

What is IRLA?

American Reading Company's **I**ndependent **R**eadng **L**evel **A**ssessment is a formative assessment for reading.

IRLA is a tool that delivers specific and actionable data that tells the teacher where a student is, why, and the sequence of skills/behaviors that a student needs to learn *next* in order to accelerate their reading growth.

- ★ This tool allows teachers to track the highest level of text a student can read *and* comprehend without any help (independent level = high success reading level).
- ★ Each level contains explicit, standards-based, entry and exit requirements to target reading habits that will allow a student to continue to progress in reading.
- ★ Students are engaged in reading high-interest, authentic text at their high-success reading level while the teacher coaches the student on a targeted skill (Power Goal) needed for continued growth.

Why do we use IRLA?

- ★ More reading at the high-success reading level produces better reading.
- ★ High-success reading actively consolidates students' growing use of complex cognitive skills and strategies.
- ★ Success breeds success.

