

CLASSIFICATION OF PROGRAM

Program Name: Fluent Reader (Made EZ)

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The program targets instruction on the following essential components:

- Phonemic Awareness
- Phonics
- Fluency
- Vocabulary
- Comprehension

This program is being evaluated by the following:

- Multiple Grade:
(One program rating will be assigned for each relevant item)
- Grade Specific:
(A separate analysis will be completed for each grade)

The program targets instruction for the following grades:

- Kindergarten
- 1st Grade
- 2nd Grade
- 3rd Grade

Type of Program:

- Supplemental
- Intervention

	Kindergarten	First Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade
Phonemic Awareness				
Phonics	11%	11%	11%	11%
Fluency		71%	71%	71%

Phonics Decoding

Rating	Criterion	Grade			
		K	1	2	3
<input type="radio"/>	1. Introduces high-utility letter sound instruction early in the sequence (e.g., /m/, /s/, /a/, /r/, /t/) instead of low-utility letter sounds (e.g., /x/, /y/, /z/). (ss)	×	×		
<input type="radio"/>	2. Sequences the introduction of letter sounds, letter combinations, and word parts in combinations, and word parts in ways that minimize confusion. (ss)	×	×	×	×
<input type="radio"/>	3. Incorporates frequent and cumulative review of taught letter sounds to increase automaticity. (st)	×	×		
<input type="radio"/>	4. Models instruction at each of the fundamental stages (e.g., letter-sound correspondences, letter combinations, prefixes, word endings, blendings, reading whole words). (w) and (ss)	×	×	×	×
<input type="radio"/>	5. Introduces regular words for which students know all the letter sounds. (ss)	×	×	×	×
<input type="radio"/>	6. Progresses systematically from simple word types (e.g., consonant-vowel-consonant) and word lengths (e.g., number of phonemes) and word complexity (e.g. phonemes in the word, position of blends, stop sounds) to more complex words. [NRP, pg. 2-132] (ss)	×	×	×	×
<input type="radio"/>	7. Incorporates spelling to reinforce word analysis. After students can read words, provides explicit instruction in spelling, showing students how to map the sounds of letters on to print. (w) and (ss)		×	×	×
<input type="radio"/>	8. Provides teacher-guided practice in controlled word lists and connected text in which students can apply their newly learned skills successfully. (w)		×	×	×
<input type="radio"/>	9. Begins instruction in word families, word patterns, and larger orthographic units after students have learned the letter-sound correspondence in the unit. [NRP, pg. 2-13] (ss)		×	×	×
<input type="radio"/>	10. Teaches students to process larger, highly represented patterns to increase fluency in word recognition. (w)		×	×	×
<input type="radio"/>	11. Teaches advanced phonic-analysis skills explicitly, first in isolation, then in words and connected text and utilizes other program materials (e.g., trade books, anthologies) when students are proficient. [NRP pg. 2-132] (w) and (ss)			×	×
<input type="radio"/>	12. Teaches explicit strategy to read multi syllabic words by using prefixes, suffixes, and known word parts (w).			×	×
<input type="radio"/>	13. Uses structural analysis judiciously to support word recognition strategies. (ss)				×

Phonics Irregular Words

Rating	Criterion	Grade			
		K	1	2	3
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	1. Select words that have high utility; that is, words that are used frequently in grade-appropriate literature and informational text. (ss)	X	X	X	X
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	2. Controls the number of irregular words introduced at one time. (w)	X	X	X	X
<input type="radio"/>	3. Separates highly similar words for initial instruction (e.g. was/saw). (ss)	X	X	X	X
<input type="radio"/>	4. Points out irregularities and provides a strategy for reading irregular words using letters or parts of the words. (w)	X	X	X	X
<input type="radio"/>	5. Pre teaches sight words and incorporates them into connected text. (w)	X	X	X	X
<input type="radio"/> +	6. Provides ample practice and cumulative review of important high-frequency sight words. (st)	X	X	X	X

Tally the number of elements with each rating.

$$\frac{\quad}{(2 \text{ pts})} \bullet \quad \frac{\quad}{(1.5 \text{ pts})} \circ^+ \quad \frac{2}{(1 \text{ pts})} \circ \quad \frac{4}{(.5 \text{ pts})} \circ^+ \quad \frac{13}{(0 \text{ pts})} \circ$$

Total Points/Total Possible Points

$$\frac{4}{\quad} / \frac{38}{\quad} = \frac{11\%}{\quad}$$

Text Reading and Fluency

Rating	Criterion	Grade			
		K	1	2	3
<input type="radio"/>	1. Provides fluency practices at the word level. (w)		×	×	×
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	2. Introduces passage reading soon after students can read a sufficient number of words accurately. (w)		×		
<input type="radio"/>	3. Teaches explicit strategy to permit readers to move from reading words in lists to reading words in sentences and passages. (w)		×	×	×
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	4. Initial stories/passages composed of a high percentage of regular words (minimum of 75-80% decodable words). (w)		×		
<input type="radio"/> +	5. Passages contain regular words comprised of letter-sounds, phonic elements, and word types that have been taught. (w) and (ss)		×	×	×
<input type="radio"/> +	6. Passages contain high-frequency irregular words that have been previously taught. (w) and (ss)		×	×	×
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	7. Introduces fluency practice (e.g., repeated reading) after students read words in passages accurately. [NRP, pg. 3-15] (w)		×	×	×
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	8. Includes sufficient independent practice materials of appropriate difficulty for students to develop fluency. [NRP pg. 3-28] (w) and (ss)		×	×	×
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	9. Builds toward a 60 word-per-minute fluency goal by the end of grade one. [NRP, pg. 3-4] (ss)		×		
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	10. Builds toward a 90 word-per-minute fluency goal by the end of grade two. [NRP, pg. 3-4] (ss)			×	
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	11. Builds toward a 120 word-per-minute fluency goal by the end of grade three. [NRP, pg. 3-4] (ss)				×
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	12. Assesses fluency regularly. (ss)		×	×	×

Tally the number of elements with each rating.

$$\frac{8}{(2 \text{ pts})} \bullet + \frac{2}{(1.5 \text{ pts})} \circ + \frac{2}{(1 \text{ pts})} \circ + \frac{2}{(.5 \text{ pts})} \circ + \frac{2}{(0 \text{ pts})} \circ$$

Total Points/Total Possible Points

$$\frac{17}{24} = 71\%$$