

Reading for Success: Four Ts to Improved Reading Outcomes

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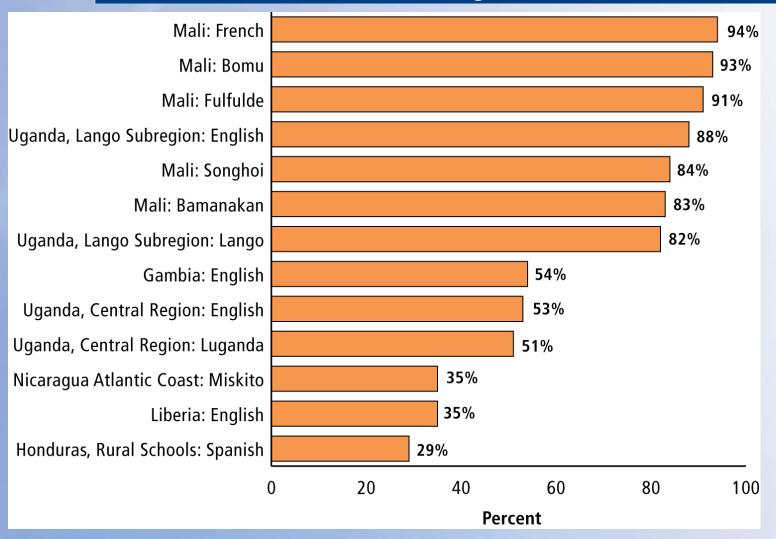


"The difficulty of teaching reading has been underestimated."

-Moats, 1999, p.11

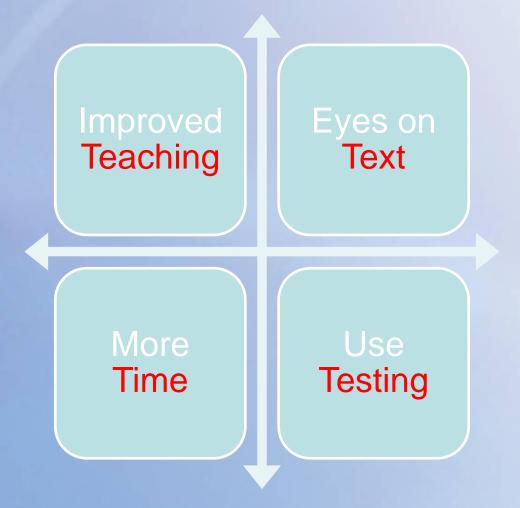


Children are not learning to read.





Comprehensive Approach





Early Grade Reading Program

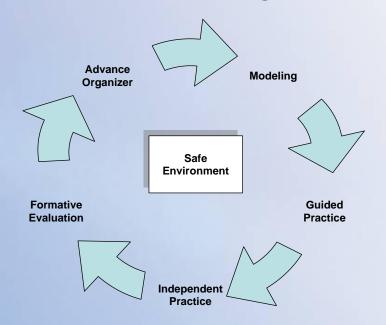
- increased instruction by 20-30 minutes a day,
- increased the instructional focus by including specific phonics instruction,
- enhanced the quality of instruction by providing teachers training in how to teach phonics, and
- provided teachers training aids to support reading instruction.



Improved teaching:

- What is taught:
 - Phonemic awareness
 - Alphabet knowledge
 - Word reading
 - Spelling

How it is taught:



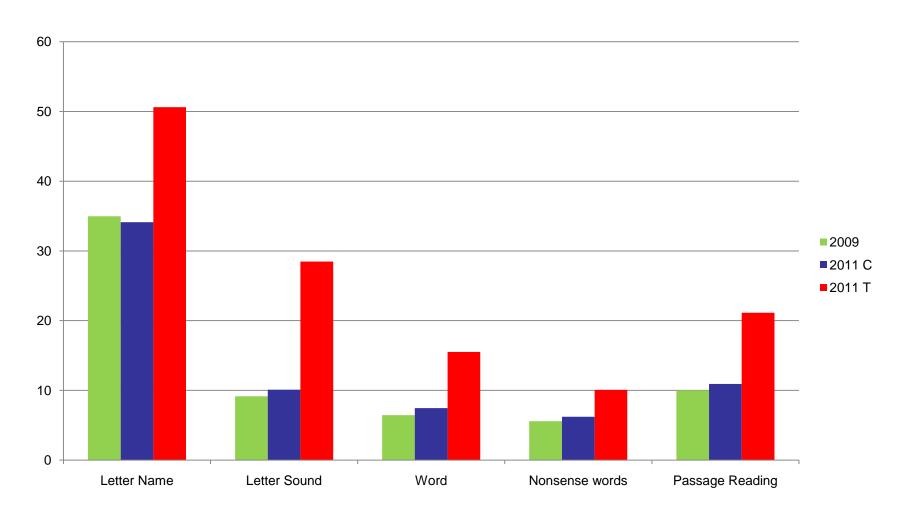


Improved Teaching



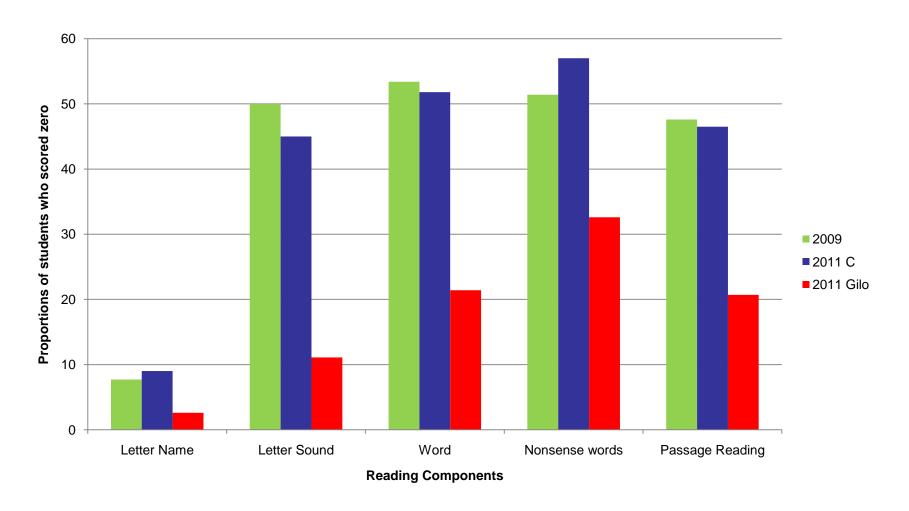


Second Grade Mean Scores



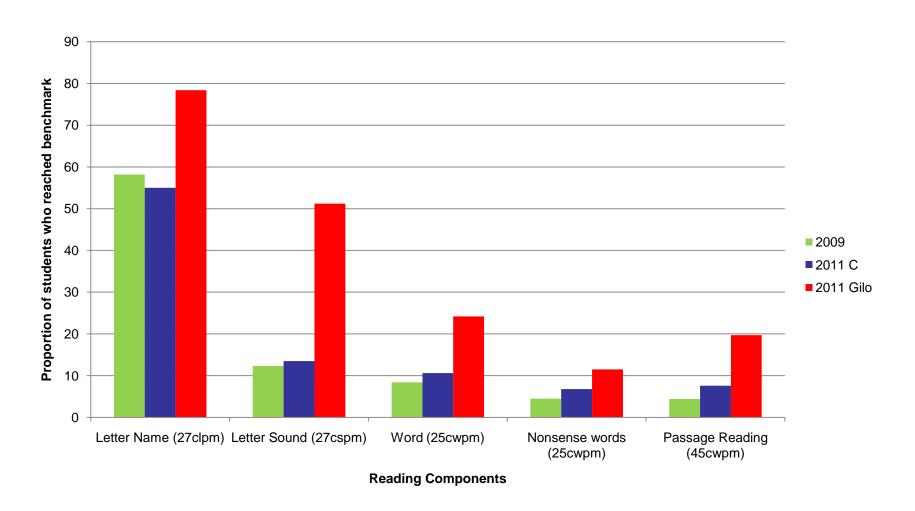


Proportion of students who scored zero





Proportion of students who met benchmark





- The instruction provided resulted in
 - more children being able to name letters, read syllables, read words, and read a passage, and
 - more children were able to meet expected benchmarks.



Cognitive Engagement and Meta-linguistic Awareness





A mind once stretched by a new idea never regains its original dimension.

Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.

US jurist (1841 - 1935)



Conclusion



- The EGRP succeeded in
 - improving student outcomes
 - Improving students' motivation
 - Improving teacher practice, and
 - Improving teachers' feelings of self-efficacy



More Information

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Literacy Pyramid

Disciplinary Literacy

Able to use strategies to comprehend and use specific disciplines.

Intermediate Literacy

Able to use generic comprehension strategies, read fluently, and know common meanings of words.

Basic Literacy

Able to decode words and read high frequency

