

Locating and Correcting Reading Difficulties

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James Shanker and Eldon Ekwall cover a full range of reading and reading-related skills. During this course we will explore each of 29 areas in which students may experience difficulty.

- Emergent Literacy Skills
 - Phonemic Awareness
 - Alphabet Knowledge
- Decoding Skills
 - Basic Sight Words Not Known
 - General Sight Vocabulary Not Up to Grade Level
 - Phonic Difficulties: Consonants
 - Phonic Difficulties: Vowels
 - Phonic Difficulties: Blends, Digraphs, or Diphthongs
 - Structural Analysis Difficulties
 - Contractions Not Known
 - Inadequate Ability to Use Context Clues
- Specific Oral Reading Difficulties
 - Poor Pronunciation
 - Omissions
 - Repetitions
 - Inversions or Reversals
 - Insertions
 - Substitutions
 - Guesses at Words
 - Word-by-Word Reading
 - Incorrect Phrasing
 - Voicing, Lip Movements, Finger Pointing, and Head Movements
- Comprehension Skills
 - Word Meaning/Vocabulary Knowledge Inadequate
 - Comprehension Inadequate
- Study Skills and Other Abilities
 - Low Rate of Speed
 - Inability to Adjust Reading Rate
 - High Rate of Reading at the Expense of Accuracy
 - Inability to Skim or Scan
 - Inability to Locate Information
 - Undeveloped Dictionary Skills
 - Written Recall Limited by Spelling Skill