

Placing Students

Determine Level



Select Series



Set Story Goal





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Understanding Initial Placement

Two phases:

- → Conducting Initial Placement
 - Checking Initial Placement



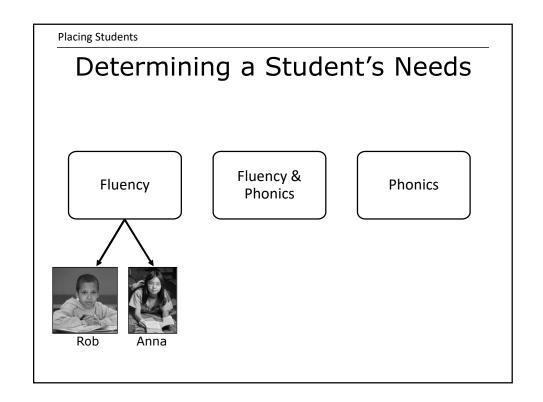
Initial Placement Options



Teacher-Conducted Placement



Independent Student Placement



Estimating a Student's Reading Level

- Standardized reading assessments, including state tests
- Reading inventories, formative assessments, school records, input from previous teachers
- Oral reading fluency assessments or screeners



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Placing Rob

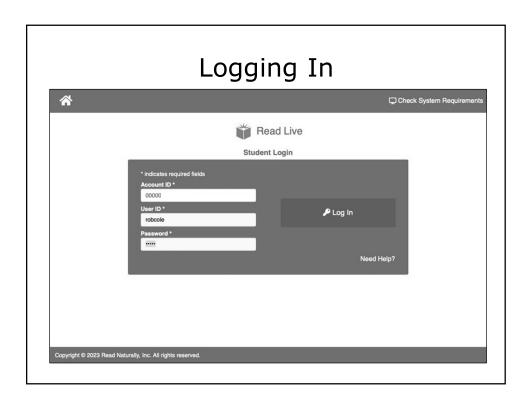
- Grade 4 student
- Well below expectations on standardized state test
- Currently having difficulty with fourth-grade level chapter books
- Below expectations on fall benchmark fluency assessment

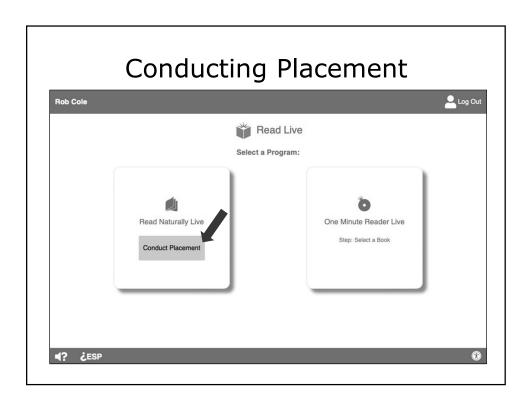


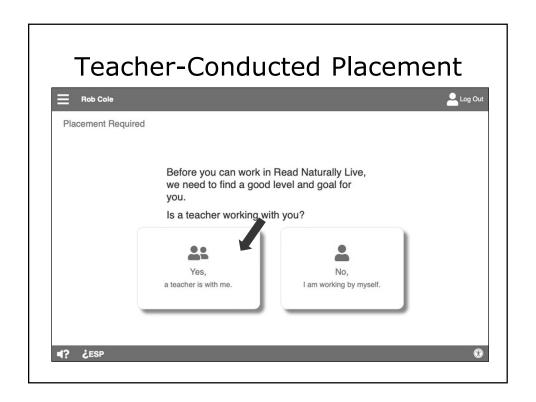
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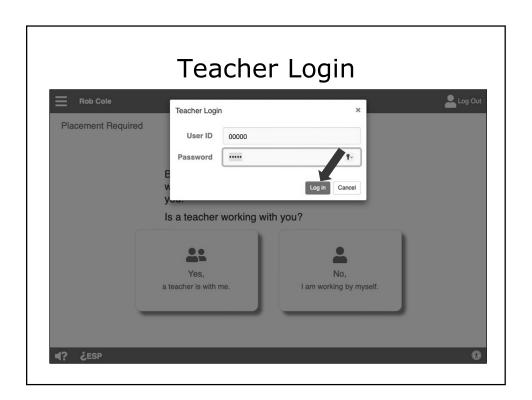


- Teacher Module
 - Enrolling a student
 - Licensing a student
- Placement Test
- Placing a Student









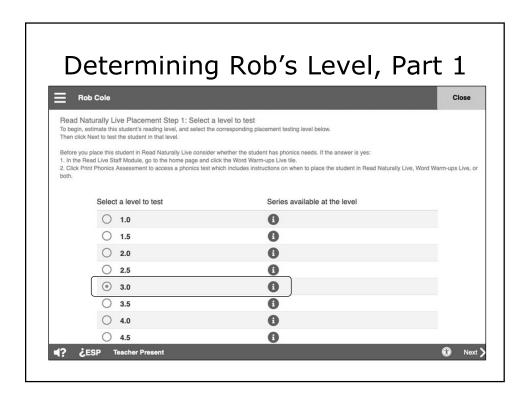
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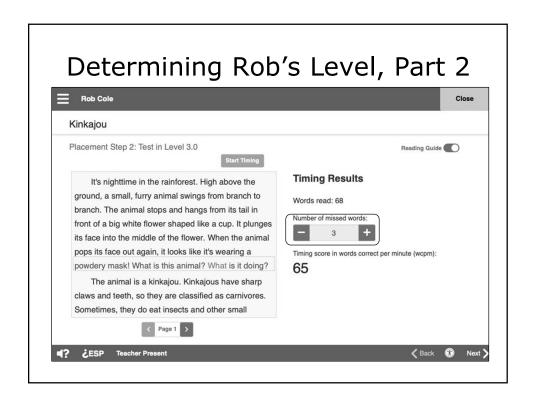
Estimate Rob's reading level

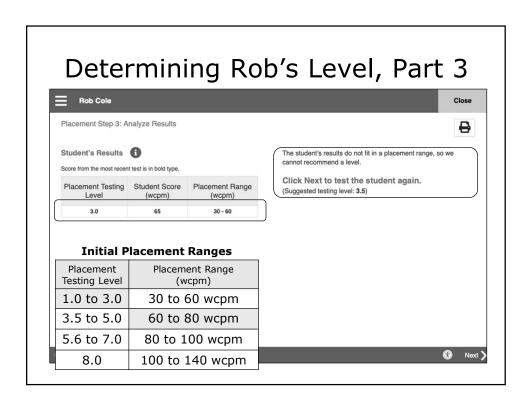
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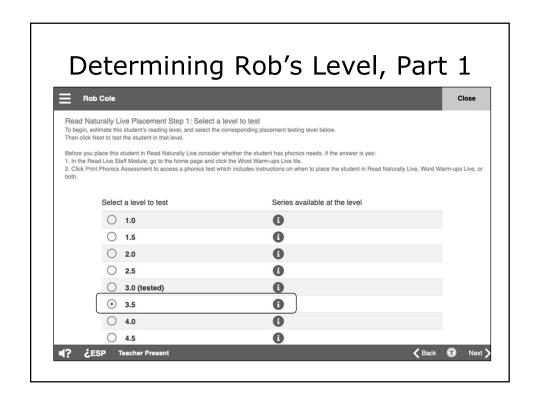
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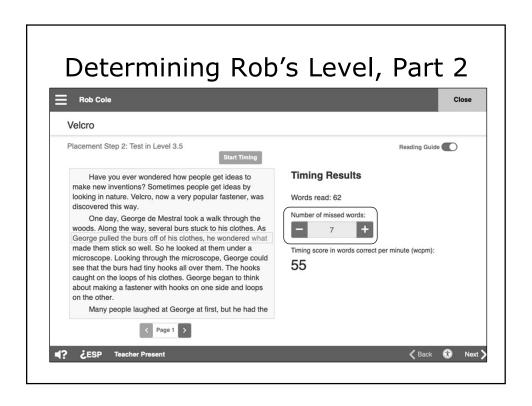


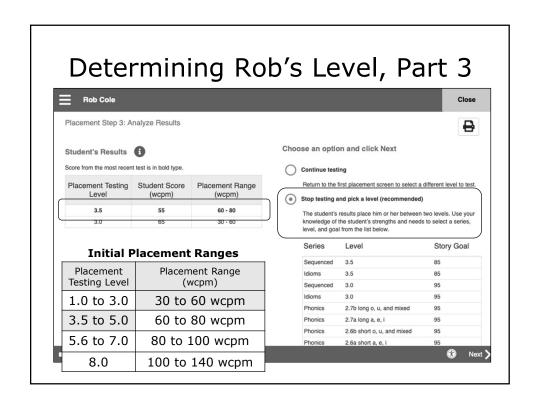


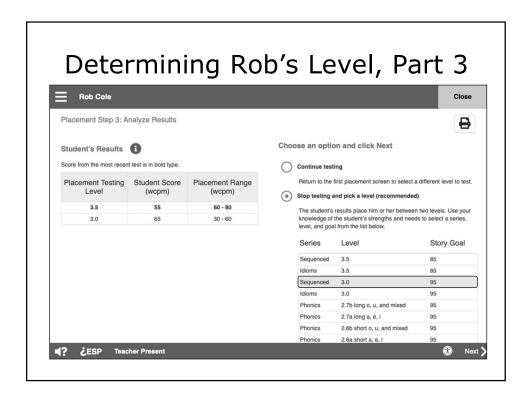


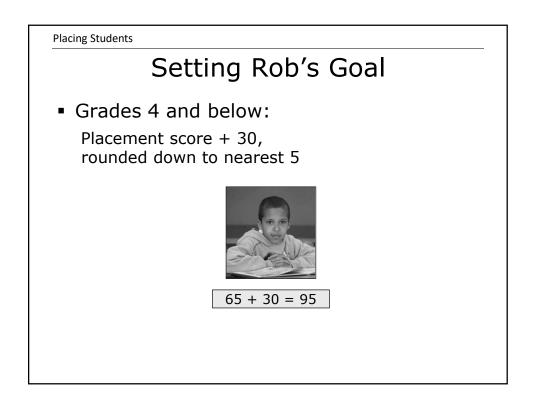




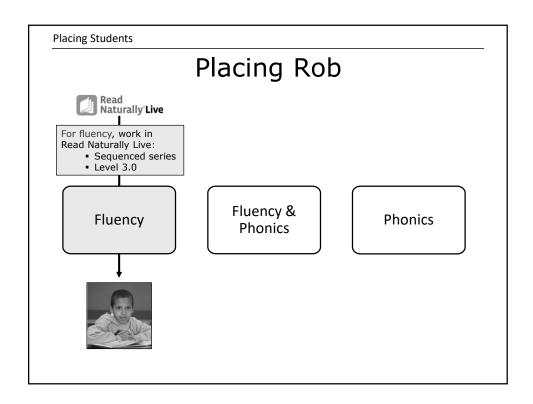












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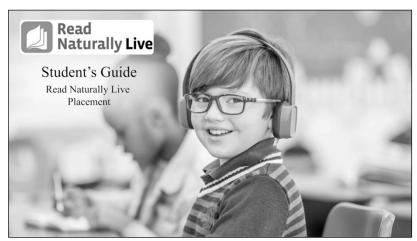
- Grade 7 student
- Well below expectations on standardized state test
- Current English teacher reports difficulty with sixth-grade novels
- Below expectations on fall benchmark fluency assessment

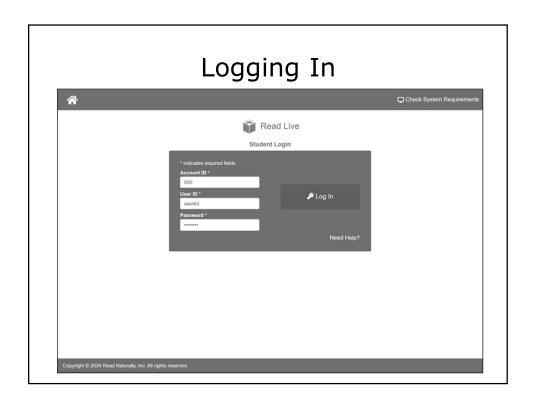


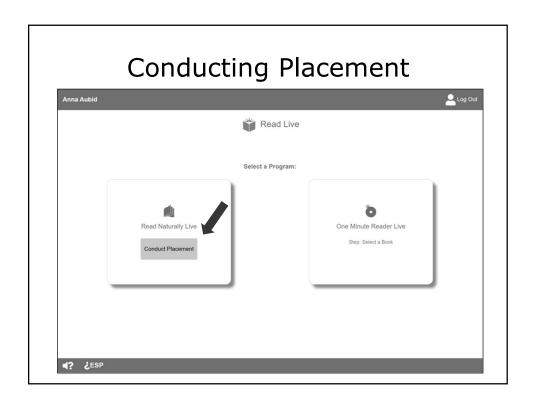
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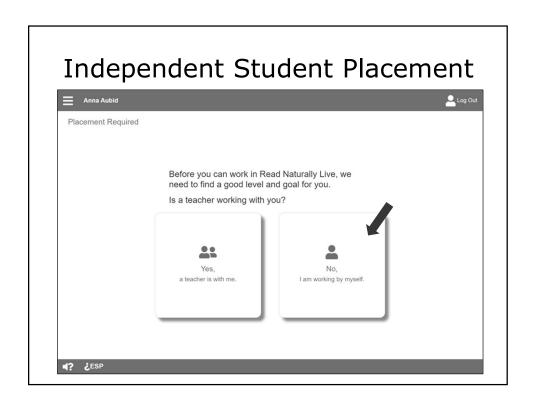
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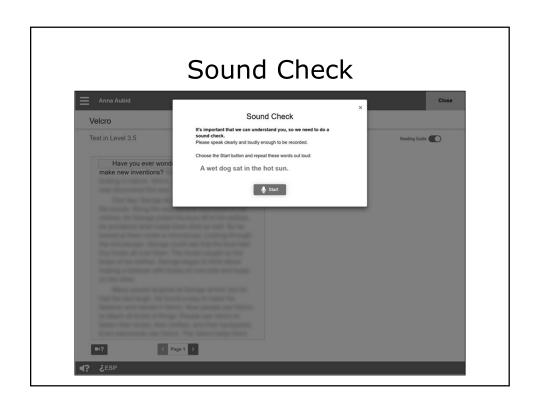
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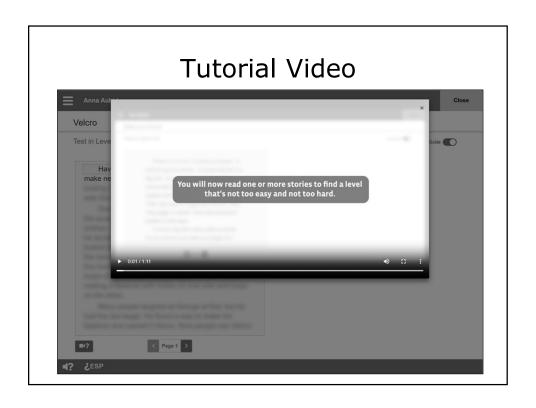


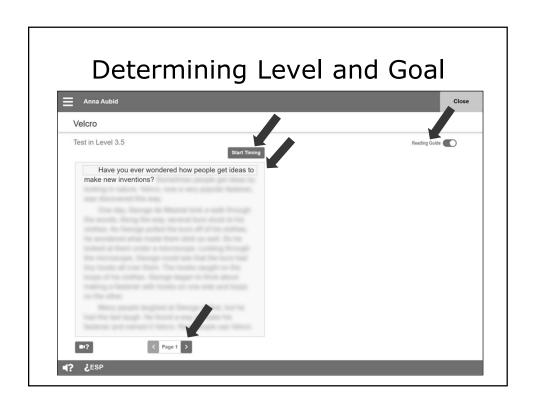


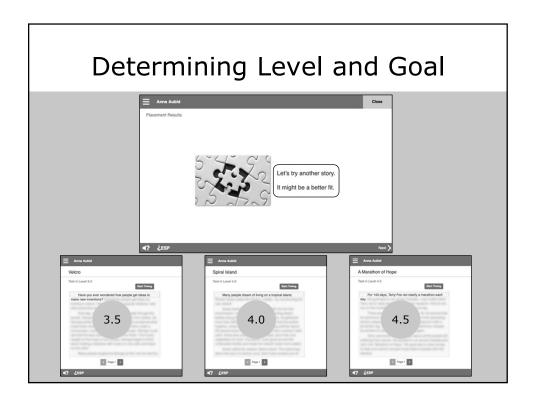


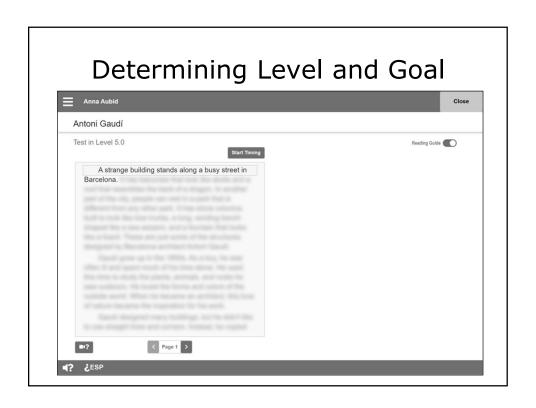


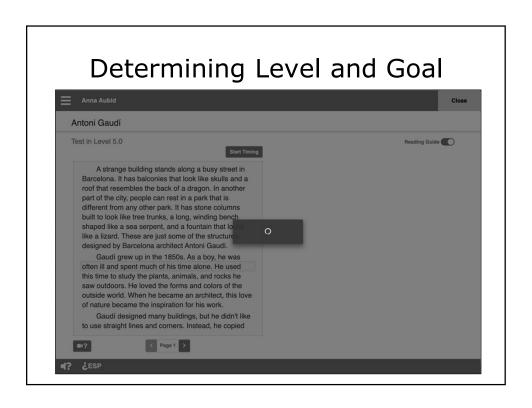


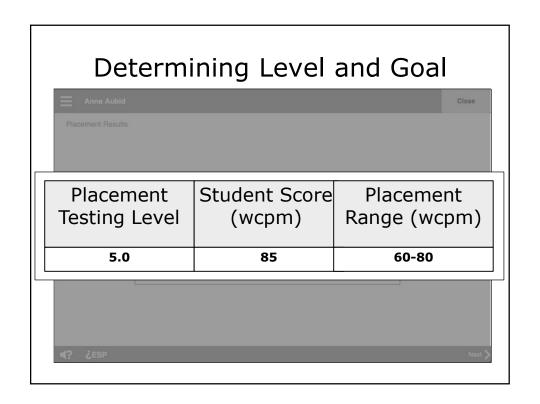


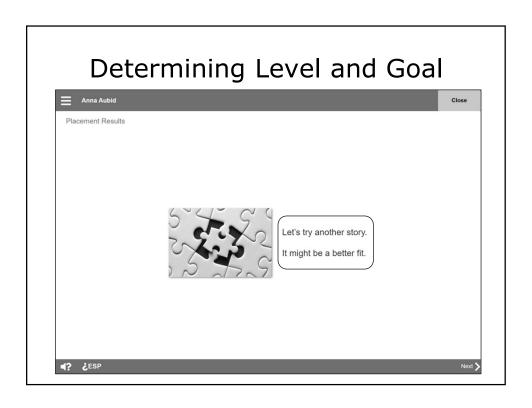


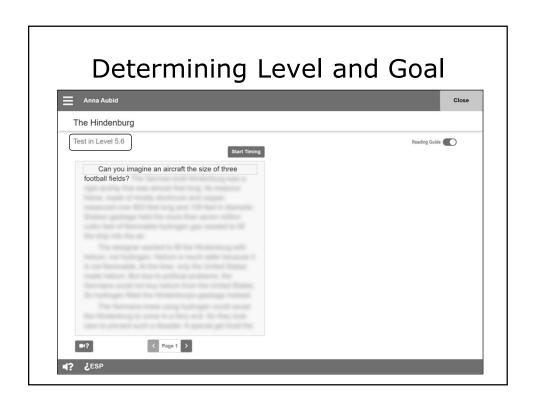


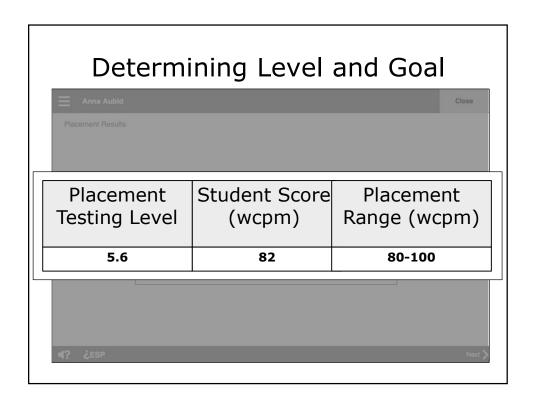


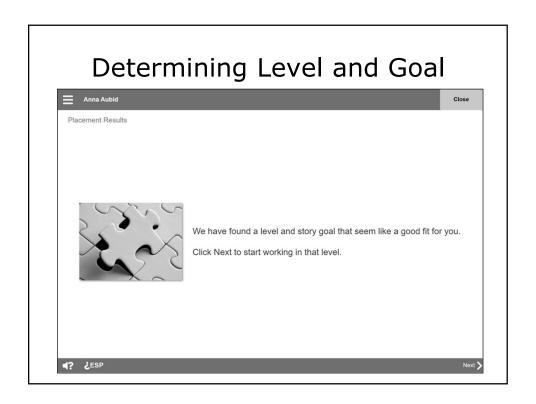












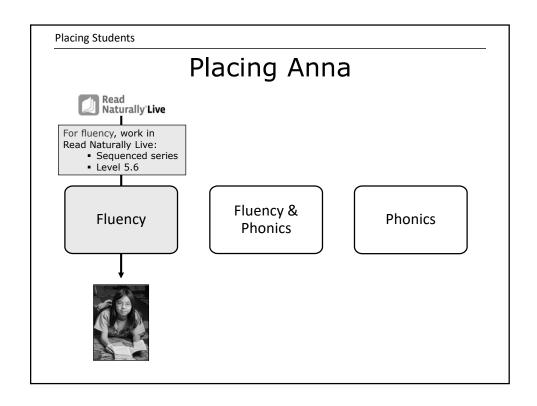
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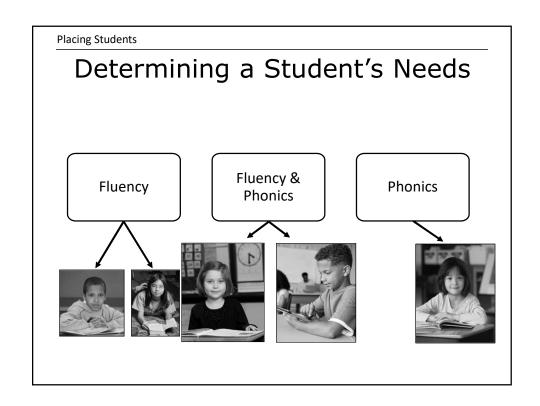
Grades 5 and up:
 Placement score + 40,
 rounded down to nearest 5



82 + 40 = 122 rounded down to 120







Beginning Readers

Fluency

Fluency & Phonics

Phonics







Marci

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Beginning Readers

- Exception if student reads below placement range on level 1.0
- Student may still work in Read Naturally Live if the student:
 - Knows beginning sounds
 - Recognizes 50 written words

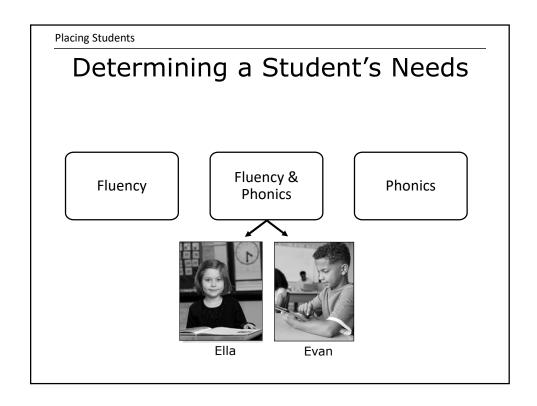
Two Options:

- Sequenced series, Level 1.0
- Phonics series, Level 0.8 (short vowels)



Initial Placement Ranges

Placement Testing Level	Placement Range (WCPM)
1.0 to 3.0	30 to 60 WCPM
3.5 to 5.0	60 to 80 WCPM
5.6 to 7.0	80 to 100 WCPM
8.0	100 to 140 WCPM



Placing Students Phonics Series Levels Series and Level Options Read Naturally Live Reading Sequenced Phonics* Idioms Level 1.0 1.0 0.8 1.5 1.5 1.3 1.8 2.0 2.0 2.5 2.5 2.3 2.6 2.7 *Phonics Content 3.0 3.0 3.0 by Level 0.8 short vowels 3.5 3.5 3.5 1.3 long vowels 4.0 4.0 4.0 1.8 blends/digraphs 4.5 4.5 4.5 r-controlled & other letter combinations 5.0 5.0 5.6 5.6 short vowels (one- & two-syllable words) 2.6 7.0 7.0 long vowels (one- & two-syllable words) 8.0 8.0

Phonics Series Placement

- Consider <u>only</u> for a student who reads at or below Read Naturally level 3.0.
- Assess at the level corresponding to a student's phonics needs.
- Score within 30–60 wcpm range indicates a good fit.
- Otherwise, place in the Sequenced or Idioms series and teach phonics separately.

Phonics-Based Testing Level

Phonics Content By Level	Placement Testing Level
0.8 short vowels	Level 1.0
1.3 long vowels	Level 1.5
1.8 blends/digraphs	Level 2.0
2.3 r-controlled & other letter combinations	Level 2.5
2.6 short vowels (one- & two-syllable words)	Level 3.0
2.7 long vowels (one- & two-syllable words)	Level 3.0

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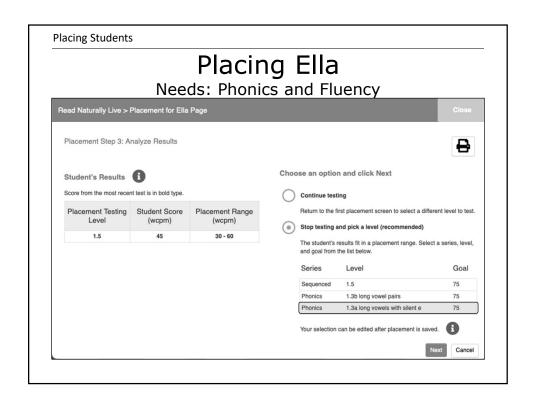
Placing Ella

Needs: Phonics and Fluency

Ella

- 2nd grade student
- Needs to improve fluency
- Needs to work on long vowels
- Estimated reading level 1.5





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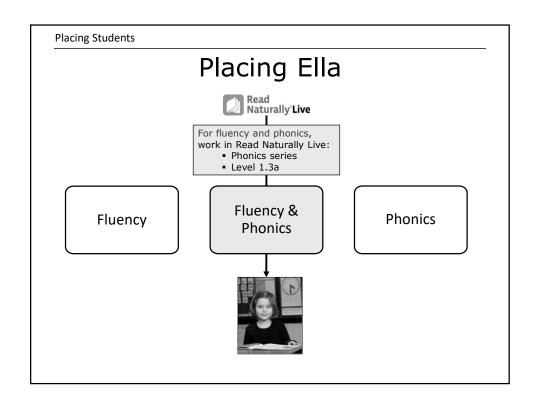
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Work on phonics and fluency together:

- Phonics series
- Level 1.3a (Long vowels with silent e)
- Story Goal: 75
- Word List Goal: 35



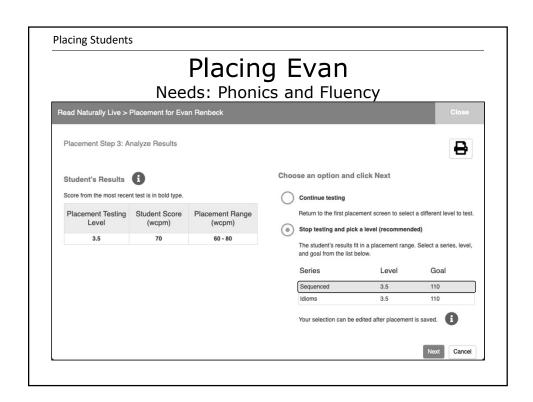
Placing Evan

Needs: Phonics and Fluency

Evan

- 5th grade student
- Needs to improve fluency
- Needs to work on r-controlled vowels
- Estimated reading level 3.5





Placing Evan

Needs: Phonics and Fluency

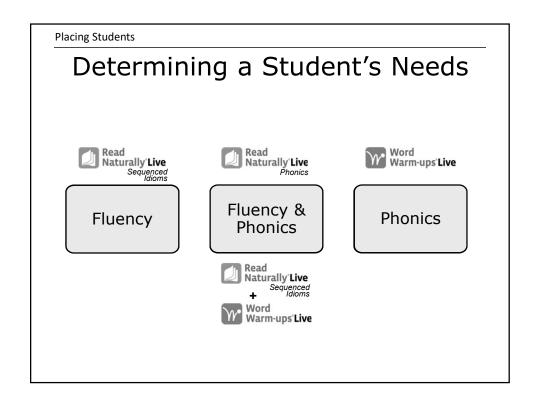
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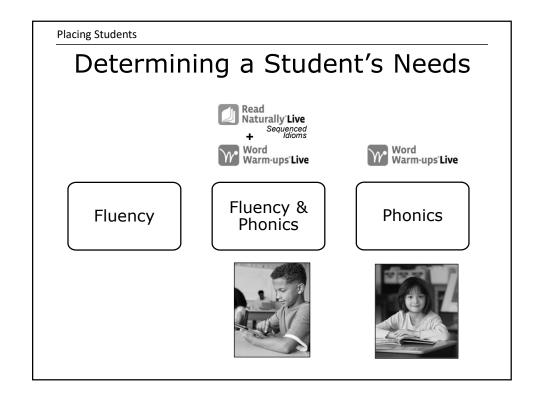
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- Work in Read Naturally Live for fluency:
 - Sequenced series
 - Level 3.5
 - Story Goal 110

Work on phonics separately







- Reinforces phonemic awareness and teaches phonics
- Develops mastery and automaticity in decoding
- Supports fluency development

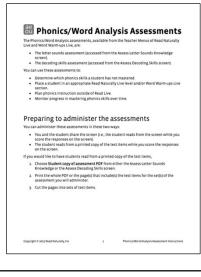


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Placing Students with Phonics Needs

Resources:

- Phonics/Word Analysis Assessments (online)
- Word Warm-ups Live Phonics Assessment (paper-based)
- Word Warm-ups Live Phonics Scope and Sequence by Level



Placing Marci

Needs: Phonics

Marci

- 1st grade student
- Meets fluency benchmark goals for 1st grade
- Difficulty decoding one-syllable words
- Estimated reading level below third grade

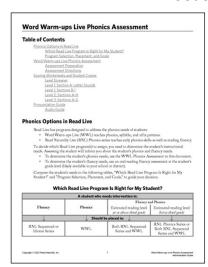


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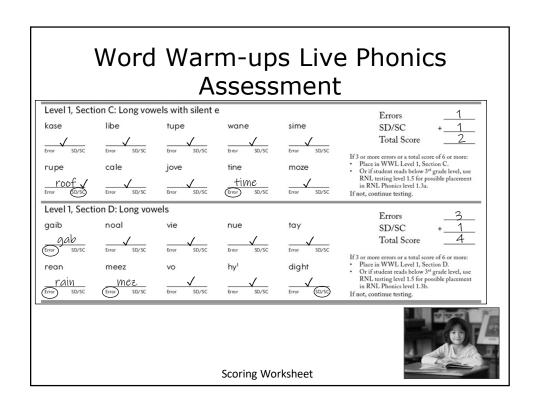
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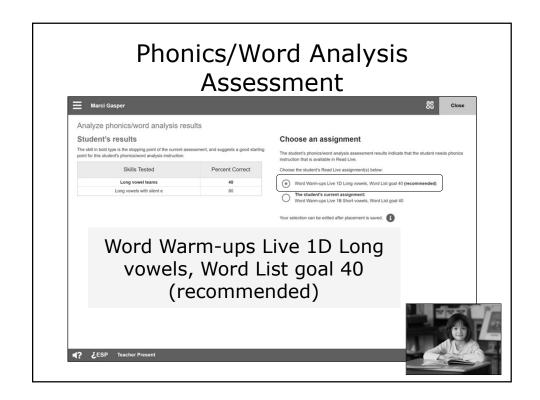




Administer the Word Warm-ups Live Phonics Assessment:

- To identify earliest phonics need
- To place in the appropriate level and section of Word Warm-ups Live
- To consider placement in the Phonics Series





Read Live

Student Phonics/Word Analysis Assessment Report

The report displays only the sections in which a student has completed at least one section subtest.

Report Date: 08/04/2025

Marci Gasper

Current Grade: 1
Current Homeroom:

Current Lead Teacher: Jane Murray

School: My School

Current Assignment(s):

Word Warm-ups Live: 1D: Long vowels

Lev 1 Sec C	Initial Response	Most Recent Response(s)		
Long vowels with silent e	Date assessed: 08/04/2025	Date assessed:	Date assessed:	Date assessed:
rade	~			
pute	~			
lode	~			
sume	self corrected			
dile	dilly			
Results	80% (passed)			
Lev 1 Sec D	Initial Response	Most Recent Response(s)		
Long vowel teams	Date assessed: 08/04/2025	Date assessed:	Date assessed:	Date assessed:
tain	tan			
keet	~			
nied	ned			
loab	slowly decoded			
dued	dud			
Results	40% (not passed)			

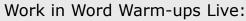
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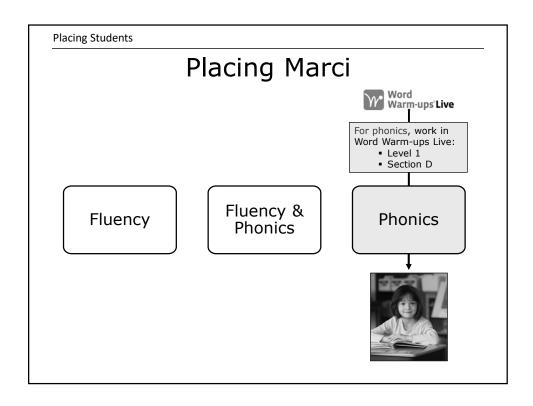
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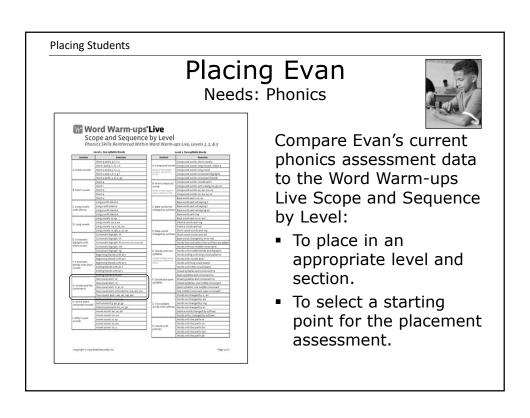
- 1st grade student
- Estimated reading level below third grade
- Meets fluency benchmark goals for 1st grade
- Solid on decoding short-vowel words



- Level 1
- Section D (long vowels)









Scope and Sequence by Level Phonics Skills Reinforced Within Word Warm-ups Live, Levels 1, 2, & 3

Level 1: One-syllable Words

Section	Exercise
	Short a and b, g, t, f, s
	Short i and p, c, m, r, h
A: Letter sounds	Short o and d, j, n, c, y
	Short u and v, b, x, g, l
	Short e and k, z, d, w, qu
	Short a
	Short i
B. Short vowels	Short o
	Short e
	Short u
	Long a with silent e
C. Long vowels	Long i with silent e
with silent e	Long o with silent e
	Long u with silent e
	Long vowels: ai, ay
	Long vowels: ee, e, ea
D. Long vowels	Long vowels: oa, o, oe, ow
	Long vowels: ie, igh, y , ui, ue
	Consonant digraph: sh
F Canaanan	Consonant digraph: ch, tch
E. Consonant digraphs with	Consonant digraph: th (voiced and unvoiced)
short vowels	Consonant digraph: wh*
	Consonant digraph: ng
	Beginning blends with an r
	Beginning blends with an I
F. Consonant	Beginning blends with an s
blends with short vowels	Ending blends with an n
voweis	Ending blends with an s
	Ending blends with an I
	One vowel and r: ar
	One vowel and r: or
G. Vowels and the	One vowel and r: ir, er, ur
consonant r	One vowel and r with silent e: ure, are, ore
	Two vowels and r: ear, air, oar, eer
	Soft sound of c: ce, ci, cy
H. Soft & silent	Soft sound of g: ge, gi, gy, dge
consonant sounds	Silent consonants: kn, wr, gn
	Vowel sound: aw, au, all
	Vowel sound: ow, ou
I. Other vowel sounds	Vowel sound: oi, oy
	Vowel sound: oo, ew
	Vowel sound: oo, u

^{*}Some long vowel words are included in the wh lists.

Level 2: Two-syllable Words

Section	Exercise
	Compound words: short vowels
A. Compound words Review of skills taught	Compound words: long vowels / silent e
	Compound words: long vowel
in Level 1, Sections B, C, D, E, & F	Compound words: consonant digraphs
	Compound words: consonant blends
B. More compound	Compound words: vowels and r
words	Compound words: soft c and g, kn, gn, wr
Review of skills taught in	Compound words: au, aw, ou, ow
Level 1, Sections G, H, & I	Compound words: oo, ew, oy, oi
	One-syllable words and -s or -es
	One-syllable words and -ed saying d
C. One-syllable	One-syllable words and -ed saying t
words not changed by suffixes	One-syllable words and -ed saying ed
- ,	One-syllable words and -ing
	One-syllable words and -er or -est
	Silent-e words and -ing
	Silent-e words and -ed
D. One-syllable	Short-vowel words and -ing
words changed by suffixes	Short-vowel words and -ed
	One-syllable words changed by -er or -est
	Words that look alike when suffixes are added
	Words with two middle consonants
E. Words with two	Words with middle blends and digraphs
syllables	Words ending with long vowel patterns
Includes introduction of unstressed syllables and	Words with vowels and r
schwa	Words with long vowel teams
	Words with other vowel teams
	Closed syllables and consonant-I-e
	Open syllables and consonant-l-e
F. Closed and open	Mixed syllables and consonant-l-e
syllables	Closed syllables: one middle consonant
	Open syllables: one middle consonant
	One middle consonant: open or closed?
	Words not changed by -s, -es
	Words not changed by -ed
G. Two-syllable	Words not changed by -ing
words with suffixes	Words not changed by -er
	Silent-e words changed by suffixes
	Words with y changed by suffixes
	Words with the prefix re-
H. Words with prefixes	Words with the prefix un-
	Words with the prefix dis-
	Words with the prefix mis-
	la .



Scope and Sequence by Level Phonics Skills Reinforced Within Word Warm-ups Live, Levels 1, 2, & 3

Level 3: Multi-syllabic Words

Section	Exercise
A: Word parts: prefixes Includes introduction of schwa and flexed vowel sounds in	Prefixes: dis, en, con
	Prefixes: pre, re, de
	Prefixes: a, mis, in, im
unstressed prefixes	Prefixes: un, pro, ex, e
	Word parts: closed syllables
D Other ward name	Word parts: more closed syllables
B. Other word parts	Word parts: vowels and r, vowel teams
	Word parts: silent e
C Word parts, suffixes	Suffixes: ful, ness, ment
C. Word parts: suffixes	Suffixes: ture, or, al
Includes introduction of schwa and flexed vowel sounds in	Suffixes: ly, ty, tion, sion
unstressed suffixes	Suffixes: ist, en, able, ible
	Prefixes: be, ab, anti
D. More prefixes	Prefixes: com, per, inter
	Prefixes: trans, sub, ad
	Suffixes: ate, age, ant, ent
5 44	Suffixes: ize, ity, ance, ence
E. More suffixes	Suffixes: ary, tive, sive, tial, cial
	Suffixes: ic, ous, tious, cious
	Open syllables
F. Open and closed	More open syllables
syllables	Flexing vowel sounds
	More flexing vowel sounds
G. Connectors	Connectors: schwa sound
	Connectors: vowel i
	More connectors: vowel i
	Connectors: vowel u

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Needs: Phonics and Fluency

Evan

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- Needs to work on r-controlled vowels
- Estimated reading level 3.5

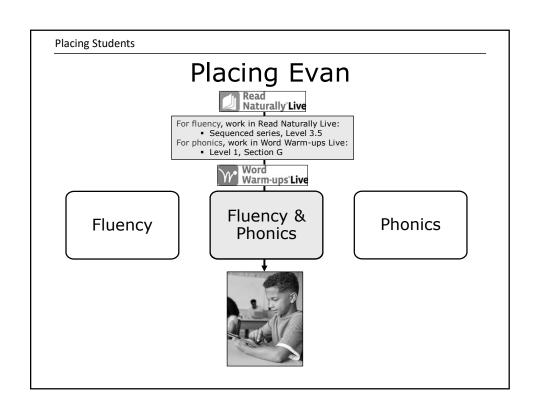


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- Level 3.5
- Story Goal 110

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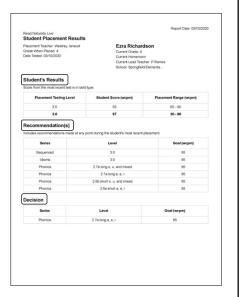
- Level 1
- Section G



Student Placement Results Report

Teacher-Conducted Placement

- Student's Results
- Recommendations
- Decision

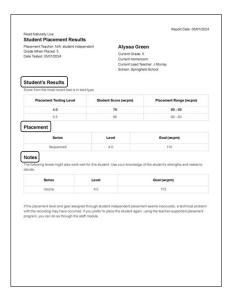


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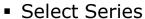
Independent Student Placement

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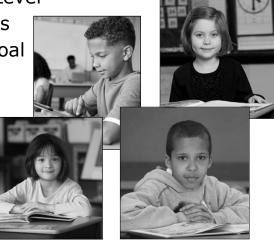
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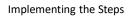












Implementation Resources

A Student's Guide to Read Naturally Live Video Series

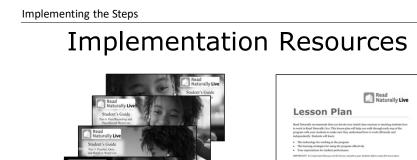


Read Naturally Live Lesson Plan



Student Activity Page





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