

#### AFTER THE SCREENER...

2) DIAGNOSE: Diagnostic assessments of fluency involve having students read passages aloud to determine their accuracy, rate and expression (prosody) at different levels of difficulty.

**3) MONITOR PROGRESS:** Using weekly or bimonthly one minute assessments of oral reading fluency using unpracticed passages at a student's instructional level or goal level can be used by a teacher to make decisions about the effectiveness of an instructional program.

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#### HOW DO WE TEACH READING FLUENCY?

Researchers have identified three ways to improve students' reading fluency: teacher modeling, repeated reading, and

progress monitoring. The Read Naturally strategy has combined these three components:

- A student reads an unpracticed, challenging piece of text aloud and records the words correct per minute score on a graph. This helps the student later monitor his/her progress after practice.
- 2. The student then reads the same piece of text aloud along with a narrator (either recorded on a CD, computer, or read by a teacher or tutor). The purpose of this step is to build the student's accuracy in reading the text. It will typically take about 3 readings of the text to develop sufficient comfort and accuracy.

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- 3. Students now time themselves for one minute while they read the text several times, generally 4-10 times, until a predetermined goal is met (usually about 30 to 40 words above the original reading in the preliminary placement assessments).
- 4. The teachers listens to the student read the text for one minute to determine if; (a) their fluency goal has been met, (b) they can read with more than 3 errors, (c) they read with appropriate expression, and (d) they can accurately answer questions about the passage.
- 5. The student gets to graph this new, successful score on the graph a second color.
- Additional activities can be added to these steps, including conducting an oral or written retell.

For more information on this strategy, visit www.readnaturally.com

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# DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION

#### WHAT IS IT?

• It means different things to different people. In general when educators talk about differentiating instruction they mean planning lessons and providing instruction and practice activities that are appropriate for each student's individual background and skill levels. It suggests that at least some instruction would be provided to small groups of students.

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# ARE WE RETURNING TO THE DAYS OF TRACKING STUDENTS WITH "HIGH" GROUPS AND "LOW" GROUPS OF STUDENTS?

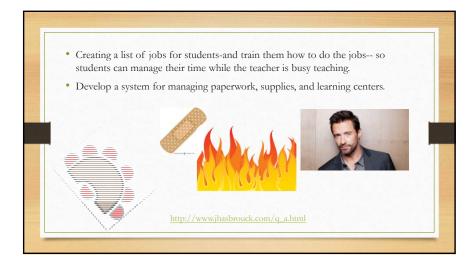
- No; that is an ineffective way to differentiate instruction.
- Instead, the small groups should be flexible and changed from time to time to allow groupings of students for different purposes and sometimes even pair students at different skill levels

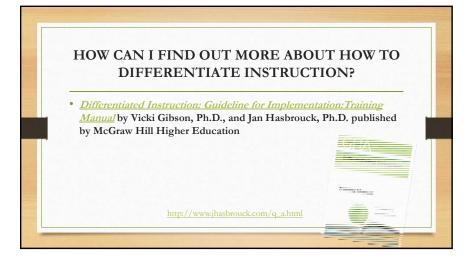
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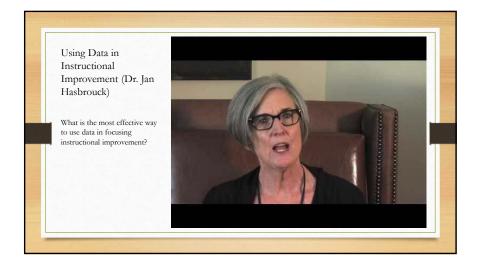
## HOW CAN I MANAGE TO PROVIDE DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION? WHAT DO THE OTHER STUDENTS DO WHEN THE TEACHER IS WORKING WITH ONE SMALL GROUP?

- Rethink how the classroom could be organized and managed that would allow a teacher to work with the whole class but also have the time to work with small groups.
- Develop an instructional schedule to map out the blocks of time to provide whole class instruction and a few blocks of 20-25 minute periods where the teacher can teach smaller groups of students.

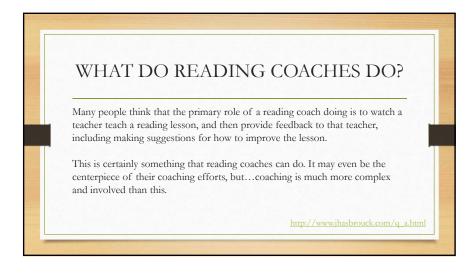
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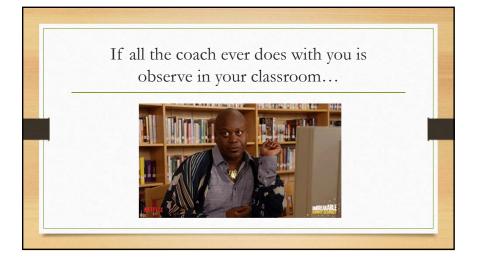


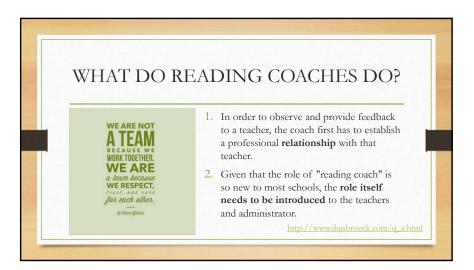


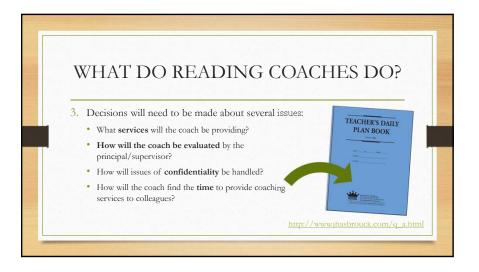


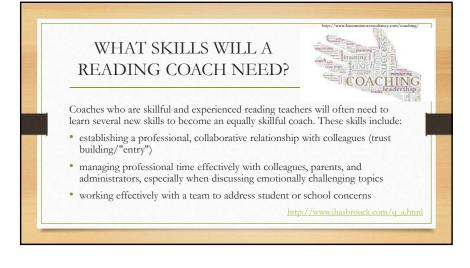


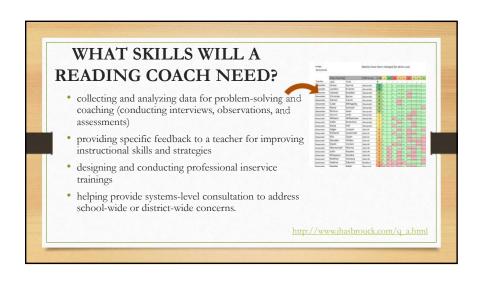












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