



## 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.

Scientific-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 (early 2nd grade curriculum)	Level B (2nd grade curriculum)	Level C (3rd grade curriculum)	Level D (4th grade curriculum)	Level E (5th grade curriculum)	Level F (6th grade 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 Book 2: 90 Book 3: 100	Book 1: 90 Book 2: 100 Book 3: 110	Book 1: 100 Book 2: 110 Book 3: 120	Book 1: 110 Book 2: 120 Book 3: 130	Book 1: 120 Book 2: 130 Book 3: 140	Book 1: 130 Book 2: 140 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.