

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Achieve3000 WordStudio?

WordStudio is a series of lessons designed to support secondary students in grades 6-12 who need to build foundational literacy skills. WordStudio lessons are designed specifically to help students who are reading well below grade level. Featuring a teacher-led instructional video, these lessons focus on building the essential skills that middle and high school students need to improve their reading comprehension and fluency.

Why did Achieve3000 decide to create Achieve3000 WordStudio for secondary students?

Achieve3000 is targeting a specific group of students—middle and high schoolers—who have fallen behind in reading fluency and comprehension. Often, these students' foundational reading skills are not strong enough to successfully navigate the increased rigor of academic texts. By providing focused, instructional support on key foundational literacy skills, students have an opportunity to improve the critical skills necessary to achieve reading success in all content areas.

How did Achieve3000 decide which skills to include in the Achieve3000 WordStudio lesson collection?

In order to determine the most impactful skills for inclusion in the WordStudio lessons, Achieve3000 completed a literature review that included some of the most recognized experts in foundational literacy, such as Foorman and Torgesen, Beck, Denton, and Slavin. Achieve3000 also worked with licensed reading intervention specialists to identify the key foundational skills that challenge secondary students who have difficulty with reading comprehension and fluency. Each skill is addressed individually and comprehensively, offering students opportunities to apply their knowledge of the skill in various ways throughout each lesson.

Which specific skills are covered?

The initial WordStudio lesson collection focuses on reinforcing key phonics skills and building decoding strategies for multisyllabic words. Future lessons will include reading comprehension strategies.

How is the scope and sequence structured?

Lessons are grouped into lesson sets—each set contains 2 to 3 lessons. Each set focuses on a specific concept (e.g., hard and soft c and g). Each set also includes Mixed Practice lessons which review and reinforce the skills taught in each lesson.

Are the Achieve 3000 WordStudio lessons aligned to standards?

Many states are beginning to add reading intervention standards for secondary students. These standards cover phonemic awareness, word analysis, reading comprehension, and fluency. The WordStudio lessons have been designed to support these foundational literacy standards.

How does a district know if they should use Achieve3000 WordStudio lessons?

WordStudio is designed to be used with those students who have fallen below grade level in reading comprehension and fluency. These lessons can be assigned to individual students who are having challenges or they can be used with small groups to support striving readers. Since lessons can be used independently, they are also ideal to help support remote learners as well.

Are Achieve3000 WordStudio lessons available in Spanish?

At this time, WordStudio lessons are available in English only.

Are Achieve3000 WordStudio lessons available in Spark?

Yes! WordStudio lessons are available for adults using Spark. As with all lesson collections, instructors can assign them as needed or even deactivate the entire collection.

Lesson Details

How is an Achieve3000 WordStudio lesson structured?

WordStudio lessons are labeled as Instruction + Article and contain the following steps:

1. The instructional component takes place during the **Ready** step. During this step, students view an instructional video and have opportunities for both Guided and Independent Practice.
2. In the **Read** step, students read a high-interest, engaging, age-appropriate article, specifically written to include the skill taught. This allows the students to apply what they have learned in the **Ready** step.
3. In the **Respond** step, students will complete four multiple-choice questions about the article they have read, focused on reading comprehension and vocabulary. These multiple-choice questions count towards the Lexile adjustment calculation.

What does the Guided Practice look like for students?

Students begin by viewing an instructional video led by a teacher who presents the foundational literacy concept and guides students through multiple written response exercises to help gauge and reinforce their understanding.

What does the Independent Practice look like for students?

At the end of each Guided Practice, students are instructed to answer four technology-enhanced items (TEIs) that are focused on the skill they have just learned. There are myriad formats for these questions, including multiple choice, multiple choice/multiple select, drag and drop charts, Venn diagram, drag and drop sequencing, and cite evidence. The questions feature

increasingly complex vocabulary words, from basic, known words up to grade-level words. These TEIs work just like the traditional Activity questions—i.e., students get two tries to answer correctly before moving on to the next question.

How long does it take a student to complete an Achieve3000 WordStudio lesson?

WordStudio lessons have been designed to target specific foundational literacy skills while keeping students engaged and motivated. Students should be able to move through the lesson components in approximately 20 minutes.

How does a WordStudio article in the Read step differ from the traditional Literacy articles?

In WordStudio lessons, the Read step features an article specifically written to support the skill covered in the lesson. The topics of the articles have been chosen to appeal to secondary students and integrate words that directly correlate to the skills taught. The featured vocabulary addresses a range of reading levels, including both known words and grade-level words. The articles are differentiated by Lexile. These focused articles have a lower readability level and are shorter in overall length than typical articles found in other Achieve3000 Literacy lesson types.

Assigning and Scheduling

How is Achieve3000 WordStudio delivered to students?

WordStudio is available in Achieve3000 Literacy (including Spark) and Achieve3000 Literacy with Boost. By default, the collection is turned on for all grade 6-12 classes. Teachers can turn off the entire collection or assign it to specific students who need support.

How do teachers turn off the collection if they don't need it?

The WordStudio lesson collection works like any other lesson collection. To deactivate the collection, go to *My Lessons > Collections* and uncheck the WordStudio collection. Remember to click *Save* at the bottom of the screen.

How do teachers update an assignment so that only certain students receive the lessons?

The WordStudio lesson collection works like any other lesson collection. To edit the lesson assignment, click the pencil icon on the lesson card on the home page. Then, select the date range and/or students that should receive the lesson.

Teacher Supports

How does a teacher know if a student needs Achieve3000 WordStudio lessons? Is there a diagnostic assessment?

Using LevelSet will help determine if a student needs to build the foundational literacy skills included in WordStudio. Mixed Practice lessons can also be used to screen students on their knowledge of specific skills. Generally, students with Lexile scores significantly below grade

level are ideal candidates for the WordStudio lessons. Reference the chart below for the specific cut scores by grade level and LevelSet administration.

Achieve3000 “intensive intervention” cut scores, by administration window.

Grade	Fall Administration	Winter Administration
2	110L	130L
3	225L	245L
4	345L	365L
5	460L	480L
6	515L	535L
7	585L	605L
8	620L	640L
9	735L	755L
10	790L	810L
11/12	910L	930L

Source: A3K Classification Accuracy White Paper_final_071020

How do these lessons help secondary teachers who are not familiar with foundational literacy instruction?

The Achieve3000 WordStudio lessons have been designed to support secondary teachers as well as students. Teachers can review the video lesson to learn about the specific foundational skills, then reinforce those skills during classroom instruction. WordStudio lessons also contain comprehensive teacher support materials designed to help implement foundational literacy instruction in secondary classrooms.

Does the teacher need to do the instruction for Achieve3000 WordStudio lessons?

WordStudio lessons have been deliberately structured to support students who are working independently or with the guidance of a teacher. Students can review the lesson video and complete the practice activities on their own. Teachers can also use the WordStudio lessons to provide small group lessons with select students. Either way, all the work completed in WordStudio is visible to teachers for review and reinforcement.

Are there supporting resources for Achieve3000 WordStudio lessons?

Yes! Each WordStudio lesson contains teacher and student supports that will include skill practice activities, extension activities, and printable “anchor” documents. Additional professional learning and motivational videos around foundational literacy for secondary students will also be included in Teachonomy at a future date.