

What is Structured Literacy?

A clear, research-based approach to teaching all aspects of language--listening, speaking, reading, and writing.



What to look for!

- Frequent opportunities for student responding
- Focused and efficient lessons
- Direct teaching with modeling, explanations, and practice
- I do, We do, You do teaching sequences
- Clear language about what the teacher and students should say and do
- Guidance on how to provide immediate corrective feedback
- Differentiation based on progress monitoring



It's essential for teachers to have strong structured literacy instructional materials, because when the curriculum leaves gaps, the responsibility falls on teachers to fill them.

Structured Literacy is...



Explicit

Concepts are taught clearly and directly, leaving nothing to be "discovered."



Systematic

Skills are introduced within a lesson and across lessons in a planned, logical sequence.



Cumulative

New learning expands and deepens previously taught skills, building from simple to more complex.



Diagnostic

Instruction addresses students' specific needs and is adjusted based on progress monitoring data.