

Laubach

This is an introductory, lower level ELL curriculum that is designed for students who need help with decoding skills (applying letter/sound relationships), phonemic awareness (identifying rhymes, learning syllables and sound blends), or are learning basic sight words.

- Heavy emphasis on skill development, phonics, and structure.
- Good for students who like or need:
 - Information in small chunks
 - Lots of reinforcement
 - Consistency in lesson design
 - A lot of teacher direction
- Curriculum contains stories with adult themes that introduce sounds and words
- Controlled vocabulary with lots of repetition.
- Includes end-of-book check-ups
- The stories seem simple at first, but all the materials are designed for the special characteristics of adult learners. The methods of teaching are likewise carefully designed.
- Phonics based
- The Laubach method begins with associating sounds and letters. Each lesson includes reading, listening, and writing.
- Sequenced-One lesson builds on another; each book prepares for the next. No matter where a student begins the program, each part of every lesson must be done.
- Success oriented-The Laubach Method emphasizes progress, not failure. Praise, not criticism, is the hallmark of the Laubach tutor.

Teachers Manuals are:

- Programmed-The manual includes specific instructions for teaching each part of every lesson.
- Correlated-Each manual has a chart showing which skills are taught in which lessons. It also contains specific recommendations for coordinating supplementary materials with lessons.
- Flexible-The manual provides advice on dealing with common problems encountered by tutors and students. Each lesson also has a section called "Meeting Individual Needs" which helps the tutor customize the program for the student.