

LearnZillion EL Education K-5 Language Arts



“EL Education’s curriculum has changed me as a teacher, pushing my own growth mindset. It pulled me off the stage and put my students on the stage. They’re leading conversations and thinking through their own answers and processes. Even if they don’t get it right the first time, they keep trying.”

- Tracy Haynes, Teacher, Memphis

Built by teachers to inspire teachers, the LearnZillion EL Education K-5 Language Arts curriculum is grounded in compelling topics that are anchored by carefully-chosen literary and informational complex texts. [LearnZillion EL Education](#) curriculum empowers teachers to implement high-leverage learning tasks, driving students’ skill development across complex texts. Equal focus is given to character and high-quality student work.

We at LearnZillion wish to express our appreciation to EdReports for the expert review of our materials. High quality content matters, and the work of EdReports matters. The in-depth analysis produced through the review process provides educators with vital information on curriculum design and is needed to support the curricular choices of schools and districts. The three EdReports gateways are the foundations of LearnZillion EL Education: text quality, building knowledge, and usability.

Regarding the EdReports review, we would like to note a pedagogical choice that was made by EL Education that did not fully align with Ed Reports’ scoring methodologies: In grades 3-5, the curriculum chose a contextual, rather than explicit approach to teaching foundational skills. Unlike our K-2 curriculum, which has an explicit foundational skills component and received a higher score in this category, the 3-5 lessons apply and practice foundational skills within the core lessons. We are confident, based on student results like this [Mathematica Policy Research](#) where students in EL Education schools gained an extra seven months of learning growth in reading after three years, that this approach will yield strong student outcomes. We would be happy to discuss our approach in more detail with any district considering implementation.

The report created by the EdReports review team communicates the intentions of our curriculum: To build deep knowledge and ensure students can read, understand, and express understanding of complex, grade-level texts. We appreciate that the reviewers have affirmed

the emphasis our materials place on the importance of building knowledge in reading comprehension and building crucial foundational reading skills to help students reach this goal. We seek to level the playing field for all students, and the LearnZillion EL Education curriculum allows students to bring knowledge built around topics and/or themes to new complex texts, thus building their ability to read and comprehend complex texts independently and proficiently.