

reading plus[®]

Timetabling and Usage

Timetabling is crucial to the success of Reading Plus. As with any additional support, little and often works best as opposed to longer periods of instruction with no practice between.

The need to develop proficiency

To build proficiency, it is important that pupils settle into a routine of using Reading Plus as soon as possible. For this reason, we would strongly recommend that Reading Plus is timetabled into the school day. This is especially important for pupils who are significantly behind and/or have more complex needs.

Once you are satisfied that pupils are using Reading Plus consistently, then you might wish to consider using the program outside of normal school hours (e.g. use at home, for homework, or unsupervised in a Learning Resource Centre/school library).

Pupil progress should be reviewed termly and amendments to timetabling should be made if more intensive intervention is needed for pupils who are not exceeding minimum usage. It is the school's responsibility to ensure Reading Plus is being used.

How many Reading Plus lessons should pupils be completing and how long will this take?

Schools should aim to build in enough time for pupils to complete a minimum of 36 hours usage (100+ Reading lessons) over the course of a year of tuition. This equates to approximately 90 minutes per week (4-5 Reading lessons) over 24 instructional weeks.

As best practice, we recommend 3 sessions per week, 30 minutes per session. If you are using Reading Plus for fewer than 24 weeks, consider increasing weekly lesson assignments.

Severely struggling readers and older struggling readers typically need more practice to close attainment gaps. Proficient and advanced readers using Reading Plus for enrichment require less practice time. For advice on individual pupils/specific cohorts, please speak with your Reading Solutions UK Account Manager.

If your class(es) have hit our recommended usage target, then our Reading Solutions UK Support Team will send you a [Lexile Tracking document](#) at the end of each term which will highlight the total number of hours of usage as well as demonstrating progress against age related expectation.

For further advice on best practice for maximising the use of your licences through timetabling, please speak to our UK Support Team.