

Reading Horizons Elevate

Overview

Resource Type	Subjects	NRS Level(s)
Online	Reading, ESL	ABE 1-4 ESL 1-6

Summary

General Information

Reading Horizons Elevate is a foundational reading program that is tailored to adult learners. In Reading Horizon's own promotional materials, they explain that, "Reading Horizons provides adult learners who struggle with reading the strategies they need to break down difficult words and reach higher reading levels in a way that protects their autonomy and respects their maturity level."

By focusing primarily on building students' understanding of the English sound system, Reading Horizons Elevate provides students with a foundational framework for decoding English words, all while scaffolding activities to increase students' vocabulary, spelling, pronunciation, grammar, fluency, and comprehension skills. Reading Horizons can be used with ABE students in NRS levels 1-4, while ESL students in NRS levels 1-6 can also use Reading Horizons Elevate to build their understanding of English phonics, decoding, pronunciation, and vocabulary.

A purchase of Reading Horizons' services includes implementation support, professional development for teachers, scripted lessons for use in a live class, and an online program that teachers can use independently or in conjunction with the live lessons for tracking supplemental distance learning time.

Technology Requirements

Reading Horizons Elevate functions best on Safari, Chrome, and Edge browsers. It can be accessed via large devices such as laptops or desktops, or it can also be used with Chromebooks and iPads.

Mobile Accessibility

Reading Horizons is not compatible with smartphones or tablets other than Chromebooks or iPads.

Logistics

All student enrollments are managed through the Administration Portal, where Reading Horizons describes that instructors and staff can “manage the class roll, create student groupings, access reports, preview lesson content, check the message center, and connect with online support.”

Reports

Teachers can check the reports section of the Administration Portal to view student usage, skill gains, and chapter test and diagnostic results. These reports are available at the class, group, or individual student level and teachers can view them using customizable timeframes, making them suitable for accurately reporting supplemental distance learning time. In addition, students who are curious to see their own personal progress in terms of time studying, performance in lessons, and assessment scores can do so by accessing the Student Progress Report.

Instruction

Reading Horizons uses a variety of assessment types to ensure that students are working on the skills they most need to succeed. Assessment types include an initial diagnostic, a reading library assessment that determines lexile level and which passages students can access within the library, and progress monitoring assessments that are used at the completion of a unit of study. Reading Horizons Elevate places students in lessons according to their initial diagnostic assessment. Once the student begins studying in Reading Horizons Elevate, the program continues to respond to the student's individual needs, advancing students to more difficult lessons or having them practice previous ones when appropriate.

Reading Horizons Elevate uses a badging system to build student motivation. Students can earn badges for studying multiple days in a row, completing reading passages, and mastering skills sets.

Reading Horizons Elevate contains support for ELLs through interactive tools to help students increase their pronunciation or learn how to form English letters, as well as a database of important vocabulary for specific careers/industries.

Student Interface

Reading Horizons Elevate has several different instructional components that students can engage with once they log into the site. These components include competency-based and activity-based lessons, vocabulary practice, a lexile-based reading library, pronunciation practice, and language-based games.

Teacher Interface

From the Administration Portal, teachers can manage their class roll, view reports, receive automated messages on student progress, and preview lesson content from the student view. Additionally, teachers who would like further support while using Reading Horizons Elevate can access the “Online Support” section of the Administration Portal for an implementation guide, user manual, software tutorial, and FAQ.

Beyond the Administration Portal, teachers using Reading Horizons also have access to Reading Horizons Accelerate, an online portal for professional development and lesson materials. Reading Horizons Accelerate content includes a lesson planner, materials for live class instruction, posters for use in the classroom, community discussion boards, and access to training opportunities.

Accessibility Features

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