

# PLATO<sup>®</sup> Essential Reading Skills

**Grade Level:** 3-5  
**Target Audience:** Middle/High School/Adult  
**Audio Support:** Yes

## Product Features

- 32 discrete learning objectives
- 22 essential reading skills for words, phrases, and sentences
- 10 strategies to increase fluency and comprehension
- Competency-based instruction
- Immediate and instructive feedback during practice
- Bright graphics, animation, and audio support
- Comprehensive curriculum guide helps connect courseware to classroom instruction

## Product Benefits

- Aligns to national and state standards
- Strengthens reading skills by addressing basic skills and introducing strategies used by fluent readers
- Focuses on real-world reading scenarios
- Facilitates individualized learning
- Encourages self-paced learning

## Online Tools

Notebook—allows learner to type, save, and print notes

Dictionary—allows learner to search for the definition of a word (Pathways only)

## Menu Icons

Preferences—accesses audio controls (Pathways only)

Print—allows learner to print the screen (Pathways only)

Start Over—allows learner to repeat the module (PWLN only)

Refresh—allows learner to refresh the screen (PWLN only)

Audio—allows learner to turn audio off and on (Pathways only)

Back—allows learner to return to the previous screen

Next—allows learner to proceed to the next screen

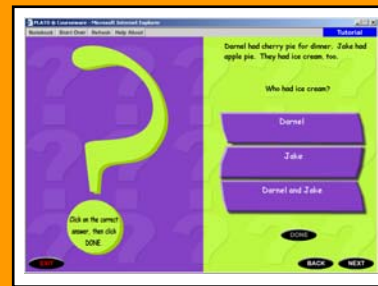
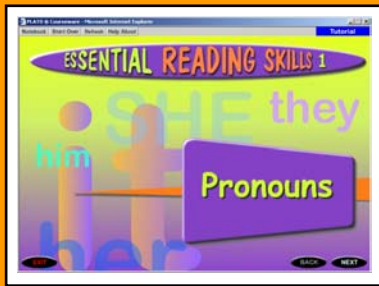
Stop, Pause, Play—allows learner to stop, pause and resume, and play audio

Exit—allows learner to stop and exit the module

## Reference Materials (Refer to PLATO Documentation CD)

PLATO Curriculum Guide—Essential Reading Skills

PLATO Curriculum Guide—Essential Reading Skills—Scope and Sequence



## Getting Started

- Refer to the PLATO Curriculum Guide—Essential Reading Skills to learn about product benefits, features, and learning activity types.
- Review the scope and sequence in the curriculum guide to align courseware modules to classroom instruction.
- Begin previewing modules from Essential Reading Skills 1 and Essential Reading Skills 2.

## Lesson Progression

### Essential Reading Skills 1

- Tutorial—teaches basic reading skills followed by questions with feedback (not scored).
- Mastery Tests—includes random questions to assess mastery of skill (scored).

### Essential Reading Skills 2

- Tutorial—teaches a reading strategy through the use of reading passages (not scored).
- Application—provides additional practice and reinforces reading strategies (scored).
- Mastery Tests—includes random questions to assess mastery of strategy (scored).

## Assessment

- Use Fastrack Reading Skills and Strategies for skill level placement.
- Have the learner demonstrate mastery by providing written or verbal examples using the skills and strategies taught.
- Use the mastery tests to provide ongoing assessment of learner's progress.

## Implementation Strategies

- Use as an alternative source of instruction to provide content, practice, and assessment.
- Create individual learning paths that target identified learning needs.
- Encourage self-paced and independent learning.
- Transfer learning of reading strategies by providing practice with authentic reading materials.

## Evaluation

- Generate reports to track learner progress and measure gains.
- Have the learner print an individual progress report to track percent of modules mastered.
- Discuss report data with learner in order to determine next steps.
- Use state or local reading comprehension test to determine grade level gains.

## Extension Exercises

- Encourage learner to keep a journal to describe the skills and strategies learned.
- Direct learner to find authentic reading passages and practice applying reading strategies.
- Write and exchange sentences that model correct grammar and mechanics.

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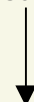
Essential  
Reading Skills

Course



Essential  
Reading Skills 1

Module



Pronouns  
(ERS)

Tutorial

Mastery Test

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