

## Reading Mastery Transformations Grade K:

# Introduction

### *Reading Mastery Transformations*

Many students who fail to become good readers never mastered in the early grades the basic strategies or received the focused practice that they needed to develop critical decoding, reading, and comprehension skills.

In response to the immense challenge school districts face in closing the achievement gap and improving outcomes for all students, *Reading Mastery Transformations* was developed to provide careful reading instruction and focused skills' development in the formative years. The program is designed to equip beginning, average, and below-average readers with the foundational skills they need to become strong, independent readers.

*Reading Mastery Transformations* is based on best practices established by leading researchers of phonological awareness, automaticity, metacognition, phonics, oral reading, and Direct Instruction. All levels of the program have been extensively field-tested and research-validated in the classroom. The program has repeatedly demonstrated its effectiveness in improving student outcomes.

### *Reading Mastery Transformations Grade K*

## Reading

*Reading Mastery Transformations Grade K Reading* is a one-year, beginning-level Direct Instruction reading program. It is appropriate for average-performing kindergarteners, below-average-performing and average-performing first graders, and older students who are non-readers or have poorly developed decoding skills. Children who have lower-than-average language skills or who have not met specific performance criteria can be successful in **Grade K Reading**, but they will need additional instruction that is provided by the [Grade K Reading Pre-program](#).

In **Grade K Reading**, children learn foundational word attack, decoding, and comprehension skills. Children who complete **Grade K Reading** will master about **900** words in one school year, twice the number of words presented in the beginning level of traditional basal programs. By end of the program, they will be able to decode a multitude of stories and informational passages at a reasonable fluency rate and with good accuracy, such as the passage below from lesson **144**. They will have basic spelling skills and be able to write letters and simple words. In short, they will be well prepared to succeed at the next level.

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**Fish**  
Fish swim in ponds, lakes, rivers, and seas.  
But lots of the things that swim in seas, rivers, ponds,  
and lakes are not fish.



You know what this is. What is it?  
A seal is not a fish.



You know what this is. What is it?  
Some turtles swim in lakes, seas, rivers, and  
ponds. But turtles are not fish.

Some fish are big and some fish are little.  
Each fish starts as a little baby. Some of those baby  
fish grow into big, big fish. After sharks grow up,  
sharks are bigger than goldfish.



This fish is a whale shark. No other fish  
grows to be as big as a whale shark. The man next to  
the shark is six feet from end to end. Whale sharks  
can be up to 100 feet from end to end.

The end

From **Textbook C, Lesson 144**



This is a shark. A shark is a fish.



This is a whale. A whale is not a fish.



This is a goldfish. Is a goldfish a fish? Yes.

## Student Materials

The following student materials are included in *Reading Mastery Transformations* Grade K Reading.

### Textbooks

Three, non-consumable, hardbound books (A, B, and C) contain original, full-color illustrations and photos and engaging stories and informational passages that allow children to practice and apply decoding and comprehension skills.

### Workbooks

Three, consumable, softbound books (A, B, and C) contain full-color illustrations and photos and additional daily decoding and comprehension activities coordinated with the textbook. Mastery tests appear every tenth lesson in the workbooks.

The workbooks also include 22 take-home storybooks that give children an opportunity to practice reading outside the classroom. Children fold the storybook page into a booklet, color the pictures, fill in write-on lines, and take their "book" home to read to a family member.

### Lined-Paper Activities

Line-paper activities begin in lesson 101 and appear in every lesson through the end of the program (lesson 160). The written activities provide focused practice on letter writing, spelling, and sentence writing. A lined-paper master PDF is included in the teacher course in case appropriate primary paper recommended for these lined-paper activities is not readily available.