



## QuickReads Tutorial Guide: Program Overview

### What Is *QuickReads*?

*QuickReads* is a research-based, classroom-validated program to increase fluency, build vocabulary, and improve comprehension. *QuickReads* passages are short, high-interest, non-fiction texts on social studies and science topics designed to be read meaningfully in one minute.

### *QuickReads*: The Fluency Solution

Fluency is the ability to read quickly and accurately with meaning and expression.

Scientifically-based research states that repeated and monitored oral reading improves reading fluency and overall reading achievement. Fluency develops gradually over time with substantial practice.

The *QuickReads* texts and instructional design are based on fluency research. *QuickReads* lessons are meant to be delivered consistently for short durations and include the rereading of passages with continual progress monitoring.

*QuickReads* ensures development of three benchmarks of proficient reading as identified by the National Reading Panel: fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary.

### Meet the Author

Dr. Elfrieda Hiebert, a well-known reading researcher and Adjunct Professor in the Graduate School of Education at the University of California, Berkeley, is the author of *QuickReads*.

She developed the TExT model which is used in *QuickReads*, the *QuickReads* Fluency Libraries and *QReads*.

Dr. Hiebert's research has shown that students need to spend more time reading the right kind of texts. Her TExT model provides texts that have a high percentage of high-frequency and easily decodable words. It also provides content that develops and extends critical areas of background knowledge.

### The TExT Model

*QuickReads* follows the TExT model using 98% high-frequency words, 2% harder, content-specific words that are repeated multiple times within each passage and grade appropriate phonics patterns.

Preview a *QuickReads* passage from any student book and notice how the content vocabulary words are repeated within the passage.

## QuickReads at a Glance

*QuickReads* includes six levels of content: Level A through Level F. Each *QuickReads* level focuses on specific high-frequency words, grade-appropriate phonics patterns, and target fluency rates.

|                               | Level A<br>(early 2nd<br>grade<br>curriculum)                     | Level B<br>(2nd grade<br>curriculum)                           | Level C<br>(3rd grade<br>curriculum)      | Level D<br>(4th grade<br>curriculum)        | Level E<br>(5th grade<br>curriculum)        | Level F<br>(6th grade<br>curriculum)        |
|-------------------------------|---|--|---|---|---|---|
| High-frequency words          | 300 most-frequently used words                                    | 400 most-frequently used words                                 | 1,000 most-frequently used words          | 1,000 most-frequently used words            | 2,500 most-frequently used words            | 5,000 most-frequently used words            |
| Phonics Patterns              | Single-syllable words with regular short and long vowel patterns. | Regular short and long vowel patterns in single-syllable words | Vowel patterns in single-syllable words   | Multi-syllable words with inflected endings | Multi-syllable words with inflected endings | Multi-syllable words with inflected endings |
| Target # of words per passage | Book 1: 80<br>Book 2: 90<br>Book 3: 100                           | Book 1: 90<br>Book 2: 100<br>Book 3: 110                       | Book 1: 100<br>Book 2: 110<br>Book 3: 120 | Book 1: 110<br>Book 2: 120<br>Book 3: 130   | Book 1: 120<br>Book 2: 130<br>Book 3: 140   | Book 1: 130<br>Book 2: 140<br>Book 3: 150   |

## Content Organization

Each level contains three books. Each book contains six topics. Each topic contains five connected social studies or science non-fiction passages. Passages are meant to be read meaningfully in one minute.

Every *QuickReads* level contains a total of 90 passages, 30 per book. Each book has an increasing fluency goal so students systematically increase their reading rate, accuracy, and comprehension throughout the school year.

## The Instructional Routine

The *QuickReads* program has a consistent and systematic research-based and validated instructional routine which promotes the development of reading rate, accuracy, and comprehension. It takes 15 minutes to complete the instructional routine for a single passage. The Teacher's Manual outlines a variety of pacing options.

A thorough explanation of the instructional routine for either *QuickReads* or *QuickReads Technology* is provided in other In-Service On Demand tutorials.