Introduction to



Shine Reading Skills is a reading comprehension intervention which is designed to give targeted support to pupils who need an extra boost in order to improve their skills in answering comprehension questions.

The key comprehension skills have been organised into three intervention focusses, called **Areas of Learning**, as follows:

Retrieval, Vocabulary and Inference

Each Area of Learning is made up of a group of relevant content domains from the National Curriculum Programme of Study (2014) for English, that are assessed in the English reading test:

Retrieval:

2b: retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and non-fiction.

2c: summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph.

2f: Identify/explain how information/narrative content is related and contributes to meaning as a whole

2h: Make comparisons within the text

• Inference:

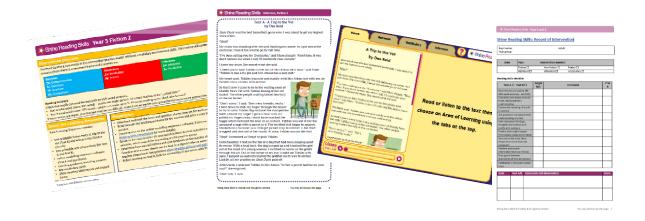
2d: make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text.

2e: predict what might happen from details stated and implied

Vocabulary:

2a: give/ explain the meaning of words in context

2g: Identify/explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases



Shine Reading Skills Guidance for Key Stage 2

For the purposes of teaching, the interventions are divided into units of content, called **Learning Sequences**.

Shine Reading Skills is made up of 126 Learning Sequences, from Year 1/P1 to Year 6/P7.

Each year has a Learning Sequence related to the school terms, labelled 1, 2 and 3. All three terms have a fiction and a non-fiction text within the Learning Sequence, and the summer term (3) Learning Sequence also has a poetry text.

Year Group	Genre and Term	Area of Learning
Year 1/P2 – Year 6/P7	Fiction 1	Retrieval
		Vocabulary
		Inference
	Non-Fiction 1	Retrieval
		Vocabulary
		Inference
Year 1/P2 – Year 6/P7	Fiction 2	Retrieval
		Vocabulary
		Inference
	Non-Fiction 2	Retrieval
		Vocabulary
		Inference
Year 1/P2 – Year 6/P7	Fiction 3	Retrieval
		Vocabulary
		Inference
	Non-Fiction 3	Retrieval
		Vocabulary
		Inference
	Poetry 3	Retrieval
		Vocabulary
		Inference

The Learning Sequences are labelled with a year group, text genre, term number and Area of Learning for example:

- > Year 4, Fiction 1, Retrieval
- > Year 5, Non-fiction 2, Inference
- > Year 6, Poetry 3, Vocabulary

How do the Learning Sequences work?

Each Learning Sequences should be used to teach, practise and apply reading skills related to the three Areas of Learning (Retrieval, Vocabulary and Inference).

There is no expectation that any pupil will complete all three Learning Sequences relating to any text. However, if more than one Area of Learning is identified for a pupil, it is recommended that the Learning Sequences are completed in the order: Retrieval, Vocabulary, Inference.

You can choose how many of the termly Learning Sequences individual pupils complete. Some may need to focus only on non-fiction, others on fiction, or on poetry, while other pupils may need more than one.

Progression between Learning Sequences

There is a progression of difficulty in the texts and Learning Sequences aimed at pupils in Year 3/P4, Year 4/P5, Year 5/P6 and Year 6/P7 which reflects pupils' growing proficiency in reading. Within each term and intervention, the texts are well matched for difficulty.

Pupils are expected to work with more independence, and there is a gradual progression in reading stamina and text complexity.

Progression of difficulty can also be found in:

- the increasing number of questions within each year group
- the types of questions in each year group e.g. more questions requiring longer written answers than multiple choice questions, more interpretation of opinion than of fact
- the increase in reading stamina required to read a text

Year 3	Fiction 1 and Non-fiction 1:	Fiction 2 and Non-fiction 2:	Fiction 3, Non-fiction 3 and
	Book band Gold/White	Book band White	Poetry 3:
			Book band White/Stars
Year 4	Fiction 1 and Non-fiction 1:	Fiction 2 and Non-fiction 2:	Fiction 3, Non-fiction 3 and
	Book band Stars	Book band Stars/Mercury	Poetry 3:
			Book band Mercury
Year 5	Fiction 1 and Non-fiction 1:	Fiction 2 and Non-fiction 2:	Fiction 3, Non-fiction 3 and
	Book band Venus/Earth	Book band Earth	Poetry 3:
			Book band Mars/Jupiter
Year 6	Fiction 1 and Non-fiction 1:	Fiction 2 and Non-fiction 2:	Fiction 3, Non-fiction 3 and
	Book band Jupiter	Book band Jupiter	Poetry 3:
			Book band Saturn

What's in a Learning Sequence?

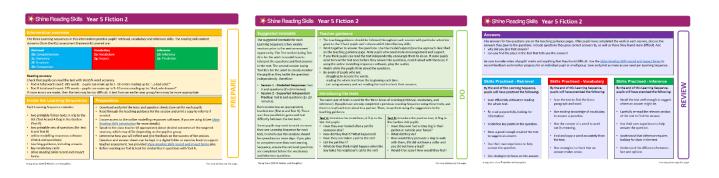
Each Learning Sequence is self-contained and can be completed either online or on paper. It includes:

- A Prepare, Do, Review (PDR) document which introduces the Learning Sequence
- Printable copies of two texts: Text A and Text B, complete with questions
- Option to complete Text A with the online modelling responses software
- Teaching guidance, including key strategies to practise, as well as answers to questions
- Key vocabulary cards
- Printable record and impact of intervention forms

Prepare, Do, Review

A Prepare, Do, Review Document (PDR) accompanies each of the Learning Sequences and includes the following information:

- Prepare: Planning and preparing for the intervention
- Do: Introducing the texts and teaching each Learning Sequence
- Review: Rehearsing key skills; reinforcing new vocabulary and reviewing next steps.



Text A and Text B: questions and teaching guidance

Each Learning Sequence takes place over two sessions: the first session (using Text A) is for the adult to model how to interpret the questions and find answers in the text. The second session (using Text B) is for the adult to closely monitor the pupils as they tackle the questions independently. Within each Learning Sequence, the structure of Text B mirrors that of Text A. All the questions relating to Text B have been rehearsed through matching questions relating to Text A. The wording and layout of the questions also reflects those frequently used in tests so that pupils become familiar with the vocabulary of test questions.

- Text A: this is intended as a modelling activity to be led by an adult. Pupils make progress by:
 - reading the text together
 - o working in a group to discuss questions
 - o practising appropriate reading strategies
 - o composing and agreeing answers.
- Text B: this is intended as a more independent activity, where pupils practise using the skills in the context of a supported group.

For each Learning Sequence, there are separate sets of questions, each covering one Area of Learning: Retrieval, Vocabulary or Inference.





Online modelling responses software

The software can be used to complete the Text A Learning Sequences. It can used with a large group, on an interactive whiteboard, or with smaller groups and individual pupils on desktops and handheld devices.

Click on the link to the software to open it in your browser. The modelling software will open a 'Home' screen showing the text. You can either read the text aloud, ask pupils to read it, or click on the 'play' button to play the accompanying audio. Using the teaching guidance, you can demonstrate approaches to the text by discussing it with the pupils and asking questions.





Across the top of the screen you will find tabs for the three Areas of Learning: Retrieval, Vocabulary and Inference. Clicking on these will show the questions alongside the text. To view each question, click on it to expand the question text. Use the teaching guidance to work through the question with pupils, highlighting evidence in the text using the different coloured highlighting tools. Click 'Save your evidence' to save your highlighted text to the answer screen.

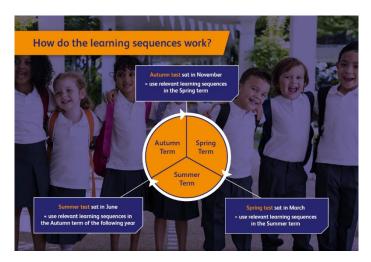
Once you are ready to move onto answering the questions, click 'Answer' and you will be taken to the answer screen. Here, you can view the evidence highlighted from the text, and use this to inform your answer. Answer the question by clicking or typing, and then compare your answer to the model answer.



Ways to use Shine Reading Skills

You are likely to want to complete the interventions after assessment, so either towards the end of a term or at the beginning of the next term. The expectation is that:

- Learning Sequence 1 will follow the Autumn Term Assessment and be completed prior to the Spring Term assessment
- Learning Sequence 2 will follow the Spring term Assessment and be completed prior to the Summer Term assessment and
- Learning Sequence 3 will follow the Summer term Assessment and be completed prior to the next year's Autumn Term assessment.



Each Learning Sequence is intended to be taught over two sessions. It is likely that each session will take around 25 minutes.

- The first session will be working together as a group on Text A and its questions
- The second session will be with pupils working more independently on Text B and its questions.

Shine Reading Skills is intended to provide Learning Sequences to support teachers in addressing gaps in learning identified through formal tests such as NTS or PiRA, or by teacher assessment. It is deliberately designed to offer teachers the maximum flexibility to intervene precisely and effectively. For instance:

- **Following a termly standardised assessment.** The Learning Sequences were written to support pupils who take standardised termly tests, such as PiRA or NTS. In this instance, the test will have produced for you an analysis of which Learning Sequences are suggested for each child.
 - If pupils have taken a different test, your own analysis of their answers and areas of weakness will help you to decide which Learning Sequences are appropriate.
- Following observations in guided/independent reading sessions. The Learning Sequences
 can be used to support groups and individuals who you have observed to be struggling
 during a reading session.
- *Following extended absence from school*. Pupils who have been absent from school following illness, holidays or school closure can benefit from intensive, targeted support.
- Before introducing a class focus on an area of reading comprehension. Some pupils will benefit from pre-teaching and developing strategies before you move on to a class focus on developing specific reading skills.
- At the start of a new school year. You may be using this product at the beginning of the Autumn term. In this case, you may wish to use the term 3 Learning Sequence from the previous year group to support children who are struggling with the transition to your year group.

A note for pupils who need further support

Shine Reading Skills is intended to be used as a booster intervention for pupils who need targeted comprehension intervention, not for those who need more substantial reading support. For pupils who need more support, we recommend additional guided and individual reading using the comprehension questions accompanying a structured resource such as *Rising Stars Reading Planet* and/or *Cracking Comprehension* and/or *On Track English Reading Comprehension*.

Vocabulary Cards

Each Vocabulary Learning Sequence introduces words which pupils are challenged to identify or define. These words are listed on the Prepare, Do, Review pages. Most of those words are also reproduced as Vocabulary Cards for further vocabulary practice. Some words are not included because they are expressions or phrases which are specific to the text in which they arise.

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Acquiring new vocabulary

When pupils match a word in a Comprehension question to a word in a text this does not automatically mean they have acquired knowledge of that word and would be able to provide a definition for that word if they subsequently came across when reading. In order for pupils to have mastery of new vocabulary they need to meet the word several times, in various contexts and have had the opportunity to put the word's meaning in their own words. For this reason, it is very beneficial if pupils completing the Vocabulary Area of Learning have further opportunities to revisit the Vocabulary of the session where they can explain the word and give examples of its use. A 10 minute weekly revision group focussing on Vocabulary will pay dividends in extending pupils' vocabulary and building their reading confidence.

Ideas for Vocabulary activities in a 10 minute revision session

There are a variety of ways the Vocabulary cards can be used to help extend pupils' range of vocabulary.

- 1. The Vocabulary cards linked to the most recent session are placed face up on the table. The adult gives a definition for one of the words and challenges a pupil in the group to pick up the card which matches that definition.
- 2. The adult holds up each card in turn and asks a pupil to give a definition of that word.
- 3. The adult holds up each card in turn and asks a pupil to use the word in a sentence.
- 4. The adult places one card face up on the table. Then the adult goes around the group asking pupils to supply words that link with the word on the card. The adult should write each of these words on a whiteboard. For example, with the word *deliver*. Pupil 1 could say: *delivers*. Pupil 2 could say: *delivering*. Pupil 4 could say: *delivered*. Pupils 5 could say: *delivery*. Once pupils are familiar with this word building game, they could take on the role of writing the additional words on the whiteboard.

Vocabulary words and spelling

The vocabulary questions in the texts focus on words that are intended to widen pupils' vocabulary so it's perfectly possible that the words may be unfamiliar to pupils. For this reason, as suggested above, the words should be revisited with the adult to further familiarise pupils with them. The words are <u>not</u> intended to be words for pupils to practise as spellings. Some pupils may acquire spelling knowledge of the words through the games and activities listed above but generally the words are likely to be beyond the spelling capability of most pupils completing the Vocabulary Area of Learning. Pupils, like adults, can read and understand far more words than they can confidently spell, so the words on the Vocabulary Cards are not going to be the most appropriate words for these pupils to learn to spell. It would be more beneficial for pupils to work at acquiring the spelling of easier more commonly used words.

Organising Groups

Groups of 4-5 pupils are likely to be most effective in meeting individual needs and are most likely to result in the desirable impact.

The Grouped Intervention Report will have identified groups of pupils who may benefit from each of the Learning Sequences. The *Shine* reports uses a simple algorithm to group and identify pupils who made more errors in an Area of Learning than 50%+ of pupils in the cohort of pupils whose results

were used to standardise the tests. In this way, it identifies pupils whose performance is in the bottom 40–50% of each cohort.

Note that the *Shine* reports do not identify a lower limit for pupils to achieve so you will need to look at each pupils' scores. Those who score 0 points, or very few points, in any Area of Learning may need a more substantial intervention. These pupils are highlighted on the report with an asterisk.

If a large number of pupils is identified, you may want to subdivide them into smaller groups according to their scores so that the pupils in each group are working at a similar level. Alternatively, a larger group can be taught using Session 1: Text A, and then divided into smaller groups for Session 2: Text B. This can be done by identifying pupils who are able to work independently on the questions, and smaller groups who will need additional support from a TA.

The roles of the teacher and teaching assistant

Class Teacher

If interventions are to have impact, the class teacher needs to be involved and take responsibility for the outcome. The class teacher will need to:

- decide which Learning Sequence(s) is/are most appropriate for each pupil (fiction, nonfiction or poetry) based on the Individual Intervention Report
- consider the composition of groups based on the Grouped Intervention Report
- set targets for individuals (see Impact of Intervention form below)
- ensure time is set aside for preparation and record keeping, as well feedback and discussion with the Teaching Assistant
- provide information for SENDCO/SLT on the impact of interventions.

Teaching Assistant

It is likely that Teaching Assistants will deliver the majority of the intervention sessions. They will need to:

- familiarise themselves with the expectation of the intervention prior to the first session
- prepare each session (as explained on the PDR document)
- observe each pupil and make notes (see Record of Intervention form below) as well as giving oral feedback to the teacher
- model the reading strategies, as explained in the teaching guidance pages
- mark the activities with the pupils and discuss how answers could be improved.

Using the Record and Impact forms

Two Record and Impact forms are provided to help you to keep track of the interventions and to monitor impact.

There is a separate Record of Intervention form for the Learning Sequences in Y3/Y4 (P4/P5) and those in Y5/6 (P6/7).

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Impact of Intervention

This form can be used to track pupils' involvement and attainment with the different Learning Sequences over time. One form can be used to record all three Areas of Learning. The same printable form can be used to track progress using *Shine Reading Skills* interventions throughout the school.

The teacher can record:

- the assessment (if appropriate) that prompted the intervention and the pupil's mark in that assessment
- which Learning Sequence(s) the pupil engaged with
- the pupil's attainment in each of the Learning Sequences.



Record of Intervention

Before the intervention, the teacher should identify target skills for individual pupils from the 'Reading skills checklist' using the 'target skills' tick column.

The teaching assistant can then:

- make a brief comment on pupils' performance, using the target skills for guidance
- make a quick assessment of pupils' reading skills by ticking, crossing or making brief notes (guidance is given on the PDR documents to show how many errors constitute 90-95% accuracy)
- record how many of the questions for Text B the pupil answered correctly when working independently
- use the 'Skills Practised' statements in the Review section of the PDR to assess pupil learning.

