

Do your volunteers have the skills necessary to teach the lowest-functioning students?

How many students make little or no progress due to inadequate instruction in basic phonics/word attack strategies?



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Decoding Strategies for Literacy Volunteers

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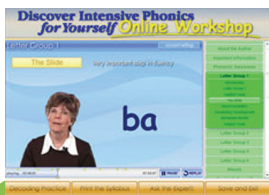
The problem:

Finding a way to empower volunteers—who may have no experience in literacy instruction—with the skills they need to teach basic phonics/decoding skills.

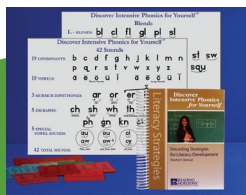
The solution:

Reading Horizons

Reading Horizons is an Orton-Gillingham-based, explicit, systematic phonics program designed for adults who previously have failed to learn to read. The program was first authored in the 1970s and has significantly impacted adult-education sites across the nation for the past 30 years.



Online Workshop (free for 30 days and \$39 per year thereafter)



Decoding Strategies for Literacy Development Kit (\$89)

Volunteers who have a willing heart, but lack some of the skills to teach basic decoding strategies, need Reading Horizons!

Do you have any of the following concerns for your program:

Inadequate training for volunteers, especially in the skills necessary to reach students reading from grade levels K-6.

Students who make little progress even after several months of tutoring.

Volunteers who want to make a difference but feel inadequate in their ability to teach basic literacy skills.

Insufficient number of staff to meet the needs of all of the students who need help.

The reason *Reading Horizons* works for volunteers:

It is a clear, concise, systematic approach for introducing basic phonics. It removes the barriers for volunteers by revealing the structure of English in a way that is simple - not intimidating.

The program can be learned in a short time-seven to 14 hours of instruction - and taught in a few months. Even the lowest functioning students experience results almost immediately, and the rewards are enjoyed by both student and volunteer.

Online professional development, free for 30 days and as little as \$39 for a full year, allows volunteers to receive the help they need when they need it. www.phonicstraining.com

Materials are easy to follow, affordable, and non-consumable, requiring a minimal fee in the beginning and nothing further in the future. They also incorporate teaching tips for English Language Learners.

The reasons *Reading Horizons* works for students:

They see results almost immediately- students average three to five grade levels of improvement in just a few months.

Many students have never been taught HOW to decode words. *Reading Horizons* provides them with the strategies that make words come to life.

Retention rates soar, and volunteers are able to help more students as they have increased success.

Enthusiasm, self-confidence, and love for reading are developed as students become aware of the rules that govern the language.

English Language Learners learn to effectively read, write, spell, and pronounce words in English.

Optional computer software can make the process even more effective, allowing volunteers to work with more than one student at a time. Software provides the reinforcement students need while working at their own pace. Software benefits include:

Mimics direct instruction, allowing students to review and internalize the concepts taught by the volunteers.

Students are able to practice and digest concepts faster, resulting in quicker completion times.

Can be used on a network or online, affording students the opportunity to access the program from home at no additional cost.

Available for as little as \$100 per student entry; can be used by one-to-three students per year.