

How to Use Readings and test Items as RTI Tier 1-3 Interventions

See a Powerpoint Presentation on Tier One Instructional Strategies on Slideshare

<http://www.slideshare.net/MikeFisher821/response-to-intervention-tier-one-strategies>

Our Readings files were originally intended as test preparation work for students who will take state and college entrance academic achievement tests. Our philosophy has expanded, we've realized (and been told by our teachers) that they make great assessments and tools for intervention. And isn't that what RTI is about; bringing assessment and intervention down to the individual student level? Readings can be used as ongoing assessments for students who are struggling readers. Keep several grade level files on hand, so you can move the student from easy reading or math to more difficult. Our materials will make good informal assessments and progress monitoring tools, all part of the three tier RTI model.

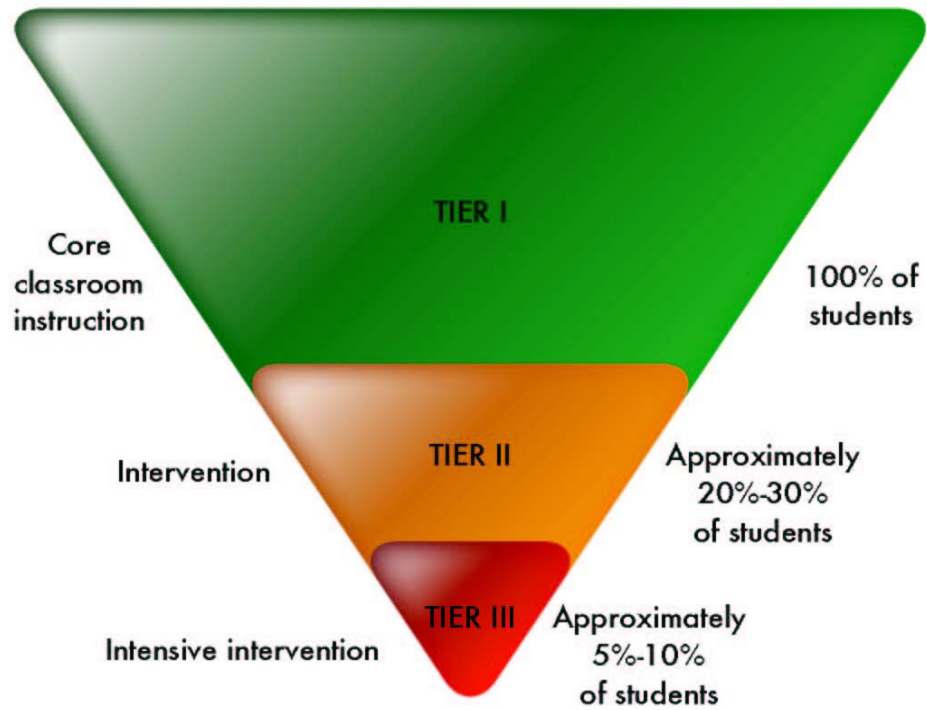
Our Math test items and worksheets can alternate as both assessment and intervention. You will seek to find fluency and comprehension in reading, and confidence and competence in Mathematics. These are simple tools, we have been watching the big publishing companies get on the RTI bandwagon with expensive curricula, books, software, you name it so teachers can integrate these promising techniques into their instructional day.

We're here to provide immediate tools, download them right away, have license to print enough for everyone in your classroom, and at a reasonable price.

Our worksheets, readings, test items, and other materials are not intended for universal screening. Your school district has probably selected its screening tool, many use DIBELS. Ours are intended to help you once the struggling student has been identified. You can pull him out, work with him individually, or bring students together in peer tutoring groups and use the readings to bring them to independence and success at the appropriate grade level.

If you need more background on RTI, we offer some resources below, and also introduce you to some websites with marvelous resources for you to use in your classroom. Teaching is isolating, we want to bring you out of your isolation and into a community of teachers to work together to implement what we think is a promising set of strategies to bring all students to competence.

3-TIER MODEL



Percent of students within each Tier in the theoretical 3-Tier Model of Instruction:

Tier I includes all students at all times (100%);
Tier II includes approximately 20-30% of all students within a core classroom;
Tier III includes approximately 5-10% of all students within a core classroom.

The Student Behavior Intervention

If you can't get individual student behavior under control, you can't teach the rest of your students. You don't need to assess those behaviors, they are in your face. The number one best resource we have found to remediate behavior (and to cut down on special education referrals as a side benefit) is:

The "Pre-Referral Intervention Manual" and its companion the "Behavior Intervention Manual". You can find out more about these tools here:

<http://www.ogtprep.com/PRIM.htm>

Academic Intervention

What are the tiers they are talking about with RTI? I've read about Tier I, II and III interventions, what are they?

Tier I

Tier One is classroom instruction for all students. Scientifically based and research validated quality curricula are in place. Screening and benchmark assessments are used three times a year to make sure all students are on track. So how do you know what is scientifically researched? The big publishing houses will have you believe they have researched there materials for years and have found "the answer". Some are better than others. And who's to say one set of books is the best. Teachers are individuals with different styles, it is important for you to find out what works best for you in your classroom.

All of this takes time, and we need to emphasize how important it is to find like-minded teachers in your building to help you find those strategies and materials that will work for you. No one set of books will work for all teachers. Companies are spending millions to come up with "the answer".

Tier II

Once you've assessed individual students in reading and math, you will need some individual instruction tools to help bring the struggling student up to grade level.

One of the best Tier II resources (literacy) we've found is free, it's put out by the Utah State Office of Education. Here's their model with associated resources:

http://www.schools.utah.gov/curr/lang_art/elem/ThreeTier.htm

Show this superb presentation to your core of like-minded teachers and work together to take the professional development to your school.

http://www.schools.utah.gov/curr/lang_art/elem/Documents/3-TierModelpresentation.ppt