# FINALLY!

Help for your small group digital reading struggles!



## QUESTION...

Do you sometimes **struggle** with organizing, planning, teaching, and grading **small group reading lessons online**?

If you answered YES! to this question, you are *not alone!*

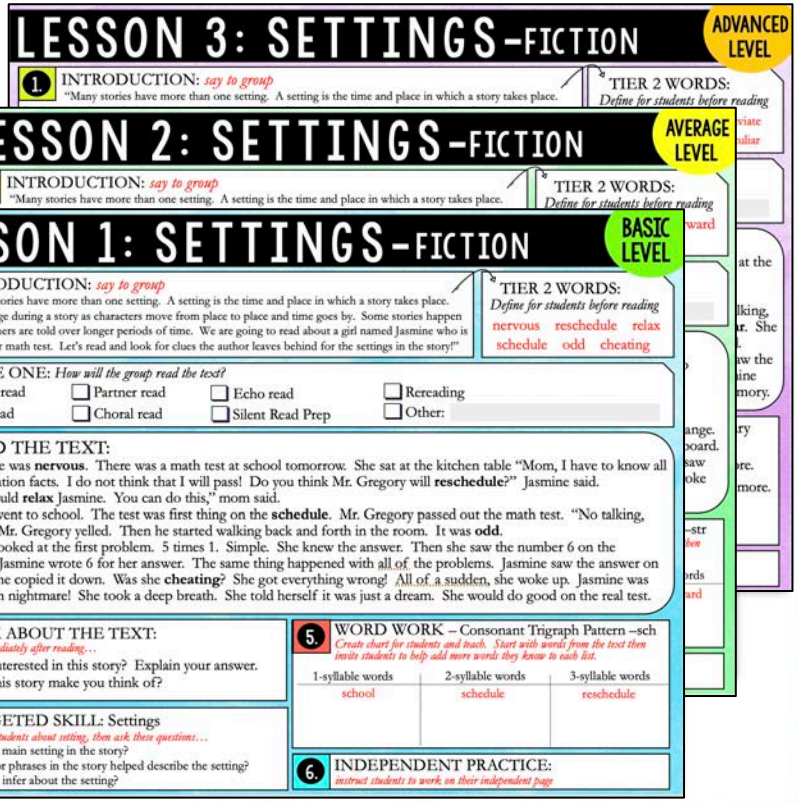


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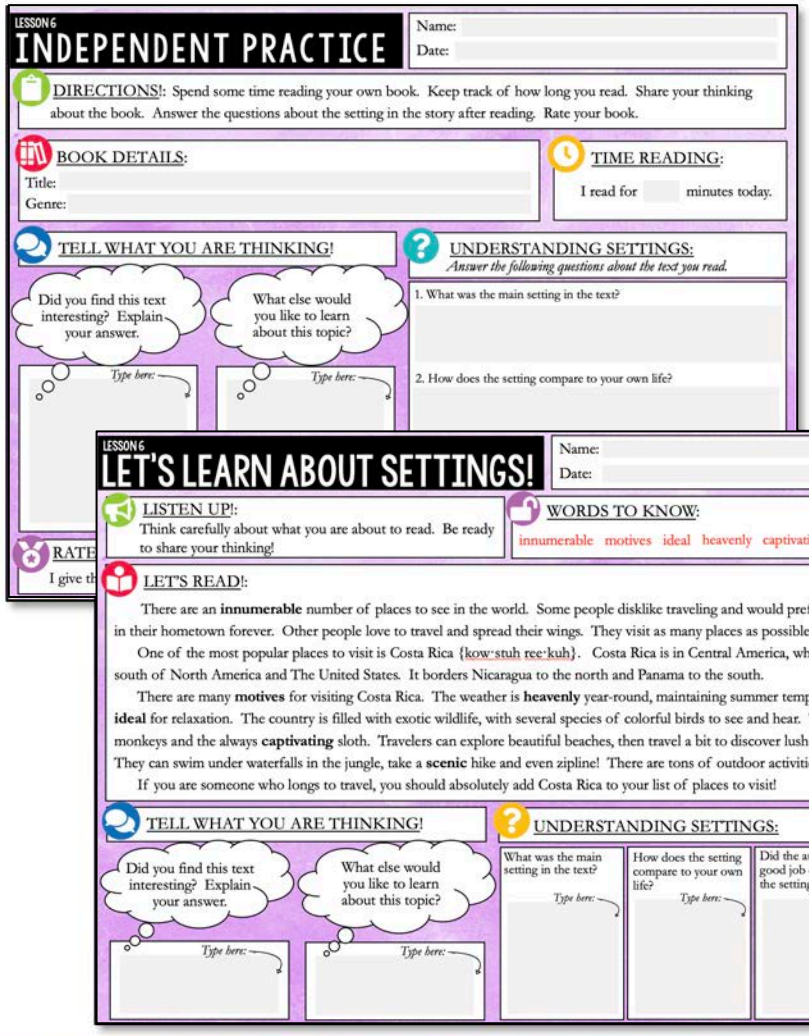
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# Complete Teacher Pages




# Student Pages




Teach all 6 steps of a DIGITAL small group reading lesson!

**EVERYTHING IS INCLUDED**

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- Higher level thinking questions

## Tier 2 Vocabulary Answer Key- Setting

| TIER 2 WORDS: | MEANING IN THE TEXT: | SYNONYMS: |
|---|---|---|
| **LESSON 4: Basic Nonfiction** | | |
| thrill | A sudden feeling of excitement or pleasure | rush surge flush |
| popular | Like, admired, or enjoyed by many people | liked favored approved |
| | | sweltering humid sultry |
| | | charming delightful sweet |
| | | menacing frightening scary |
| | | rich abundant profuse |
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| | | reason grounds cause |
| | | perfect supreme complete |
| | | delight marvelous glorious |
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| | | pleasing attractive lovely |

LESSON 6

## LET'S LEARN ABOUT SETTINGS!

Name: _____

Date: _____

LISTEN UP!:
Think carefully about what you are about to read. Be ready to share your thinking!

WORDS TO KNOW:
innumerable motives ideal heavenly captivating scenic

LET'S READ!:

There are an **innumerable** number of places to see in the world. Some people disklike traveling and would prefer to stay in their hometown forever. Other people love to travel and spread their wings. They visit as many places as possible.

One of the most popular places to visit is Costa Rica {kow·stuh ree·kuh}. Costa Rica is in Central America, which is south of North America and The United States. It borders Nicaragua to the north and Panama to the south.

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If you are someone who longs to travel, you should absolutely add Costa Rica to your list of places to visit!

TELL WHAT YOU ARE THINKING!

Did you find this text interesting? Explain your answer.

Yes, I like to hike and zipline, so this seems like a fun place to visit.

What else would you like to learn about this topic?

How much does a trip to Costa Rica cost?

UNDERSTANDING SETTINGS:

| What was the main setting in the text? | How does the setting compare to your own life? | Did the author do a good job describing the setting? Explain. |
|---|---|---|
| The main setting is Costa Rica. | I live on an island called Hawaii that is also very tropical too. | Yes, it is in Central America, has hot weather and tropical wildlife, beautiful beaches and a lush jungle with waterfalls. |

60 Complete small group lessons

Everything is on ONE page!

ANSWER KEYS INCLUDED AS A GUIDE

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# INDEPENDENT PRACTICE

Name:

Date:

**DIRECTIONS!:** Spend some time reading your own book. Keep track of how long you read. Share your thinking about the book. Answer the questions about the setting in the story after reading. Rate your book.

**BOOK DETAILS:**

Title:

Genre:

**TIME READING:**

I read for _____ minutes today.

**TELL WHAT YOU ARE THINKING!**

Did you find this text interesting? Explain your answer.

*Type here:*

What else would you like to learn about this topic?

*Type here:*

**UNDERSTANDING SETTINGS:**
*Answer the following questions about the text you read.*

1. What was the main setting in the text?

2. How does the setting compare to your own life?

3. Did the author do a good job describing the setting? Explain.

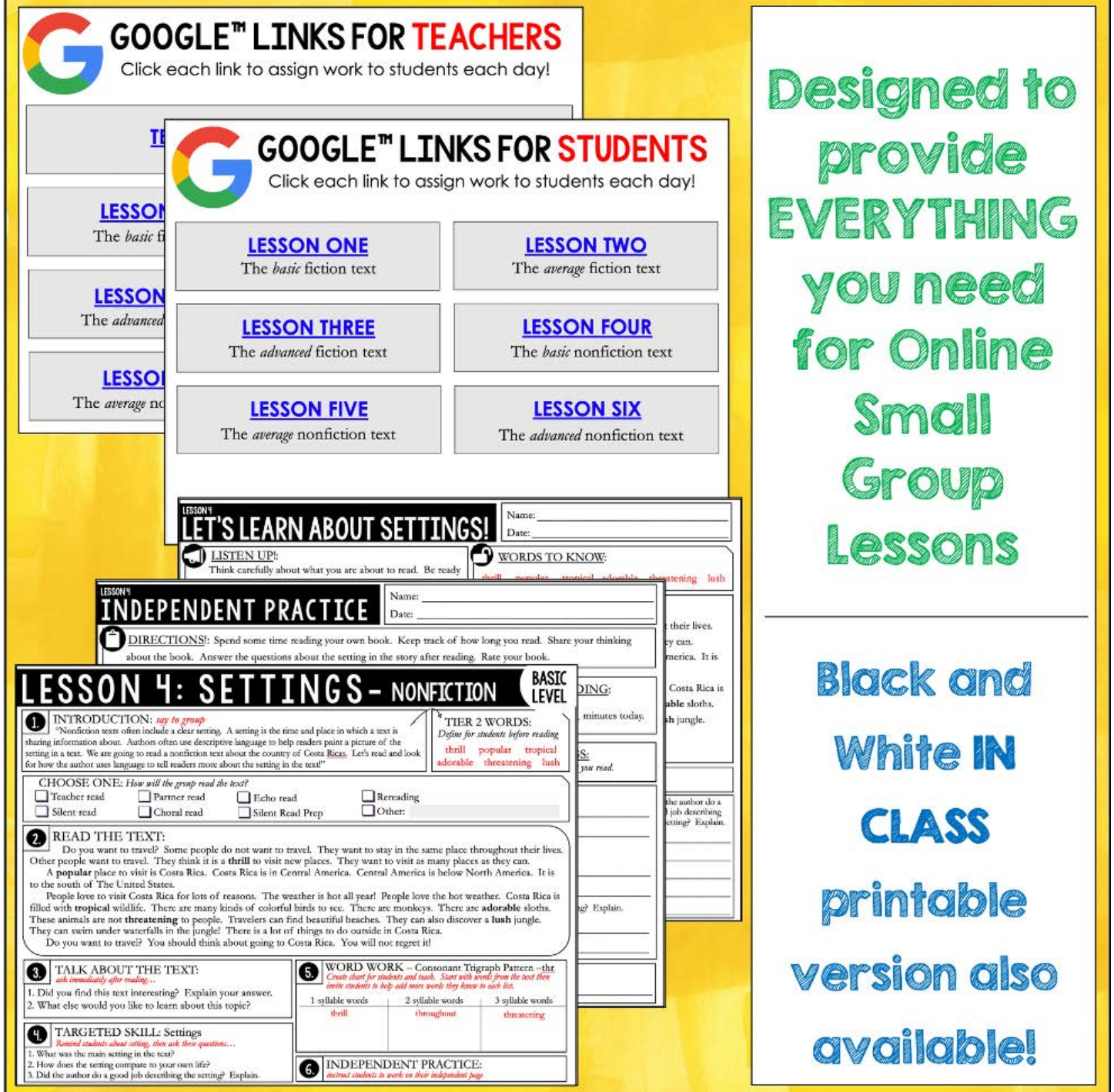
**RATE THE BOOK**

I give this book _____ stars because _____

Each lesson comes with 2 student pages

The first page is used during the small group time

The second page is used to apply the reading skill into independent reading




Designed to provide EVERYTHING you need for Online Small Group Lessons

Black and White IN CLASS printable version also available!

# Included in This Resource:

1. 6 complete guided reading lessons for teaching about settings. *See detailed small group lesson summary page for more information.*
2. **IMPORTANT:** There are two passages. One fiction and one nonfiction. The passages are adjusted to be used in 3 levels. In each level the word work, vocabulary and text complexity changes. The reading levels are: Basic (grades 1-2), Average (grades 3-4), Advanced (grades 5-6). *See differentiation code page for more.*
3. Small group summary lesson page.
4. Detailed description with time suggestions for each of the 6 small group steps.
5. Teacher strategy guide for differentiating within each lesson.
6. A complete teacher page for each lesson.
7. 2 student pages for each lesson.
8. Digital and printable (black and white) formats included.
9. ANSWER KEYS!

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# Lesson Breakdown:

*** there is one fiction and one nonfiction passage that is adapted for each lesson.

Lesson 1: The *basic* fiction text.
Lesson 2: The *average* fiction text.
Lesson 3: The *advanced* fiction text.
Lesson 4: The *basic* nonfiction text.
Lesson 5: The *average* nonfiction text.
Lesson 6: The *advanced* nonfiction text.

# How are the Lessons Different?

- Each lesson comes with a completely different set of tier 2 vocabulary focus words.
- It also includes a completely separate word work focus.
- The questions for focusing on the comprehension skill in step 4 are different for the advanced level.
- The passage changes in each of the three levels, adding sentence complexity, multi-meaning words and figurative language, along with new vocabulary.

# PRO TEACHING TIP:

- If a group of students use the basic level and show success, the teacher can **absolutely use the average level with that same group** (since vocabulary, word work, and text complexity changes).
- They can even use the advanced level as well.
- They'd likely change the way in which the text was read in the group.
- For example, in the basic level the students may read silently after the introduction.
- In the average level they may choose to echo read.
- In the advanced level it may be teacher read.
- In fact, there is so much power in rereading and trying out new ideas and thinking each time.

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# Use the Different Levels with the Same Students!

Are you unsure whether your students are ***really* reading** or simply trying to memorize words?

- The 2 passages (1 F, 1 NF) are specifically designed to answer this question!
- Begin with lesson 1 or 4 (the basic level). Have students read the passage after the introduction and complete the lesson.
- Use lesson 2 or 5 (the average level) with the same group. This may be the next day, week, or months later. Choose a reading format for step 2. This may be different than your first time reading.
- Because the tier 2 vocabulary and the complexity of the text changes, students will be forced to adjust their reading. Yes, the text is about 80% the same, but they will have to show that they can adapt to the changes when they reread the new version. There is POWER in rereading!
- When students are strong enough readers, try out lesson 3 or 6 (the advanced levels) with the group. It may be teacher-led reading, but the thinking after the new version of the text, the comprehension focus, and the new tier 2 vocabulary discussion will be even richer.

## TEACHER CHALLENGE:

Consider these bullet points above when trying out the adjusted passage from the basic, average, to advanced level with a group of readers!

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# 6 Steps in Small Group Reading Lessons:

| Step | Time | Description | Tips: |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1: The Introduction | 2-3 minutes | The teacher shares helpful information with students about the text they are about to read and discuss. This is often planned in advance and designed to help students navigate their way through any potential places in the text where they may become stuck. | • Jot down a few sentences and plan to read them to the group.<br>• Include a brief summary of what is about to be read.<br>• Find a way to get students excited about reading the text.<br>• Decode and define any vocabulary you believe the group may struggle reading.<br>• Tell students to anticipate a group discussion after reading.<br>• Instruct students what to do when finished reading. |
| 2: Read the Text | 3-4 minutes | The teacher decides how the group will engage in reading the text. Consult the 'How to Differentiate Within the Levels' page for ideas on which format you'll be reading the text with the group. | • Read the text in advance. Consider the needs and abilities of the readers when choosing how you will read the text.<br>• **If the text appears too challenging, it is still OKAY to use the text in a small group!** Simply choose either teacher read or echo reading. The key is that students discuss and practice sharing their thinking after reading and consider the comprehension skill. |
| 3: Talk About the Text | 3-4 minutes | The teacher asks open-ended questions to the group immediately after reading. **Do not skip this step**! It's important to ask these questions immediately after reading so that you can see what exactly each reader is thinking about the text immediately after reading. | • Use student responses to drive your future instruction and answer reflective teaching questions like, "what are the readers noticing and what are they missing?"<br>• Students can type responses into their student page while one or two answer aloud.<br>• You can certainly have them type their answer and then turn in their student page after the lesson is complete. This is a great accountability check and gives you the opportunity to read everyone's thoughts, even if there is not enough time for each reader to share verbally during the group. |
| 4: Targeted Skill | 3-4 minutes | Now that you have heard what the students were thinking about the text immediately after reading, it's time to teach the targeted skill. Ask a few specific comprehension questions about the skill. | • Remind students what the skill is and define how readers use the skill.<br>• Students can type responses into their student page while one or two answer aloud.<br>• Pay attention to whether the students are mastering the skill or if they need more whole group, small group support. |

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| 5: Word Work | 2-3 minutes | The teacher will introduce either a spelling, phonics, grammar, or vocabulary activity. The teacher will begin building word work for students to see word patterns. Students will add ideas to each word pattern. | • Use an anchor chart to create the chart of word patterns.<br>• Dry erase boards work too!<br>• The teacher creates the chart, asking students to chime in and help build word patterns and understandings.<br>• Keep this time brief and to the point so that you do not isolate words too much and take away from the meaning of the text as a whole. |
| 6: Independent Practice | After the Lesson | The teacher will instruct students to complete the independent page after reading. Students will immediately apply the targeted skill into a text they are reading independently. They will submit their independent work to the teacher when complete. | • This is an excellent way to determine if students can apply the targeted skill into their own independent reading.<br>• It works to differentiate, as students read books they have chosen based on preferences and ability. They can apply the skill into their own independent level.<br>• Review the independent work, making teaching decisions on whether students need additional teaching support, or they have mastered the reading skill. |
| **Total Time: 10-18 minutes** | | | |

All of these steps are completely designed and prepared for you in each lesson!

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# Small Group Lesson Summary

| Lesson | Level | Genre | Tier 2 Words Covered: | Targeted Skill: | Word Work: |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Basic | Fiction | nervous schedule<br>reschedule odd<br>relax cheating | Settings | Consonant Trigraph Pattern –sch |
| 2 | Average | Fiction | stress<br>straightforward<br>strictest<br>pacing | Settings | Consonant Trigraph Pattern –str |
| 3 | Advanced | Fiction | skittish hastily<br>looming sternest<br>alleviate peculiar | Settings | A Deeper Dive Into Vocabulary |
| 4 | Basic | NF | thrill adorable<br>popular threatening<br>tropical lush | Settings | Consonant Trigraph Pattern –thr |
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# How to Differentiate Within the Levels:

*Don't skip this key step to ensure small group reading success!*

## BEFORE THE GROUP MEETS…

Decide how you will engage students in step 2, the reading of the text. This is KEY in ensuring reading success. Here's a quick guide to choosing which reading style you will use each time. Always consider the needs of the readers in the group as you decide.

| Reading Style: | Description: | Times to Use this Reading Format: |
|---|---|---|
| Teacher Read | The teacher reads the text aloud to the small group while they follow along on the student page. | • When the text is too challenging for that group of students to read on their own, even with an introduction.<br>• If time is short and the teacher would like to focus more on the comprehension portion than reading fluency practice. |
| Silent Read | The students read the text independently after they have heard the introduction and gone over the key vocabulary words. If a student finishes reading before others, that student is instructed to read the passage again until the group is ready to discuss. | • When the text is instructional and can be read successfully after an introduction.<br>• When the text is at the students' independent reading levels.<br>• When the teacher wants to conduct a running record or one-on-one reading time. |
| Partner Read | Students get together in a chat online or whisper read in person. One student reads the passage, then the other student reads the entire passage. Both students should read aloud the entire passage. | • When the text is instructional and can be read successfully after an introduction.<br>• When asking students to share thinking with a partner.<br>• When the teacher wants to be free to push in and listen to a partnership read together. |
| Choral Read | Reading aloud in unison with the whole class, in a small group, or with a partner. Use this strategy to build students' confidence, fluency, stamina, and reading motivation. | • When the text is too challenging for that group of students to read on their own, even with an introduction.<br>• Use when there is a variety of readers in the group (some may be able to read the passage independently while others may need more support).<br>• To keep all students in the group engaged and ensure that they read the entire passage.<br>• To build reading stamina, confidence, fluency, and reading motivation. |

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| Echo Read | Teacher reads a short section of text (paragraph or sentence) and the students read it back aloud together. Focus on rereading with the same fluency. | • When the text is too challenging for that group of students to read on their own, even with an introduction.<br>• To practice reading accuracy, fluency, motivation, and confidence.<br>• For a shared reading experience. |
| Silent Read Prep | Have students read silently before reading aloud to prep for strong reading fluency and expression. | • When the text is just a bit too challenging for that group of students to read on their own without practicing in advance.<br>• To ensure the group is reading successfully.<br>• To provide more than one opportunity to read the text in a small group time. |
| Rereading | Have students reread a text 2-3 times, focusing on fluency and expression each time. | • When the text is instructional and can be read successfully after an introduction.<br>• When working to build writing stamina and confidence.<br>• When looking to dig deeper below the surface of a text and ensure higher level thinking conversations after reading. |

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