marian Rumsey

Tru Confessions
Lexile 920
 Janet Tashjian

Up in the Air: The Story of Bessie Coleman
Lexile 950
 Philip S. Hart

Within Reach: My Everest Story
Lexile 970
 Mark Pfitzer and Jack Galvin

Alex Rodriguez: Slugging Shortstop
Lexile 980
 Stew Thornley

Out of Darkness: The Story of Louis Braille
Lexile 1000
 Russell Freeman

Buried In Ice: The Mystery of a Lost Arctic Expedition
Lexile 1010
 Owen Beattie and John Geiger with Shelly Tanaka



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Audiobook Library:
 Animorphs #4: The Message
Lexile 560
 K.A. Applegate

Searching for David's Heart
Lexile 590
 Cherrie Bennett

Rockett's World #1: Who Can You Trust?
Lexile 650
 Lauren Day

Shadow of the Red Moon
Lexile 660
 Walter Dean Myers

Danger Zone
Lexile 850
 David Klass

Lost Star: The Story of Amelia Earhart
Lexile 870
 Patricia Lauber



Core Program Components >>

Student Anthology

- Promotes high-interest selections that are relevant and engaging.
- Over 60% non-fiction selections that enhance learning in the content areas.
- Provides definitions of high-utility words to develop vocabulary in context.

Shared Novels

- Favorite titles promote reading enjoyment and skill development.
- Provides meaningful opportunities for struggling readers to benefit from teacher modeling of fluent reading, comprehension, vocabulary, and self-monitoring strategies.

Electronic Text Collection & CD

- Provides opportunities for independent reading practice and study skill development.
- High-interest non-fiction selections include interactive links on CD.

Teacher Support

- The Teacher's Guide includes: Comprehensive Lesson Plans, Systematic Instruction and Practice, and Extra Support for reteaching.
- Additional instructional materials include: Independent Library Teacher's Guide, Audiobook Library Teacher's Guide, and Teacher's Guide for Shared Novels.

Writing Test Preparation Book

- Writing prompts correspond to themes in READ XL selections.
- Each prompt includes a graphic organizer.
- Students practice narrative, descriptive, expository, and persuasive writing.
- Assignments provide frequent practice in demand writing, which is assessed on many state-mandated tests.



Student Anthology

Electronic Text Collection

Shared Novels

Teacher's Guide

Writing Test Preparation Book

READ XL has been carefully designed to address the instructional and self-esteem issues of struggling readers.

Practice Book

- Offers independent practice and skill reinforcement for:
- Vocabulary
 - Word Study
 - Comprehension
 - ELS/Language Support
 - Writing & Grammar
 - Real-World Reading
 - Electronic Text/Study Skills
 - Research Skills/Projects

Test Preparation Book

- Weekly reading passages with multiple-choice answers
- Provides frequent practice in standardized test-taking formats at grade-level

Assessment Book

- Tests for each anthology selection measure progress in comprehension, vocabulary, and word study.
- Provides important practice in applying test-taking strategies.

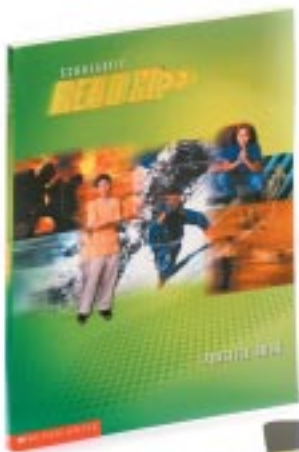
Independent Reading Library

- High-interest paperbacks matched to students' independent reading levels.
- Fosters success by providing students with a wide choice of genres and topics that interest them.

Audiobook Library

- Gives students access to on-level literature with support.
- Provides modeled reading through a cassette with two voices: a narrator who reads text and a reading coach who models strategies that good readers use.

Practice Book



Assessment Book



Independent Reading Library



Audiobook Library



Test Preparation Book

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