

New Resources to Accelerate Learning in Grades 6–8 Reading and English I–II Reading & Writing

Most students have unfinished or missed learning opportunities due to COVID disruptions. These learning gaps vary in breadth and depth, and are challenging to precisely identify and remediate. Sirius can help accelerate learning!

Sirius Online Reading Recovery Solutions

Sirius is now offering a **unique reading recovery solution** for free as part of our *Sirius Online* Grades 6–8 Reading and English I–II Reading and Writing courses.

Each *Sirius Online* Reading course now includes two new Reading Skills mini-courses:

- **REVIEW Reading Skills**—Previous Grade Level
- **BUILD Reading Skills**—On-Grade Level

These two additional resources give teachers and tutors **maximum flexibility** to support identifying and remediating diverse student needs. Sirius' Reading Skills target the **most-common STAAR tested skills** with scaffolded instruction and practice.

Implementing *Sirius Online* Reading Skills

Reading Skills are easy to use for **whole-classes**, **small groups**, and for **individuals**.



Reading Skills can be part of a robust **Rtl program** with data-based decision making.

Tier 3 REVIEW: Below-Level Remediation to Accelerate Learning*

- Accelerated Instruction for students who failed last year's STAAR test.
- Intensive support to build confidence with less complex passages.
- Individualize instruction: select content by student need, TEKS, or skill.

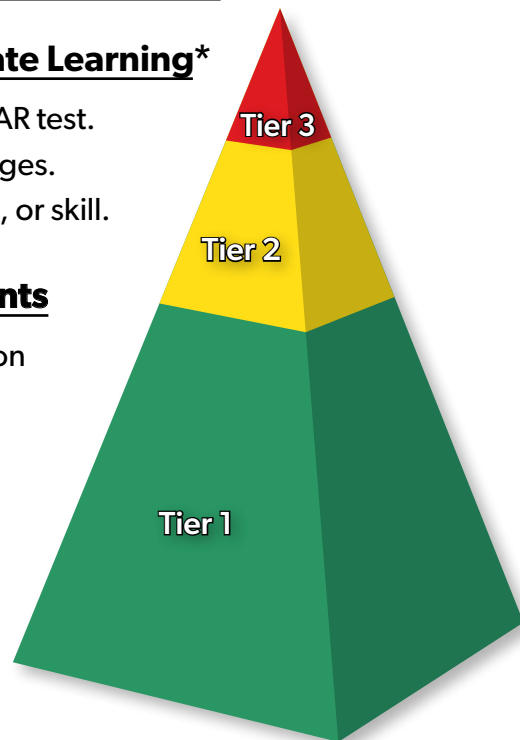
Tier 2 BUILD: On-Level Support for Struggling Students

- Intervention for struggling students in on-grade level instruction
- An alternative approach with robust scaffolding and feedback

Tier 1 CORE: On-Level Resource for ALL students

- Additional practice and reinforcement for targeted skills
- Spaced review in the STAAR format and thinking

*For Tier 3 Interventions, *Sirius Online* provides for free its comprehensive STAAR Preparation and Practice previous grade level course.



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Sirius Online Reports Help Focus Interventions

Identifying student learning gaps is challenging, especially in how the TEKS are assessed in STAAR tests. Because *Sirius Online* closely **matches STAAR tests**, we believe *Sirius Online* data and reports can efficiently target student needs.

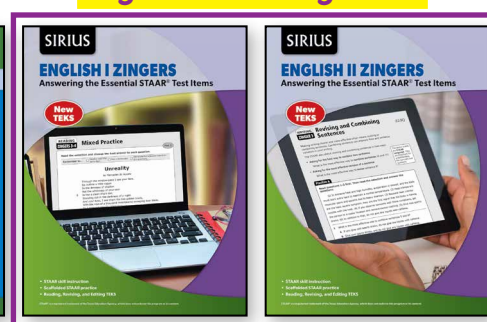
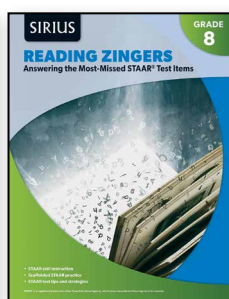
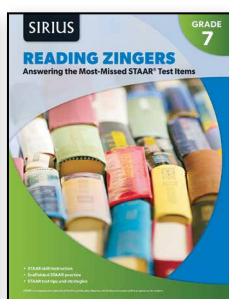
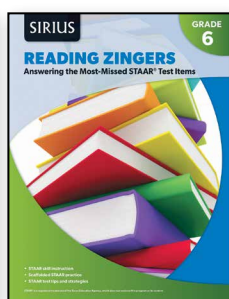
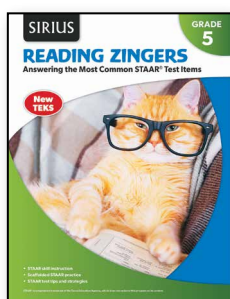
We believe regular practice in the **context** and **complexity** of online STAAR tests increases students' familiarity, confidence, and performance on STAAR tests.*



REVIEW and BUILD Reading Skills

The Reading Skills are mini-courses **based on** our popular print **Reading Zingers**. You can learn more and download print samplers [here](#).

*Learn more [here](#) about how *Sirius Online* closely mimic STAAR tools.



The REVIEW and BUILD Reading Skills each include **9 Skills Lessons** and **9 Checks** for Understanding.

English II Reading Skills

Previous Grade
REVIEW Skills

On Grade
BUILD Skills

NEW: Writing Skills for English I & II

SKILL LESSONS

Each reading skill lesson focuses on how to **read, analyze, and answer STAAR** questions for the **most-commonly tested TEKS**. Each Skill lesson includes:

- **Concise Instruction** After a brief introduction including **key terms**, students learn two commonly tested approaches along with common STAAR stems.
- **Scaffolded Practice** Students complete **Guided Practice A, B, and C** with short selections that gradually increase in complexity and use modified questions.

CHECKS for UNDERSTANDING

Students **apply what they learned** from two Skill Lessons to a longer selection with **mixed question types**. These "mixed-review" passages can serve as a progress monitoring tool and a bridge to longer authentic STAAR practice passages.

- **STAAR practice questions** include **Hints** and **immediate feedback** for both incorrect and correct answers. This "coaching" feedback helps students learn to make the subtle distinctions needed to identify the BEST answer.

