Lets Go Series

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Essential Question

What reading program are you using for your A1's/A2's?

Background

World's Largest children's English program 20 million copies sold

OVERVIEW

- SEVEN LEVEL COURSE DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN LEARNING ENGLISH FOR THE FIRST TIME
- EIGHT THEMATIC UNITS
- SYLLABUS FOR EACH LEVEL
- INTERACTIVE-- HEAVY TPR (TOTAL PHYSICAL RESPONSE)
- EMPHASIZES COMMUNICATION WITHIN CAREFULLY CONTROLLED GRAMMATICAL SYLLABUS
- PRACTICAL LANGUAGE FOR NEWCOMERS
 - EACH BOOK HAS 80 HOURS INSTRUCTION TIME CAN BE PULLOUT OR SMALL GROUP-20-30 MINUTES, LISTENING CENTERS CAN INTEGRATE YOUR CORE LESSON WITH THEME WEBSITE HAS SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS TO DOWNLOAD- WWW.OUP.COM

ELL Program for...

• A1'S/A2'S

New students/newcomers

 Not for every student or teacher

Components

Teacher's Book
Tests and Quizzes Book
Audio Cd
Student Book

Workbook

Series Organization

Eight Units

- Four lesson structures:
 - Let' Start
 - Let's Learn
 - Let's Learn More
 - Let's Build/Let's Read



7 Levels
*Let's Begin
*Level 1 *Level 4
*Level 2 *Level 5
*Level 3 *Level 6

Recommended Levels

Book levels do not equal grade levels



Placement

- Use Final Test and administer or judge level
- To best serve students



Factors to Consider

Does the student's first language use the same Alphabet?

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 Does the student have prior literacy skills (see report card/interview parent)?

- A1/A2--not one size fits all
- Language Acquisition needs
- Decoding Issues
- Reading to Learn
- Learning to Read
- Five areas of reading

Let's Begin

Initial entry-point

- Follows same unit structure as other levels
- Intended for students who have had no formal instruction in English
- Thematic topics and corresponding grammar patterns
- Introduction to basic classroom phrases, useful vocabulary and letters of the Alphabet and their sounds

For true newcomer, little knowledge, not familiar with our Alphabet, numbers, basic vocabulary



Also an entry-point

- For students who have some familiarity with the English Alphabet
- Focuses on the development of basic oral language through functional dialogues, questionand-answer patterns, and vocabulary work



- For students who may have completed Level 1
- Students familiar with the basic question-and-answer patterns, grammatical structures, and vocabulary

 Students begin to develop reading skills in Level 2 by focusing on sight words in simple sentences

Level 3

- Focus on expanding the students' ability to to use the grammar patterns introduced in Level 2
- Students are gradually required to read these structures and sight words in short reading passages
- Beginning reading--needs skills to begin
- At this level, icons change, songs are gone
 - Some chanting for rhythm, pronunciation, intonation



- Expands on vocabulary and grammar from the previous levels and introduces new structures
- Longer reading passages that incorporate familiar structures and high-frequency sight words
- Need reading skills

Level 5

- Continues to recycle language from previous levels
- Layout of book is different
- Introduces new structures
- Dialogues in script form instead of speech bubbles
- Passages are three or four paragraphs long
- Higher level grammar
 Segues into writing
 High beginner/low intermediate-critical thinking, decoding, reading, etc.

Level 6

- Builds on previous levels
- Introduces new structures
- Passages are three to four paragraphs long
- Many opportunities for students to use their language skills to talk about themselves, feelings, opinions, writing, etc.
 Expanded dialogue and vocabulary

Issues

- Consumable?
- Access?
- Accommodating all teachers?
- Sharing within grade levels?
- Discussion/questions

Recommended Reading

Struggling Reader's Chart Teacher Manuals for new series Reading/Matrix/Addendum Multicultural/ESOL Website Multicultural, ESOL and Program Services Department

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