

RIGOR™

Developed by Margarita Calderón, Ph.D.

GRADES
4–12

Literacy & Language Intervention Resources

Skill Bags in English or
Spanish for Older English
Learners at Preliterate–
Grade 3 Reading Levels



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Intervention for Older Students at Preliterate–Grade 3 Reading Levels

- Accelerate language, literacy, and content comprehension.
- Meet RTI guidelines for Tier II and Tier III intervention.
- Teach older ELs using age-appropriate resources.
- Provide intervention resources in English or Spanish.



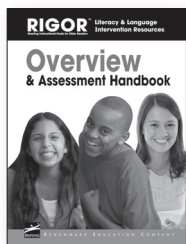
Each Skill Bag Contains Everything You Need For This 5-step Process:

- 1 Develop **phonemic awareness** and **phonics skills**.
- 2 Build **vocabulary** through a 7-step instruction and practice sequence.
- 3 Increase reading **comprehension**, **fluency**, and **content** knowledge.
- 4 Use writing to expand and reinforce **literacy**.
- 5 Compile **assessment** data to inform instruction.

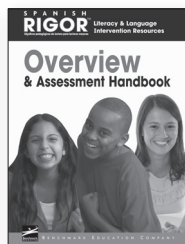


Extensive Support for Placement, Assessment, and Progress Monitoring

Overview & Assessment Handbook

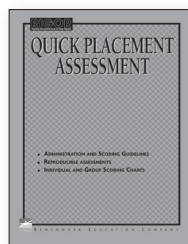


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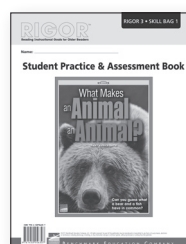


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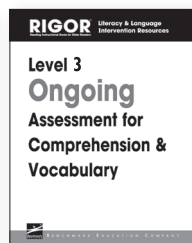
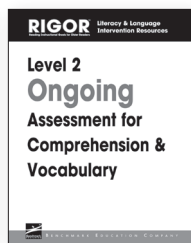
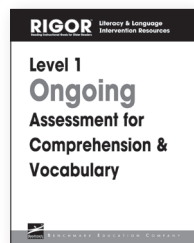
Quick Placement Assessment



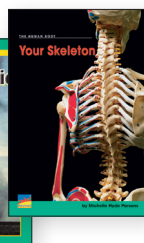
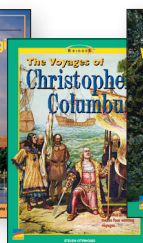
Student Assessment/ Practice Books



Ongoing Assessment



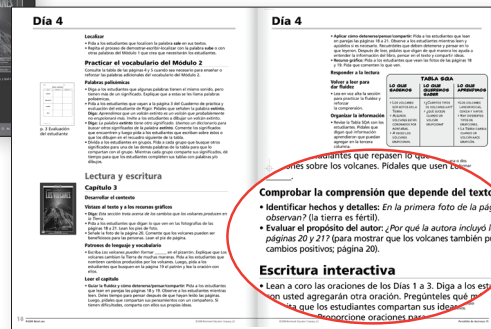
Texts for Oral Reading Records



English Reading Level: 1 & 2—32 Skill Bags



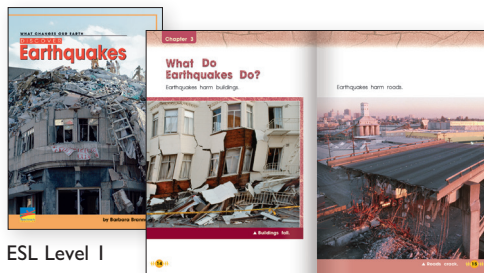
Interactive E-Books
with audio narration
and simultaneous
highlighting of words



RIGOR 1 & 2 Have a Sequence of Content-Area Texts That Support Systematic Phonics & Vocabulary Instruction

English RIGOR 1

Reading Level: Preliterate–Grade 1
Phonics: Consonants and short vowels



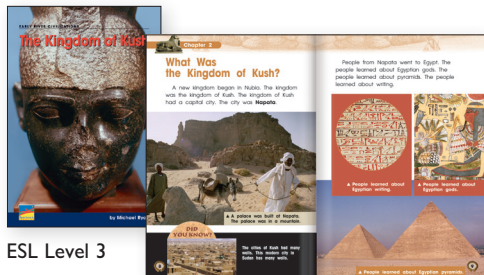
ESL Level 1



ESL Level 2

English RIGOR 2

Reading Level: Grades 2–3
Phonics: Blends, long vowels, digraphs, and syllables



ESL Level 3



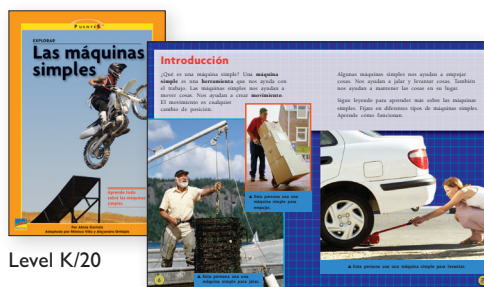
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Spanish RIGOR 1

Reading Level: Grades 1–2
Phonics: Consonants and vowels



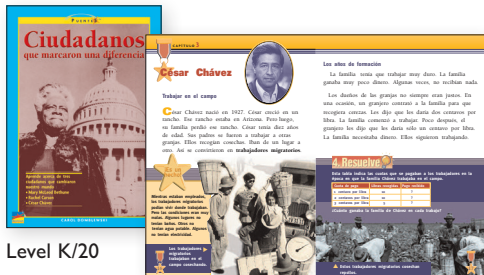
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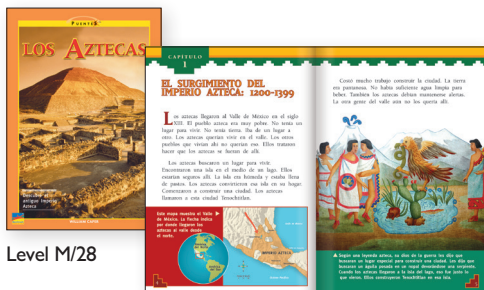
Level K/20

Spanish RIGOR 2

Reading Level: Grades 2–3
Phonics: Blends, diphthongs, prefixes, and suffixes



Level K/20



Level M/28

Intervention for Older ELs Reading at Intermediate Levels

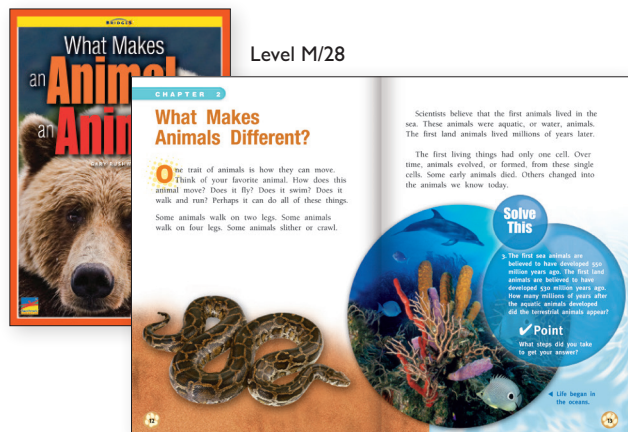
Develop the Literacy Skills Older ELs Need to Achieve Academic Success

16 units provide explicit lessons that improve reading, writing, and content understanding.

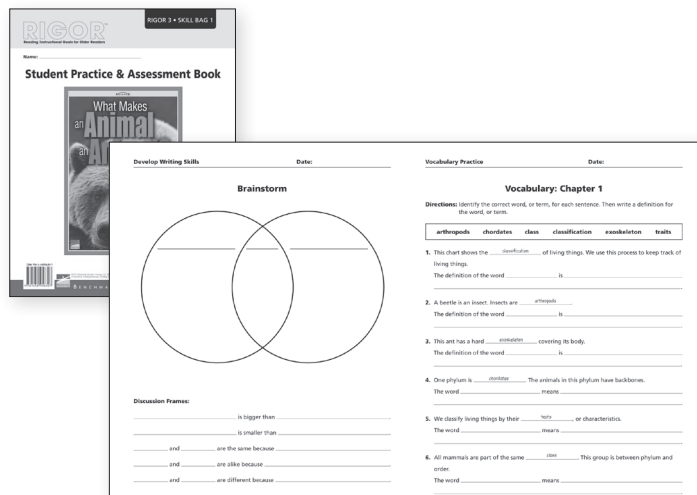
- Accelerate progress through the intermediate reading levels.
- Teach word study skills and all three tiers of vocabulary.
- Build process-writing skills and academic oral language.

RIGOR 3 READING LEVELS		
Units	Reading Level	Grade-Level Equivalent
1-3	M/28	End of Gr. 2
4-6	N/30	Beginning of Gr. 3
7-10	O/34	Middle of Gr. 3
11-13	P/38	End of Gr. 3
14-16	Q-R/40	Gr. 4

Leveled Books



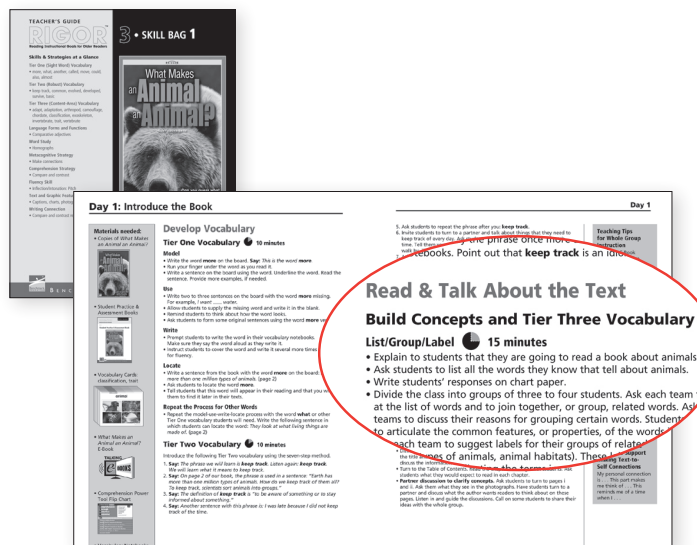
Assessment/Practice Books



Vocabulary Cards



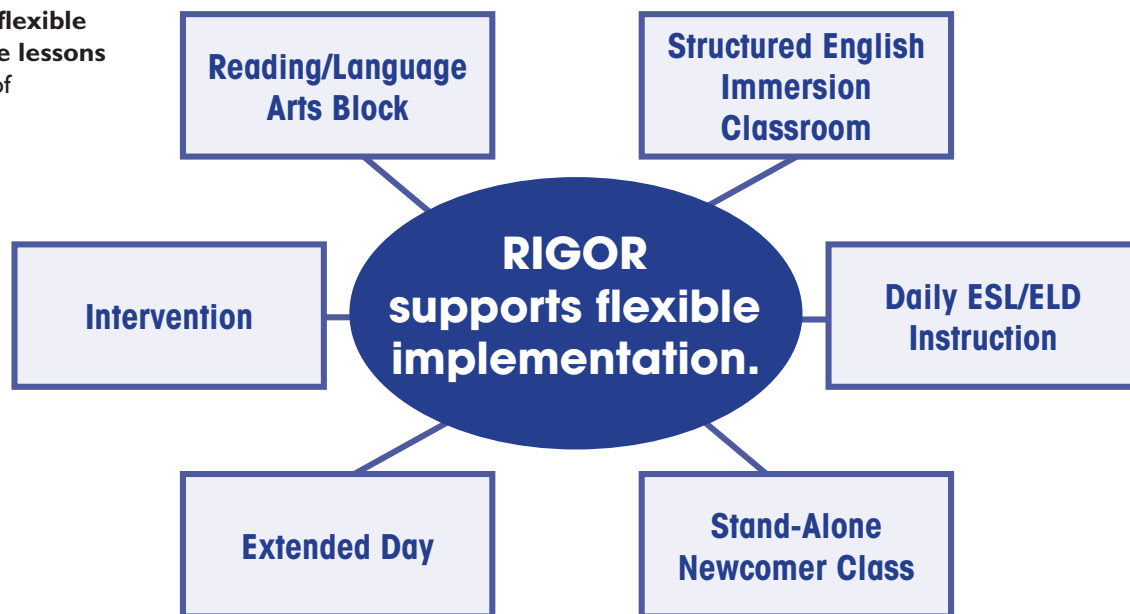
Instructional Support



Flexible Implementation Options

Explicitly model and guide practice of all strategies and skills each day.

RIGOR 1, 2, and 3 offer **flexible 45-, 60-, and 90-minute lessons** you can use in a variety of instructional settings:



Ten-Day, 45-Minute Instructional Timetable

Step	Setting	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10
Phonemic Awareness & Phonics	Whole group	30 minutes		30 minutes		30 minutes		30 minutes		30 minutes	
Vocabulary	Whole group	15 minutes		15 minutes		15 minutes		15 minutes		15 minutes	
Reading/Independent Workstations	Small group		40 minutes (Groups A and B; 20 minutes per group)		40 minutes (Groups A and B; 20 minutes per group)		40 minutes (Groups A and B; 20 minutes per group)		40 minutes (Groups A and B; 20 minutes per group)		40 minutes (Groups A and B; 20 minutes per group)
Writing	Whole group		5 minutes								

Eight-Day, 60-Minute Instructional Timetable

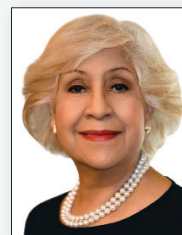
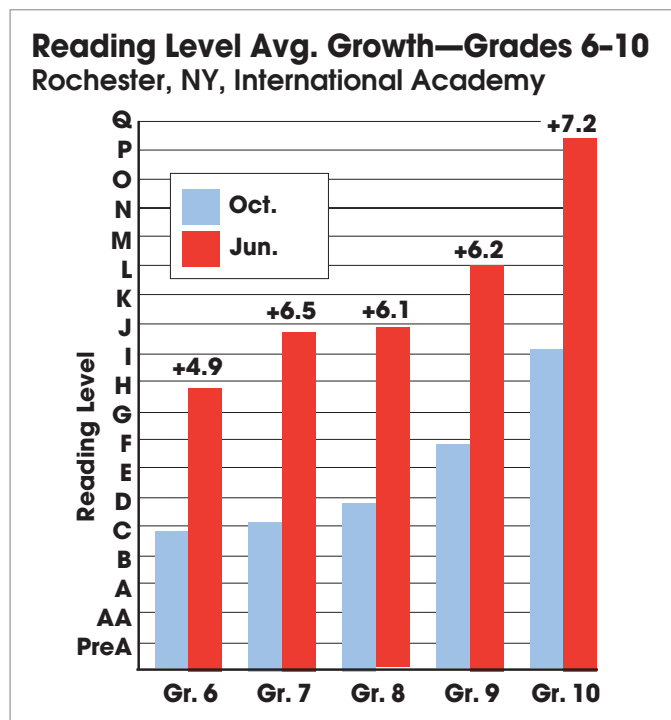
Step	Setting	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8
Phonemic Awareness & Phonics	Whole group	25 minutes	25 minutes	25 minutes	25 minutes	25 minutes			
Vocabulary	Whole group	15 minutes	15 minutes	15 minutes	15 minutes	15 minutes			
Reading/Independent Workstations	Small group	20 minutes (Group A)	20 minutes (Group B)		20 minutes (Group A)	20 minutes (Group A)	40 minutes (Groups A and B; 20 minutes per group)	40 minutes (Groups A and B; 20 minutes per group)	40 minutes (Groups A and B; 20 minutes per group)
Writing	Whole group								20 minutes

Five-Day, 90-Minute Instructional Timetable

Step	Setting	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Phonemic Awareness & Phonics	Whole group	25 minutes	25 minutes	25 minutes	25 minutes	25 minutes
Vocabulary	Whole group	15 minutes	15 minutes	15 minutes	15 minutes	15 minutes
Reading/Independent Workstations	Small group	40 minutes (Groups A and B; 20 minutes per group)	40 minutes (Groups A and B; 20 minutes per group)	40 minutes (Groups A and B; 20 minutes per group)	40 minutes (Groups A and B; 20 minutes per group)	40 minutes (Groups A and B; 20 minutes per group)
Writing	Whole group	10 minutes	10 minutes	10 minutes	10 minutes	10 minutes

Proven Success

In a research study presented at the TESOL conference, Grades 6–10 newcomers progressed an average of 6.2 reading levels after using RIGOR for less than one school year in their classes.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

RIGOR was developed by Margarita Calderón, Ph.D., based on her studies of English language acquisition and her work with middle and high school teachers of English Learners in New York City's public schools. Dr. Calderón is a Professor Emerita at Johns Hopkins University School of Education and has authored more than 100 articles, chapters, books, and teacher training manuals, including the well-known professional book *Teaching Reading to English Language Learners, Grades 6–12*.

“I saw great progress this year using RIGOR. My students gained an average of 2.3 years in their reading. I am very happy with the results!”

—Reading Specialist, Jenks Middle School, Tulsa, OK

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COMPLETE PROGRAM	DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION BOOK SET
<p>(Sets 1, 2 & 3—16 Skill Bags per set)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 480 Leveled Books (10 copies of 48 titles, 1 title per Skill Bag) • 480 Consumable Student Assessment/Practice Books (10 per Skill Bag) • 48 Teacher's Guides (1 per Skill Bag) • 48 Interactive E-Books (1 per Skill Bag) • Overview & Assessment Handbook • 3 Ongoing Assessment Books (1 per set) • 2 Quick Placement Assessment Books • 3 Gr. 3–8 Comprehension Power Tool Flip Charts for Teachers • Online Subscription (1 year) <p>XY5779</p>	<p>Additional Sets 1 and 2 components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 Frieze Cards • 32 Picture Card Sheets (1 per Skill Bag) • 20 Placement Assessment Books • 320 Letter Card Sheets (10 copies of 32 sheets, 1 sheet per Skill Bag) <p>Additional Set 3 components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting Started Guide • 160 Vocabulary Cards (10 per Skill Bag) <p>Additional Set 3 components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 Books at ESL Levels 1–4 • 36 Books at Literacy Levels J–R • 96 Teacher's Guides • 96 Text-Dependent Comprehension Question Cards • Overview & Assessment Handbook • Online Subscription (1 year) <p>XY1642</p>

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