

REWARDS® is the only reading intervention on the market perfectly aligned to recently released national recommendations for teachers to deliver evidence-based interventions that meet the needs of their students.



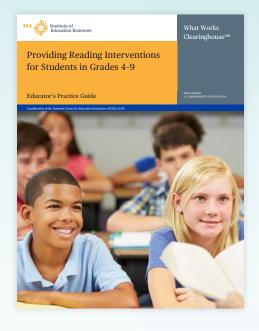
What is the IES Guide?

In March 2022, the <u>IES Practice Guide: Providing</u>
Reading Interventions for Students in Grades 4–9
was released. It provides recommendations based on research, experiences of practitioners, and the expert opinion of a panel of nationally recognized experts.

The recommendations include:

- Build students' **decoding** skills so they can read complex **multisyllabic words**.
 - → Strong Level of Evidence
- Provide purposeful **fluency-building activities** to help students read effortlessly.
 - → Strong Level of Evidence
- Routinely use a set of comprehension-building practices to help students make sense of the text.
 - → Strong Level of Evidence
- Provide students with opportunities to practice making sense of stretch text (i.e., challenging text) that will expose them to complex ideas and information.
 - → Moderate Level of Evidence



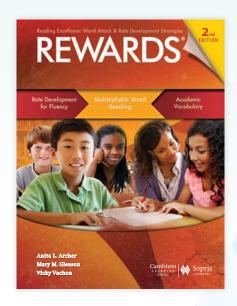


What is REWARDS?

The *REWARDS* family is a powerful research-based, short-term, and specialized program for adolescent students in grades 4–12 who struggle reading long, multisyllabic words and comprehending content-area text. With explicit, systemic, teacher-led instruction, this intervention gives students new skills to unlock grade-level, content-area text.

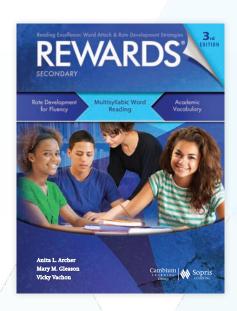
REWARDS Intermediate

- Designed for intermediate students in fourth, fifth, and sixth grades.
- Short-Term Intensive Intervention
- 25 Lessons
 - Pre-skills Lessons 1-15 (Part 1 of training)
 - → 50-60 Minutes
 - Strategy Lessons 16-25 (Part 2 of training)
 - → Lessons 16-19, 50-60 minutes
 - → Lessons 20-25, 90 minutes
- Suggested Schedule: Five days a week



REWARDS Secondary

- Designed for middle and high school students in sixth grade and beyond.
- 20 Lessons
- Delivered daily
 - Pre-skills Lessons 1-12
 - → Can be completed in approximately 50-60 minutes each
 - Strategy Lessons 13-20
 - → Require 90 minutes each, or two class periods







What student outcomes is REWARDS striving for?

At the end of the program, the goal is for students to be able to:

- ✓ Decode unknown multisyllabic words containing two- to eight-word parts.
- ✓ Read narrative and informational text accurately with appropriate rate (fluency).
- ✓ Have expanded general academic and domain specific vocabulary.
- Experience increased comprehension and facility with text-dependent comprehension questions.
- ✓ Accurately spell more multisyllabic grade-level words.





How does *REWARDS* align to the IES Guide's recommendations and what steps can be taken to achieve them?



Build students' decoding skills so they can read complex multisyllabic words.

STEP 1

Identify the level of students' word-reading skills in the intervention group and teach vowel and consonant letter-sounds and combinations, as necessary.



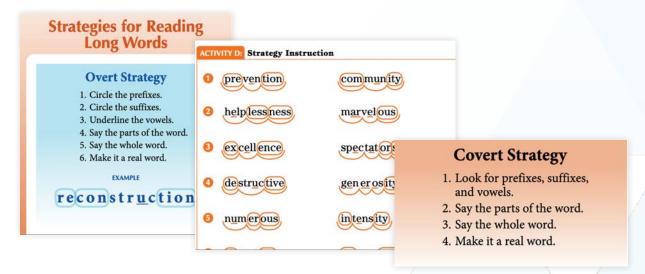
Pre-teach pronunciation of prefixes and suffixes:

	Prefix	Key Word for Pronunciation	Meaning of Prefix	Prefix	Key Word for Pronunciation	Meaning of Prefix	Prefix	Key Word for Pronunciation	Meaning of Prefix
	a	afraid	in, on; not; to	de	deforest	not, opposite of; away from	mis*	misprint	wrongly, wrong, not
8	ab	abnormal	away from; not, opposite of	dis*	disagree	not, opposite of	per	permit	through, throughout
refixe	ad	admit	to, toward; near, at	en	enlist	cause to; in, into; on	pre*	prepay	before
£	be	belong	to make; to provide with	ex	export	out of, away from	pro	proclaim	forward, before instead of; in favor of



STEP 2

Teach students a routine they can use to decode multisyllabic words.





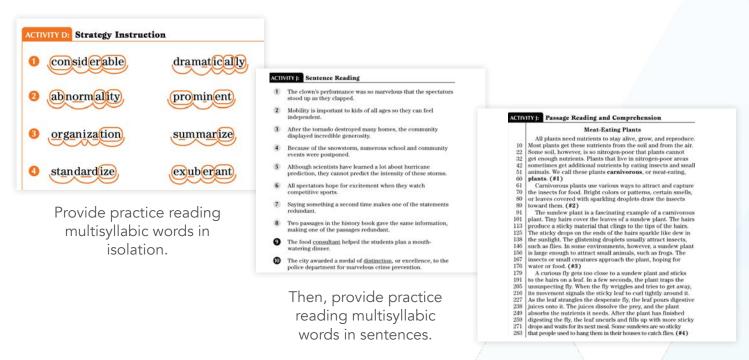
STEP 3

Embed spelling instruction in the lesson.

- Dictation of multisyllabic words
 - → Teacher dictates the spelling word. (inventiveness)
 - → Repeat spelling word.
 - → Segment the word into oral syllables.
 - → Say the oral syllables as you write the word.
 - → Compare spelling to correct spelling.
 - → Cross out and rewrite word correctly.

STEP 4

Engage students in an array of activities that allow them to practice reading multisyllabic words accurately and with increasing automaticity.



Lastly, provide practice reading multisyllabic words in passages.



Provide purposeful fluency-building activities to help students read effortlessly.

STEP 1

Provide a purpose for each repeated reading.

- Choose short, content-rich passages with multisyllabic words and vocabulary that has already been taught.
- Read same passage three to four times.

STEP 2

Focus some instructional time on reading with prosody.

- Prosody refers to reading with expression, appropriate pitch and tempo, and pauses at the right places.
- Teach students to pause at commas, stop at periods, raise or lower their voices when encountering a question mark, and show emotion when encountering an exclamation mark.



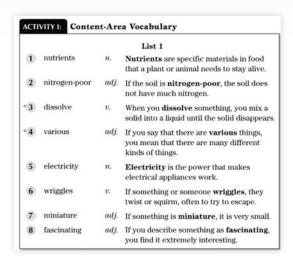
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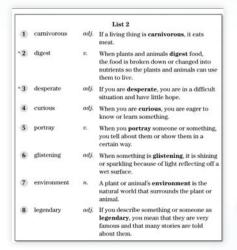
PART 3A. Build students' world and word knowledge so they can make sense of the text.

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Teach the meaning of a few words that are essential for understanding the passage

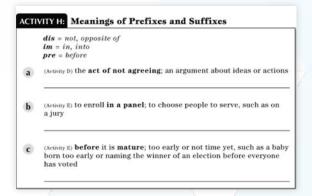
• Identify essential words that are critical and conceptually central for understanding the passage but are likely to be difficult for students.





STEP 2

Teach prefixes and suffixes to help students derive meanings of words.

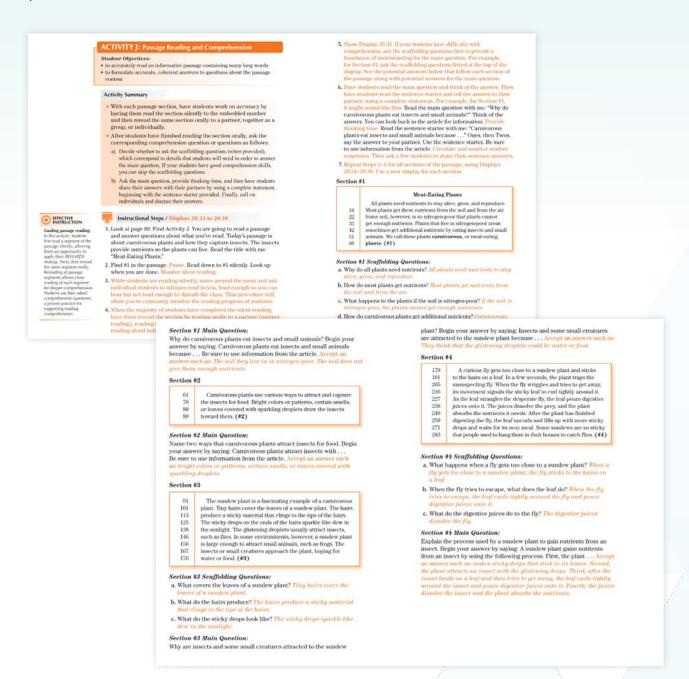




PART 3B. Consistently provide students with opportunities to ask and answer questions to better understand the text they read.

STEP 1

Explicitly teach students how to find and justify answers to different types of questions.



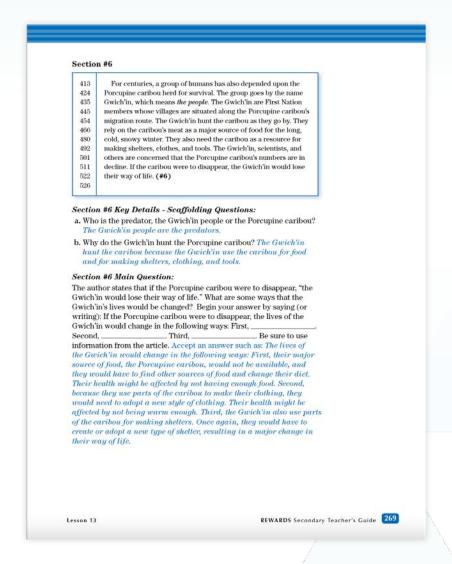


Provide students with opportunities to practice making sense of stretch text (i.e., challenging text) to expose them to complex ideas and information.

STEP 1

Promote generalization of the decoding and comprehension strategies to grade-level informational text reading.

After the passage preparation, students are guided in reading the passage. They
read the passage segment by segment, first reading each segment silently, then
orally, and answering foundation and higher-order, text-dependent questions by
identifying evidence or information in the passage.







REWARDS°

It's your goal, as it is ours, to meet your students where they are to achieve the highest learning outcomes. We believe in the power of literacy, and we're here to partner with you to help students improve essential reading skills in districts like yours with *REWARDS*. Let us answer your questions or schedule a presentation here.

RESOURCES

→ IES Practice Guide

The full practice guide and supporting materials provide more details and are available on the <u>WWC website</u>.

→ IES Webinar on Practice Guide

The webinar recording can be accessed via the Institute of <u>Education Sciences'</u> YouTube channel.

→ IES Webinar Master Slide Deck

The master slide deck can be viewed on the <u>WWC Resources page</u>.

→ IES Guide Webinar Presented by Dr. Anita Archer

Dr. Archer discusses the recommendations and helps you gain insight into the research about reading intervention for older struggling readers in a <u>recent webinar</u>.

