



# Creating a Reading Profile

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# Outcomes



Understand the source of reading difficulties for students



Define the data, systems, and practices needed to improve school-wide reading outcomes



Understand how creating reading profiles for students improves language and literacy outcomes.

# Agenda



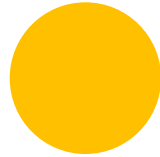
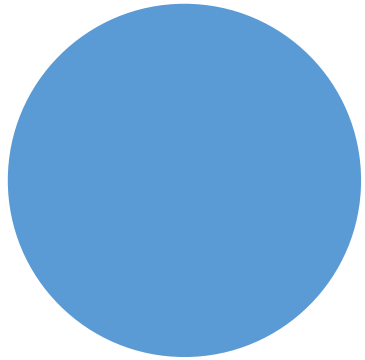
1.0 Defining the Simple View of Reading



2.0 Data, Systems and Practices to improve reading outcomes



3.0 Creating a reading profile



# 1.0 Simple View of Reading |





# A Reading Simulation

# The Blimbat

My tmloydn and I were standing in line to buy xtlofms for the Blimbat. Finally, there was only one puvdrm between us and the xtlofm tmnutzq. This puvdrm made a big ampler on me. There were eight utzs all probably ord the age of 12. You could tell tures did not have a lot of willen. Their pard weer not yanker but tures were clean. The utzs were well-behgaved, all of them standing in line, two-by-two zors their potent holding zibits. Tures were telly temering about the plums, fints, and other yoks tures would wit that noster.

# Think, Turn, Talk, and Share



Was anything difficult about the passage on the previous slide?



Temple *et al* examined fMRI scans during a visual phonological rhyming task in 24 dyslexic children aged 8–12 years (mean 10.7) and controls.<sup>8</sup> The normal reading controls activated both the left inferior frontal gyrus and the left temporoparietal area. The dyslexics activated the inferior frontal region well (though in a somewhat more anterior location), but temporoparietal activity was virtually absent. Additionally, on a parallel test of orthographic processing (judgements as to whether two visually presented letters were the same) the dyslexic children activated a greatly reduced area of the extrastriate occipital cortex.

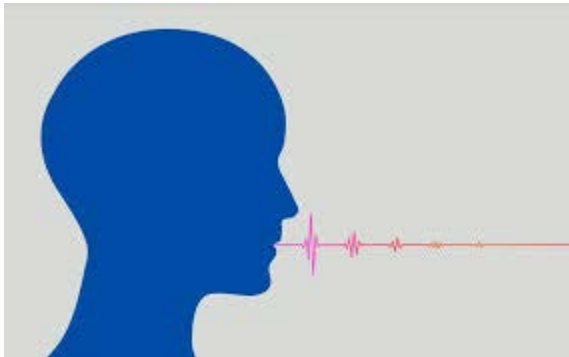


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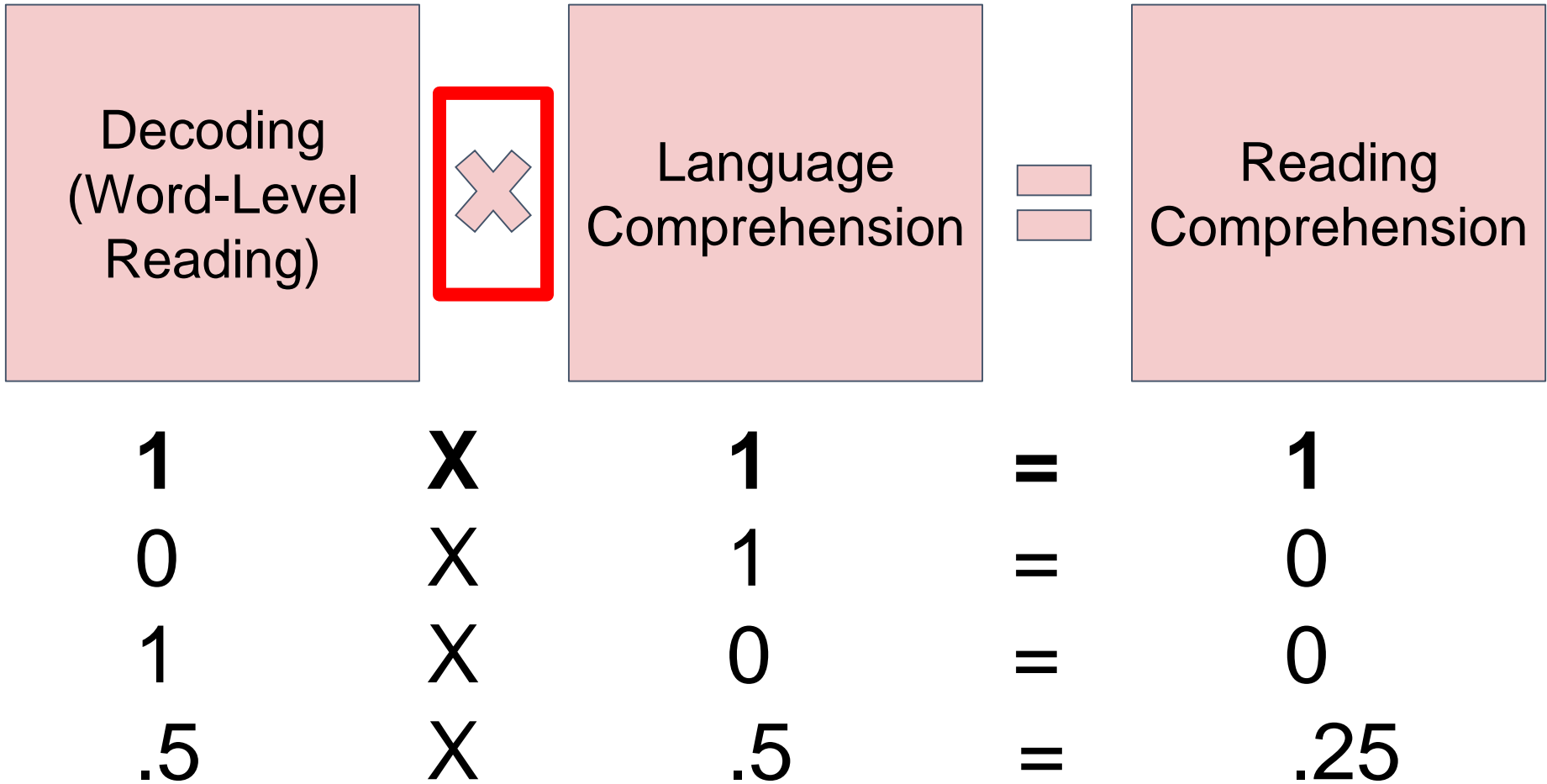


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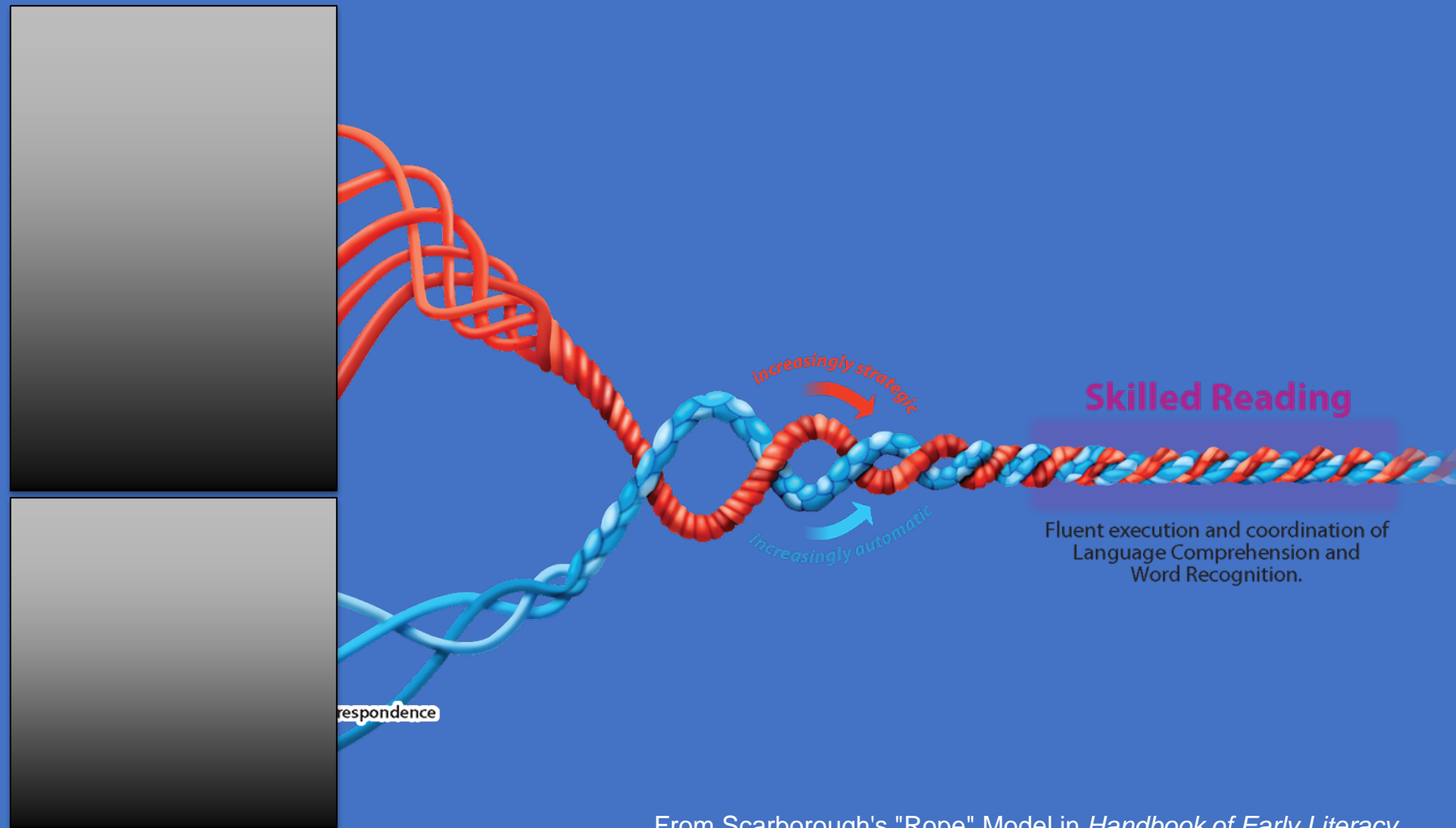
Reading is a very complex process in which students must integrate several cognitive and linguistic skills simultaneously.



# Simple View of Reading



# Activity 1.1 Reading Rope Sort



From Scarborough's "Rope" Model in *Handbook of Early Literacy Research*, Volume 1, Susan B. Neuman and David K. Dickinson, 2001

# Reading Rope

## Language Comprehension

### Background Knowledge

facts, concepts, etc.

### Vocabulary

breadth, precision, links, etc.

### Language Structures

syntax, semantics, etc.

### Verbal Reasoning

inference, metaphor, etc.

### Literacy Knowledge

print concepts, genres, etc.

## Word Recognition

### Phonological Awareness

syllables, phonemes, etc.

### Decoding

alphabetic principle, spelling-sound correspondence

### Sight Recognition

of familiar words

Meaning-based skills

Code-based skills

increasingly strategic

increasingly automatic

## Skilled Reading

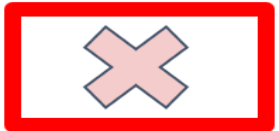
Fluent execution and coordination of Language Comprehension and Word Recognition.

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# Reading Rope & SVR Aligned

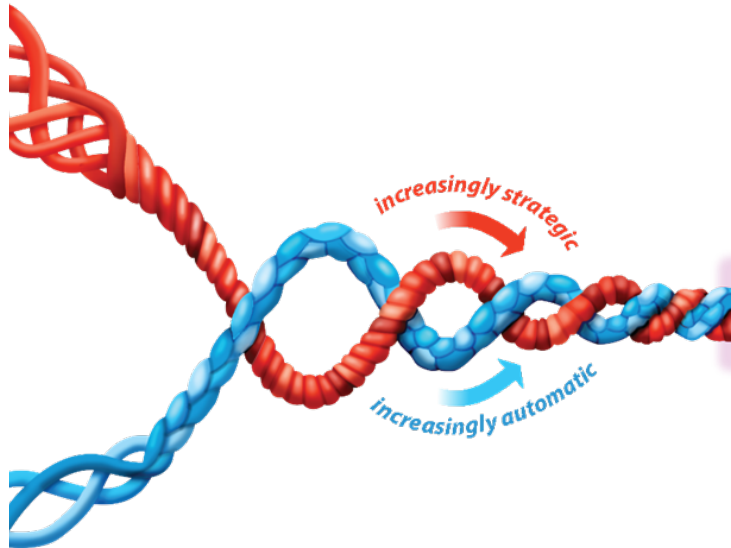
Meaning-based skills

Language  
Comprehension



Code-based skills

Decoding  
(Word-Level  
Reading)



Reading  
Comprehension

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# Effective Readers

Can decode  
new words

Use  
background  
knowledge

Are aware of  
multiple  
meaning words

Are aware of  
word origins

Understand  
word parts

Generalize  
word meanings  
across content  
areas

Use strategies  
to understand  
new words

Are motivated  
to learn new  
words

# Big Ideas of Reading

Elementary K-3	Adolescent 4-12th
Phonemic Awareness	Advanced Decoding
Phonics	Fluency
Fluency	Vocabulary
Vocabulary	Comprehension
Comprehension	Motivation



**Changing Emphasis of the Subskills of the Five Components of Reading** (Adapted from Michigan's Integrated Behavior and Learning Support Initiative (MIBLSI), 2017)

Component	K	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
Phonemic Awareness	Blend & Segment	Phoneme Analysis: Addition, Deletion & Substitution; Spelling Dictation				
Phonics	Sounds/Basic Phonics	Advanced Phonics & Multisyllabic			Multisyllabic & Word Study	
Fluency	Sounds and Words	Words & Connected Text			Connected Text	
Vocabulary	Speaking & Listening		Listening, Reading & Writing		Reading & Writing	
Comprehension	Speaking & Listening		Listening, Reading & Writing		Reading & Writing	

Students may struggle due to traditional reading approaches which did not include instructional methods to allow all students to become proficient in the **code of printed English and to build a large sight vocabulary.**

### Whole-word approach:

- Uses multiple exposures to words so the words are memorized

### Three cueing system model:

- Proposes unknown words are read by using context clues, understanding the structure of language (syntax), and by visually recognizing words (recall words based on their appearance)

# Addressing the Needs of Struggling Students

**1**

Administer intervention-oriented assessment

**2**

Analyze assessment data and apply empirically-proven methods of reading acquisition to address reading deficits

**3**

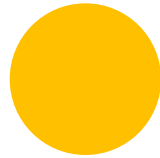
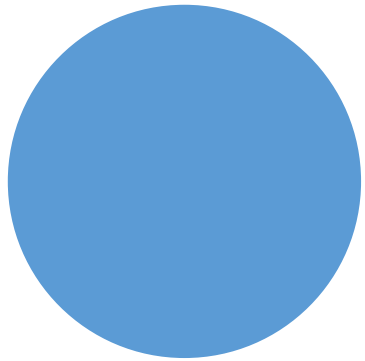
Intervene to remediate the skill deficits (e.g., decoding of multisyllabic words)

# Addressing the Needs of Struggling Students (cont.)

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Teach compensatory strategies to successfully engage with text in classes (e.g., strategies for reading unfamiliar words, understanding text features and types, extracting the most important pieces of information)

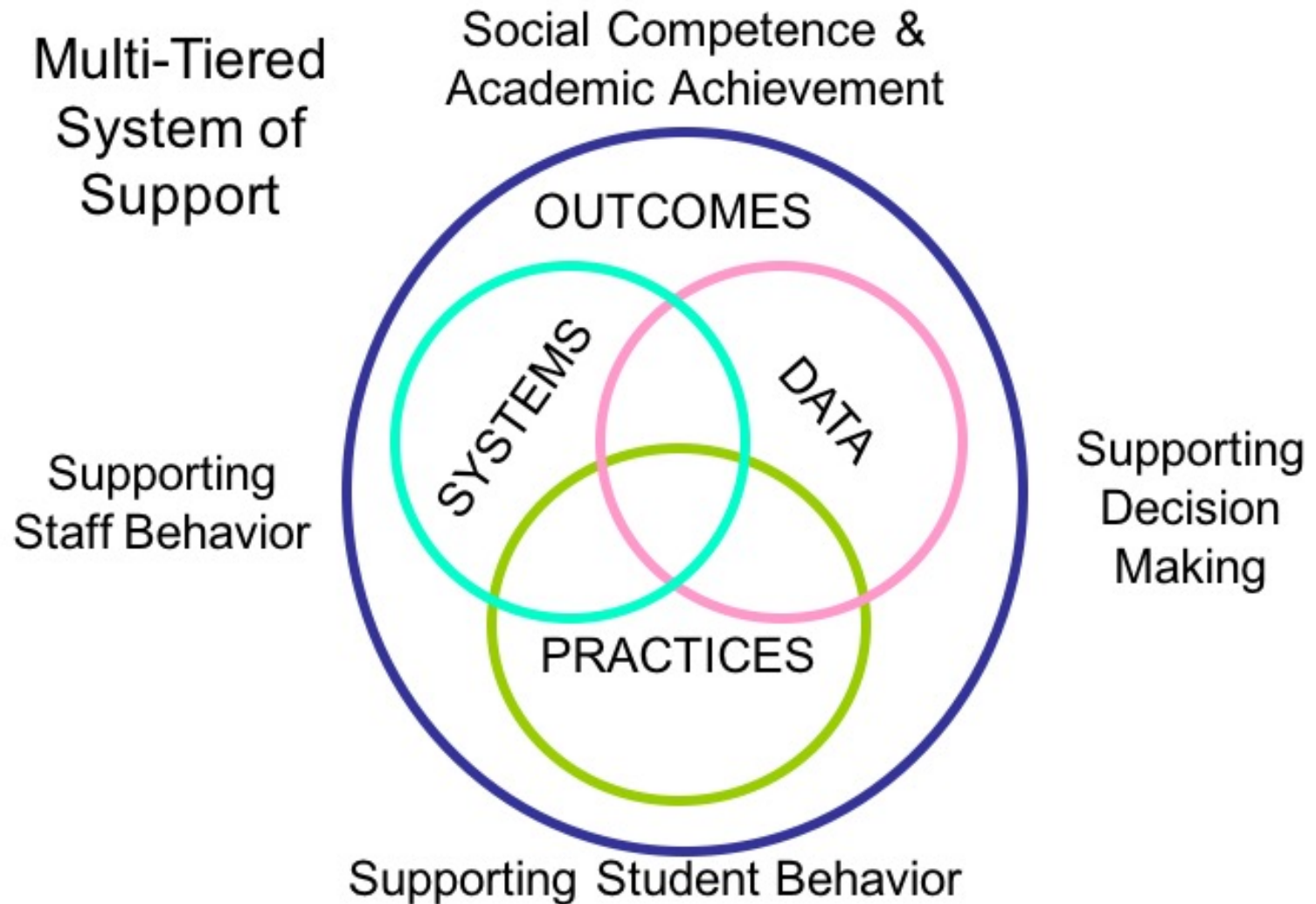
At the early elementary grades, students are learning how to read. The transition from learning how to read to reading to learn information is where the **compensatory strategies** take full effect.



## 2.0 MTSS: Data, Systems, and Practices to Improve Outcomes



# MTSS Broad Components



# Unpacking Data, Systems, Practices

## Data

- Assessment measures
- Data analysis
- Plans developed based on data
- Data sharing presentations

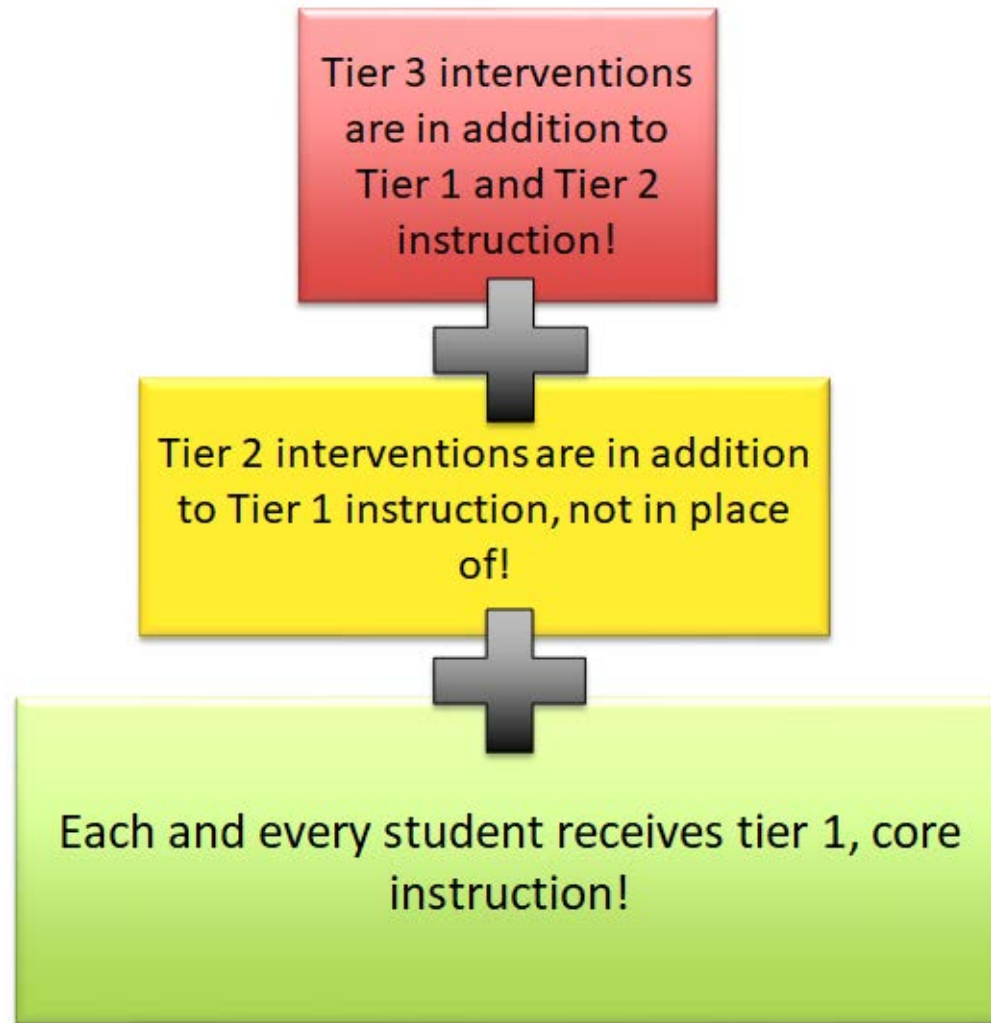
## Systems

- Teams
- Processes
- Procedures

## Practices

- Strategies
- Programs
- Practices
- All are evidence-based

# Visual Representation of MTSS





Social-emotional behavioral supports



Big Ideas of Reading



Evidence-based core reading program



Explicit instruction



Reliable, valid screening, progress monitoring assessments



Decision Rules across the school, grade level, and individual student levels



Evidence-based interventions

Elementary MTSS Components

Social-emotional behavioral supports

Big Ideas of Adolescent Reading

Before, during, after comprehension strategies

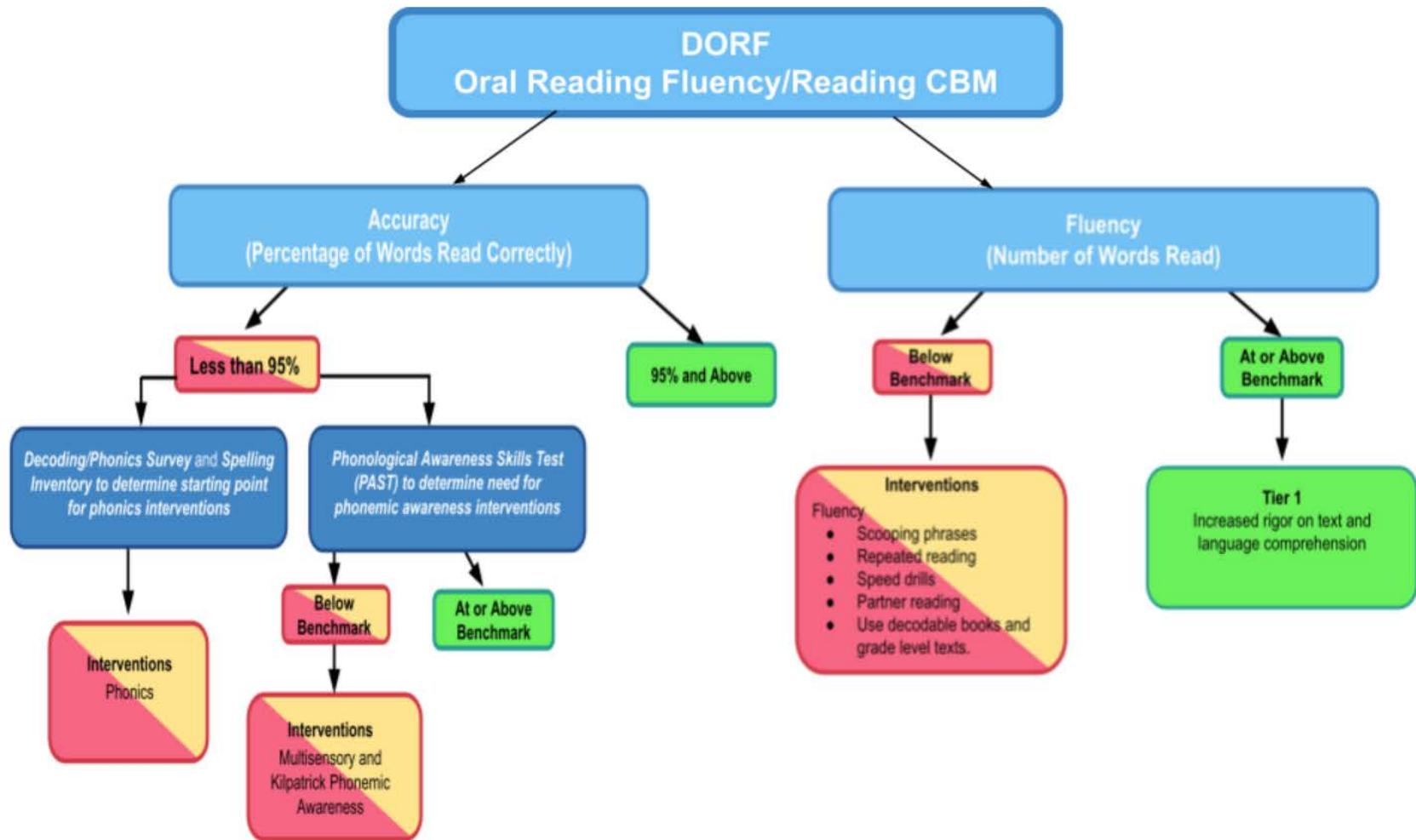
Explicit instruction

Reliable, valid assessment to the best extent possible

Decision Rules across the school, grade level, and individual student levels

Evidence-based interventions

## Secondary MTSS Components



# Decision Rules

# Diagnostic Assessments

## PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS SCREENING TEST (PAST) FORM B

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Adapted from the levels used in McInnis (1999) & Rosner (1973)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B.: \_\_\_\_\_ Evaluator: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS:** See *Equipped for Reading Success* Chapter 11: "Assessment of Phonological Awareness" for detailed instructions on the PAST.  
**RESULTS:**

	Correct	Automatic	Highest Correct Level:	_____
Basic Syllable	____/10	____/10	(Levels not passed below the highest correct level)	_____
Onset-Rime	____/10	____/10		
Basic Phoneme	____/10	____/10		
Advanced Phoneme	____/20	____/20	Highest Automatic Level:	_____
<b>Test Total</b>	<b>____/50</b>	<b>____/50</b>	(Non-automatic levels below highest automatic level)	

**Approximate Grade Level (Circle):** PreK/K K late K/early 1st 1st late 1st/early 2nd 2nd late 2nd to adult

*Note:* The grade levels listed throughout the PAST are estimates based on various research studies and clinical experience. They are not formalized norms.

### I. SYLLABLE LEVELS

*Basic Syllable Levels (D, E2 - preschool to mid kindergarten; E3 - mid to late kindergarten)*

**LEVEL D "Say flashlight. Now say flashlight but don't say flash."**

FEEDBACK: "If you say flashlight without saying flash, you get light. Okay? Let's try another one."

D1 (flash)light \_\_\_\_\_ (door)bell \_\_\_\_\_ rail(road) \_\_\_\_\_

D2 (cor)ner \_\_\_\_\_ (mem)ber \_\_\_\_\_ mar(ble) \_\_\_\_\_

**LEVEL E "Say gymnastics. Now say gymnastics but don't say gym."**

FEEDBACK: "If you say gymnastics without saying gym, you get nastics. See how that works?"

E2 (gym)nastics \_\_\_\_\_ (j)dea \_\_\_\_\_

(Sep)tember \_\_\_\_\_ (car)nation \_\_\_\_\_

**Basic Syllable Total:** \_\_\_\_\_/10 A: \_\_\_\_\_/10

Correct Automatic

\_\_\_\_/6 A: \_\_\_\_/6

\_\_\_\_/4 A: \_\_\_\_/4

### II. ONSET-RIME LEVELS

*Onset-Rime Levels (kindergarten to mid first grade)*

**LEVEL F "Say far. Now say far but don't say /f/."**

FEEDBACK: "If you say far without the /f/, you get ar: far-ar, see how that works?"

/f/ar → are \_\_\_\_\_ /n/ame → aim \_\_\_\_\_

/w/ait → ate \_\_\_\_\_ /b/cg → egg \_\_\_\_\_ /l/ean → own \_\_\_\_\_

Correct Automatic

\_\_\_\_/5 A: \_\_\_\_/5

**LEVEL G "Say kite. Now say kite but instead of /k/ say /r/."**

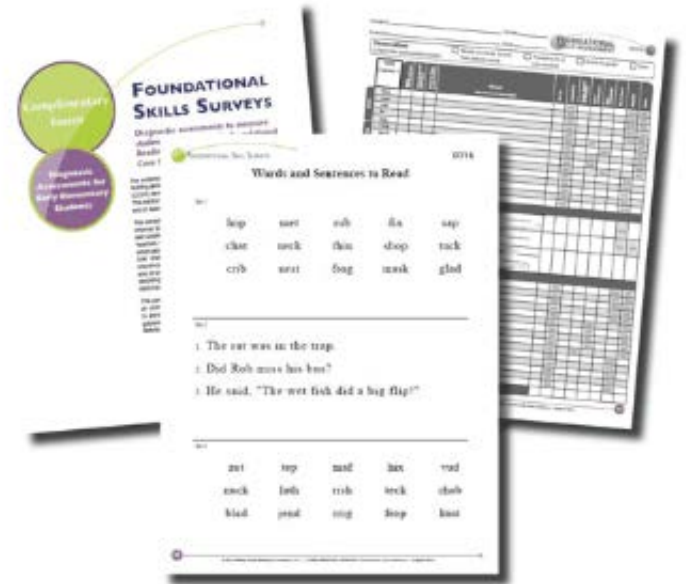
FEEDBACK: "If you say kite, and change the /k/ to /r/, you get rite: kite-rite."

/k/ite /r/ → right \_\_\_\_\_ /c/ane /r/ → rain \_\_\_\_\_

/d/ime /r/ → rhyme \_\_\_\_\_ /g/uess /y/ → yes \_\_\_\_\_ /c/ought /b/ → bought \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_/5 A: \_\_\_\_/5

**Onset-Rime Total:** \_\_\_\_\_/10 A: \_\_\_\_\_/10



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# Activity 2.1

## Schoolwide MTSS



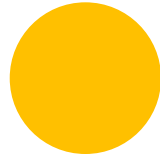
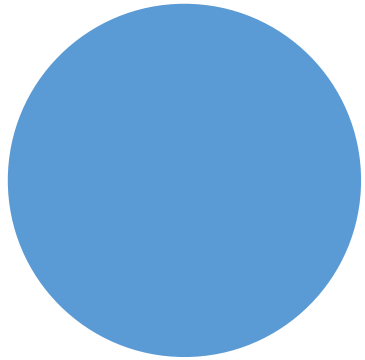
Look back at the  
MTSS  
Components  
(slides 24-26)



Discuss with your  
table the components  
your school currently  
uses in a schoolwide  
MTSS



Be prepared to share  
out with the larger  
group your progress  
in implementing  
MTSS



# 3.0 Creating a Reading Profile |



YOU'RE HOOKED, BOBBY. HOOKED ON PHONICS.  
AND WE'RE GOING TO MAKE YOU BETTER— BUT  
THIS IS CONTRABAND.

PLEASE! NO!

READING  
BASICS



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# Revisiting the Simple View of Reading





# Three Profiles for Reading Difficulty are Common

Profile	Word Recognition/Decoding	Oral Language Comprehension
<b>Word Recognition Difficulties</b>		
<b>Comprehension Difficulties</b>		
<b>Mixed Reading Difficulties</b>		

# Three Profiles for Reading Difficulty are Common

Profile	Word Recognition/Decoding	Oral Language Comprehension
<b>Word Recognition Difficulties</b>	<b>Below Benchmark</b>	Benchmark or better
<b>Comprehension Difficulties</b>		
<b>Mixed Reading Difficulties</b>		

Description	Strengths	Intervention Needs
<p>Decoding below average</p> <p>Phonemic awareness (PA) often below average</p> <p>Oral vocabulary and broad listening comprehension at least average</p> <p>Fluency often below average due to decoding problems</p> <p>Reading comprehension often, but not always, below average due to decoding problems</p>	<p>Good ability to learn orally (e.g., through class discussions and teacher read-alouds)</p> <p>Reading comprehension is strong when children read texts they can decode</p>	<p>Explicit, systematic phonics intervention</p> <p>Use a phoneme-level approach that teaches letter sounds, blending, and segmentation (i.e., PA)</p> <p>Consider advanced PA instruction if relevant</p> <p>Provide ample application of decoding skills in oral text reading, with teacher (or parent) feedback</p>

## Word Recognition Difficulties

# Three Profiles for Reading Difficulty are Common

Profile	Word Recognition/Decoding	Oral Language Comprehension
<b>Word Recognition Difficulties</b>		
<b>Comprehension Difficulties</b>	Benchmark or better	<b>Below Benchmark</b>
<b>Mixed Reading Difficulties</b>		

## Description

- Decoding at least average
- PA at least average
- Reading comprehension below average
- Oral vocabulary and listening comprehension may be weak
- Fluency may be weak due to language limitations (not poor decoding)

## Strengths

- Good foundational reading skills

## Intervention Needs

- Important to determine students' specific comprehension needs
- Provide explicit, systematic intervention targeting these specific weaknesses (e.g., vocabulary, summarizing)
- Include oral language in intervention

# Comprehension Difficulties

# Three Profiles for Reading Difficulty are Common

Profile	Word Recognition/Decoding	Oral Language Comprehension
<b>Word Recognition Difficulties</b>		
<b>Comprehension Difficulties</b>		
<b>Mixed Reading Difficulties</b>	<b>Below Benchmark</b>	<b>Below Benchmark</b>

## Description

- Decoding below average
- Reading comprehension below average, even in texts children can decode
- Reading fluency often weak due to limitations in both decoding and language

## Strengths

- Individual children usually have strengths in specific areas of language or reading (e.g., their knowledge base about specific interests)

## Intervention Needs

- Combination of intervention needs for first two patterns
- Multicomponent interventions may be especially useful

# Mixed Reading Difficulties

# Three Profiles for Reading Difficulty are Common

Profile	Word Recognition/Decoding	Oral Language Comprehension
<b>Word Recognition Difficulties</b>	<b>Below Benchmark</b>	Benchmark or better
<b>Comprehension Difficulties</b>	Benchmark or better	<b>Below Benchmark</b>
<b>Mixed Reading Difficulties</b>	<b>Below Benchmark</b>	<b>Below Benchmark</b>



# A Case Study:

## Celeste Beginning of Year Grade 2



- Reading difficulties starting middle of year K
- Early difficulties on learning letter sounds, phoneme blending, and decoding
- Language skills are strong
- Does well with teacher read-alouds and class discussions
- Has good ideas and vocabulary for writing, but poor spelling
- Some phonics intervention in 1<sup>st</sup> grade
- DIBELS BOY NWF – Below Benchmark in CLS and WWR
- DIBELS BOY DORF – Below Benchmark in Accuracy and WCM

# Celeste's Profile and Next Steps

## Word Recognition Difficulties

Administer decoding diagnostic and plan for intense, explicit, and systematic phonics interventions based on skill deficit

Evaluate advanced phonemic awareness and consider advanced PA intervention

Begin to increase focus on transfer of decoding skills to reading of real words

Application of decoding skills in reading text including oral text reading with a knowledgeable teacher who provides appropriate scaffolding and cues

Integrate systematic spelling intervention with the decoding intervention

# Activity 3.1 Case Study

## Martin – Beginning of Year Grade 4

- Native Spanish speaker, immigrated to U.S. in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
- Conversational English very good
- No history of language delay in Spanish and does not appear to be a history of literacy difficulties in Spanish
- Some difficulty with common high frequency words
- Difficulty with longer, complex words
- Inconsistently applies decoding skills, word errors reflect language  
*canopy = cuh-NOP-ee*
- Vocabulary weakness impacts comprehension
- Syntax errors in writing (double negatives, unusual word choice)
- DIBELS DORF – At benchmark fluency and accuracy (lowest level of OK)
- DIBELS Retell – Below Benchmark

**We DO**

# Martin's Profile and Next Steps

Mixed reading difficulties



Administer multi-syllabic word diagnostic for specific skill deficit



Instruction in structural and morphemic awareness of multi-syllabic words with attention to cognates



Teach recognition of common roots, prefixes, and suffixes to apply to reading words



Explicitly teach vocabulary and academic language central to understanding texts



Oral language and oral discussion of texts

# Activity 3.2 Case Study

## Nicolette – Middle of Year Grade 3

- History of early speech and language delay
- Decoding and spelling problems in kindergarten and Grade 1
- Some explicit, systematic phonics intervention
- Overreliance on context to recognize words
- DIBELS DORF – Below benchmark fluency and accuracy
- DIBELS Retell – Below Benchmark

**You DO**

# Nicolette's Profile and Next Steps

## Word Recognition Difficulties

Administer advanced word diagnostic and possibly beginning phonics diagnostic for specific skill deficit

Plan for intense, explicit, and systematic phonics interventions **based on skill deficit**

**Application of decoding skills** in reading text including oral text reading with a knowledgeable teacher who provides appropriate scaffolding and cues

Integrate systematic spelling intervention with the decoding intervention

Explicitly teach vocabulary and academic language central to understanding texts

# Final Thoughts...

- Every student is unique, but you don't have to reinvent the wheel for every student – use Decision Rules to guide you
- Reader profiles provide a valuable starting point for interpreting assessment data and planning instruction and interventions
- Reading profiles can be used along the language and literacy continuum for students with and without disabilities
- Can give insights into performance in areas beyond reading such as writing



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