

### WELCOME

Welcome to *Lexia Reading*®! Your students are about to join over a million other students who have successfully learned to read using Lexia software since the company's founding in 1984.

*Lexia Reading* is a web-enabled literacy program that focuses on the essential reading skills of phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. *Lexia Reading* is one of the most researched, independently evaluated, and respected reading programs, and has been evaluated in a series of scientific studies that have shown the efficacy of the program and also informed the program design.

Students use *Lexia Reading* software independently, and each student receives a unique experience focused on the skills they need to practice as they become successful readers. Students using *Lexia Reading* get explicit, systematic, and structured practice in essential reading skills.

*Lexia Reading* provides reports that allow educators to continuously monitor student performance, usage, and progress. You may also access additional materials such as research reports, best practices guidelines, correlations to core reading programs, and other resources designed to help you and your students get the most from *Lexia Reading*!

### Intervention Programs for Reading Instruction

Many schools are adopting an innovative approach to reading instruction that recognizes that there is a wide range of reading abilities within any given classroom. Students can be separated into a tiered model of instruction based on their needs. For example, some students are reading at or above grade/year level, others are at risk of reading failure and reading below grade/year level, and still others may be experiencing reading failure and reading significantly below grade/year level. Intervention models recommend a combination of ongoing assessment with differentiated instruction to monitor and support all groups of students.

*Lexia Reading* effectively supports students at all levels. Students reading above grade/year level can move to higher levels of *Lexia Reading* that contain more sophisticated and challenging skills, students reading on grade/year level or below will work on strengthening grade/year level skills, while students in need of remediation will engage in intensive practice activities that help them establish a foundation for reading success.

Ultimately, no matter which instructional model or curriculum is used, Lexia's mission is to promote the success of teachers and students as they work to master essential reading skills. *Lexia Reading* achieves this goal in three key ways: support, prevention, and remediation.

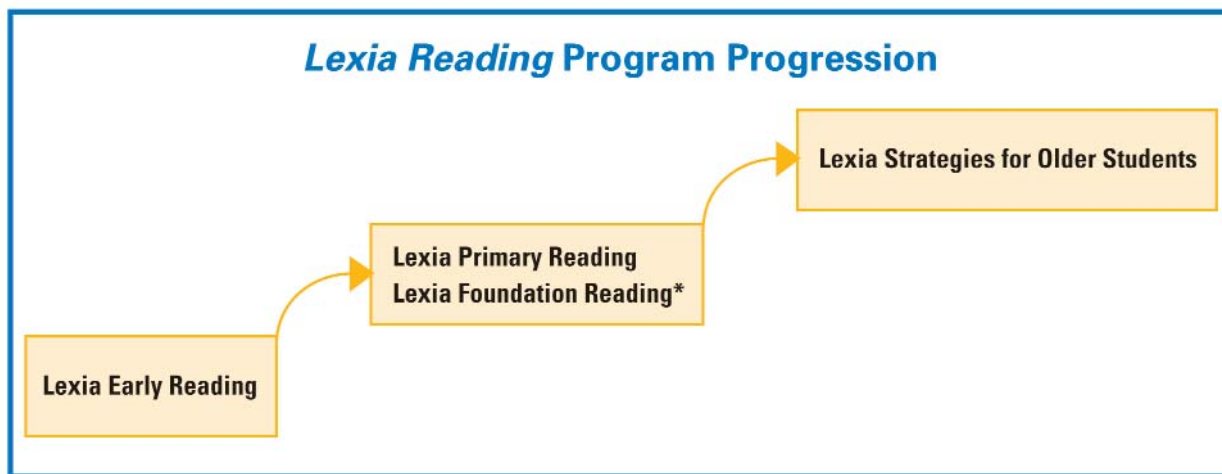
- **Support** core instruction with independent reading skills practice.
- **Prevent** reading failure with at-risk students through repeated intensive skills practice.
- **Remediate** with extended practice for students experiencing reading failure while identifying specific instructional needs.

## HOW LEXIA READING WORKS

Students begin working with skills that are appropriate for their specific needs, and then progress at their own pace as their skills develop. Each level of the program builds upon the skills acquired in earlier levels. There is also a sequence of age-appropriate activities for older students who require remediation.

Students are allowed to practice specific skills in a carefully paced program, with structured activities that systematically increase in complexity. Using frequent modeling and reinforcement, this independent practice builds speed and accuracy in word recognition and encourages students to apply their skills in more complex contexts.

**Lexia Reading is designed to be used over the course of multiple school years to support core reading instruction.** *Lexia Reading* can be purchased either by program or in its entirety. Check with your school or district to find out which programs are available to your students.



\* *Foundation Reading is the name for Lexia Primary Reading in some countries*

## WHAT IS LEXIA READING?

*Lexia Reading* is comprised of the following components, each of which is explained on the next page:

### **Lexia Reading**

- Student software
  - Lexia Early Reading
  - Lexia Primary Reading / Lexia Foundation Reading
  - Lexia Strategies for Older Students
- MyLexia (web-based management system for educators)
  - Reports
  - Lexia Lessons
  - Lexia Skill Builders
  - Lexia Quick Reading Test (QRT) screening
  - Teacher Resources (documentation, videos, and training materials)
  - and more....

*Lexia Reading* student software provides students with independent, individualized practice in the essential skills that students need to become successful readers. These skills are covered in the following three age-appropriate programs. For more information on each program's scope and sequence, consult the inside cover of this guide.

- **Lexia Early Reading®** (ages 4-6) supports the development of critical phonological awareness and processing skills. Level I activities include rhyming, blending, segmenting, and identifying beginning and ending sounds. Level II teaches students sound symbol correspondences for consonants, short vowels, and digraphs.
- **Lexia Primary Reading® / Lexia Foundation Reading®** (ages 5-8) helps students acquire and improve their basic reading skills. The activities provide practice in phonological awareness, word attack skills, and word level fluency while monitoring for meaning. The activities promote comprehension through the application of reading strategies to single words, phrases, sentences, paragraphs, and stories.
- **Lexia Strategies for Older Students®** (ages 9-adult) activities provide practice in phonological awareness, word attack skills, word-level fluency, and vocabulary acquisition, including advanced word forms. The program promotes the development of comprehension skills through the application of reading strategies to single words, phrases, sentences, paragraphs, and stories, and emphasizes listening skills and following directions. The program uses pictures, categorization, and associations to promote reading for meaning, and builds automatic word recognition through timed activities.

**MyLexia™** is the web-based management system for educators ([www.mylexia.com](http://www.mylexia.com)). In addition to allowing teachers to facilitate their students' usage of *Lexia Reading*, MyLexia also provides a variety of classroom materials and resources:

- MyLexia allows teachers to monitor students with **reports** that use real-time data on usage, skills, and progress. Reports are available for individual students or the entire class. School and district administrators may view reports at a school or district level.
- MyLexia includes a library of printable components to support teachers and students. **Lexia Lessons™** provide teachers with explicit scripted instruction to aid in re-teaching students who are struggling with specific skills. **Lexia Skill Builders™** offer students an opportunity to develop further reading skills using offline practice sheets.
- **Quick Reading Test®** (QRT) is a teacher-attended diagnostic and screening tool that gauges the phonics and decoding skills of students in as little as five to seven minutes. Teachers can administer the QRT to students in order to pinpoint areas in which students need additional instruction or practice.
- MyLexia has an ever-growing section of **Teacher Resources** to ensure teachers get the most out of *Lexia Reading*. Video program tutorials assist in learning about key features of both MyLexia and the student software. Lexia Lesson videos show sample lessons being taught to students and are an excellent reference for new and experienced teachers. There is also an online library that provides easy access to information and classroom resources that include achievement charts, certificates of completion, and other printable materials.

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