



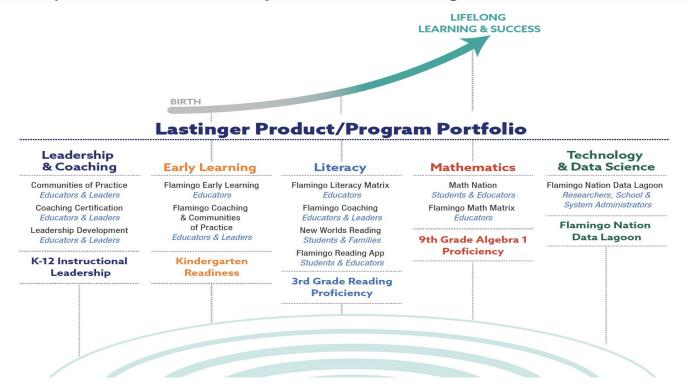








The UF Lastinger Center mission is to improve the quality of teaching, learning, and childcare. We research, develop, and scale equitable educational innovations for adults and children that put all learners on trajectories for lifelong success.







## **New Worlds Reading Initiative Vision**

Continue creating at-home libraries for eligible students

Build additional community & statewide partnerships

Instill excitement for reading through statewide promotional campaign



Continue to develop teacher experts in the science of reading through microcredentials and create home-school connections in literacy

Develop caregivers' confidence & capacity to support children's reading





## **Current Eligibility**

# Florida students are eligible based on the following criteria:

- VPK children who are not yet making age-appropriate progress according to state assessments
  - FAST Star Early Literacy
- K-5 Public or Charter School students who are not yet reading on grade level based
  - FAST Star Early Literacy
  - FAST Star Reading assessment
  - FAST ELA Reading
  - Tier 2 or Tier 3 Reading Instruction

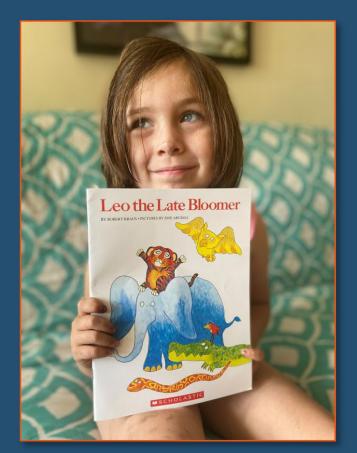






## **Current Eligibility**

"I like that my parents don't always have to buy me books. I can get them in the mail. It's also kind of fun. It makes me feel like reading more because they're mine. I like to read all kinds of books. When I get a book in the mail with my name on it on the box, I feel like I'm special."





## **Book Selection**

- Partner with Scholastic
- Collaborate with Florida Department of Education to review and approve books
- Books available in English, Spanish, Haitian-Creole, and braille
- Families select "book sets" based on specific topics of interest









# Data Overview (October 2021 - Present)

800,000+

Eligible children across the state of Florida 260,000+

Students served since December 2021

3,900,000+

Books and resources shipped since December 2021





# **Enrollment Support**

- We will be shipping flyers directly to schools and VPK providers
- Please distribute flyers to eligible students







# New Worlds Reading Literacy Engagement Opportunities



# **Family and Community Engagement Team**

Region	Name	Email
Region 1: Panhandle	Shelli Payne	shelli.payne@coe.ufl.edu
	(Wakulla)	
Region 2: North East	To be hired	efritzochs@coe.ufl.edu
	Contact Erika Fritz-Ochs	
Region 3: North Central	Nasseeka Denis	nasseeka18@coe.ufl.edu
	(Alachua)	
Region 4: South Central	To be hired	efritzochs@coe.ufl.edu
	Contact Erika Fritz-Ochs	
Region 5: South Palm Beach	Mercedes Ryan	mercedesryan@coe.ufl.edu
	(Martin)	
Region 6: South Broward	Lourdes Salgado	lsalgado@coe.ufl.edu
	(Miami)	





# **New Worlds Reading: Family Engagement Events**

## **Engagement Team**

Partner with our family and community engagement team to host:

- Literacy nights with fun activities and free books,
- Classroom read aloud events,
- Parent academy webinars that teach families about science of reading strategies to use at home,
- And more!

Email us at **new.worlds@coe.ufl.edu** to partner with us!

















# **Event Tabling**





# **Family Literacy Event**









# **Caregiver Workshop**







# New Worlds Reading: Educator Resources

## **Educator Resources**

- Teacher reading guides for New Worlds Reading books feature:
  - Science of reading strategies for literacy instruction
  - Example activities to use with students
- Download guides at newworldsreading.com

## **Teacher Professional Development**

- Free program for K-5 classroom teachers in Florida's public & charter schools
- Connects New Worlds Reading's home book delivery program to classroom-based literacy instruction
- Participating educators receive \$450 stipend
- Created in partnership with the Florida Department of Education
- Learn more about eligibility and enrollment at bit.ly/NWRI\_TeacherPD







# **New Worlds Reading Application**



## **Application Process**

APPLY

Caregivers apply for children at newworldsreading.com.

There will be a waiting period as New Worlds Reading team will confirm eligibility using student records. Please note: VPK and K students may have a longer waiting period, as this is their first testing periods.

After receiving an email confirming a child is eligible, our systems take 6-8 weeks to send out that child's first shipment.

MONTHLY FREE BOOKS

AT YOUR DOOR!

Enrolled children receive free books and reading activities through fifth grade! No matter when a child's shipments begin, they receive ALL 9 FREE BOOKS & ACTIVITIES for that school year.



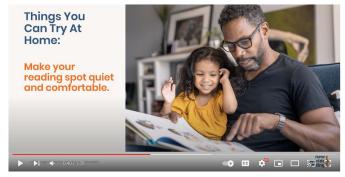


# **New Worlds Reading** Family Resources

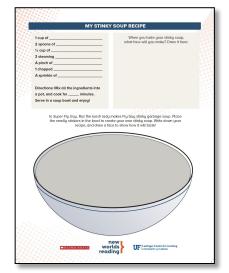
## Literacy Resources

- Interactive Reading Guides
- Videos
- Text Messages
- ResourceClearinghouse













Family Resources

**Educator Resources** 

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**Welcome to Literacy Resources** 

## **Helpful Tips and Support for Family** Reading

Here you'll find tips and strategies to support your child, develop their skills, and nurture their love of reading.



## **Reading Guides**

Book-specific guides contain helpful strategies and fun activities to support kids while reading.

GET THE BOOK GUIDES



## **Bookmarks & Activities**

Bookmarks and fun activities to help kids strengthen literacy skills and build reading confidence.

2022-2023 BOOKMARKS

2021-2022 BOOKMARKS

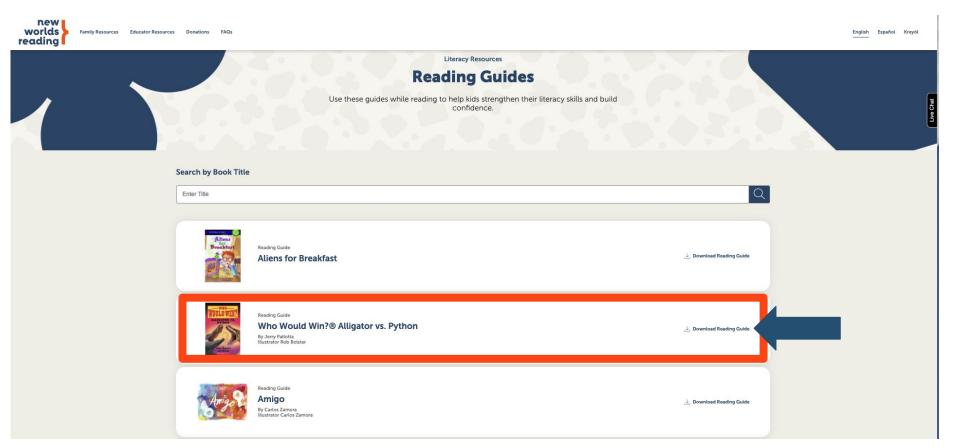


## Videos

Our videos offer tips and tricks for caregivers to engage with reading in a child-friendly way.

WATCH OUR VIDEOS











## **Alligator vs. Python** (Who Would Win?)

by Jerry Pallotta

Alligator vs. Python (Who Would Win?) is an exciting look at two of nature's deadliest creatures! Learn amazing facts about each animal and then decide who YOU think would win in a fierce fight between the two.

Want to read more books like this one? Visit your local or school library to check out more!

Engaging in the literacy activities in this guide will help children improve their reading skills by highlighting key words, making connections, and focusing on conversations about the book.

Explore these activities with your child over many readings. As your child becomes more familiar with the book, refer back to this guide for more activities you can do together and questions you can ask. Your child will be able to complete more activities each time you read the story. Also, be sure to include other family members in reading time! Enjoy engaging with your family around Alligator vs. Pvthon!

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In addition to the printed words, nonfiction books with real facts often have extra information and pictures on the page. These are called text features and they help children better understand the topic they are learning about. Use the chart below to help your child hunt down text features in this book and write the new information or facts they learned. Share your favorites with each other!

- Headings explain what the sections of a book will be about. For example, the heading on page 2 says Meet the Alligator which tells us that we are going to learn about alligators.
- Photographs are taken with a camera and show what something really looks like.
- Illustrations are drawn by an artist.
- Maps show where places are located, such as where animals live.
- Sidebars give interesting facts or extra information about a topic. The Fact sidebar on page 5 tells readers that pythons are snakes, and snakes are reptiles.

Text Feature and Page Number	What information or facts did you learn from this text feature?		
I found a <b>heading</b> on page!			
I found a <b>photograph</b> on page!			
I found an <b>illustration</b> on page!			
I found a <b>map</b> on page!			
I found a <b>sidebar</b> on page!			

### CREATE SUCCESSFUL READING HABITS

Making reading something special is a great way to instill a love of reading. Help your child get their own library card. Take time every week to visit the library to let your child refresh their collection and ask the librarian for recommendations of books that are like the ones they already enjoy. Make sure they have lots of books and other reading materials around. When family members ask for gift ideas, suggest books that they like with their favorite characters or from a well-known series. Some reading materials that make great aifts are:

- comic books & graphic
- ultimate fan auides
- movie novelizations
- books based on their favorite video game characters
- magazines





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### ASK QUESTIONS TO CHECK UNDERSTANDING

Whether you read this book with your child or they read it independently, it is important to pause at the end of each chapter to help children reflect on what they have read. Here are some prompts to help older readers reflect before, during, and after reading:

- · What do you think this will be about?
- What do you already know about alligators and pythons?
- · Did you learn a surprising, scary, or exciting fact on this page? How do you feel about this fact?
- (Before the result of the fight is revealed) Who do you think is going to win this fight? Who do you want to win this fight? Why?
- . Do you agree with the winner in this book? Why or why not?
- · What questions do you still have about alligators or pythons after reading this book? Where can you find the answers to your questions?

### MAKE CONNECTIONS

Guiding children to make connections between the book and their own lives or the world around them deepens their understanding of the text. Use prompts like the ones below to start a conversation with

- · Think about some of the books you've read. Have any of them been about alligators or snakes? What did you learn from those books? What was similar or different to what you learned in this
- · Have you ever seen or touched a live alligator or python before? What was it like? If you have not, would you want to touch a live alligator or python? Why or why not?
- · Are there any news events about alligators or pythons that you have heard about? How were they similar to this book? How were they different?

## TALK ABOUT NEW AND INTERESTING WORDS

When children encounter unfamiliar words, take a moment to talk about the words using child-friendly definitions. This promotes a rich vocabulary, enhances communication, and improves comprehension. Here are some child-friendly definitions for important words in the book:

## tolerate (p. 8)

If you tolerate something, you put up with it even if you do not like it. Alligators tolerate salt water, but they would prefer to live in freshwater.

## disguised (p. 18)

If you disguise yourself, you hide yourself or change your appearance so that you cannot be seen by others. Alligators hide all of their body, except for their eyes and nose, under the water to stay disguised from humans and other animals.

## flexible (pg. 13)

Something that is flexible can bend easily. Pythons do not chew food and they wiggle their flexible iaw to get whole pieces of food down their throat.

### rugged (p. 25)

If something is rugged, it is strong and tough. Pythons have skin that feels smooth and rugged. How do you think it would feel to touch the rugged skin of a snake?

### PICK THE WINNER: FACT VS OPINION

Before reading Alligator vs Python, readers might have formed an opinion about who would win based on what they already knew about each reptile. This is a good opportunity to talk about fact vs opinion. Ask readers if they know the difference between these two terms. As they read the story, prompt them to record the facts they learn in the chart below by marking an "X" in the box for which animal they think has the advantage. When they are done, ask them to write or draw which reptile would win based on the facts. Next, have them write or draw their opinion about who they think should win.





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	Teeth	or Fangs	
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Based on the facts, the winner would be:		My opinion	of who should win is:



## **Bookmarks**

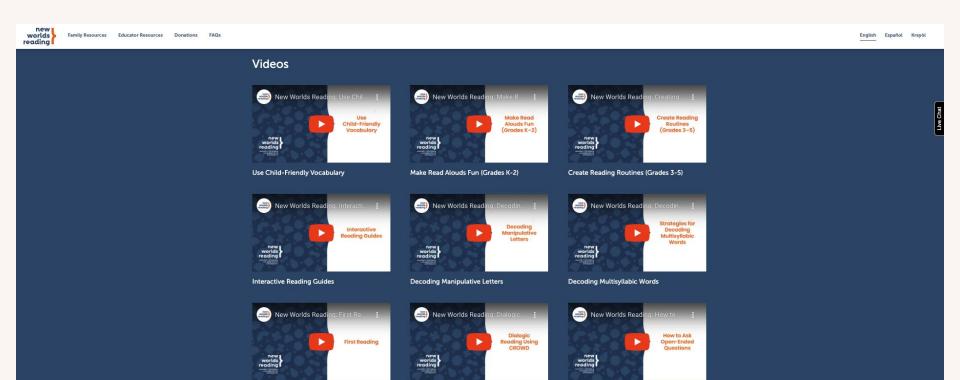
- Digital versions available on the **New Worlds** Reading Initiative website
- Available in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, and braille.











Dialogic Reading using CROWD

How to Ask Open-Ended Questions

First Reading



Create Reading Routines (Grades 3-5)



# New Worlds Reading Educator Resources



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Welcome to

## **Educator Resources**

Educators, check out our toolkits and professional development materials that reinforce science of reading strategies.

## **Download District and School Toolkits**



## **School Toolkit**

Educators - share these emails, flyers and more with eligible students' parents and families.

DOWNLOAD



## **District Toolkit**

District leaders - spread the word in your district using emails, flyers, social posts and

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## **TEACHER READING GUIDE**















## **Everything Awesome About Sharks** and Other Underwater Creatures!

## by Robert Kraus

Readers will discover a wealth of weird and wonderful facts about the oceans, sharks, and other sea creatures presented in Mike Lowery's signature comic style with bright and energetic artwork. This will be a cherished book for curious readers and make them eager to know absolutely everything there is to know about sharks.

#### Create Successful Reading Habits

Recent research from the What Works Clearinghouse shows that readers need opportunities to explore a variety of information text structures.\* These structures include description, sequence, problem and solution, cause and effect, and compare and contrast. Teacher- or studentcreated graphic organizers are effective in helping scaffold reader comprehension of text structure.

\* U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Evaluation and Regional Assistance, What Works Clearinghouse. (n.d.). Practice Guides. https://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/PracticeGuides

## SCIENCE OF READING - CONNECTING RESEARCH TO PRACTICE

#### What is the Science of Reading?

The science of reading refers to the body of evidence that underlies what we know about how children learn to read. It stems from decades of research in educational and developmental psychology, linguistics, cognitive science, and neuroscience. It outlines:

- · how reading develops
- what happens in the brains of students with reading difficulties
- the instructional strategies and content that should be taught to support this development

The science of reading is the knowledge that comprises all of these things.

## STANDARDS ALIGNMENT FLORIDA'S B.E.S.T. STANDARDS

The Florida B.E.S.T. ELA standards emphasize the point that comprehension is the most important goal of reading and reading instruction. Being able to identify and understand a variety of text structures, or organizational patterns. can greatly aid students in comprehending nonfiction texts (p. 174). One of these text structures is description. This is a structure where authors present information about a topic in sections, usually beginning with a central idea or text heading. Authors then elaborate on the topic with features, characteristics, or examples related to the topic.

> Look for standards alignment in each section of this guide.

#### WORD WORK - PHONICS AND WORD ANALYSIS

Help your students read words that have both open and closed syllables.

ELA.4.F.1.3: Use knowledge of grade-level phonics and word-analysis skills to decode words.

#### Decode Words with Open and Closed Syllables

Say to students, "Syllables are a word or part of a word pronounced as a unit and contain one yowel sound."

- · ends with one or more consonants
- · has a short-vowel sound that is spelled with one vowel letter
- An open syllable:

has a long-vowel sound spelled with one vowel letter

Here is an example of how to identify words with open and closed syllables in this book:







- Write the words congo and ocean.
- · Say the word congo and have your students clap the syllables.
- · Say, "How many syllables are there in congo?" (two)
- Ask your students to point to the vowel o in the syllable con.
- Say, "The consonant, n, after the o makes this a closed syllable, so the yowel does not sound like its. name. It has a short-vowel sound."
- Ask students to point to the vowel o in the syllable go.
- Say, "This syllable ends with o and is not followed by a consonant. It is an open syllable, so the vowel sounds like its name, o. It has a long-vowel sound."
- Help your students read the whole word ocean.
- Repeat the steps for ocean:
  - The first syllable in ocean is the vowel o. Since it is not followed by a consonant, it is an open syllable, and the vowel sounds like its name. It has a long-vowel sound.
  - The vowels of the second syllable are followed by a consonant. It is a closed syllable, and the vowel does not sound like its name. It has a short-vowel sound.

You can help your students identify more open syllables and closed syllables by selecting a few words throughout the book to practice with them. You may repeat words or point out new words

#### FLL and SWD suggestion:

Students who need additional practice identifying syllable boundaries can benefit from clapping syllables, saying a written word aloud while clapping for each syllable, Repeating this process can help students agin more confidence in identifying syllable boundaries. Remind students that every syllable contains one vowel sound. For consonant -le, the vowel is silent.

### TALK ABOUT NEW AND INTERESTING WORDS

When thinking about which words to select for explicit instruction, choose Tier Two words to help your students increase their vocabulary knowledge. These are highfrequency words that can be used across multiple texts and content areas and are spoken by more mature language users.

diffuse (p. 20): To diffuse is to make a substance or thing spread out thinly. Ocean water diffuses sunlight, making the ocean darker the deeper one goes.

degrade (p. 22): To degrade is to break something down into its parts. There are bacteria in the ocean that can degrade oil and maybe one day clean up oil

translucent (p. 34): Something that is translucent allows light through it. Sharks have a translucent extra eyelid that allows them to see underwater and protects their eyes.

examine (p. 50): To examine something means to inspect or try to learn more about it. Sharks examine new objects with their mouths. Hopefully, that new object isn't someone's foot!

fragment (p. 100): A fragment is a tiny piece of something, especially something that has become broken or degraded. Unfortunately, fish eat the billions of plastic fragments in the oceans.

ELA.4.V.1.1: Use grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately in speaking and writing.

#### **ELL and SWD suggestion:**

Provide students with a Fraver Model graphic organizer. This organizer can be used to help students clarify the meaning of words they encountered in texts. The model is used to define target vocabulary and generate examples and nonexamples using synonyms, antonyms, and other characteristics of the word (through drawings and pictures) to demonstrate a deep understanding of the target words. The information is placed on a table divided into four sections to provide a visual representation through words and pictures of the target vocabulary.



## Frayer Model

## Definition

 If something is translucent, some light can pass through it.

## Characteristics

- · cloudy
- semi-clear
- partially visible

## Translucent

## Examples

- · frosted glass on a shower door
- tinted Car Windows
- sunglasses
- wax paper
- · stained glass window

## Non-examples

- opaque objects, like a book, piece of fabric, metal, or wood
- transparent objects, like a window, glass cup, water, and clean air

### READ FOR MEANING - SUMMARIZING DESCRIPTION

Comprehension of texts is a supremely important reading skill. With nonfiction texts, students can benefit from analyzing descriptions in order to summarize important ideas or topics. By scaffolding this description analysis and summarization, teachers can help students master this vital skill.

- ELA.4.R.2.1: Explain how text features contribute to the meaning, and identify the text structures of problem/solution, sequence, and description in texts.
- ELA.4.R.3.2: Summarize a text to enhance comprehension.
- b. Include the central idea and relevant details for an informational text.
- ELA.4.R.3.3: Compare and contrast accounts of the same event using primary and/or secondary sources.

#### **Before: Explanation**

Explain that nonfiction texts contain a lot of information, and the information is arranged in such a way as
to help readers learn as much as possible about a particular topic. In this book, some examples include the
descriptions of the eight "shark squads" on pages 41 - 61.

#### **During: Summarizing**

- · Divide the students into groups. Assign each group to summarize, and describe one of the eight "squads."
- Ask each student to individually record three to five key details that describe each squad. Be sure to remind
  them that each squad, or each shark group, will talk about particular shark species, but the students' goal is
  to find the key details that describe the squad as a whole. Remind them that they are not working as partners
- Monitor each student to check for understanding. If a student has trouble identifying three to five key details
  that describe the squad, refer them to the page that has the information about the shark squad.
- Have the students share their key details with their assigned group, and discuss the details they identified about their assigned shark squad.
- · Ask them to summarize the key points their group shared about their shark squad.
- Once they have shared and summarized with their group, ask them to write a paragraph summarizing their squad. Tell them that the paragraphs should include the information they recorded from the text about their assigned squad.

#### After: Comparative Reading

- Give students some examples of other sea animals from the book that travel in groups (e.g., whale pods, fish schools, jellyfish swarms, etc.). Ask the students to select one group they want to study more about.
- Ask students to search the internet for articles, videos, etc. to learn more and refer to the section(s) of the text about the sea animal they chose.
- Ask them to cite two to four key details from the book and their search about the sea animal group that are similar to and different from the shark squads.

#### **ELL and SWD suggestion:**

Help students identify that the description at the beginning of each squad section (also labeled as a checklist) provides an overview of all sharks in that grouping. Students can use the sentence stem "All sharks in this squad \_." to begin recording facts for the whole grouping. They can also use the sentence stem "For example, the \_\_\_\_\_\_shark \_." to provide details for a particular shark that supports the squad description.



## New Worlds Reading Toolkits

School Sample

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What You Will Find in this Too	IKIT
Talking Points for Parent/Caregiver Conversation	ons 3
Sample Email Messaging	5
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From Principals or Teachers to Parents	8
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**Districts** 

Schools

Communities





## **Regional Partners Program**

The UF Lastinger Center understands that partnership with school districts, schools, associations, and community organizations throughout the state is **critical to the success of this program**.

We have partnered with numerous organizations across the state both at a state level and within individual communities to scale the reach of the New Worlds Reading Initiative in the following areas:

- Parent and Family Literacy Workshops
- Community Literacy Events
- Teacher Professional Development

The goals of the New Worlds Reading Regional Partner Program align with and support the overall vision of the New Worlds Reading Initiative.







## **New Worlds Reading Scholarship Account**

New Worlds Reading Scholarship, administered by **Step Up For Students** offers families access to education savings accounts, **worth \$500 each**, to pay for tuition and fees related to part-time tutoring, summer and after-school literacy programs, laptops, tablets and more!







# Please help us by doing the following:

- Help us get eligible students to apply: www.newworldsreading.com
- Be an ambassador for the program.
  use toolkits-spread the word to families, communities & educators.
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  Learn about our events.









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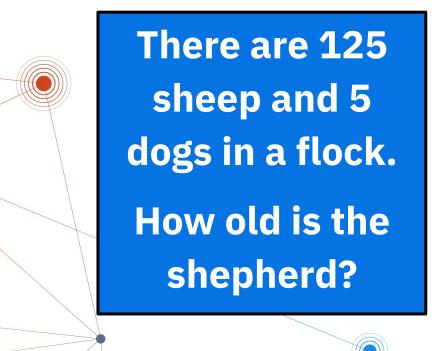




# Math Matrix Professional Development

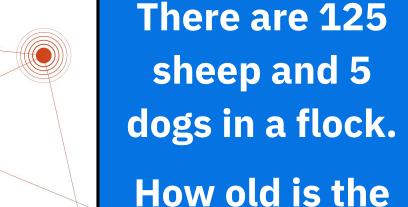
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### **Dilemma - The Shepherd Problem**





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shepherd?

Predict what students will do when they encounter this problem.



# **Dilemma - The Shepherd Problem**

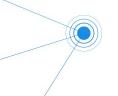


There are 125 sheep and 5 dogs in a flock.

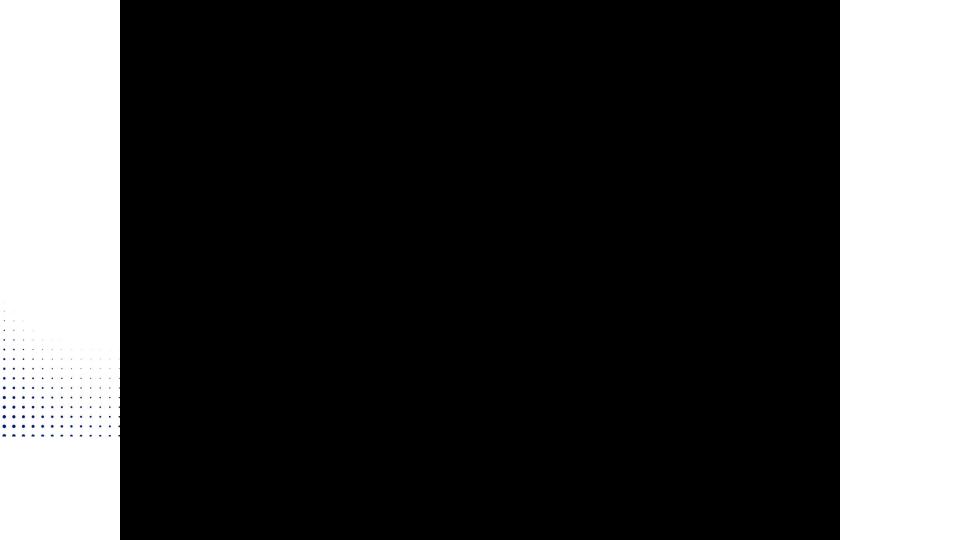
How old is the shepherd?

Predict what students will do when they encounter this problem.

What do you want students to do when they encounter this problem?







# **Unpacking - The Shepherd Problem**



There are 125 sheep and 5 dogs in a flock.

How old is the shepherd?

What do you *notice* about the student responses?

What do you wonder?



# **Unpacking - The Shepherd Problem**



There are 125 sheep and 5 dogs in a flock.

How old is the shepherd?

How does the way we teach mathematics impact the way students respond to this problem?



habitual inclination to see mathematics as sensible, useful, and worthwhile, coupled with a belief in diligence and one's own efficacy.

ability to formulate, represent, and solve mathematical problems

comprehension of mathematical concepts, operations, and relations strategic competence procedural

conceptual

understanding

productive

disposition

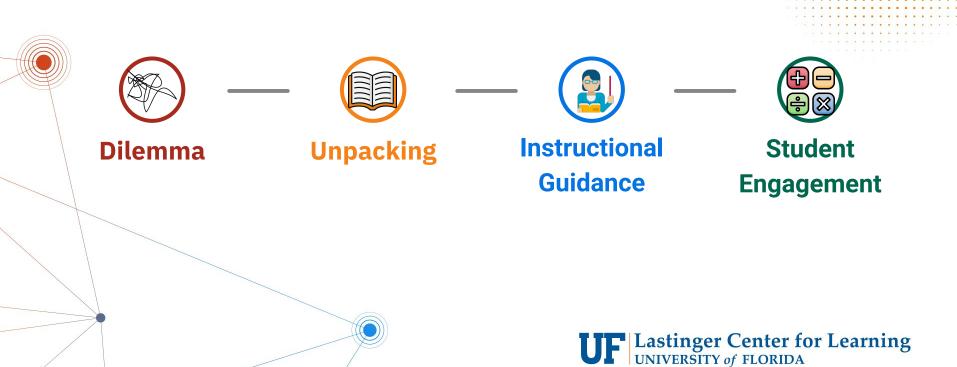
skill in carrying out procedures flexibly, accurately, efficiently, and appropriately

adaptive reasoning

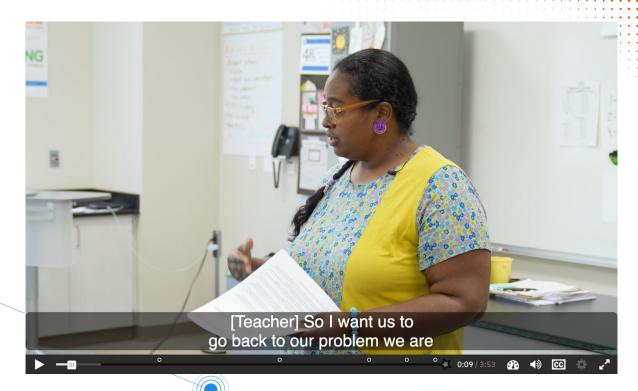
fluency

capacity for logical thought, reflection, explanation, and justification

#### **Math Matrix Components**



#### **Math Matrix Features: Interactive Video**

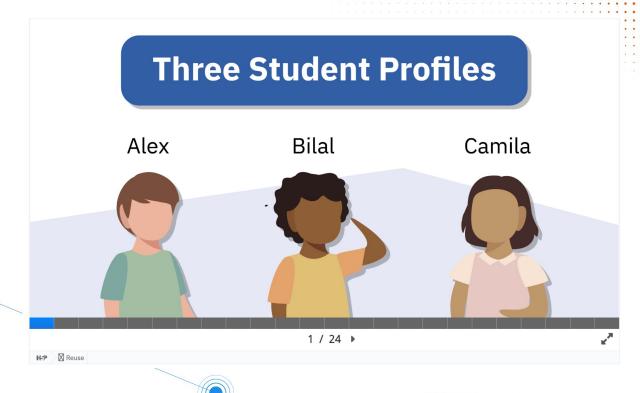




#### **Math Matrix Features: Interactive Video**

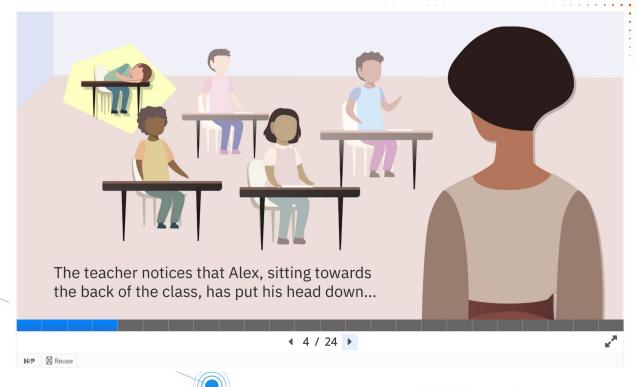


#### **Math Matrix Features: Interactive Case Studies**





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#### **Math Matrix Features: Downloadable Handouts**

#### **HABIT RECAP**



#### What are some practices teachers can engage in to support this habit?

- Provide feedback to students on their strategies, rather than on the correctness of their answers.
- Consider providing the answer key for certain activities.
- Create opportunities for collaborative problem-solving to allow the exchange of multiple strategies.

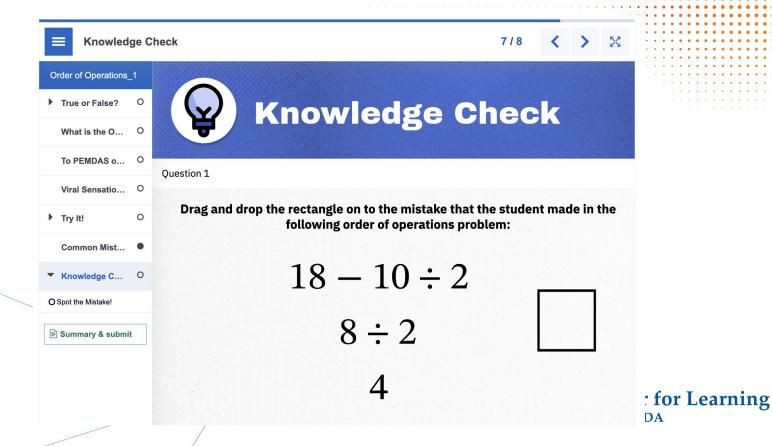
#### What are some questions teachers can ask students to support this habit?

- What strategy did you use to find the answer?
- Why did you use that particular strategy?
- Can you solve this same problem using another strategy?
- What strategies have you used in the past to solve similar problems?
- How can you check your solution to make sure it makes sense?





#### **Math Matrix Features: Interactive Books**



#### **Content Courses**

#### **Number Sense & Operations**

(K-5; 18 hours)



- → Addition and Subtraction
- → Multiplication
- → Division
- → Introduction to Fractions

#### **Algebraic Reasoning**

(6-12; 18 hours)

- → From Arithmetic to Algebra
- → Variables and Expressions
- → Equations
- → Ratios, Proportions, Rates of Change
- → Introduction to Functions









**Statewide Pilot: Spring 2024** 

250 Teachers (125 K5, 125 6-12)

- Duration is about 3 months
- Time required is about 60 hours
- \$1000 incentive for completing all coursework and participating in 1 focus group interview
- bit.ly/Math\_Matrix



# Thank you!