

The following document details the most significant enhancements included in the version 3.5.1 update for Reading Plus®. This update is available to all sites currently running version 3.5. Additional descriptions of these new features can be found in the Reading Plus® Help section > Reference. For a comprehensive listing of all enhancements as well as bug fixes contained in this update, please visit the “Download Upgrades & Updates” section at: <http://www.readingplus.com/support/>

### **GUIDED READING™ UPDATES**

- **Automatic Content Level Adjustment Modifications-** The program logic used to determine when students are moved up to the next highest content level (or sub level) has been refined. Teachers and students will note that level up criteria is now more stringent, requiring students to maintain comprehension score averages of 70% or higher for at least 5 consecutive lessons. Additionally, automatic content level increases will be disabled for students who reach a content level that is equivalent to their grade level. An “Automatic Content Level Increase” checkbox has been made available for teachers to use to disable or re-enable the automatic level adjustment feature.
- **Part B Rate Increment Modifications-** The rate increments used to raise students’ Part B rates have been slightly reduced to provide a more gradual transition to reading exercises at faster rates. Teachers are still encouraged to use the rate stabilization feature when students reach rate plateaus in addition to assigning practice lessons that will assist students in overcoming rate/comprehension difficulties.
- **Practice Features Expanded-** By default, practice lessons will now present both Part A and Part B in the guided slot format. Teachers have the ability to adjust the presentation format of practice lessons to “Standard Format,” which presents Part A in manual advance mode and Part B in guided slot, “Word by Word,” or select “Student Choice,” which allows a student to select the format.
- **Improved Responsiveness of Comprehension Questions-** Sites working with slower networks or online accounts will note that student responses to comprehension questions are registered more quickly which reduces the chance of mis-clicks and unnecessary delays.
- **Lesson Story Updates & Replacements-** Several story selections have been updated or replaced to ensure level appropriateness and high interest reading experiences. These include: D9, E1-3, E7, E10, E15-16, E18, F1, F8-9, G7, H8, I8, I11, I18, J5, J14, L12, L16.
- **Level A Rate Influence Adjustment-** Students will be required to score 70% or higher, with less than 2 rereads, on three consecutive lessons with Part A rates higher than Part B rates in order for the average of these three Part A rates to determine their new Part B rate.

## REPORTING UPDATES

- **Reporting Filters Added-** Teachers now have access to new reporting filters from within the Reports panel. These allow teachers to select grade ranges, gender and sub populations for report generation, as well as determine the time period from which the reports will draw data (e.g. Last 30 days, 60 days, etc.).
- **Rate & Level Chart Refinement-** Site and class Rate & Level Charts have been adjusted to display content levels in the following divisions: “Below 5+ Levels, Below 2-4 Levels, Below 1 Level, At or Above Level”. Note that the color references have been adjusted so that students reading one level below will be represented in yellow wedges and students reading at or above level will be represented within green wedges.
- **Class Summary Report Addition-** The number of completed Guided Reading™ sessions is now included in the Class Summary Report. This allows teachers to distinguish between the number of lessons completed and the number of sessions taken to complete these lessons.
- **Guided Reading™ Records Report Addition-** This report now includes the total session count as well as the number of sessions completed per week.
- **Class Report CSV Download Enhancement-** Data from multiple classes is now downloaded into a single CSV (comma separated values) file when users select “Download CSV” from a report presentation containing multiple class reports.

## COMPREHENSION POWER™ UPDATES

- **Reading Rate Restriction Adjustment-** When the “Allow Student to Change Rate (+/-25%)” check box is deselected, students are prevented from changing their existing rates. Selecting this checkbox will allow students to adjust their rates up to 25% above or below their existing rate.
- **Lesson Story Updates & Replacements-** Several story selections have been updated or replaced to ensure level appropriateness and high interest reading experiences.