



A Proven K–12 Levelled Reading Program

Instilling Confidence in Learners for More Than 60 Years



SRA
Reading
LABORATORY®



“I wanted to find out how teaching and learning could reflect what I had learned in my beginning psychology courses about the normal curve of individual differences. I wanted, somehow, to individualise instruction. But how? One teacher for every child? Tell that to the taxpayers! No, it had to be done with one teacher and thirty or forty kids. And I kept asking myself—how?”

— Don H. Parker, Ph.D.,

Original author of *SRA Reading Laboratory*®

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As one of the earliest personalised learning programs, *SRA Reading Laboratory* has improved the reading and independent learning skills of more than 100 million students in 63 countries, becoming one of the most trusted names in literacy learning.

With an easy-to-use box of self-guided and levelled selections for a given classroom, *SRA Reading Laboratory* lets you develop confident readers through supplemental and personalised K–12 reading content that ensures each student is working at the appropriate level and moving ahead at his or her own pace. The program provides many benefits, including:

- Proven pedagogy supported by more than 60 years of reading success.
- Flexible, personalised learning to help you effectively manage an entire classroom of various reading levels.
- Development of confident, independent readers.

Teacher-Inspired

In 1959, Don H. Parker, Ph.D. launched *SRA Reading Laboratory* while teaching in a rural Florida classroom. Faced with the challenge of reaching different levels of learners, Dr. Parker devised a method of breaking reading selections into colour-coded levels. Students began reading at an appropriate reading level and worked upward through increasingly challenging content.



Students gradually build their skills and confidence while reading quality selections and learning about fun, interesting topics!



Fits Within Any Instructional Setting



Classroom



Tutoring
Centre



Before-School and
After-School
Programs



Enrichment
Centre



Resource
Room



Summer
School

Colour-Coded Student Motivation

The design of the program is simple: each student's skill level is matched to a colour-coded, levelled reading selection. The reading levels gradually increase in complexity, and selections gradually increase in word count to keep students challenged as they progress through the program.

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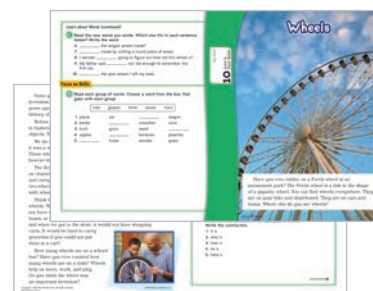
Know Your Colour: Students place into the appropriate colour level with aligned Lexile® range using the **Starting Level Guide** found in the Teacher's Handbook.



Starting Level Guide

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Read Independently: Students select a **Power Builder** within their colour level based on what sparks their interest. Each Power Builder consists of a reading selection and coordinating questions focusing on comprehension, word analysis, vocabulary, and grammar.



Power Builder

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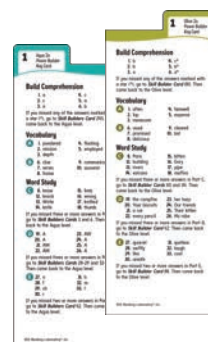
Check and Revisit: After students complete a Power Builder, they check their work using a corresponding **Key Card**. Based on the results, the Key Cards may suggest students complete a **Skill Builder** to provide reinforcement and extra practice on specific skills missed within the Power Builder.



Skill Builder

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Self-Progress Monitor: As students progress through Power Builders within their colour level, they record their score in their **Student Record Book** to monitor their progress over time.



Power Builder Key Cards

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Level-Up: Once they have made significant progress within their colour level, they are ready to challenge themselves in the next colour level.

Learn to Read *and* Read to Learn

Power Builders are the heart of the program and contain a wide variety of engaging and approachable readings for students to enjoy as they progress from level to level. The imagery within the program is balanced between illustrations and photos.

Labs include exciting content that is split 50/50 between both fiction and nonfiction topics to create strong cross-curricular connections while providing students with engaging materials that help them learn to read.

Nonfiction includes:

- Science
- Social Studies
- Sports
- Technology

Fiction includes:

- Classic Folktales
- Literature
- Fantasy
- Science Fiction



Examples of Power Builders





Supporting a Growth Mindset Within Every Student

Students Invest in Their Learning

Self-progress monitoring is integral to the decision of whether to advance to the next colour level or not. Students and teachers review progress together and conference about whether students are ready to advance. As students begin to directly relate effort to results, they become invested in their outcomes and truly own their learning path.

Students Build Confidence in Their Ability to Learn

Due to the levelled nature of the program, students are set up for success through accessible content with the appropriate amount of challenge to stretch their learning forward. As students progress through the program, their confidence in their ability to learn through reading continually strengthens and grows.

Students Enjoy and Engage With Their Learning

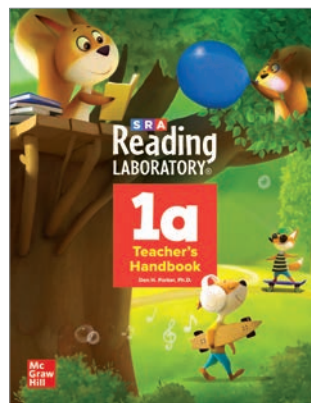
Because each level incorporates a variety of cross-curricular topics, ranging from nonfiction to fiction, students explore topics that interest them, opening the door to reading as a tool to learn about and engage with their interests in and out of the classroom!



SRA Reading Laboratory Components

Teacher's Handbook

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



Student Record Books

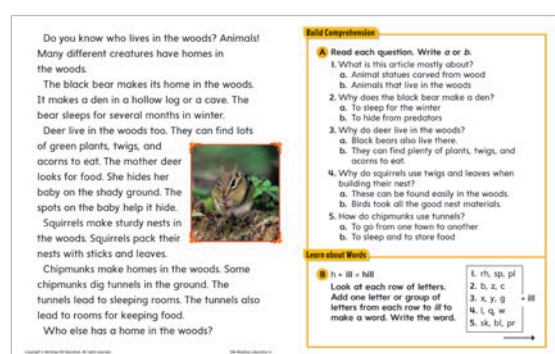
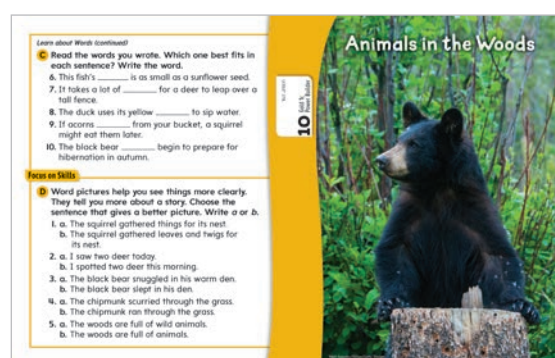
Student Record Books help learners independently chart their progress in an organised manner. Learners use their individual books to record their answers, correct their work, and track their scores, promoting student accountability and ownership. Each book also contains the Starter Stories used to place each learner at the appropriate level.

Blackline masters available in Teacher's Handbooks; print versions available through CREATE EasyOrder.

Power Builders and Key Cards

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

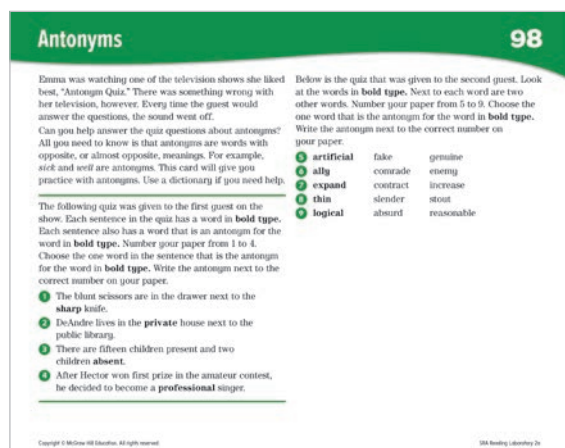
- A high-interest fiction or nonfiction reading selection with accompanying photos or illustrations.
- A Comprehension section that poses multi-levelled questions about the reading selection.
- A Learn About Words section that includes vocabulary and word-study exercises.



Rate Builders and Key Cards

These short, timed readings improve fluency by helping students read faster while maintaining comprehension. Students are given three minutes to read a selection and answer the questions that follow. Rate Builders are organised into colour-coded levels corresponding to Power Builder levels that gradually increase in reading skill level.

Available in *SRA Reading Laboratory 2* and *3* series only.



Skill Builders and Key Cards

Skill Builders reinforce in basic comprehension, phonics, grammar, and word study skills. Students are directed to the Skill Builders to strengthen specific skills based on answers to the Power Builders.

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SRA Reading Laboratory Components

	Levels 1a, 1b, 1c (©2020)	Levels 2a, 2b (©2020)	Levels 3a, 3b (©2006)
Teacher's Handbook	 (Qty. 1)	 (Qty. 1)	 (Qty. 1)
Student Record Book	CREATE® EasyOrder	CREATE® EasyOrder	CREATE® EasyOrder
Power Builder Cards (with Key Cards)	 (Qty. 144)	 (Qty. 144)	 (Qty. 110)
Skill Builder Cards (with Key Cards)		 (Qty. 254/232)	 (Qty. 250, Level 3a only)
Rate Builder Cards (with Key Cards)		 (Qty. 144)	 (Qty. 110)

Choose Your *SRA Reading Laboratory* to Fit Your Classroom Needs

Colours	Lexile Measure	Reading Ages	Grades 1–3			Grades 4–8		Grades 7–12	
			Level 1a 9780077024666	Level 1b 9780077024673	Level 1c 9780077024710	Level 2a 9780077024727	Level 2b 9780077024765	Level 3a 9780076042692	Level 3b 9780076042968
Purple	N/A	Pre-primer	●						
Violet	N/A	primer	●						
Rose	190L–240L	6.2	●						
Red	240L–290L	6.4	●	●					
Orange	290L–340L	6.6	●	●	●				
Gold	340L–390L	6.8	●	●	●				
Brown	390L–440L	7.0	●	●	●	●			
Tan	440L–490L	7.2	●	●	●	●			
Lime	490L–540L	7.4	●	●	●	●	●		
Green	540L–590L	7.6	●	●	●	●	●		
Olive	590L–640L	7.8	●	●	●	●	●		
Aqua	640L–690L	8.0	●	●	●	●	●		
Blue	690L–740L	8.5		●	●	●	●		
Purple	740L–790L*	9.0		●	●	●	●	●	
Violet	790L–840L*	9.5		●	●	●	●	●	●
Rose	840L–890L*	10.0			●	●	●	●	●
Red	890L–940L*	10.5				●	●	●	●
Orange	940L–1020L*	11.0				●	●	●	●
Gold	1020L–1100L*	12.0					●	●	●
Brown	1100L–1150L*	13.0					●	●	●
Tan	N/A	14.0						●	●
Lime	N/A	15.0						●	●
Green	N/A	16.0						●	●
Purple	N/A	17.0							●

*Lexile measures are not included or verified on Labs 3a and 3b.



Creating confident, lifelong readers for more than 60 years, **SRA Reading Laboratory**—a supplemental K–12 levelled reading program—motivates every student through self-guided, cross-curricular selections that connect their efforts to success.



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