

# Reading Horizons Discovery<sup>®</sup> (K–3)

The *Reading Horizons Discovery*<sup>®</sup> Curriculum is based on the powerful [Reading Horizons Method](#). The method provides a straightforward and memorable approach to explicit phonics instruction, using a unique marking system to help students decode the majority of all English words. The method teaches students to identify sound patterns, determine whether a vowel should be pronounced short or long, and properly split words into syllables. The *Reading Horizons Discovery*<sup>®</sup> Direct Instruction Materials include detailed manuals for teaching research-based explicit, systematic, and sequential phonics-based instruction in elementary classrooms. Additional instructional materials increase student engagement and facilitate student transfer of decoding skills into fluent reading.

The *Reading Horizons Discovery*<sup>®</sup> Software teaches students the skills needed to read and decode the words of the English language—and how to transfer these skills into fluent reading. Lesson content follows a deliberate sequence of instruction, practice activities, and assessments. The number of skill lessons, MCWs lessons, and Reference lessons varies by grade level: kindergarten, first grade, second grade, and third grade. Watch this tutorial [video](#) to learn more about the *Reading Horizons Discovery*<sup>®</sup> software.

You and your students can access the software through your Clever portal or you can add the badge to your [Schoolology](#) page.

If you are new to *Reading Horizons Discovery*<sup>®</sup> there are a few important points to be aware of:

- Based on their grade, the students start with a series of [assessments](#) to determine benchmarking.
- This [document](#) will explain the Spelling and Word Recognition Benchmarks.
- You may choose to expedite Chapter 1 instruction for your older students. This [document](#) explains how to expedite the direct instruction.
- You can find the [scope and sequence](#) and other resources on the Reading Horizons LAUSD support [page](#).

Information for your students:

- We recommend using the software on the Google Chrome browser.
- The software can be used on any other mobile device using the Google Chrome Browser. However, the free [SwiftKey](#) app will need to be installed.

Please contact your Reading Horizons LAUSD Support team at 833-675-1146 or [lausd-support@readinghorizons.com](mailto:lausd-support@readinghorizons.com).

For LA Unified support please contact your district leaders.

