Guided Reading in the Early Grades

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Our Guest

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Session Goals

• To identify and understand the three reading cueing systems

• To become knowledgeable about Guided Reading

• To become familiar with the components of a Guided Reading lesson

• To explore Guided Reading using various level texts
What is the most important aspect of reading?
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How Do We Read?

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Three Cueing Systems
Identifying the First Cueing System

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We begin our trip at a familiar place, a body like yours and mine. It contains a hundred trillion cells that work together by design. And within each one of these many cells, each one that has DNA, the DNA code is exactly the same, a mass-produced resume. So the code in each cell is identical, a remarkable but valid claim. This means that the cells are nearly alike, but not exactly the same. Take, for instance, the cells of the intestines; that they’re vital is certainly plain. Now think about the way you would think if those cells were the cells in your brain.

Excerpt from *Journey into DNA*
Cueing Systems

Visual
(Grapho-Phonic Cue System)

Does it look right?
Sample Errors/Visual Cue System

Father Bear went fishing.

Papa Bear went fishing.

Nate planted seeds in the ground.

Nate planted seeds in the garden.
The boys’ arrows were nearly gone, so they sat down on the grass and stopped hunting. Over at the edge of the wood they saw Henry making a bow to a small girl who was coming down the road. She gave Henry a note which he brought over to the group of young hunters. Read to the boys, it caused great excitement. After a minute, but rapid examination of their weapons they ran down to the valley. Does were standing at the edge of the lake, making an excellent target.
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Structure
(Syntactic Cue System)

Does it sound right?
Sample Errors/Structure Cue System

Tom *pushed* the wagon.

Sarah is very *hungry*.
Hocked gems financed our hero. Scornful laughter tried to prevent his scheme. Bravely he persisted. “An egg, not a table typifies this unexplored planet,” he said.

Now three sturdy sisters sought proof. They forged ahead over turbulent peaks and valleys. Days became weeks as doubters spread fearful rumors about the edge.

At last welcome winged creatures appeared. Momentous success was at hand.
Three Reading Cueing Systems

- **Visual**
  - (Grapho-Phonic Cue System)
  - Does it look right?

- **Structure**
  - (Syntactic Cue System)
  - Does it sound right?

- **Meaning**
  - (Semantic Cue System)
  - Does it make sense?
Sample Errors/ Meaning Cue System

- The rabbit *hoped* into the bushes.
- The rabbit *hopped* into the bushes.
- Luke *started* at the little ant.
- Luke *stared* at the little ant.
What is Guided Reading?

Guided Reading involves:

- small group instruction
- students are grouped according to need or level
- 15-20 minutes duration
- teacher selected text
- text is introduced
- each student has a copy of text and reads it in its entirety
- lesson has a specific focus
- teacher-student discussion follows the reading
- relevant activities may follow the lesson
Components of a Guided Reading Lesson

• Component 1: Introduction

• Component 2: Student Reading and Teacher Observing

• Component 3: Discussion for Meaning

• Component 4: Mini-Lesson

• Optional Follow-Up
The “Key” to a Great Guided Reading Lesson
Component 1: Introduction

The purpose of the introduction is to provide enough support so that students are able to read the text on their own while leaving enough challenges so that students may practice reading strategies.

- Keep the introduction brief
- Activate background knowledge and/or make predictions
- Motivate students
- Discuss unfamiliar vocabulary or features of text that may challenge the reader
- Provide directions/activities for readers who finish quickly
Components of a Guided Reading Lesson

Component 2: Reading (student) and Observation (teacher)

During this part of the lesson, the students read the text while the teacher records observations about the students’ reading behavior.

- Students read silently or “whisper-read”
- Teacher goes around to each student individually and listens to/observes reading behavior and strategies
- Teacher records observations for each student
- Teacher intervenes with a prompt only when it is necessary for ongoing comprehension of the text
Cueing System Prompts

**Meaning Prompts**
- Reread the child’s error
- Did that make sense?
- Can the picture help?
- You made a mistake here. Can you fix it?
- Try that again and think what would make sense.
- What’s wrong with this?

**Structure Prompts**
- You said, “_____.” Can we say it like that?
- You said, “_____.” Does it sound right?
- What would sound better (child’s error or text)?

**Visual Prompts**
- You said, “_____.” Does that look right?
- Get your mouth ready to say that word.
- Is there part of that word you know?
- What letter would you expect to see at the beginning of that word (child’s error)?
- What do you expect to see at the middle/end of that word?
- Do you know another word that looks like that and would make sense?

**Self-Correcting Prompts**
- I like the way you fixed up _____ all by yourself.
- How did you know this word was (text) and not (child’s error)?
- You were right. How did you know?
Observations of The Gingerbread Man

Guided Reading Observations

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<td>P. 5 small work garden</td>
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<td>Leah</td>
<td>P. 6 walked called said</td>
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<td>P. 7 hopped self open door</td>
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<td>P. 7 hopped across open door</td>
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<td>Rachel</td>
<td>P. 12 went, said showed</td>
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<td>P. 13 raised hands</td>
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<td>Simi</td>
<td>Fluent reading, phrased and expressive</td>
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<td>Esther</td>
<td>P. 21 lady not expressive</td>
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<td>Sitty</td>
<td>P. 23 fix wolf closely to the words</td>
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<td>Shira</td>
<td>Accurate, but not fluent!</td>
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<td>Very choppy</td>
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Legend:
- uses picture cues
- demonstrates 1:1 correspondence
- reads to check or decode
- skips a difficult word, reads on, comes back
- non-oral errors not yet able to self-correct
- monitors reading, self-corrects errors
- crosses checks meaning and visual cues
- logical substitutions
- sounds out words
- requests help from teacher
Components of a Guided Reading Lesson

Component 3: Discussion of the Text

Following the reading of the text, the teacher leads the students in a meaning-focused discussion of the text.

- Keep the discussion brief
- Encourage student responses and conversation
- May explore concepts or features presented in the text
- Deepen student understanding of text through discussion
- Explore student comprehension strategies
Sample Ideas for Discussion

• Retelling
• Main idea
• Problem/solution
• Beginning, Middle, and End
• Connections: Text-to-text, text-to-self
• Favorite Part

Can you tell what happened in the story The Gingerbread Man?

Does this story remind you of any other story that you’ve read? How?
Component 4: Mini-Lesson

The lesson should focus on a reading strategy that students can learn to use/apply at the word level, sentence level, or text level.

- Analyze the previously recorded student errors using the cueing systems
- Choose a mini-lesson based on student need
Suggestions for Guided Reading Mini-Lessons

Meaning:
• Checking the picture
• Rereading text to figure out a word
• Thinking about what makes sense
• Skipping the word and returning to put in a placeholder
• Using punctuation to improve understanding
• Practicing phrasing, fluency, and expression

Structure:
• Deciding if a word sounds right
• Learning root words with prefixes or suffixes
• Learning irregular verbs

Visual:
• Getting the mouth ready with the first sound of the word
• Covering parts of the word or finding known parts in an unknown word
• Using analogies to figure out words
• Breaking up the word into small parts
• Using initial, medial, or final sounds

Monitoring Reading:
• Self-correcting errors
• Cross-checking meaning and visual cues
“Were where are you going?” shouted the farmers.

Teacher: When you read “Were are you going?” you realized right away that it didn’t make sense. You went back and reread the sentence and then you were able to fix it and say “Where are you going?” You were really in control of the reading there. That’s what good readers do. When they realize that the reading is not making sense, they go back and reread and try to fix the mistake.
“And when you can smill the gingerbread, call me.”

Teacher: The sentence “And when you can smill the gingerbread, call me,” does not make sense. Let’s try going back to reread and see if we can figure out what makes sense there.
Reading Fix-Up Strategies

Before Reading:


During Reading:

* go back and reread when the reading doesn’t make sense


After Reading:


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We Go Out  (Rigby PM Collection)
We go to the farm.

We go to the library.
We Go Out

We go to the ducks.

Teacher: I love the way you checked the picture and guessed “ducks” because you knew that made sense. Let’s check that word, though. What sound would you expect to see at the beginning of ducks? What sound do you see? Let’s reread the sentence and think of a word that starts with that sound.

We go to the lih/lib/libby.

Teacher: I really like the way you used the sounds to try to figure out this word. Can you reread the sentence and check the picture to see if that helps you figure out a word that makes sense here?
Bully Trouble by Joanna Cole: Introduction
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<td>Sana</td>
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<td>Sarala</td>
<td>Pg. 13-15 accurate, but not using punctuation: why or why not? child didn't know</td>
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<td>Esther</td>
<td>Pg. 15 wrapper sea: tears Pg. 18 [umbrella] tears error.</td>
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<td>Charlie</td>
<td>Pg. 32 steak: steak Pg. 33 powered: power—R</td>
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*Notes:*
- Uses picture cues
- Demonstrates 1:1 correspondence
- pronounceable on gesture
- Skips difficult word, reads on, correct back
- Needs accurate, not yet able to self-correct
- Monitors reading: self-corrects errors
- Crosses out meanings, end initial error
- Requests help from teacher
Bully Trouble by Joanna Cole: Discussion

What do you think was the problem in the story?

How did the problem in the story get solved?

Do you agree with what Arlo and Robby did to get rid of the bully?
Every day Arlo and Robby met in from of the red house on the corner.

Teacher: When you read “Every day Arlo and Robby met in for,” you realized right away that it didn’t make sense and you tried to fix it. That’s what good readers do. They realize when something is not making sense and they try to fix it. Sometimes you can try skipping the word, finishing the sentence, and then coming back to try to fix the word. Let’s try that here and see if we can figure out a word that makes more sense than for or from.
Child is reading accurately but not using punctuation.

Teacher: Model for child/children what the reading sounds like without punctuation and then with punctuation. Which one sounds better? Which one is easier to understand? Good readers try to use the punctuation to help them read with expression and understand the story better.
“Errors are a window into a child’s mind.”

Marie Clay
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