

Sample Grant Application for Read Naturally Encore

Note: See the Read Naturally website for current [Read Naturally Encore pricing and available materials](#) to customize the program to fit your school's needs. Please remember that this is simply a guideline to aid you in your grant applications and should not be submitted without your personal adjustments. Additional information may be found in the Read Naturally Encore Teacher's Guide.

Grant Title: Intervention Program for Struggling Readers

Funds Requested: \$2300.00

Number of Students Affected: 40 students or more, depending on needs of students

Briefly summarize the proposed project and desired outcomes.

Read Naturally offers a program that increases the fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension skills of struggling students. This reading intervention program has been used for over 25 years by students and has been successfully implemented with a variety of student populations, including special education, English language learner, and Title I. I would like to purchase Read Naturally Encore (copyright 2012) Levels 1.0–6.0 to work with my second- to sixth-grade special education students who are reading below grade level. Each level includes 24 reproducible stories, 12 CDs with audio support for the steps of the Read Naturally Strategy, and a student glossary for the level. Implementation support is provided in the Teacher's Manual and Placement Packet, which are also included. Our students who are well below the benchmark in fluency need a proven supplemental intervention program to reach grade-level goals.

Describe clearly and concisely the intent of the program. Which populations and how many learners are to be affected?

The intent of this project is to assist students in improving their reading fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. Most of the students in my class do not meet specified guidelines for oral fluency gains when tested using benchmark assessment tools. They need guidance to be able to read with proper expression and phrasing. These students need support beyond the core curriculum, and this supplemental program will provide individualized intervention. In 2000, the National Reading Panel identified the repeated-reading model used in Read Naturally Encore as the best method for developing fluency ([Summary Report, April 13, 2000, \[https://www.nichd.nih.gov/sites/default/files/publications/pubs/nrp/Documents/report.pdf#search=repeated-reading\]](https://www.nichd.nih.gov/sites/default/files/publications/pubs/nrp/Documents/report.pdf#search=repeated-reading)). Approximately 40 students in our building would benefit from the Read Naturally program.

Describe as specifically and quantitatively as possible how the objective will be reached.

Once the materials arrive, I will use the [Read Naturally Video Workshop](#) to become familiar with the Read Naturally Strategy and to conduct an in-service for all educational professionals charged with using this program with students. I will use the [Placement Packet](#) to place each student individually to determine appropriate level and goal placement. I will complete the lessons in the [Teacher's Manual](#) with the students to establish the steps of the program before allowing students to work independently. The students will benefit from reading nonfiction materials that are at an appropriately challenging level and will increase their vocabulary

Describe how this project will be evaluated and how you will assess the achievement of its objectives.

Students using the program will be given pre- and post-tests (list them here) to ascertain growth. Benchmark assessment will continue three times per year for all students, and more frequent progress monitoring will occur for the at-risk students.

Read Naturally’s programs are nationally recognized, and scientific research indicates that increasing fluency has a direct correlation with improved comprehension. [A review of the research](#) on the Read Naturally Strategy based on the 2015 Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) shows that Read Naturally programs meet the ESSA requirement for evidence based: there are studies of Read Naturally that include strong evidence to support the use of Read Naturally in the domain of reading fluency, moderate evidence to support the use of Read Naturally in the domain of general reading achievement, and promising evidence for to support the use of Read Naturally in the domain of reading comprehension. In addition, [multiple other studies](#) not meeting all the criteria for ESSA evidence-based studies also show the effectiveness of Read Naturally.

Provide specific information about costs.

\$2,300 will allow me to purchase the following:

Read Naturally Encore with audio CDs, levels 1.0–6.0	10 levels @\$135 per level	\$1350.00
Basic one-minute timers	10 @ \$9.00 each	\$90.00
Personal CD players (not sold by Read Naturally)	10 @ approx. \$50 each	\$500.00
Read Naturally Video Workshop for Teachers	1 @ \$149.00	\$149.00
Read Naturally Video Workshop for Assistants	1 @ \$49.00	\$49.00
Shipping		\$162.00
	Total	\$2300.00