

Reading Intervention for Grades 4-12 and Adult Education

Decoding Strategies for Literacy Development



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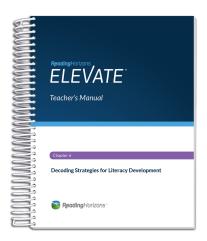
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Direct Instruction

The Reading Horizons Elevate® Comprehensive Teacher's Kit includes all of the materials needed to prepare and deliver research-based direct instruction lessons to struggling readers and English Language Learners.

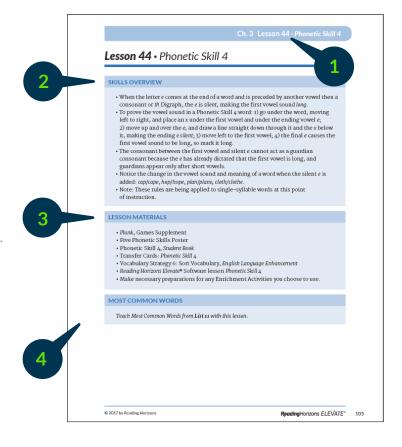
The teacher's manuals give teachers a complete guide for confidently implementing Reading Horizons strategies in the classroom.

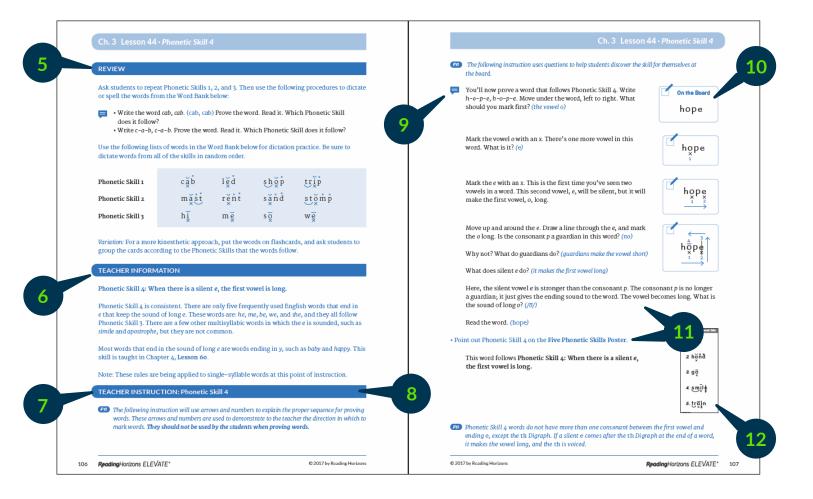


- **1. Lesson Numbers** correlate with the lessons in the software.
- **2. Skills Overview** provides a brief synopsis of the skills that are taught in each lesson.
- **3.** The **Lesson Materials** list is a quick reference guide to help teachers prepare for instruction.
- **4. Most Common Words** references remind teachers to include instruction on these high-frequency sight words within the lesson.



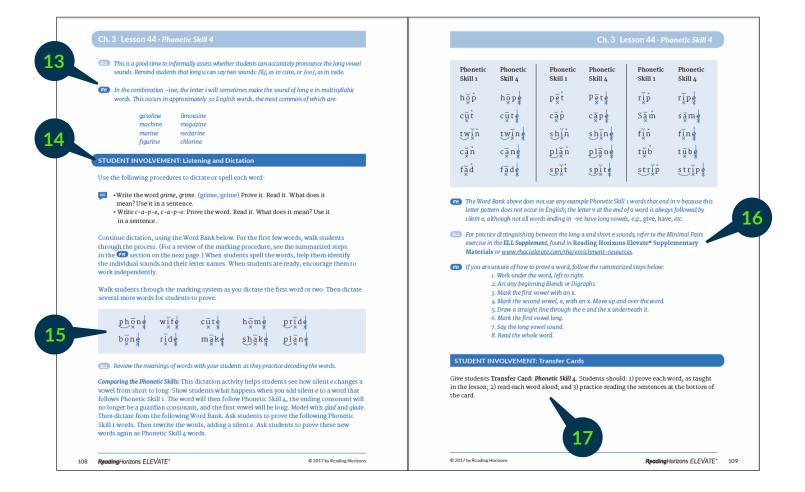
Lesson Format





- **5.** The **Review** section suggests activities to review content and is adaptable to students' needs and time limits.
- **6.** The **Teacher Information** section gives teachers the background information necessary to effectively teach a skill or strategy.
- 7. The **Teacher Instruction** section includes scripted, step-by-step procedures for teaching the Reading Horizons method.
- **8. Lesson Section Banners** identify each part of the instructional sequence so teachers can quickly identify lesson sections.

- **9. Teacher Scripts** ensure that each skill is taught explicitly and succinctly to help students quickly grasp each new concept.
- **10. On the Board Icons** represent letters and words that should be written on the board during teacher instruction.
- **11. Black Font** indicates what the teacher is to say. **Blue Font** indicates what the teacher is to do during instruction.
- **12. Poster Graphics** remind teachers when to reference accompanying posters during instruction.



- **13. FYI Icons** introduce supplementary information to provide teachers with greater insight and to maximize instructional effectiveness.
- **14.** The **Student Involvement** sections help students transfer and apply the learned skills with the guidance of a teacher.
- **15. Word Banks** are provided at the end of each lesson for dictation practice. Markings are shown to serve as an answer key for teachers.

- **16. ELL Notes** present ELL teaching tips that can be adapted to reach English Language Learners of various levels.
- **17. Transfer Cards (TCs)** offer opportunities to transfer learned skills as students learn to recognize the print form of the same sounds taught during dictation.

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Following are some optional Enrichment Activities to reinforce the skills taught in this lesson. For additional suggestions, visit www.rhaccelerate.com/rhe/enrichment-resources.

PHONEMIC AWARENESS

Vowel Discernment: This activity provides the opportunity for students to auditorily discern between the long and short sounds of the vowels.

* Students can use their whiteboards or a piece of paper to create a vowel marking key.

- Students should put the short vowel mark, or breve (v), on one side of their boards or papers and the long vowel mark, or macron (-), on the other side
- Teachers pronounce the following words, and students hold up the side of the boards or papers with the short vowel mark (") if the vowel sound is short and the long vowel mark (-) if the vowel sound is long.

cặp≀	c a k e	glặđ	cặp∉
b <u>i</u> t∉	plặn	sh <u>i</u> n∉	c <u>u</u> t∉
b a k ę	zĭp	b <u>į</u> t	spin

SPEAKING AND LISTENING

Building Sentences: Teach students how to build sentences. The following exercise, adapted from Berninger (2009)¹, allows students to answer questions—who, what, when, where, and why-that lead to better reading comprehension and more effective written language

You can use the model below or come up with other sentences that follow the same pattern and use Phonetic Skill 4 words.

What flies in the air and carries people? (a plane)
Add two words—adjectives—to describe the plane. (a large, gray plane) What did the plane do? Think of one word. (flew) Put it all together to make a sentence. (A large, gray plane flew.)

The Adverbs lesson appears later in this chapter, but if students are already comfortable with adverbs, teachers can ask additional questions to help students add more information to the sentence. Students can take turns adding phrases and can work together to complete the sentence. For example, ask where the plane flew, and guide students through the use of prepositions and adverbs of place and direction.

1 Berninger, V. W. (2009), Highlights of Programmatic, Interdisciplinary Research on Writing. Learning Disabilities Research and Practice, 24: 69–80. doi: 10.1111/j.1540-5826.2009.00281.x

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Then ask how the plane flew, and discuss adverbs of manner. Ask when the plane flew, and discuss adverbs of time. An expanded sentence might look like this example: "A large, gray plane flew rapidly from Texas to New York." If students are doing well with this exercise, take this activity one step further and ask why. The sentence might then look like this: "A large, gray plane flew rapidly from Texas to New York to stay on schedule."

READING RESPONSE

Transfer Cards: Put students in pairs, and pass out the Transfer Cards for this lesson (one card per pair). Each student should select six skill words on the card and read them to his or her partner. The students in each pair should not read the same six words. They may also take turns reading aloud the sentence(s) at the bottom of the card. Students could also be instructed to use Most Common Words in a sentence to help build vocabulary knowledge.

WRITING

Transfer Cards: Put students in pairs, and pass out the Transfer Cards for this lesson (one card per pair). Have students write the sentence or sentences that appear on the card in a notebook or on a separate piece of paper. Then have students add two to three additional sentences that relate to the sentence(s) found on the card. The content should make sense. Alternatively, students could write unique sentences using words from the card. Students should be encouraged to use at least two words from the card in their sentences

Students could share their writing in a small group writer's circle. The writer's circle should be a safe environment for students to share what they write, motivating and engaging everyone—especially those students who struggle. This is not a place to critique but to nurture growth through peer response.

READING/WRITING

Activity 1, Word Sorts (Listening, Reading, Writing, and Spelling): This activity will help

- students identify and categorize words according to the Phonetic Skills learned thus far.

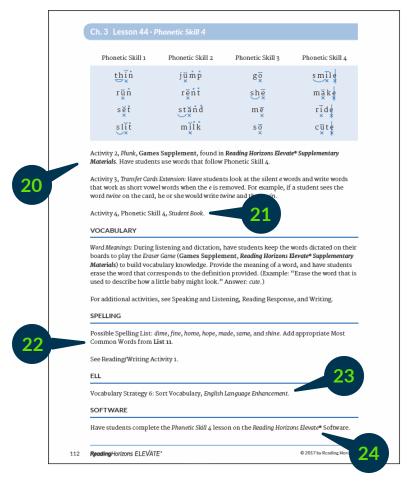
 Students should have a category card for each of the four learned Phonetic Skills: Phonetic Skill 1, Phonetic Skill 2, Phonetic Skill 3, and Phonetic Skill 4.
 - Dictate a word following Phonetic Skill 1, 2, 3, or 4. Once the student has written and proven the word on the card, the student will place the word in the correct category according to the Phonetic Skill pattern. Note: Ensure that students have spelled the words correctly. (Download word sorts worksheets from

 $\underline{www.rhaccelerate.com/rhe/enrichment-resources} \ to \ use \ with \ this \ activity, \ if \ desired.)$



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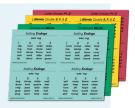
- **18.** Enrichment Activities reinforce skills in phonemic awareness, speaking and listening, reading, writing, vocabulary, and spelling.
- **19.** References to **RHAccelerate.com** direct. teachers to additional resources to enhance teacher instruction.



- 20. The *Games Supplement* included in the *Reading Horizons Elevate® Supplementary Materials* manual contains games and activities to reinforce skills.
- **21.** The *Student Book* contains a brief review of the lesson content and provides decoding practice and opportunities to practice reading skills in context.
- **22.** Most Common Words (MCWs) are high-frequency words that must be memorized to develop fluency. There are 20 MCWs Lessons taught in Reading Horizons Elevate[®].
- 23. The English Language Enhancement features research-based vocabulary strategies, pronunciation practice activities, and an American culture section for reference.
- **24.** Reading Horizons Elevate® Software provides differentiated instruction to teach the same concepts taught in the direct instruction materials.

Supplementary Materials

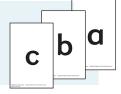
Transfer Cards give students opportunities to practice reading and decoding.



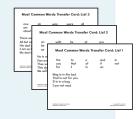
42 Sounds Cards are small cards used as manipulatives for spelling words.



Alphabet Cards are the size of playing cards and are used for games and activities.



Most Common Words Transfer Cards are read orally by the class or in student pairs to facilitate automaticity of MCWs.



Most Common Words Flashcards can be used for review, games, and activities.



Posters are displayed for reference as the skills are being taught.

Posters include 42 Sounds,
Adjacent Vowels, Special
Vowel Combinations, Blends,
Vowels, the Five Phonetic Skills,
and the Two Decoding Skills.



The **ELL Supplement** in the Reading Horizons Elevate® Supplementary Materials manual helps teachers address the needs of English Language Learners. Topics include parts of speech, word stress, pronunciation, and dictionary skills.



The **Games Supplement**

in the Reading Horizons Elevate® Supplementary Materials manual helps students reinforce skills in a memorable and enjoyable way.



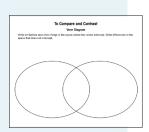
Black-line Masters for Games and Activities are

non-consumable worksheets that can be used to reinforce the skills learned. These worksheets are found on the customer website, RHAccelerate.com.



Graphic Organizers can

be used to increase student understanding of reading passages found in the Reading Library. Graphic organizers are available at RHAccelerate.com.



All of these materials are included in the Reading Horizons Elevate® Comprehensive Teacher's Kit.

The **Student Book** is a consumable take-home component with lesson reviews, decoding and reading practice, and vocabulary activities to reinforce skills learned.



The English Language
Enhancement is a
consumable resource
for English Language
Learners that enhances
their understanding of
vocabulary, pronunciation,
and culture.



One Student Book and one English Language Enhancement are included in the Reading Horizons Elevate® Comprehensive Teacher's Kit. Additional copies can be purchased for each student.

The **Reading Horizons Elevate**® **Reading Library Books** provide 330 content-rich nonfiction passages for every reading level (1-12). The passages give students the opportunity to transfer foundational reading skills to connected text while learning about a wide range of topics. Each passage is assigned a Lexile® measure and is accompanied by pictures to illustrate the topic.

The Reading Horizons Elevate® Reading Library Teacher Guide shows teachers how to best use the Reading Library passages. Suggestions regarding what to do before, during, and after student reading are outlined. Passage levels, challenge words, answer keys to comprehension questions, graphic organizers, and reading rates are included.







The Reading Library books are included in the Reading Horizons Elevate® Comprehensive Teacher's Kit. All of the passages are included in the Reading Horizons Elevate® Software (see pg. 14).

Implementation Support

Professional Development

Teachers are the most important piece of any program, and without the proper training, it is difficult to fulfill this key role. After the initial one-day, in-person **Reading Horizons Professional Development Workshop**,

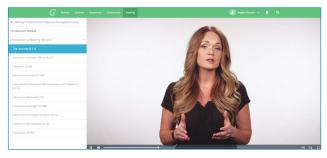
teachers complete additional training modules on the *Reading Horizons Accelerate*TM website at their own convenience. Each training module can be reviewed online at no additional cost for one year following the initial training.

The Reading Horizons Implementation

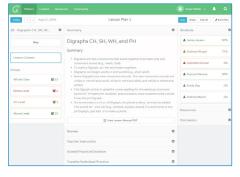
Coach Program was created to ensure that schools and districts reach their implementation goals. The program assigns a dedicated implementation coach who provides the initial onsite training, two additional onsite coaching days, and unlimited distance coaching. The program also includes unlimited software access and a credit toward direct instruction materials.

Reading Horizons Accelerate™

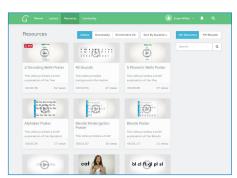
RHAccelerate.com connects teachers with tools and resources that make implementation straightforward and sustainable. Resources include professional development modules, a lesson planning tool, teaching tips, product demonstrations, a teacher forum, and technical support.



Online Professional Development Course



Lesson Planner



Videos and Downloads



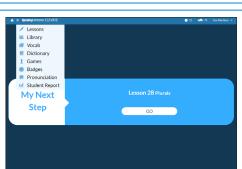
Community Forum

Software Features

The **Reading Horizons Elevate® Software** uses age-appropriate, data-driven instruction to help older students attack the holes in their foundational reading skills. The software activities help students build decoding, pronunciation, vocabulary, grammar, fluency, and comprehension skills.

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Student Portal

The **Student Login** is the gateway for low-level readers to learn the strategies and access the tools that help build and monitor reading improvement.

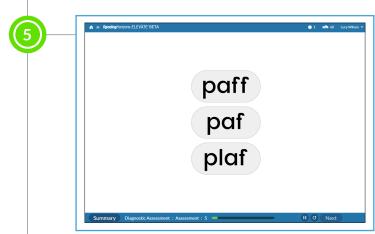
The **Student Dashboard** guides students to the "next step" for improving their reading skills. The top navigation menu allows students to direct their learning activities and access the different sections of the software: Lessons, Library, Vocab, Dictionary, Games, Badges, Pronunciation, and the Student Report.

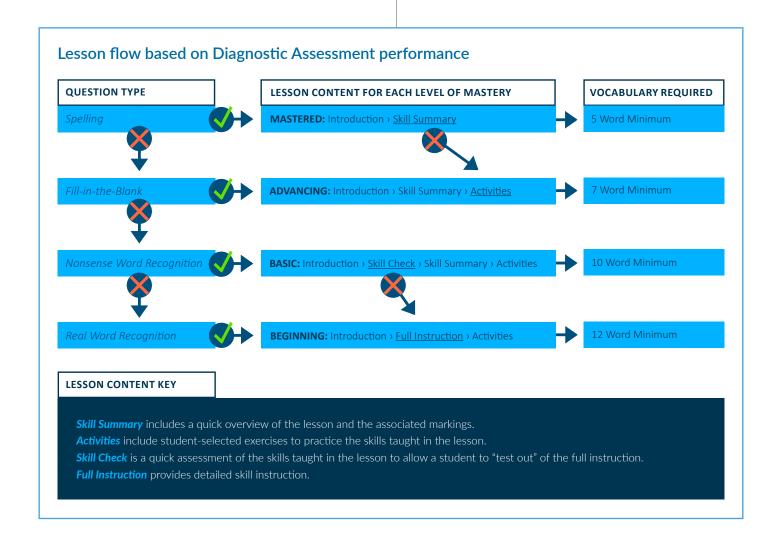
The software works to rebuild the motivation and self-esteem of low-level readers through a **Badge System** that rewards students for completing achievable and positive goals. For example, students can earn badges for logging in and using the software every day for five days, mastering a skill set, completing a series of related reading passages, and much more.

The **Student Progress Report** can be accessed by students at any time to view their course progress, time in software, and performance data for the lessons, vocabulary, library, and assessments.

Assessments

The **Diagnostic Assessment** helps uncover the holes in a student's foundational reading skills by testing him/her on each of the phonics skills taught in the program. If a student passes this assessment with 95% or higher, instructors can elect to set the student on a "Library Only Track" to build reading fluency and comprehension. If a student's score falls below 95%, the assessment prescribes one of four lesson tracks *for each skill*: Mastered, Advancing, Basic, or Beginning (as outlined below). These lesson tracks ensure students receive the right breadth and depth of instruction.



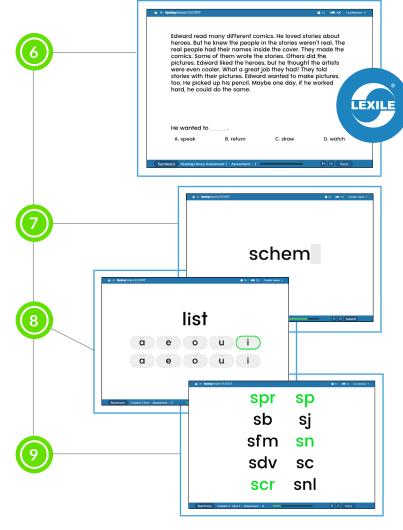


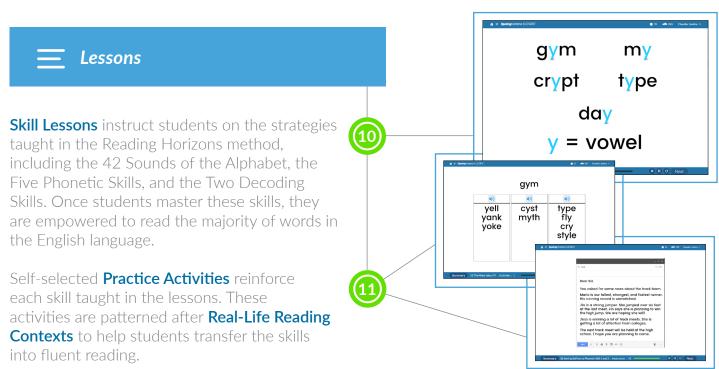
The Reading Library Assessment was created in partnership with MetaMetrics® and is based on the Lexile® Framework for Reading. This assessment determines each student's Lexile® measure periodically throughout software instruction. Reading passages are unlocked in the Reading Library that are appropriate for the student's Lexile® measure.

After each chapter, a **Progress Monitoring Assessment** is given to gauge progress relative to a student's initial performance on the Diagnostic Assessment.

Chapter Tests ensure students have mastered the content of the lessons in each chapter. Skills that require additional reinforcement are presented in review sections where students have an opportunity to improve their test results.

Chapter Quizzes are administered twice during each chapter to provide feedback on a student's current understanding of recently taught skills.



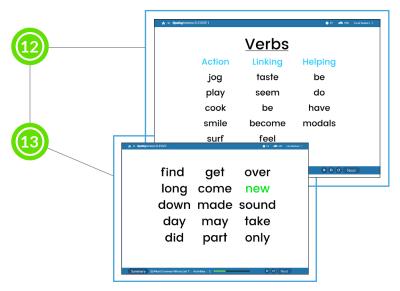


Reference Lessons help students build a better foundation in English grammar. These lessons can be accessed by students at their discretion or as assigned by the teacher.

Twenty Most Common Words (MCWs)
Lessons teach students the words used
most frequently in the English language.
Depending on assessment results, students
will self-select activities that help them
improve the spelling, reading, and rapid
recognition of these terms.





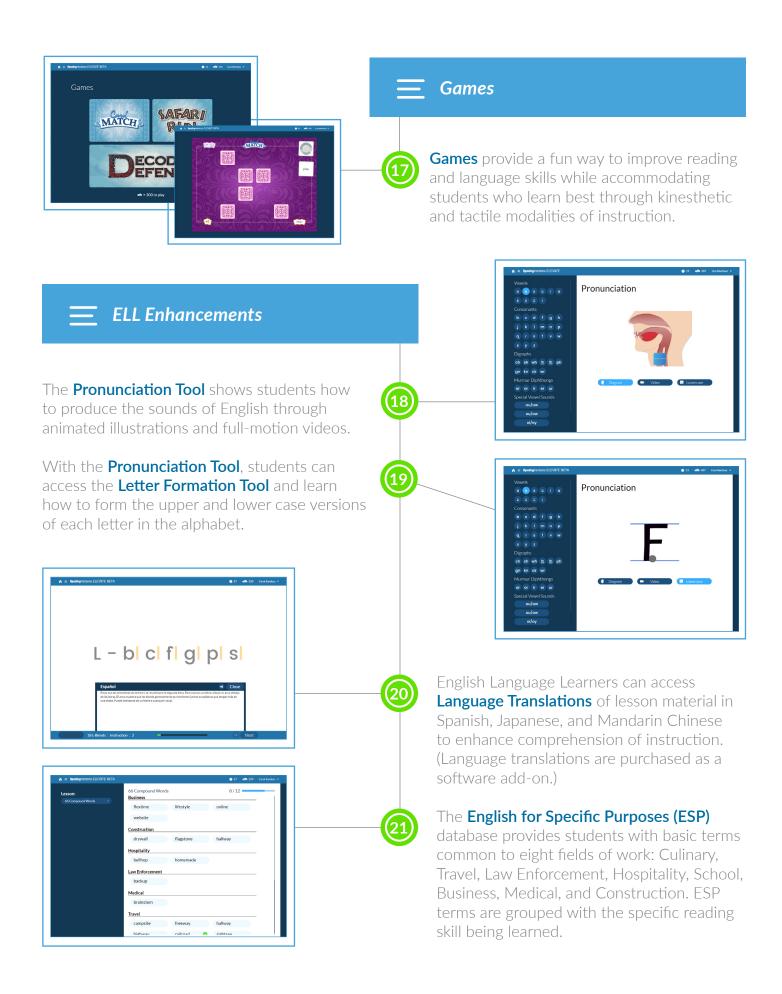


Vocabulary

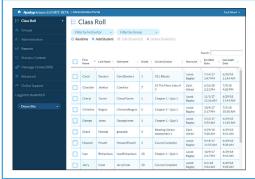
The Vocabulary section teaches students how to decode and pronounce over 12,000 words, including high-frequency words and academic vocabulary. Students see and hear definitions and context sentences for each vocabulary word. Graphics are also provided where possible to illustrate vocabulary words.

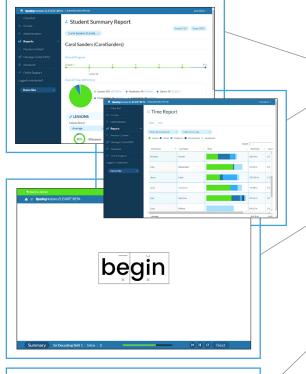
The **Dictionary** tool provides a way for students to find high-interest vocabulary words and see them decoded and defined.

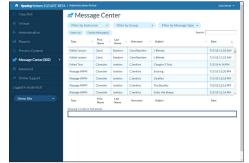
The **Reading Library** contains 330 illustrated, expository passages that have been assigned Lexile measures. These passages simulate the types of reading students encounter in textbooks, magazines, and websites. Reading passages give students opportunities to transfer the skills learned in the *Reading Horizons Elevate®* lessons. (For more information, see page 10.)











Administration Portal

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The Administration Portal is designed to help teachers and administrators support and track student progress through the *Reading Horizons Elevate®* Software. Through this portal, you can manage the class roll, create student groupings, access reports, preview lesson content, check the message center, and connect with online support.

The **Class Roll** provides a quick view of all of the students that are enrolled in the software. Teachers add, edit, and delete student accounts through the class roll. Instructors can customize each student account to limit access to games, edit passing requirements, override lessons, and enable different options to ensure software instruction and pace are appropriate.

The **Reports** section of the administration portal provides teachers and administrators a view of student progress. Reports can be viewed for the entire class roll, specific student groups, or for individual students.

The **Preview Content Tool** allows you to view what students are learning in the software. Teachers can also use this tool to project and complete a lesson with their entire class or a group of students.

The **Message Center** alerts instructors when a student is struggling with a specific lesson or test. This way teachers can quickly intervene with targeted instruction.

Scope and Sequence

The following chart outlines the *Reading Horizons Elevate®* **Scope and Sequence** that creates the instructional framework for both the direct instruction materials and the interactive software.

Chapter 1	Chapter 2	Chapter 3		
Voiced and Voiceless •	L-Blends •	Short and Long Vowels •		
Letter Group 1 •	R-Blends •	Phonetic Skill 1		
Building Words •	S-Blends •	Phonetic Skill 2 Phonetic Skill 2 Phonetic Skill 2 Phonetic Skill 2		
Nonsense Words •	Two Extra Blends •	Adding Suffixes to Phonetic Skills 1 and 2		
MCW List 1 •	MCW List 6 •			
Letter Group 2 •	Determiners •	MCW List 9 •		
Sentences and Intonation •	Double S, F, and Z •	Nouns •		
MCW List 2	V List 2 • Special Vowel Combinations •			
Letter Group 3 •	MCW List 7	Three Sounds of -ED •		
Capitalization •	Commas •	MCW List 10 Verbs Phonetic Skill 3		
MCW List 3	Plurals •			
Letter Group 4 •	Possessives •			
MCW List 4	MCW List 8	Phonetic Skill 4 •		
Letter Group 5 •	Digraphs CH, SH, WH, TH, and TH •	Another Sound for C and G •		
Spelling with C and K •	Sentence Structure •	Adding Suffixes to Phonetic Skills 3 and 4		
Alphabetical Order •		MCW List 11 •		
MCW List 5		Adjectives •		
		Sounds of GH, IGH, and IGHT •		
		Adverbs •		
Lesson Key • = Skill Lesson		Phonetic Skill 5 and Adjacent Vowels		
• = Skill Lesson • = Most Common Words Lesson		Adding Suffixes to Phonetic Skill 5 •		
• = Reference Lesson		MCW List 12 •		
		Direct and Indirect Quotations •		

The Many Jobs of Y
Decoding Skill 1
MCW List 13
The Schwa •
Syllable Stress
The Last Job of Y
Decoding Skill 2
MCW List 14
Contractions
-LE at the End of a Word •
Decode Words of Any Length •
Compound Words
MCW List 15
Conjunctions •

Murmur Diphthong AR •
Murmur Diphthong OR •
Murmur Diphthongs ER, UR, and IR
Synonyms, Antonyms, and More
MCW List 16
Exceptions to Murmur Diphthongs •
MCW List 17
More Digraphs PH, GN, KN, CK, and WR
MCW List 18
Digraph Blends
Digraph Words with Plural Endings
MCW List 19
Special Vowel Sounds AU/AW, OU/OW, and OI/OY
Special Vowel Sounds OO (as in look) and OO (as in zoo)
More Special Vowel Sound Skills •
MCW List 20
Adding Suffixes to Words Ending in Y
Root Words, Prefixes, and Suffixes
Other Suffixes
Practicing Multisyllabic Words •

Decoding Exceptions	•
Double Consonants and -KE, -CK, -K, and -C	•
Letter Combinations That Split	•
Spelling with -SS, -CE, or -SE	•
The Sounds of EU and EW	•
Vowels That Reverse	•
Other Sounds of EA and IE	•

Lesson Key

- = Skill Lesson
- = Most Common Words Lesson
- = Reference Lesson

