

Solutions for Students with English Language Acquisition Needs



- Personalized, self-paced instruction
- Curriculum aligned to state standards
- Range of instructional strategies and age-appropriate skill levels
- Immediate feedback and reinforcement without judgment
- Appropriate for Structured English Immersion

How are you helping your English Language Learners achieve English literacy?

Veronica is a bright-eyed, outgoing middle school student from Mexico. Her family has moved several times since she came to your classroom, preventing her from attending school consistently. Although she had only completed the fourth grade in Mexico, in the United States, at age 13, she was enrolled in the seventh grade. Besides the demands of learning a new language, Veronica must make up a multiple-year gap in reading ability and content knowledge. She is a fluent reader in Spanish; your challenge as her teacher is to get her reading at grade level in English.

How many students do you know like Veronica? What are you doing to help them achieve grade-level literacy?

Connect with your learners.

PLATO Learning provides standards-based curricula designed to provide your English Language Learners (ELLs) support in English while acquiring knowledge and practice in English language skills. Periodic assessments allow both students and teachers to track progress and make adjustments to instruction as needed.

Personalize learning for your students.

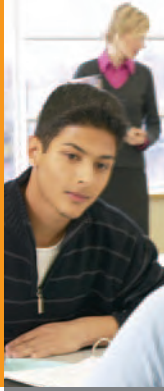
PLATO Learning's self-paced, individualized instruction assists learners at all skill levels. Our powerful, embedded assessments diagnose student skills and prescribe an easy-to-follow instructional map to personal learning achievement. Students receive motivating feedback and reinforcement as they work to master skills, and they benefit from on-screen help, tools, and manipulatives. Students benefit from "read the screen" audio support; they can hear the screen read in English while they interact with the program. Students thrive as they work at their own pace through the lessons.

Engage students with individual, small group, and direct instruction tools.

Research supports using multiple modalities as a student acquires English skills. Technology can be a positive method to introduce students to English in an individual, small group, or whole-class setting. Teachers can jump-start a lesson using PLATO Learning's courseware on a projection screen or create a mini-lesson for students to work on in computer labs in small groups. Our state-of-the-art tutorials help teachers introduce concepts and make lessons come alive for students. Motivating images and an emphasis on vocabulary makes reading and writing in English much easier to learn, practice, and master. Our reading curriculum uses visual devices that help students quickly access knowledge, tap into prior knowledge, and review information and concepts.

“Combining visual, verbal, and print cues enables English Language Learners to make meaning using an array of modalities.”

—Eliane Rubenstein-Avila, assistant professor of the College of Education, Department of Language, Reading and Culture, University of Arizona, as quoted in *ASCD Educational Leadership*, Feb. 2006, Vol. 63, No. 5

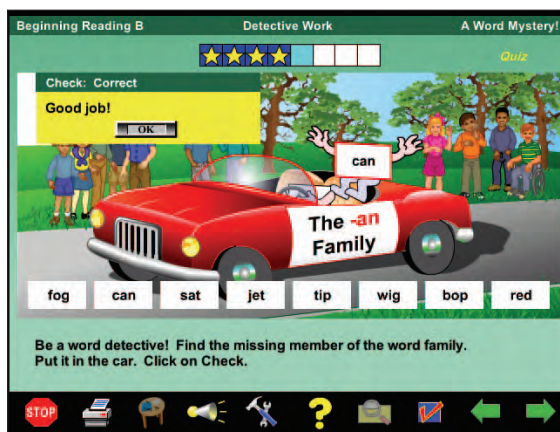


Customize reading solutions for early literacy.

Our award-winning, technology-based reading curriculum includes early literacy instruction that starts with the foundations of reading, phonics, phonemic awareness, fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary. Students are introduced to and practice the most critical reading skills, promoting literacy and offering struggling learners substantial opportunities for practice and skill development.

Help older students build on what they already know.

Research shows that the connection to what the student already understands is particularly important for students who will be transferring proficiency from their native language to English. Throughout PLATO Learning’s web-based curricula, students find real-world scenarios and connections to help bring familiarity to the information presented.



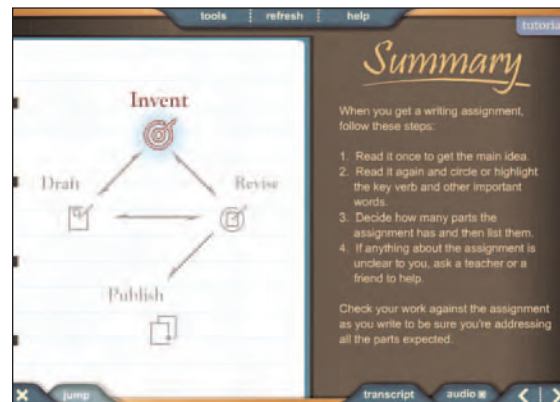
PLATO® Beginning Reading

A partner to improve student achievement.

PLATO® Professional Services is committed to creating successful partnerships with educators to further the common goal of improving education for all learners. By combining high-quality educational products with extensive consulting experience, PLATO Professional Services helps teachers to better serve their students.

PLATO Professional Services:

- Combines research with real-world expertise in a new way to help teachers improve student achievement;
- Facilitates school improvement planning and;
- Supports a continuous model of improvement for teachers and students.



PLATO® Essential Writing Skills

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PLATO® Curriculum for Structured English Immersion		
Curriculum	Grades	Skill Levels
PLATO® Beginning Reading	K-3	K-3
PLATO® Reading Explorations	4-6	4-6
English Discoveries	6-12	1-6
The Rosetta Stone® Language Library (English)	1-12	1-6
HEC Reading Horizons	7-12	K-4 (literacy/decoding)
PLATO® Essential Reading Skills	7-12	3-5
PLATO® Fundamental Reading Strategies	7-12	5-6
PLATO® Intermediate Reading Strategies	7-12	7-9
PLATO® Advanced Reading Strategies	7-12	9-14 (reading in content areas: science, social studies, mathematics, etc.)
PLATO® Vocabulary and Reading Comprehension	7-12	3-9
PLATO® Reading for Information	7-12	7-12
PLATO® Essential Writing Process and Practice	7-12	3-5
PLATO® Fundamental Writing Process and Practice	7-12	6-8
PLATO® Intermediate Writing Process and Practice	7-12	7-9

Real learning. Real results.™

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