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with a proven leveled reading program
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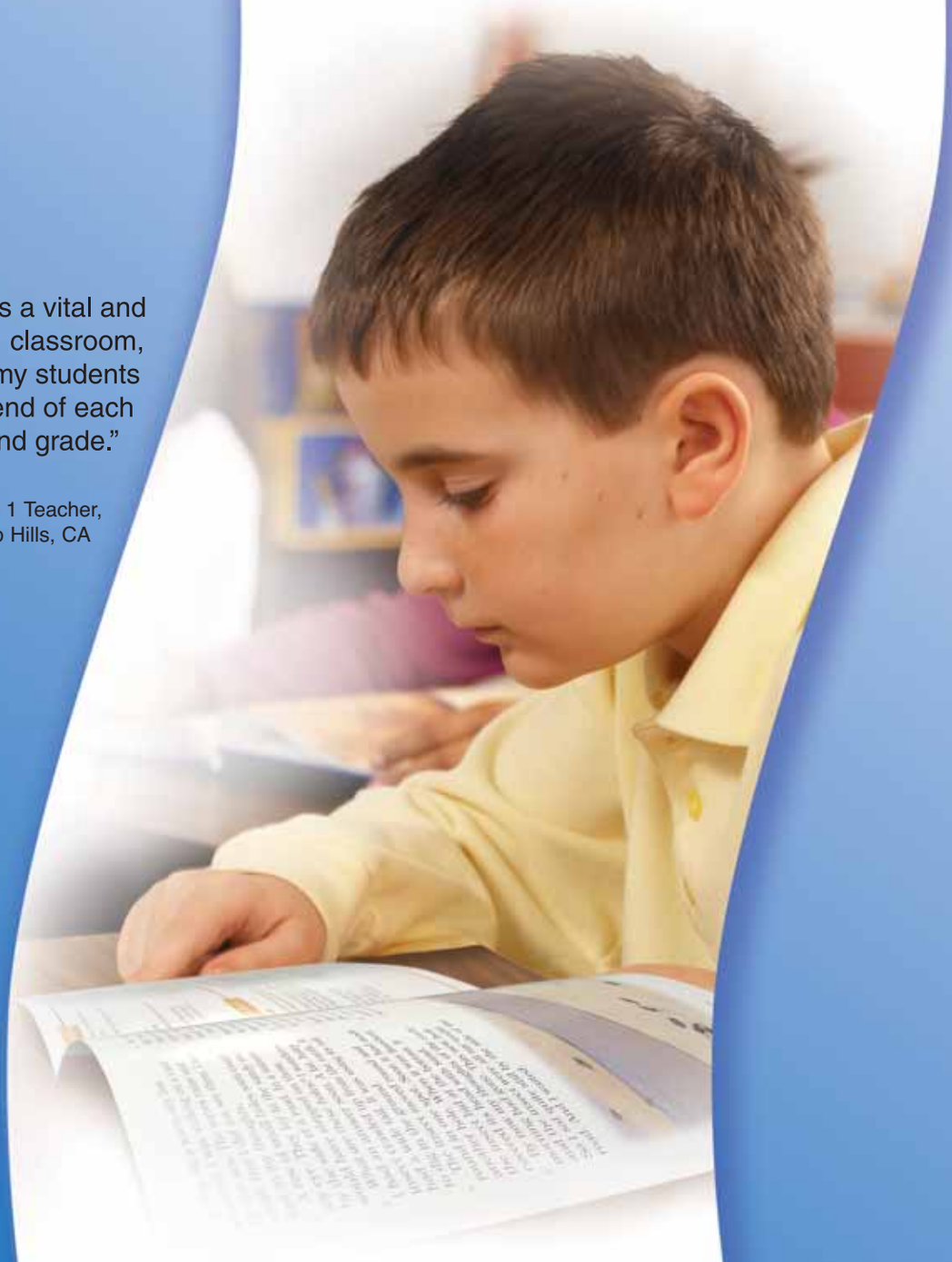

"***SRA Reading Lab 1a*** is a vital and active part of my Grade 1 classroom, contributing to the success of my students who leave my room at the end of each school year ready for second grade."

Grade 1 Teacher,
Litel Elementary School, Chino Hills, CA

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Build independent readers with a proven format

SRA/McGraw-Hill's Reading Laboratory program was created in 1950 by Don H. Parker, Ph.D., who developed the idea while teaching in a rural Florida classroom. Faced with the challenge of reaching different levels of learners, Parker devised a method of breaking reading selections into color-coded levels. Students began reading at an appropriate reading level and worked upward through increasingly challenging content.

That *Reading Lab* began with a simple system of components kept in a tomato box. Today the simple system remains, but has been updated to include engaging, contemporary literature, new technology, and a host of components that enhance the program's proven format. *SRA Reading Labs* meet the guidelines of Reading First and are one of the most respected leveled reading programs used by teachers throughout the world.

Use SRA Reading Labs in your classroom to:

- Develop comprehension, vocabulary, fluency, word analysis, and study skills
- Reinforce specific skills in which certain students show a weakness
- Engage students' interest and increase their knowledge base using a wide array of fiction and nonfiction selections
- Promote independent student work

Reading Labs 1a, 2c, and 3a

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Make the most of classroom time

Reading Labs let you make the most of every minute of learning time. The program's leveled approach to reading instruction helps teachers meet the challenge. Self-directed nonfiction and fiction selections reach all students while building independent reading skills, fluency, and confidence.

The basic design of the *Reading Labs* is simple: each student's skill level is matched to color-coded, leveled reading selections. The reading levels gradually increase in complexity and selections gradually increase in word count to keep students challenged as they progress through the program.

Pretest

- Students take the *Starting Level Guide* pretest to determine the appropriate color level at which they should begin reading.

Independent Reading

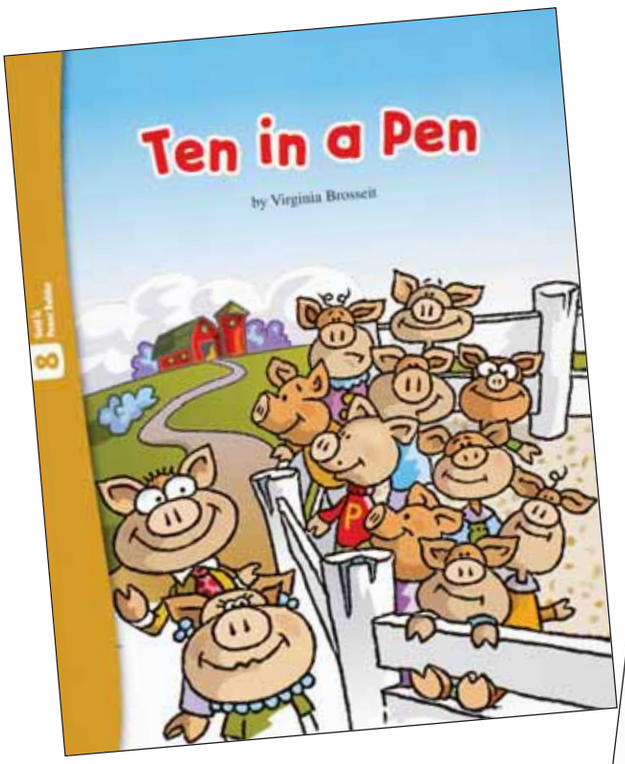
- Students begin with reading selections, called Power Builders, which correspond to their individual levels. Each Power Builder includes reading selections plus comprehension questions followed by vocabulary and word-study skills exercises.

Self-Scoring

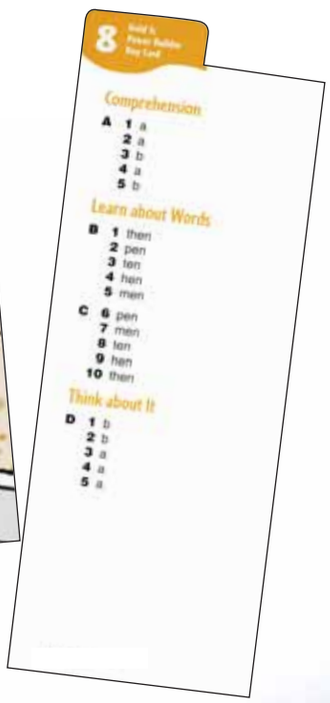
- Students answer questions, then check their work using the corresponding Key Cards. Scores are recorded in the Student Record Book.

Motivation for Success

- Students continue in the same level or move up to the next color level. Students gradually build their skills and confidence while reading quality literature and learning about fun, interesting topics!



1c Power Builder

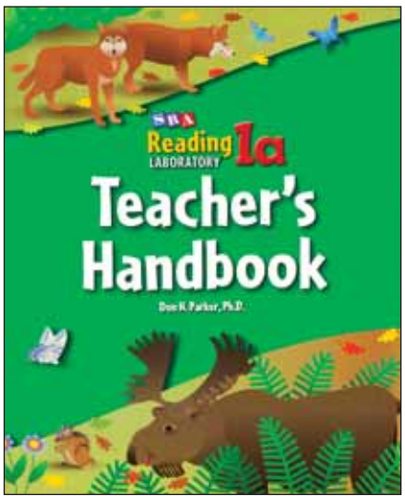


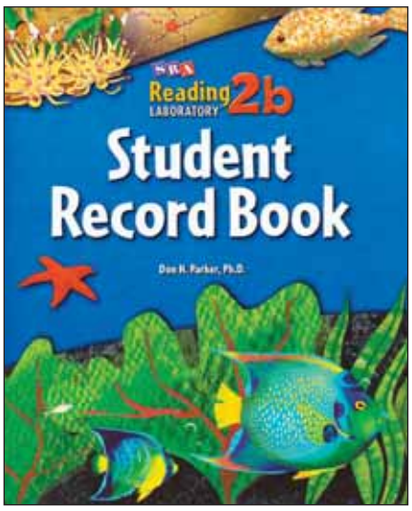
1c Power Builder Key Card

Use key components to foster independent learning

Teacher's Handbook

The Teacher's Handbook provides a program overview and teaching plans to use *Reading Labs* to maximum advantage. The appendices of the *References and Resources* section provide detailed, level-specific information about program selections, skills, and procedures for easy planning.





Student Record Book

The Student Record Book is used to chart progress within *SRA Reading Labs*. Students use it to record answers to exercises and questions, make corrections to their work, and record their scores. It also contains the *Starting Level Guide*, which is the placement tool for starting each student at the appropriate level.

Program Management CD-ROM

An interactive CD-ROM enables students to answer Power Builders questions on the computer. Answers are automatically scored and, when appropriate, specific Skill Builders (available in *Reading Labs 2* and *3* series only) are assigned to help students focus on any skill that requires further attention. The Program Management CD-ROM collects and organizes data on students' performance to help teachers make informed instructional decisions.

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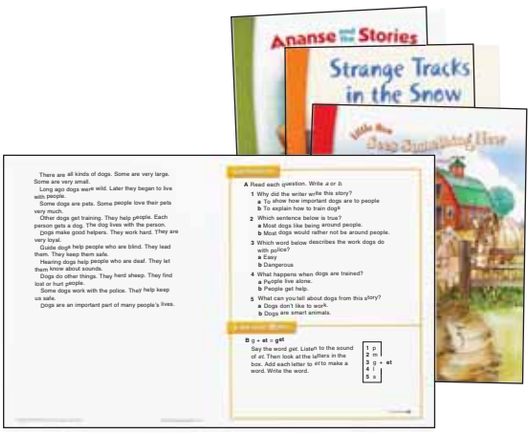
Engage and challenge students at all levels



Power Builders

Power Builders are the core of the program. Each *SRA Reading Laboratory* has more than 100 Power Builders, four-page booklets arranged in color-coded levels that keep students challenged as they progress through the program. Each Power Builder has three key parts:

- A high-interest fiction or nonfiction reading selection with accompanying photos or illustrations
- A *Comprehension* section that poses multi-leveled questions about the reading selection
- A *Learn About Words* section that includes vocabulary and word-study exercises

Power Builder Key Cards

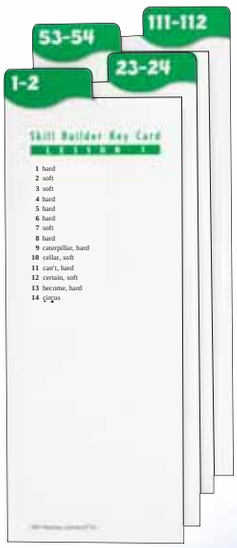
Every Power Builder has a corresponding Key Card with answers to the Power Builder questions. Students use the Key Cards to score their own work, saving teachers time. In some levels of *Reading Labs*, when a student's responses indicate a weakness in a particular skill, the Key Card directs the student to an appropriate lesson in Skill Builders.

Skill Builders

Skill Builders provide reinforcement in basic comprehension, phonics, grammar, and word-study skills. Students are directed to the Skill Builders to reinforce specific skills based on answers to the Power Builders. (Available in *Reading Labs 2* and *3* series only.)

Skill Builder Key Cards

These Key Cards allow students to score their work in the Skill Builders, saving teachers time and providing immediate feedback for students. (Available in *Reading Labs 2* and *3* series only.)



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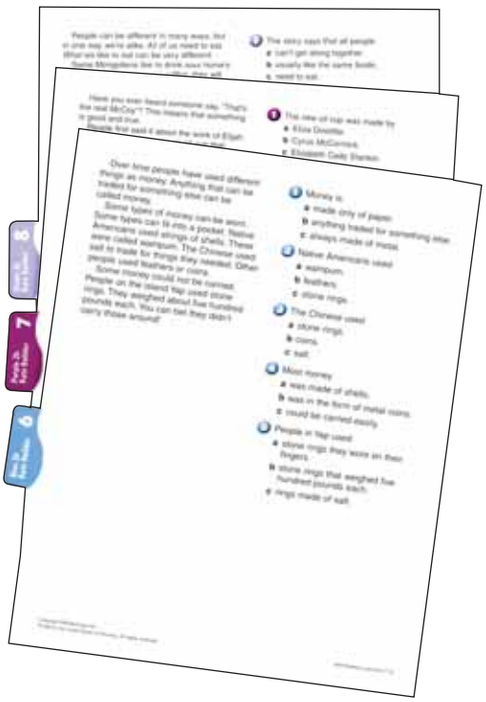
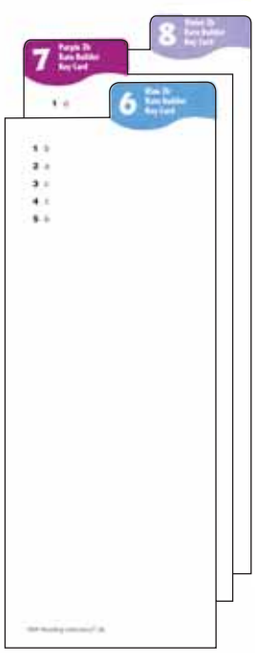
Enhance specific skills and build reading speed

Rate Builders

These short, timed reading selections improve fluency by helping students read faster while maintaining comprehension. Students get exactly three minutes to read a selection and answer the questions that follow. Rate Builders are organized into color-coded levels corresponding to Power Builder levels that gradually increase in reading skill level. (Available in *Reading Labs 2* and *3* series only.)



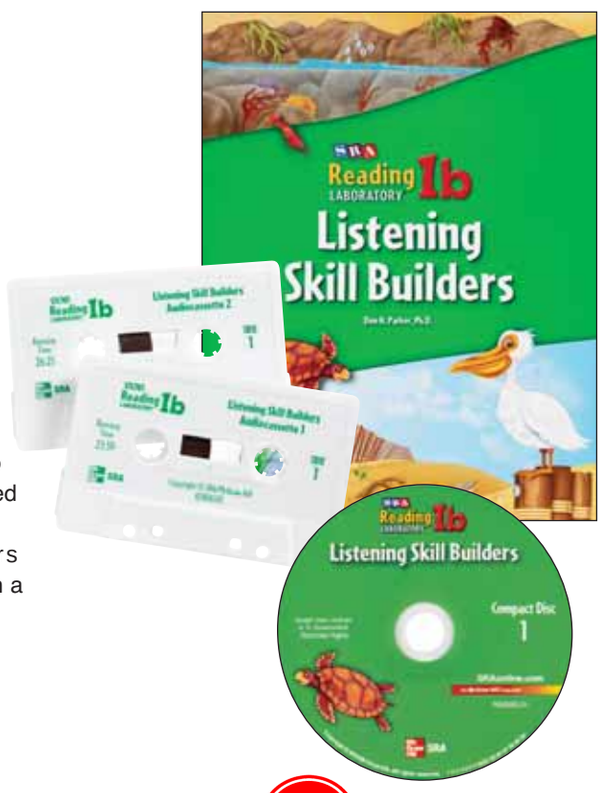


Rate Builder Key Cards

Students grade their work using Key Cards, which provide immediate feedback for learning success. (Available in *Reading Labs 2* and *3* series only.)

Listening Skill Builders Package

Meet audio learning needs with this complete package. Students listen to audiocassettes or audio CDs that contain lively, interesting stories followed by comprehension questions. Each selection requires approximately 15 minutes of student time. An accompanying Listening Skill Builders Scriptbook provides printed versions of the selections and questions in a convenient printed format, which contains read-aloud options.



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Choose your Reading Lab with this helpful chart

SRA Reading Laboratories are available for readers at all ages and skill levels. Use this chart to select the *Reading Lab* that is most appropriate for the needs of your students.

Grades K–1	
First Reading Lab	Pre-Primer · Primer · First-Reader

	Purple	Violet	Rose	Red	Orange	Gold	Brown	Tan	Lime	Green	Olive	Aqua	Blue	Purple	Violet	Rose	Red	Orange	Gold	Brown	Tan	Lime	Green	Purple
Grades 1–3																								
Developmental 1			1.2	1.4	1.6	1.8	2.0	2.2																
Reading Lab 1a	Pre-Primer	Primer	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.6		3.0	3.5											
Reading Lab 1b				1.4	1.6	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.8	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5									
Reading Lab 1c					1.6	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.6		3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.5							
Grades 4–8																								
Developmental 2							2.0		2.5			3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	5.0								
Grades 4–6																								
Reading Lab 2a							2.0		2.5			3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.5	6.0	7.0					
Reading Lab 2b									2.5			3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.5	6.0	7.0	8.0				
Reading Lab 2c												3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.5	6.0	7.0	8.0	9.0			
Grades 7–12																								
Developmental 3													3.5	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.5	6.0	7.0					
Reading Lab 3a													3.5	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.5	6.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	10.0	11.0	
Reading Lab 3b															4.5	5.0	5.5	6.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	10.0	11.0	12.0

EXAMPLE

Grade level for which the ***Reading Lab*** is appropriate

Power Builders specifying the reading levels accommodated in this ***Reading Lab***

Grades 1–3	
Developmental 1	1.2 · 1.4 · 1.6 · 1.8 · 2.0 · 2.2

Reading Lab title

Number indicating students' reading level

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Develop a solid foundation with a Reading Lab designed for beginning readers

First Reading Laboratory

First Reading Laboratory, Deluxe Edition

Appropriate for Grades K–1 or Reading Levels Pre-Primer, Primer, and First Reader

Encourage new readers with the easy reading practice in *First Reading Laboratory, Deluxe Edition*. To facilitate learning, the program's three reading levels – Pre-Primer, Primer, and First Reader – are based on seven word-pattern groupings.

Special features include:

Phonics Word Games
Teach students phonics patterns and sight words with a fun tic-tac-toe format.

Rebus and Picture Stories
Instruct children to put words into context and begin reading.

Audio CDs and Audiocassettes
Stimulate imagination, encourage listening, and build the skills to follow directions.

Components

First Reading Lab, Deluxe Edition components include: Phonics Word Games (76); Story Cards (144); Phonics Practice Pages; Blackline Masters (76); Sight Word Practice Pages; Blackline Masters (40); Sight Word Tests – 1 pad of 22 consumable tests; Teacher's Handbook; Student Record Book – *My Own Book* (20); and Listening-Doing-Learning on 2 audiocassettes or 2 audio CDs with Instructor's Manual.

Cultivate essential skills and a love of reading with the Level 1 series

Reading Lab 1 series

Reading Labs 1a, 1b, and 1c

Appropriate for Grades 1–3 or Reading Levels 1.2–5.5

Build and refine your students' skills with the *SRA Reading Laboratory 1* series. High-interest selections promote individual practice and include artwork and photographs along with fiction and nonfiction passages in the areas of:

- History
- Science
- Sports
- Technology

This series includes a Teacher's Handbook, Student Record Book, Power Builders, and Key Cards. The *Listening to Literature* audio CDs and audiocassettes are available separately.

Special features include:

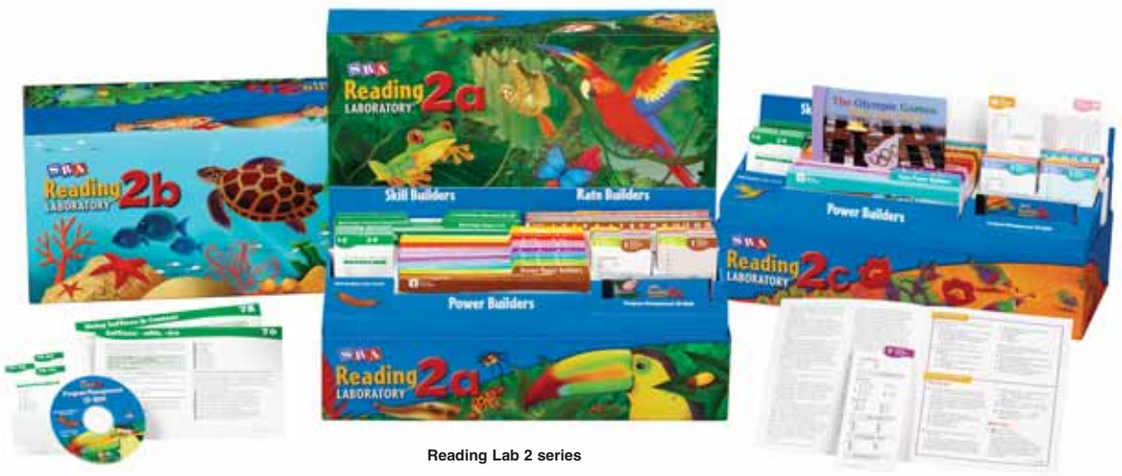
Updated Graphics
Keep students engaged through full-color illustrations and photographs.

Technology
Provide computer-based management tools to track student performance with the Program Management CD-ROM.

Components

Reading Labs 1a, 1b, and 1c components include: Power Builders with coordinating Answer Key Cards (144); Student Record Book; Teacher's Handbook; and Program Management CD-ROM. Listening Skill Builders on audiocassette or audio CD are available separately as well as additional packs of Student Record Books.

Keep students challenged and motivated to read with the enhanced Reading Lab 2 series



Reading Lab 2 series

Reading Labs 2a, 2b, and 2c

Appropriate for Grades 4–6 or Reading Levels 2.0–9.0

The *SRA Reading Laboratory 2* series presents a diverse collection of topics to meet a wide range of reading levels for students in Grades 4–6. This series focuses on building strong reading and comprehension skills. An assortment of high-quality reading selections including biographies, fictional narratives, and nonfiction works serve to:

- Build a foundation of cross-curricular knowledge
- Spark student interest
- Inspire students to get the most from each assignment

Special features include:

Skill Builders
Reinforce basic comprehension, phonics, grammar, and word-study skills where students need additional practice.

Updated Reading Selections
High-interest selections include a variety of topics to engage all students.

Components

Reading Labs 2a, 2b, and 2c components include: Power Builders with coordinating Answer Key Cards (150); Rate Builders with coordinating Answer Key Cards (150); Skill Builders with coordinating Answer Key Cards (254 Reading Lab 2a/232 Reading Lab 2b/222 Reading Lab 2c); Student Record Book; Teacher's Handbook; and Program Management CD-ROM. Listening Skill Builders on audiocassette or audio CD are available separately as well as additional packs of Student Record Books.

Use the Level 3 series to inspire older students

Reading Lab 3 series

Reading Labs 3a and 3b

Appropriate for Grades 7–Adult or Reading Levels 3.5–12.0

The *SRA Reading Laboratory 3* series boosts comprehension and skills for older students and adults. A variety of nonfiction reading selections appeals to their interests and skills while other selections expose them to great works of fiction. Students gain valuable reading practice with an emphasis on boosting vocabulary and reading comprehension.

Special features include:

Updated Reading Selections
High-interest selections include a variety of topics to engage all students.

Rate Builders
Color-coded, leveled cards help improve reading speed.

Components

Reading Labs 3a and 3b components include: Power Builders with corresponding Answer Key Cards (110); Rate Builders with corresponding Answer Key Cards (110); Skill Builders with corresponding Answer Key Cards (250 Reading Lab 3a only); Student Record Book; Teacher's Handbook; and Teacher Management CD-ROM. Listening Skill Builders on audiocassette or audio CD are available separately, as well as additional packs of Student Record Books.

Reach at-risk readers with the simplified design of Developmental Reading Labs

Developmental Reading Labs 1, 2, and 3

Developmental 1 Reading Lab

Appropriate for Grades 1–3 or Reading Levels 1.2–2.2

Skill Development

This *SRA Reading Laboratory* helps students improve skills step-by-step and at their own pace. It includes reading levels appropriate for use with special education, below-level, or at-risk students. Power Builders provide easy practice through fiction and nonfiction readings designed for Grade 1 and low Grade 2 reading levels.

Developmental 2 Reading Lab

Appropriate for Grades 4–8 or Reading Levels 2.0–5.0

Reach Reluctant Readers

Bring effective *Reading Lab* instruction to slower-performing, intermediate classrooms with the *Developmental 2 Reading Lab*. This program's diverse reading selections include works of nonfiction, fiction, humor, and science.

Developmental 3 Reading Lab

Appropriate for Grades 7– Adult or Reading Levels 3.5–7.0

Age-appropriate Selections

Capture the attention of older students with the accessible mix of fiction and nonfiction selections in the *Developmental 3 Reading Lab*. An engaging group of stories, coupled with the intensive comprehension practice available through Skill Builders, enables students to expand their reading abilities.

Components

Developmental 1 Reading Lab components include: Power Builders with coordinating Answer Key Cards (144); Student Record Book; Teacher's Handbook; and Program Management CD-ROM.

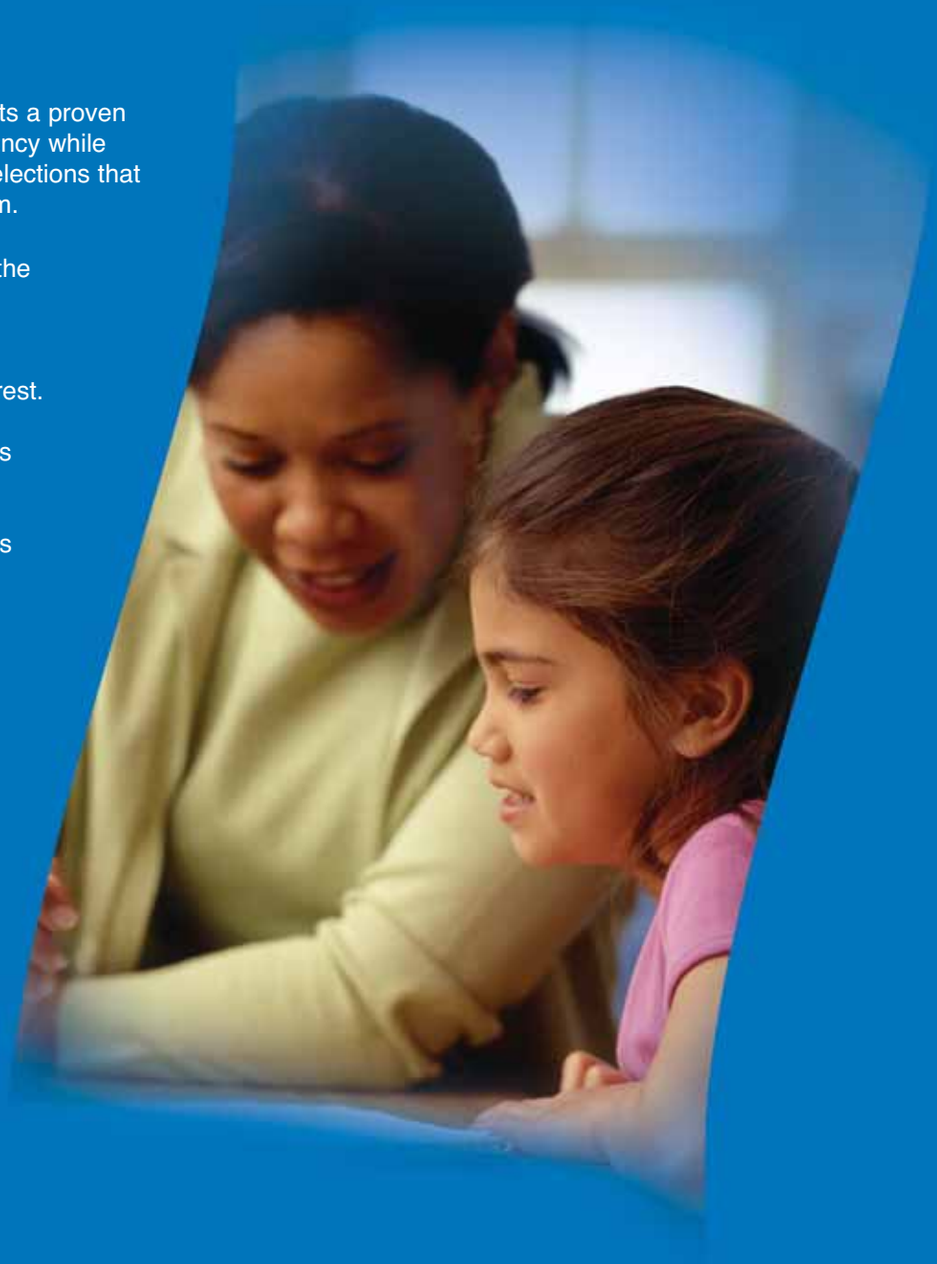
Developmental 2 Reading Lab components include: Power Builders with coordinating Answer Key Cards (150); Rate Builders with coordinating Answer Key Cards (150); Skill Builders with coordinating Answer Key Cards (235); Student Record Book; Teacher's Handbook; and Program Management CD-ROM.

Developmental 3 Reading Lab components include: Power Builders with coordinating Answer Key Cards (110); Rate Builders with coordinating Answer Key Cards (110); Student Record Book; Teacher's Handbook; and Program Management CD-ROM.

Bring your readers to new levels with the SRA Reading Laboratory

Use the *SRA Reading Laboratory* to give your students a proven leveled reading program that builds confidence and fluency while fostering a love of reading. Each *Reading Lab* has selections that accommodate students at every level within a classroom.

- Students read independently and progress through the levels at their own pace.
- Engaging fiction and nonfiction reading selections, illustrations, and photography capture students' interest.
- Simple self-assessments help students identify areas of weakness.
- Components provide additional practice opportunities for students who need to work on specific skills.



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