

START→IN®

STUDENTS ARE RESPONDING TO INTERVENTION

A Response to Intervention (RTI) Program for Reading

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START-IN® is a nine-week, 45-hour, evidence-based program for struggling readers in elementary grades. This *Response to Intervention Program* consists of 16 Tasks that address the *National Reading Panel's (NRP)* five building blocks of reading – Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Fluency, Vocabulary, and Text Comprehension. Students with reading difficulties complete the 16 Tasks in one hour sessions, five days a week, using reading materials from their classroom or library. Field tested for three years in urban schools, **START-IN®** reduces unnecessary or inappropriate referrals to special education.

The 112-page **START-IN®** book explains the eight steps to begin the program, the research behind the Tasks, detailed instructions for completing the Tasks, and how to measure student responsiveness.

START-IN®

- Uses only research-based strategies.
- Teaches rather than tests.
- Is ideal for underperforming schools.
- Helps students avoid unnecessary labels.
- Encourages collaboration between Speech-Language Pathologists, Special Education and Resource Teachers, and Reading Specialists.
- Meets *IDEA* 2004 provisions to assess a student's responsiveness to intervention before referral for special education assessment.
- Includes all activity sheets, data collection forms, parent permission, and administrator checklists in the book and on CD-ROM.



This Handy Handout includes a black and white version of the *START-IN® Program at a Glance*. These 16 Tasks address the *National Reading Panel's (NRP)* five building blocks of reading.

START→IN® Program at a Glance

Each student completes all 16 **START-IN**® Tasks every prevention/intervention session.

Phonemic Awareness

1. Read Aloud

Listen to 3-5 pages from a fiction or trade book at grade level.

2. Repeat Sentences and Sounds

Engage in three phonological awareness activities orally, using words from the fiction or trade book used in *Task #1*.

3. Hear the Syllables

Engage in a syllable activity, using words from the fiction or trade book – orally. Use the book from *Task #1*.



Phonics

4. Syllable Types

List (write or say) 10 words from the fiction or trade book used in *Task #1* by type and number of syllables.

5. Word Baggies

Complete a *Word Baggie Task* by creating many new words from the letters of a word from a fiction or trade book selected by the teacher.

6. Personal Word Walls

Create and then use a *Personal Word Wall (PWW)*, with assistance and direction, for phonics activities (word families, phonograms, inflective endings, prefixes, suffixes).

Fluency

7. Read Independently

Read one book, magazine, or story at an independent level for five minutes.

8. Reading Sounds Like Talking

Repeat, then read dialogue from the story with expression, stress, and fluency.



Vocabulary

9. Compound Words

Make a list of compound words from the fiction or trade book selection. Play a compound words game with index cards.



Fluency

10. *Fluency Notebooks*

Read a list of familiar words (horizontally) from the independent reading book at the rate of one per second. Count the number of words read correctly in one minute and keep data in the *Fluency Notebook*.

11. “60 in 60”

Read a list of less familiar words (horizontally) from the fiction or trade book rapidly and accurately. Skip any word not known. Count the words read correctly in one minute. Keep data on a “60 in 60” *Rate and Fluency Chart*.

12. “Chunk” the Sentence

Using a highlighter, “Chunk” five sentences from the independent reader, three sentences from the fiction or trade book, and three more from the grade level content area text.



Text Comprehension

13. *Story Grammar Marker*®

Listen to a trade book (story) read aloud. Complete *Story Grammar Marker*®, first orally and then in written form. Retell one complete episode.

Fluency and Sight Vocabulary

14. 100 Sight Words

Read up to 21 of 100 sight words from the *Personal Word Wall (PWW)*. Add two new sight words to the *PWW*. Retire two words no longer needed from the *PWW*.

Text Comprehension

15. Read to Find Out

Read one paragraph of a grade level text (any subject) for a specific purpose stated by the teacher. Read until answer is found. Write the answer on a brightly colored sticky note and place in book. For example, “Read to find out how hot the water sometimes gets inside the geyser.”

Reading and Writing for Meaning

16. Make a *Little Book*

Make a seven page *Little Book* every day and enter the information requested.



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100 Lesson Plans - Students Are Responding To Intervention®
[Item #START-55](#)

Story Grammar Marker®
[Item #MWG-35](#)

START-IN® Materials Kit (without Book or SGM®)
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