



3.6.6 Reading Plus® Release Notes (LAN)

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General System Enhancements

- **My Skills Tab** — Reduces the number of skills presented to three to better focus students' offline skill practice. The three skills represent those with which students had the most problems on the current content level. (Other skills are accessible by clicking the *Show More Skills* link.)
- **My Progress Tab** — Students are able to view their *Total Session Count* from within the *My Progress* tab.
- Up to 2 sessions per day may be counted toward overall session count (automated sessions only; only 1 session of non-automated sessions are counted per day)
- Word Memory™ and or D-Code™ sessions are now counted toward the overall session count (1 session per day)

Program Enhancements

Guided Reading™

Functionality enhancements

- **Automated Level Increase** — Increased consideration of current intervention path
- **Rate Calibration** — More intelligent and expanded start-rate calibration routines
- **Rate Logic** — Better accommodation of individual student ability, intervention needs, and progress
- **AUTO Level-up Lesson Format Enhancements** — Lesson format remains in two-segment independent/guided and g-rate is re-calibrated.
- **Lesson Format Logic** — Better accommodation of individual student ability, intervention needs, and progress
- **Improved Level Adjustment** — Students working at Level Hi-A are now moved down to A-3 instead of Pre-A. Student's content level is changed to low content so subsequent level-ups will continue on lower levels.

Content enhancements

- More than 50 new stories added to Guided Reading™, expanding content on most levels
- Levels Hi-A, Hi-B, and Hi-C updated and expanded to 25 stories per level to better serve the needs of older students who read at low levels
- Levels D-M expanded
- New content (narrative and expository) covering a variety of genres, such as popular culture, science and technology, and history and biography, among others

General enhancements

- **Rereads** — Number of rereads used by the student are now displayed on the *Results* page.
- **Improved Lesson Checks on Table of Contents** — Lessons are now displayed with a green check mark if completed successfully or a red X if



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the comprehension score was unsatisfactory (only x'ed lessons are available for repeat readings).

Cloze Plus™

Content enhancements

- Refreshed and updated content

PAVE™

Functionality Enhancements

- **Scan** — Improved accommodation of spacebar use
- **Scan** — Increased range of possible element appearances during a given scan activity
- **Flash** — Improved size and look of onscreen keyboard
- **Flash** — Onscreen keyboard available during the entire Flash activity

Management Enhancements

Class Panel

- Minor reorganization of *Class Panel* to improve monitoring efficiency
- *Class Panel* now displays minimum requirements (schedule goals)
- Color-coded representation of those students who are on schedule to reach recommended session goal, and those students who are not
- # of Sessions completed in last 7 days and Average Comprehension for last 7 days columns added to aid teachers in rewarding class progress on a weekly basis
- Class status indicators now provide class averages for the past seven days

Reports

- **Updated Site and Class Status Reports** — Display color-coded real-time usage and progress
- **New Site and Class Use and Progress Reports** — Display progress in relation to three specific schedule milestones:
 - 1/3 recommended sessions completed
 - 2/3 recommended sessions completed
 - minimum recommended sessions completed
- **New Class Progress Report** — Provides snapshot of student level and rate progress
- **New Class Usage Report** — Displays average weekly usage for a class
- **Drill-Down Reports** — The *Starting Level* and *Current Level* columns for the detail section (drill-down) for *Rate & Level Report* and *Use & Progress Report* now display sublevels to see more clearly the overall level gain. (For example, current Level B is now either B-1 or B-2.)
- **Students Reports** — All individual student reports for PAVE™, Guided Reading™, Cloze Plus™, Reading Around Words™, Word Memory™, and D-Code™ now display newest records first, in descending order (same as Records Panel).
- **Offline Comprehension Skills List Report** — Reflects the same updates discussed in *My Skills Tab* (see above).



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- **Class Skill Assignments Reports** — Groups students according to their performance within the current level, which helps teachers to focus explicit skill instruction. Groups students according to the three skills with which they had the most problems on the current content level. (Students' skill performance across the entire schedule period is viewable within the *Class Detailed Skills Report*.)
- **Class RPA Report** — Includes a completion date column.
- **Class Detailed Summary Report™** — Configures a level gain for students with an initial level of Pre-A.
- Updated Student Username and Password Report

Site Settings

- **General Settings** — Includes three additional custom labels. Schools can assign up to five (5) custom labels in addition to the three traditional labels provided.
- Green notification flags are disabled by default (no green flags are displayed).

Enrollment

- **New Site Administrator Setting** — New option in the *Enrollment* panel allows site administrators to un-enroll all students within the site.

Miscellaneous

- Numerous minor *Management* updates to improve efficiency of use, organization, consistency, and clarity.

Printables

- **Printable awards** — Numerous new award templates are available in the *Printables* Help section, for use at a teacher's discretion. These awards highlight and acknowledge student performance and effort throughout a Reading Plus® implementation.
- **Updated printable record sheets** — New program-specific record sheets are available in the *Printables* Help section.
- **Reading Around Words™ worksheet** — New vocabulary worksheet allows students to record words they need to study.