

Recommendation 5. Make available intensive individualized interventions for struggling readers that can be provided by qualified specialists

Use reliable screening assessments to identify students with reading difficulties and follow up with formal and informal assessments to pinpoint each student's instructional needs.

Select an intervention that provides an explicit instructional focus to meet each student's identified learning needs.

Provide interventions where intensity matches student needs: the greater the instructional need, the more intensive the intervention. Assuming a high level of instructional quality, the intensity of interventions is related most directly to the size of instructional groups and amount of instructional time.

“What are the most effective academic interventions?”

¹ *Improving Adolescent Literacy: Effective Classroom Practices* (2008) – Institute of Education Sciences