

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

Sirius Online Reading Skills

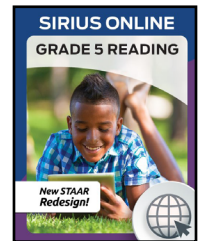
Sirius Online Reading Skills are mini-courses based on our popular print Zingers, and available in our online RLA eCourses for grades 3-8 Reading and for English I-II Reading and Writing.

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. Skills 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**.



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

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

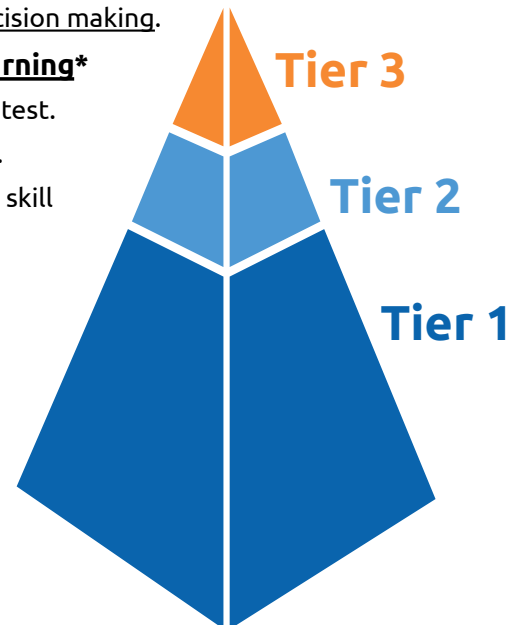
- Accelerated Instruction for students who failed last year's STAAR test.
- Intensive support to build confidence with less complex passages.
- Individualize instruction: select content by student need, TEKS, or skill

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 previous grade level courses.

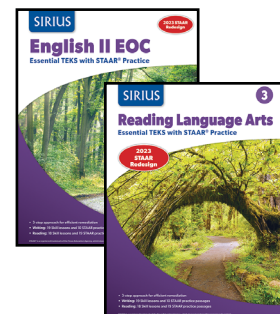
New RLA Print Workbooks Match STAAR Redesign

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, and
- 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 can easily move between them to make the most of each learning modality!



Hybrid Learning

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><input checked="" type="radio"/> A anger <input type="radio"/> B curiosity <input type="radio"/> C humor <input type="radio"/> 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>
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Rationales for EACH answer choice.

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. **And** *Sirius Online* provides the same only **tools** and **features**, so students will be familiar with them and **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.