



The Reading Brain

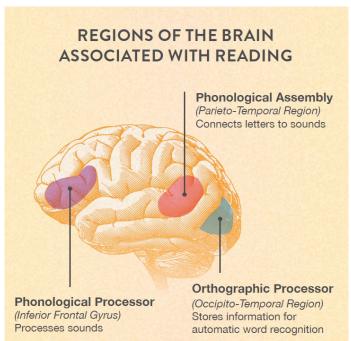
- Reading is a learned skill!
- In the history of humanity, the written language is a recent invention; oral language was learned first
- The reading brain can be achieved by building neural circuitry
 - This connection is critical and can be strengthened through instruction





Developing the reading brain

- The left side of the brain is most associated with language processing
- The brain's neurons create the connection between symbols and sounds
- Instant retrieval of words, or "sight word reading," is achieved through instruction
- English learners then apply meaning by building a robust vocabulary of known words



Science of Reading Theories



Simple View of Reading Theory

 Reading comprehension is made up of the interaction between word recognition and language comprehension

The Rope Model Theory

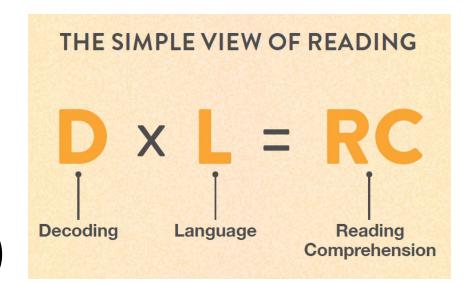
- Expanding the Simple View of Reading Theory
- Describing the subskills of word recognition and language comprehension



Simple View of Reading

Simple View of Reading Theory

- Multiplicative equation where reading comprehension (RC) is equally dependent on both word recognition (Decoding) and listening comprehension (Language)
- Developed by Gough & Tumner in 1986



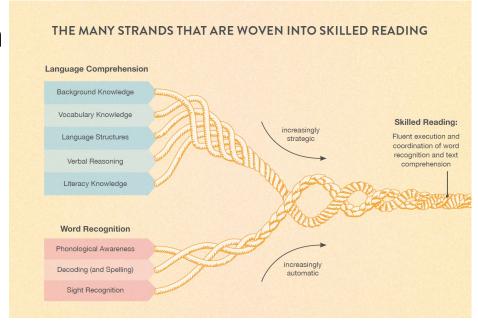


The Rope Model



The Many Strands Woven into Skilled Reading Theory

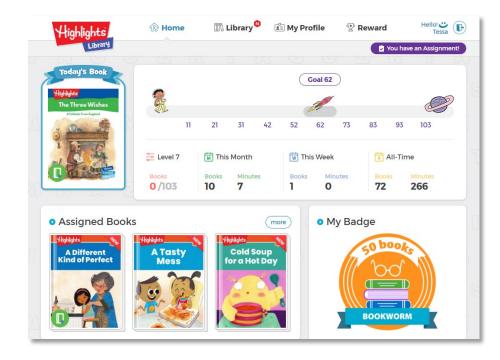
- Language comprehension and word recognition are connected and become more interconnected as English learners' reading skill develop
- Developed by Hollis Scarborough in 2001
- Also known as the "Rope model"





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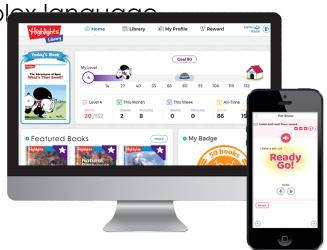
Highlights Library is an example of application - where students can apply and practice their foundational English learning, which is critical in building sight word recognition.





Highlights Library & ELL

- How does Highlights Library help?
 - Decoding
 - Highlights Library provides texts for English learners to read, which strengthen their decoding skills
 - Audio feature helps with pronunciation
 - Language comprehension
 - Authentic texts build background and vocabulary knowledge that reflects daily conversation topics and structure
 - Leveled texts present increasingly complex la structures
 - Skill building features
 - Dictionary: Reinforces key vocabulary
 - Post-reading activities: Assess comprehension and support further learning





Reading Mileage

- Build language comprehension through print and audio
 - English learners who are yet to decode texts can still build their reading mileage through accessible and engaging audio recordings
- Increase reading confidence
 - Reap the social-emotional benefits of Highlights stories with engaging storylines and fun characters that teach kids how to process what they feel and how to do the right thing









Expand the possibilities for your students with Highlights Library!

Our comprehensive digital reading platform is perfect for students and English learners to practice their English skills anytime, anywhere.



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