

Asset-oriented descriptors for LESLLA Proceedings

Terms that can be perceived as deficit-oriented	Asset-oriented suggestions for revision
Low / limited / little / no (prior) literacy; no reading skills; non-readers; illiterate; less literate; etc.	Emergent literacy; emergent (L2) readers; beginning levels of literacy; beginning levels of decoding; beginning to learn to decode/encode alphabetic print; beginning levels of decoding/encoding alphabetic print
Low / limited / little / no (prior) (formal) schooling / education	(Learners were) denied access to formal, school-based learning; (learners reported) few prior experiences with formal, school-based learning

Please note that the experiences described above should not be conflated:

- It is possible to learn to decode/encode (alphabetic) print without attending school.
- Similarly, attending school does not ensure that a student will learn to decode/encode (alphabetic) print.