

Reading Skills to Accelerate Learning in Grades 3–8 Reading and English I–II Reading & Writing

Sirius Online Reading Skills

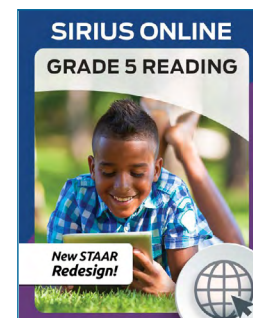
Sirius Online Reading Skills are mini-courses based on our popular print Zingers, and are available in our online RLA Courses for grades 3-8 Reading and for English I-II Reading and Writing.

Reading Skills target the **most-common STAAR tested skills** and give teachers and tutors **maximum flexibility** to support identifying and remediating diverse student needs.

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

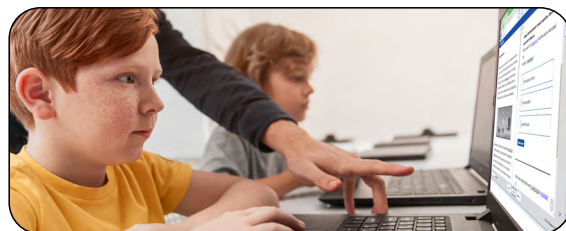
Each reading skill lesson provides instruction in how to **read, analyze, and answer** STAAR questions. **Hints** and **immediate feedback** helps students learn to make the subtle distinctions needed to identify the BEST answer. Lessons include:

- **Concise Instruction** Review of **key terms** with interactive instruction
- **Scaffolded Practice** Short selections that **gradually increase in complexity**
- **Mixed STAAR Practice** Check understanding with **mixed question types**



Implementing *Sirius Online* Reading Skills

Reading Skills are easy to use for **whole-classes, small groups** and for **individuals** and can be a part of a robust Rtl program with data-driven decision making.



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

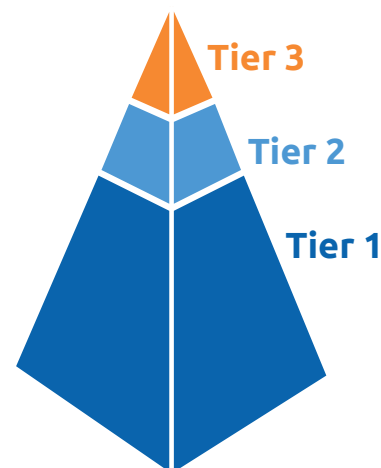
- Accelerated Instruction for students who failed last year's STAAR test
- Intensive support to build confidence with less complex passages
- Individualize instruction: select content by student need, TEKS, or skill

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 free comprehensive previous grade level courses.

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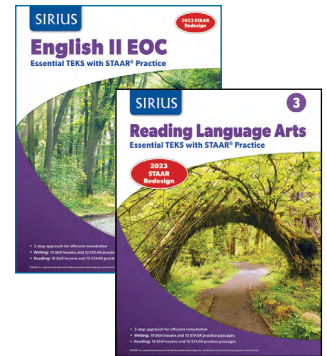
New RLA Print Workbooks and Online Courses Match STAAR Redesign

New Grades 3-English II RLA Print Workbooks

Sirius' new RLA *Essential TEKS with STAAR Practice* workbooks for Grades 3 through English II match the new STAAR Redesign in all its details.

Each workbook is over 360 pages of scaffolded TEKS instruction and authentic STAAR practice including:

- 25% new question types (adapted for print)
- 50% writing in all grades (with Revising, Editing, and ECR)
- Short and Extended Constructed Responses
- Argumentative and cross-curricular passages



Blended Learning with Sirius Online

The new Sirius RLA print workbooks are based on and closely align with our *Sirius Online* eCourses with minor adaptations for print format.

Because both print and digital resources have the **same lessons and practice** in the **same sequence**, teachers/tutors have greater flexibility in being able to address the appropriate learning modalities of their specific students.



Matches New STAAR Redesign

Teacher's Edition Provides Actionable Feedback

Full answer-choice rationales help teachers and tutors give students coaching feedback about why one answer choice is BETTER than another.

<p>1. In paragraph 5, the word <u>indignation</u> means — (6.2B)</p> <p>A anger B curiosity C humor D surprise</p>	<p>Answer Choice Explanations</p> <p>1 A Correct. The author uses the words “upset” and “mad” to describe how Carlos was feeling. B Nothing in paragraph 5 suggests that Carlos is curious. C The word “indignation” refers to Carlos’s opposition to Andy’s offer rather than Carlos’s making a joke. D Carlos’s words and actions indicate that he is offended rather than surprised.</p> <p><i>Rationales for EACH answer choice.</i></p>
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Students Learn and Practice the Most Important Tested Skills

New Sirius RLA resources closely **matches the STAAR tested skills, format, and complexity**. With Sirius, your students will learn exactly what they need to **know** and **do** on the STAAR tests.

Sirius Online provides the same **tools** and **features** as the Online STAAR test, so students will be familiar with the test format and will **perform confidently** on test day.

- Streamlined TEKS instruction focuses on the most-tested TEKS
- Authentic STAAR practice with new question types (adapted for print)
- 3-Step Approach to prioritize and individualize remediation

To see examples of new Sirius RLA resources visit www.SiriusEducationSolutions.com