

About Read Naturally Encore

Encore is the latest edition of the fluency program using blackline masters with audio support on CDs. Encore retains all the steps of the original edition, but adds more **instructional features** that make the program even better. Only the Sequenced and Phonics series are in the new format so far. **The Encore Placement Packet can be used with all series.**

Like the original edition, Read Naturally Encore **develops fluency, supports vocabulary, and promotes comprehension** through the powerful, research-based Read Naturally strategy. Read Naturally Encore enables a student to work on fluency at his or her own pace and in the appropriate level of material. A student masters each story by reading along with a recording of a fluent reader and then practicing the story until the student is able to reach a predetermined goal. The student gains confidence by tracking the increase in fluency rate from the initial reading to the final reading of each story, the scores on comprehension questions, and the words used in retelling or summarizing the story.

Key Features of Read Naturally Encore

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Vocabulary</p> <p>Key words, definitions, and glossaries help to build vocabulary.</p> <p>Definitions and sample sentences are kid friendly.</p> <p>Glossary words are bolded in the story.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Increased Emphasis on Vocabulary</p> <p>Now there are complete sentences for the key word definitions.</p> <p>More words are defined, and there are more illustrations.</p> <p>The number of words defined for each story increases as stories get longer and harder.</p> <p>Each level has a glossary with full-color pictures.</p> <p>Glossary pages are color-coded to match the CD album covers and CD labels.</p> <p>Each story has a glossary page with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> more words defined. more full-color illustrations. audio support. kid-friendly definitions. <p>Glossary page for each story = less time spent looking for words and more time spent reading.</p> <p>Track number following each entry word links the glossary word to an audio track on the CD.</p> <p>Now each level shipped includes one student glossary book with full-color illustrations.</p> <p>Additional full-color copies are available for students to use and are listed in the catalog with each Encore level (5 for \$25).</p> <p>A free blackline master of each glossary can be downloaded from the website.</p> <p>Levels 3.0 to 5.0 have an additional vocabulary question, matching words to definitions, synonyms, or antonyms.</p> <p>Free crossword puzzles for every story that support the vocabulary work are available as downloads from the website.</p> |

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Comprehension</p> <p>Students answer comprehension questions after completing each story to make sure they understand that reading is about meaning, not just about speed.</p> <p>Levels 7.0 and 8.0 feature paired stories so that students can compare and contrast these stories.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Expanded Comprehension Questions</p> <p>The questions at levels 1.0 and 1.5 were revised to match the types of questions at the other levels so all the Sequenced level questions are organized by type (main idea, detail, vocabulary, inferential, short answer, etc.).</p> <p>Questions were added at Levels 3.0 through 5.0 to make the shift from five questions to nine questions more gradual.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">One more vocabulary question was added at Levels 3.0—3.5: a total of six questions, plus the summary.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Two more questions (cloze & sequencing) were added at Levels 4.0, 4.5, 5.0: a total of seven questions, plus the summary.</p> <p>Paired stories were added to level 6.0 as well as comparison questions for those stories.</p> <p>Comparison questions across non-paired stories are available at levels 5.6 and above.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Teacher Modeling</p> <p>Audio CDs feature high-quality readings of the key words and stories. The recordings are appropriately paced so students can actually read along. Each story is read three times: slow enough for the student to internalize the words, but with the speed increasing for each read along.</p> <p>Each Phonics story includes a short phonics lesson about a featured phonics pattern and a word list to support the development of phonics skills.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">More Audio Support</p> <p>The third reading of the readalong is at an expressive rate.</p> <p>CD includes audio for all the vocabulary words, definitions, and sample sentences in the stories.</p> <p>An optional audio Spanish translation of the stories in the Sequenced levels 1.0–4.5 has been added for English language learners, helping them to build vocabulary and background knowledge before they do the steps in English.</p> <p>The Phonics lesson covering the featured phonics patterns has been revised.</p> <p>The Phonics word list now has optional audio support on the CD.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Repeated Readings</p> <p>High-interest nonfiction stories make Read Naturally Encore appropriate for students of any age.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Story Changes</p> <p>Many new stories (22% of Sequenced stories).</p> <p>Many stories were substantially revised (34%).</p> <p>Levels 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, and 6.0 were changed the most.</p> <p>Levels 2.0 to 5.0 stories are slightly longer and more sophisticated.</p> <p>Many story illustrations were replaced (32%).</p> |

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Monitoring Progress</p> <p>Activities such as timing and graphing results motivate students to improve.</p> <p>Graphs for 12 stories are included in the blackline masters book to encourage teachers to evaluate student progress at the end of 12 stories.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Clearer Choices</p> <p>A “Teacher Only” section has been added to the graph to aid in the evaluation of student data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue in level (odd/even) with current goal. • Continue in level (odd/even) with new goal ____. • Advance to level ____ with current goal. • Dismiss from Read Naturally. |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Online Resources</p> <p>Teacher’s Manual Placement Packet How-to videos Fidelity Checklist Sample stories Steps Poster Comparison Questions Parent Letters Graphs Super Reader Awards Forms for tracking steps</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Expanded Online Resources—All Free!</p> <p>Glossaries in blackline masters format.</p> <p>Crosswords for each story (can be used as a “wait-time activity” while student waits for the teacher).</p> <p>Super Reader Certificate in color.</p> <p>Online resources are available in the knowledgebase on the Read Naturally website: www.readnaturally.com/knowledgebase</p> <p>Search for Read Naturally Encore II.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Format</p> <p>Story pages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Story name and track numbers in header. • Key words with short definition. • Prediction in levels 5.0 and lower. • Story with word count. • Lines for student data. • Questions and summary on back. | <p style="text-align: center;">Design</p> <p>Encore has a fresh look, yet retains the familiar elements: new covers, CD albums, CDs, and logo. Colors for levels remain the same.</p> <p>Similar formatting allows for the mixing of levels of Read Naturally Encore and Read Naturally ME. The new edition has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ new headers on front and back of the story pages. ■ lines separating headers and main text. ■ whole sentence definitions for key words. <p>Table of Contents: Stories listed by Set 1 and 2—grouped by odd and even numbering.</p> |

Changes from Encore v1 to Encore II

20 New Stories

Sequenced:

- 1 at Level 1.0
- 2 at Level 1.5
- 2 at Level 2.0
- 4 at Level 2.5
- 1 at Level 3.0
- 1 at Level 3.5
- 1 at Level 4.0
- 1 at Level 4.5
- 2 at Level 5.0
- 2 at Level 5.6
- 1 at Level 6.0
- 1 at Level 7.0
- 1 at Level 8.0

12 Significantly Revised Stories

Phonics:

- 1 at Level 1.3
- 4 at Level 2.6
- 1 at Level 2.7

Sequenced:

- 1 at Level 1.5
- 2 at Level 2.0
- 1 at Level 2.5
- 2 at Level 4.5

148 Stories with Minor Changes

Phonics:

- 4 at Level 0.8
- 10 at Level 1.3 (2 audio)
- 17 at Level 1.8
- 17 at Level 2.3
- 4 at Level 2.6 (1 audio)
- 4 at Level 2.7

Sequenced:

- 2 at Level 1.5
- 7 at Level 2.0 (5 audio)
- 10 at Level 2.5 (2 audio)
- 6 at Level 3.0
- 8 at Level 3.5
- 15 at Level 4.0
- 12 at Level 4.5 (1 audio)
- 10 at Level 5.0 (5 audio)
- 4 at Level 6.0
- 17 at Level 7.0 (5 audio)
- 1 at Level 8.0

Sequenced Series

- Placement stories are no longer stories used in instruction.
- Answer keys in levels 3.0 to 8.0 now written in complete sentences.
- 665 new or revised vocabulary words.
- 402 new or revised questions.

Phonics Series

- Added a writing activity to the Word Lists: audio directs student to write three specific words from the Word List.
 - Connects reading to writing
 - Connects decoding to spelling
- Word Lists were refreshed.
- Word lists were shortened in Levels 2.3, 2.6, and 2.7.
- Lessons in compound words and closed syllables were added to Level 2.6.
- Compound words and open syllables are covered in Level 2.7.
- Lessons for **tch** now refer to silent t.
- Audio for the sound of r in isolation now uses **rah** instead of **ir**.
- Expanded the space for writing answers to the questions.
- 94 new or revised vocabulary words.
- 12 new or revised questions.