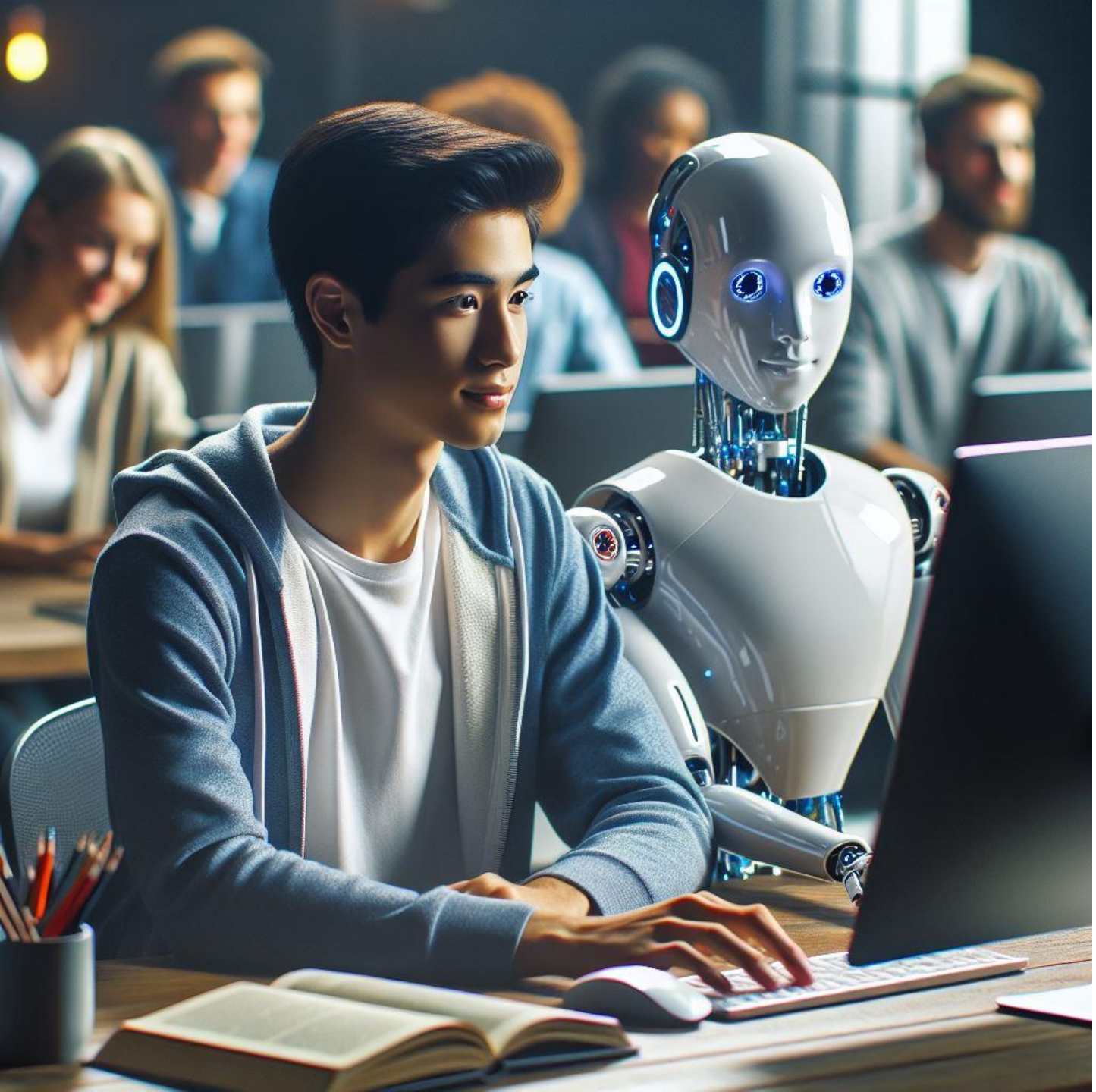

Learning Accelerators

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EdTech
Enhancing Digital Literacy

Fresno Unified School District

Session Description

Join the Fresno Unified EdTech Team for an exploration of Microsoft Learning Accelerators in our next installment of the EdTech Webinar Series. In this session, you'll discover powerful tools designed to boost student engagement and achievement, including Reading Progress, Search Progress, and Speaker Progress.

These tools are now available in Assignments in your Class Teams:

- Reading Progress: Support student reading fluency, accuracy, comprehension, and pronunciation. Monitor student progress over time to meet their needs, making it a powerful tool for personalized reading support.
- Search Progress: Guide students in developing effective online research skills, track student progress as they learn critical search techniques.
- Speaker Progress: Help students refine their speaking skills through structured practice and real-time feedback, perfect for building presentation confidence.

Unlock new possibilities for engaging your students with Microsoft Learning Accelerators! Whether you're eager to explore new tools or dive deeper into features already at your fingertips, this session will provide hands-on insights to spark creativity and innovation in your daily routines. Don’t miss out—register now and be ready to experience these dynamic tools!

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  - **How have you been using AI?**
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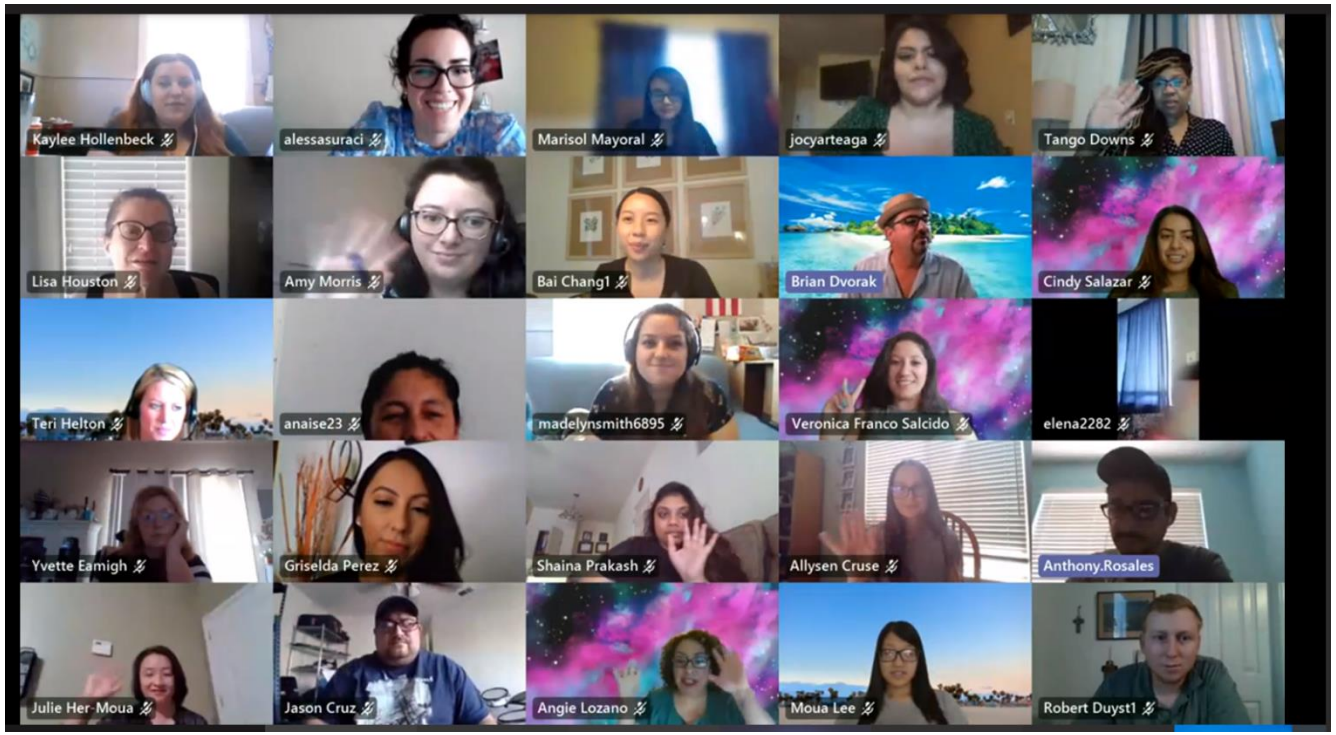

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Who is Fresno EdTech?

- Brian Dvorak
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2025 FUSD EdTech Conference

Brian Dvorak
Oct 4 2024

The EdTech Team is excited to announce the location and date of our in-person Educational Technology Conference! 🎉 The one-day conference will take place at **McLane High School on Saturday, February 22, 2025**, and will be focused on digital tools in service of instruction and learning. The sessions will be appropriate for teachers at all

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Objectives

- The benefits of using Microsoft Learning Accelerators
- Deep dive Reading Progress, Search Progress and Speaker Progress
- The setup process within Microsoft Class Teams Assignments
- The student experience within each accelerator

Introducing Learning Accelerators

Foundational Skills			Future-Ready Skills		Insights
Reading	Math	Well-being	Speaker	Search	Insights
Progress & Reading Coach	Progress & Math Coach	Microsoft Reflect	Progress & Speaker Coach	Progress & Search Coach	Education Insights

Learn more about Learning Accelerators

158 +53%
Correct words per minute

80% -1%
Accuracy rate

18 Mispronunciations
2 Insertions
0 Self-corrections
3 Omissions
0 Repetitions

Paul Bunyan and the Crooked River

Paul Bunyan was so tall that he took his baths in a lake and combed his beard with a pine tree. One day, as he and his Babe, his giant blue ox, sat by a crooked river, it sprayed them with three thousand gallons of water. Paul decided to teach that river a lesson. He and Babe went to the North Pole

Medium

PREVIEW

Edit

Student Work

Turned in View History

4.1 Paul Bunyan Reading Pa...

Take action in student view

Feedback

Enter feedback

Points

No points

Return

Let's get started with Reading Progress!

4:10

Welcome to Class!

Join Class Team

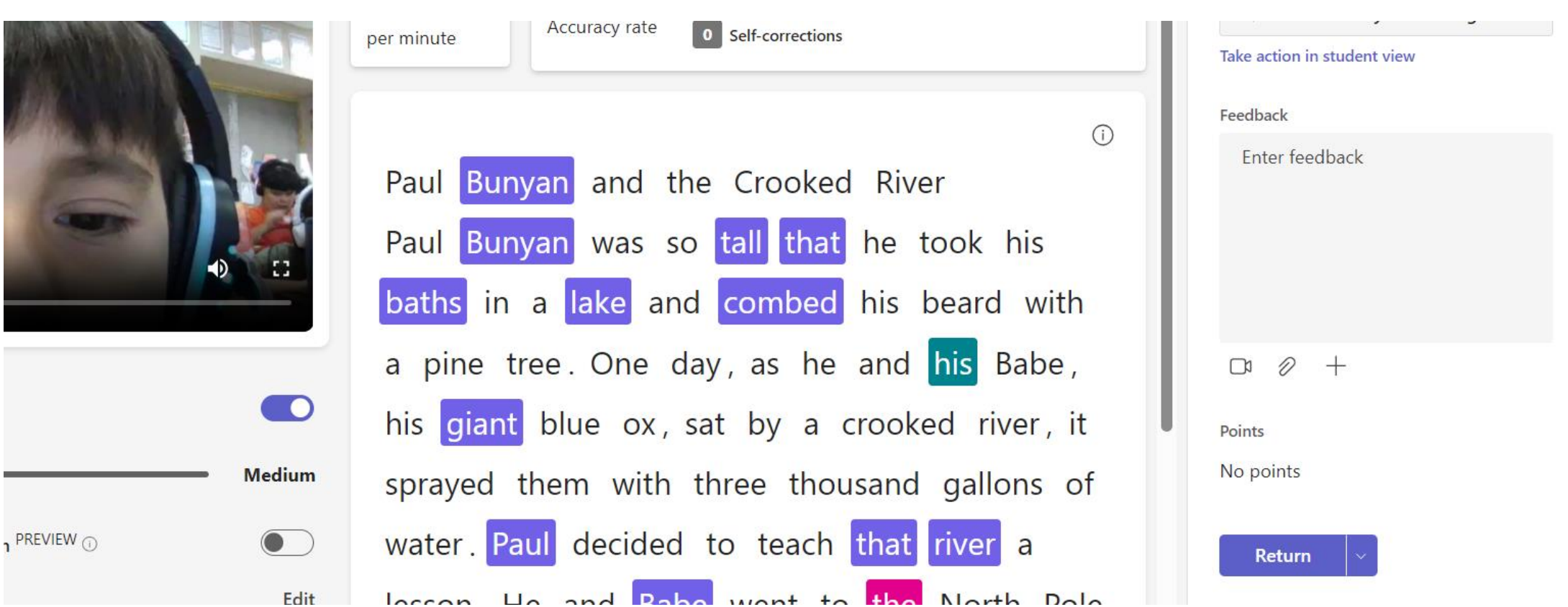
Reading Progress Assignment

Review Results

Check-in and say Hello 👋

Join our Class Team

- Learning Accelerators Practice Team - EdTech Webinars | General | Microsoft Teams

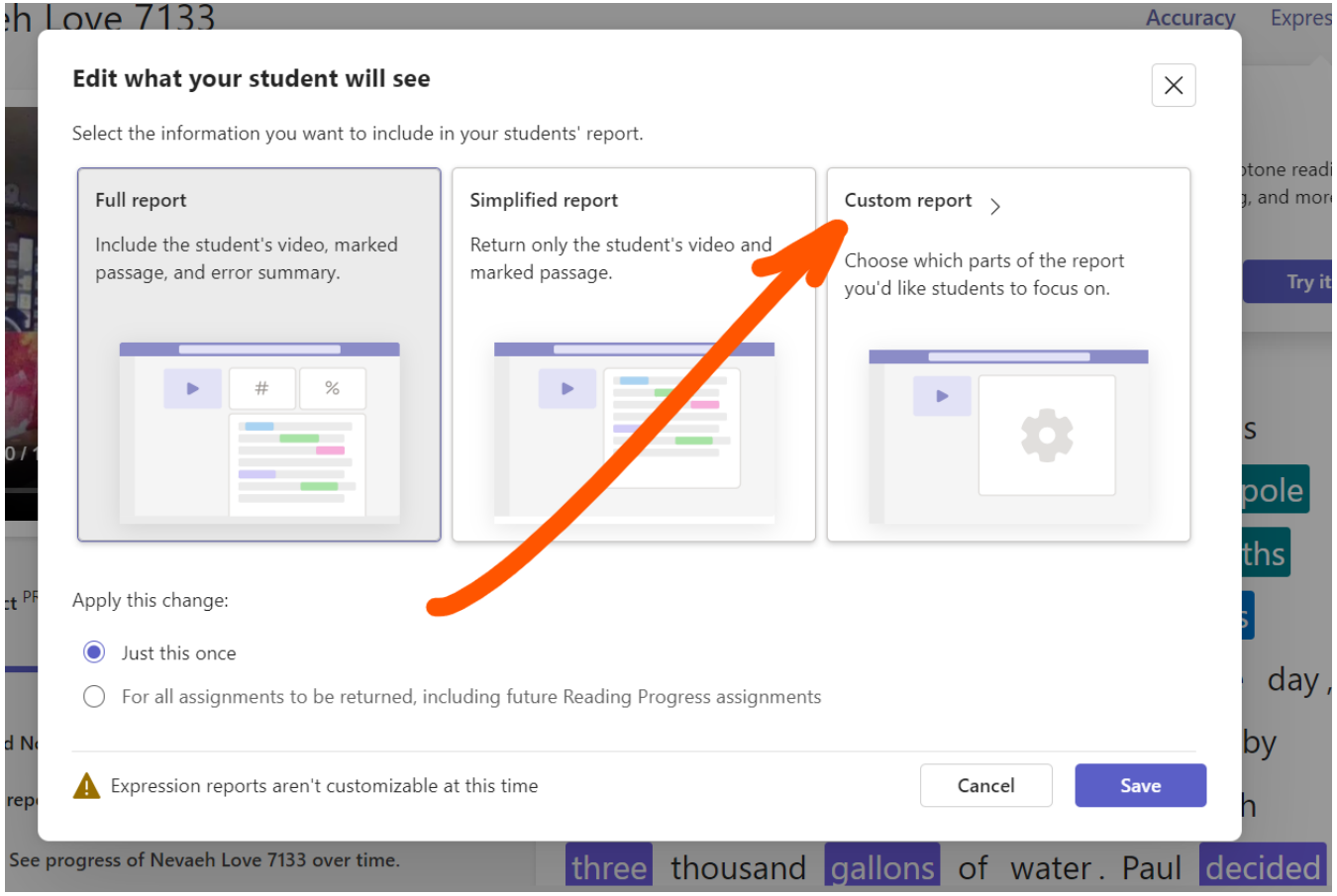


Reviewing Student Recordings:

- You can listen to and watch the student's reading recordings directly within the platform. This allows for a deeper understanding of their reading fluency, expression, and potential struggles.

Custom Reading Progress Reports for Students

- Create Custom Reading Progress Reports to return to Students



Reflection and Discussion

As Students and as Teachers

Reflection as Students

- What aspects of the assignment did you find engaging or challenging?
- How easy or difficult was it to navigate the Reading Progress tool?
- What additional support or resources would have been helpful during the assignment?

Reflection as Teachers

How do you think your students would react to using Reading Progress?

What potential challenges might you face when implementing Reading Progress in your classroom?

- How can you address these challenges to ensure a smooth integration of the tool?

How do you think Reading Progress will impact your students' reading skills over time?

Microsoft Search Progress

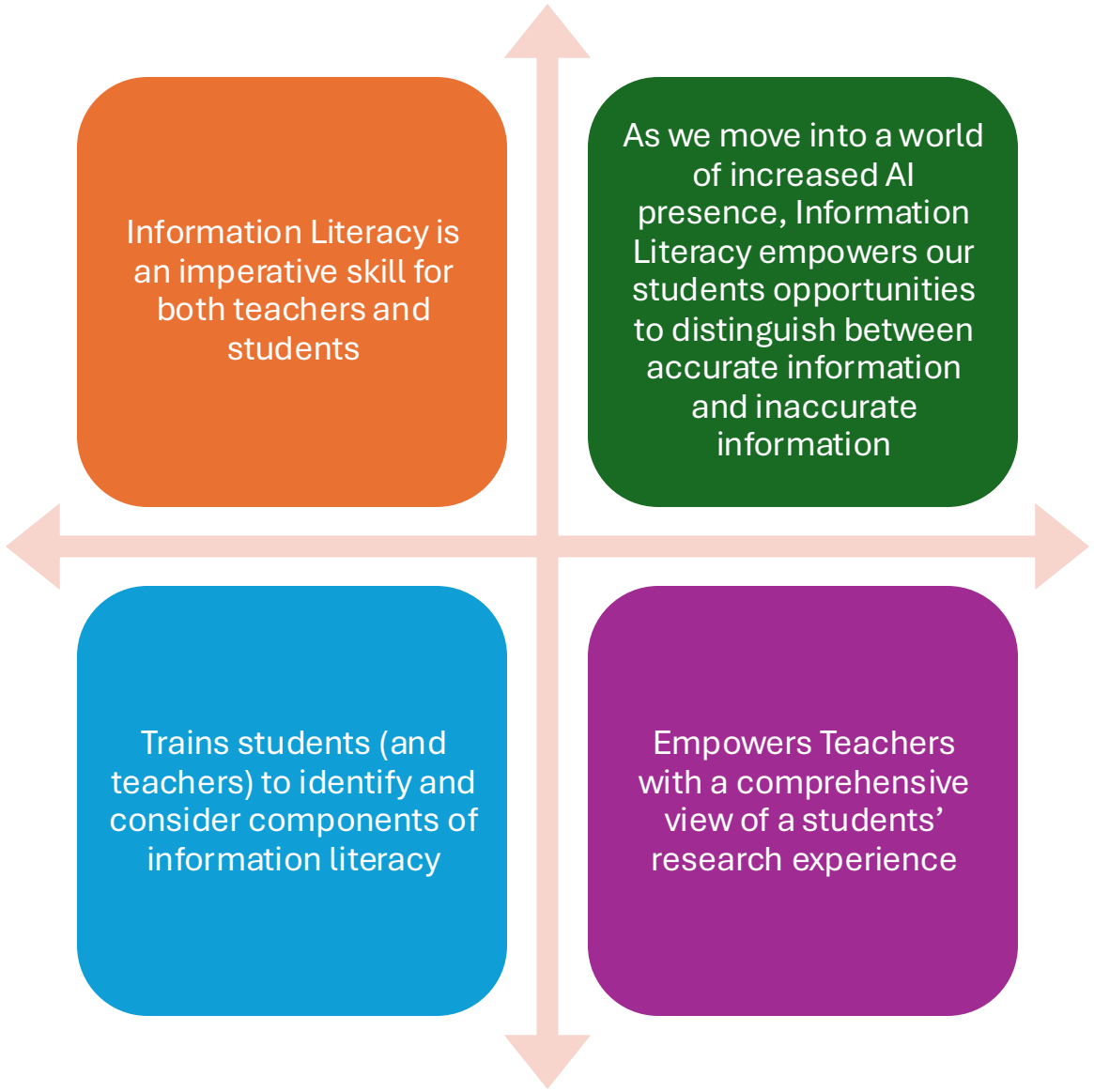
Research with Training Wheels

4:30

What is Search Progress?

- Learning Accelerator available in Microsoft Teams Assignments
- Search Tool with specific components meant to help students identify credible and/ or academic sources
- Opportunities for Reflection Built into the Experience
- Students qualify why they selected each source and identify, overall, what their findings are

Why should we use Search Progress?



Where might Search Progress fit in my lesson?

Potentially a great launch tool for students to explore a topic prior to digging in during class

Collaborative discussion; each student does a bit of research and then works collaboratively to answer the essential question

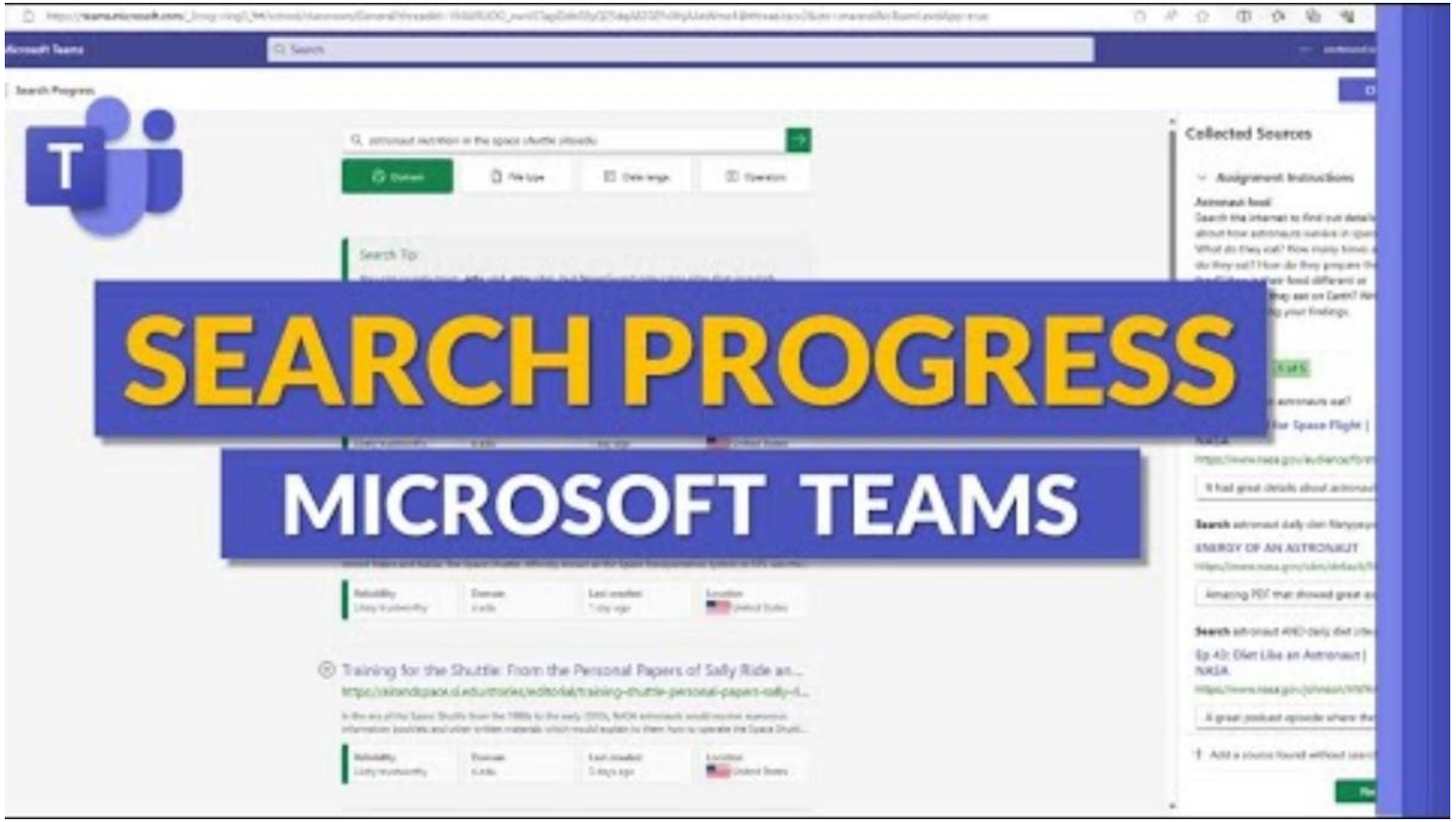
Prior to writing a paper or presentation

Opportunity for a student to become an expert in a subtopic; perhaps collaborating in a jigsaw to build a team of experts

Additional Search Progress Tool Support

- Microsoft Search Progress Overview
- Microsoft Search Progress Youtube Overview
- Microsoft Search Progress Directions for Teacher Use

Search Progress Recourses



Speaker Progress
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What is Speaker Progress?

A Learning Accelerator built into Class Teams Assignments

A tool used to help students practice public speaking skills

Students get immediate feedback on their speaking skills and can play back their speech

Why use Speaker Progress?

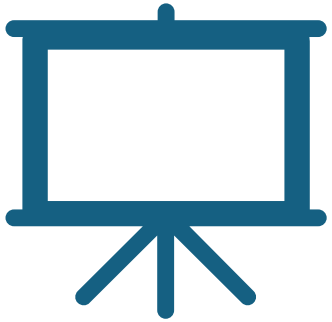
Practice speaking and listening standards

Build future-ready skills for college and career

Build confidence within public speaking

Where does Speaker Progress fit in?

Use for students to practice prior to presenting in front of class

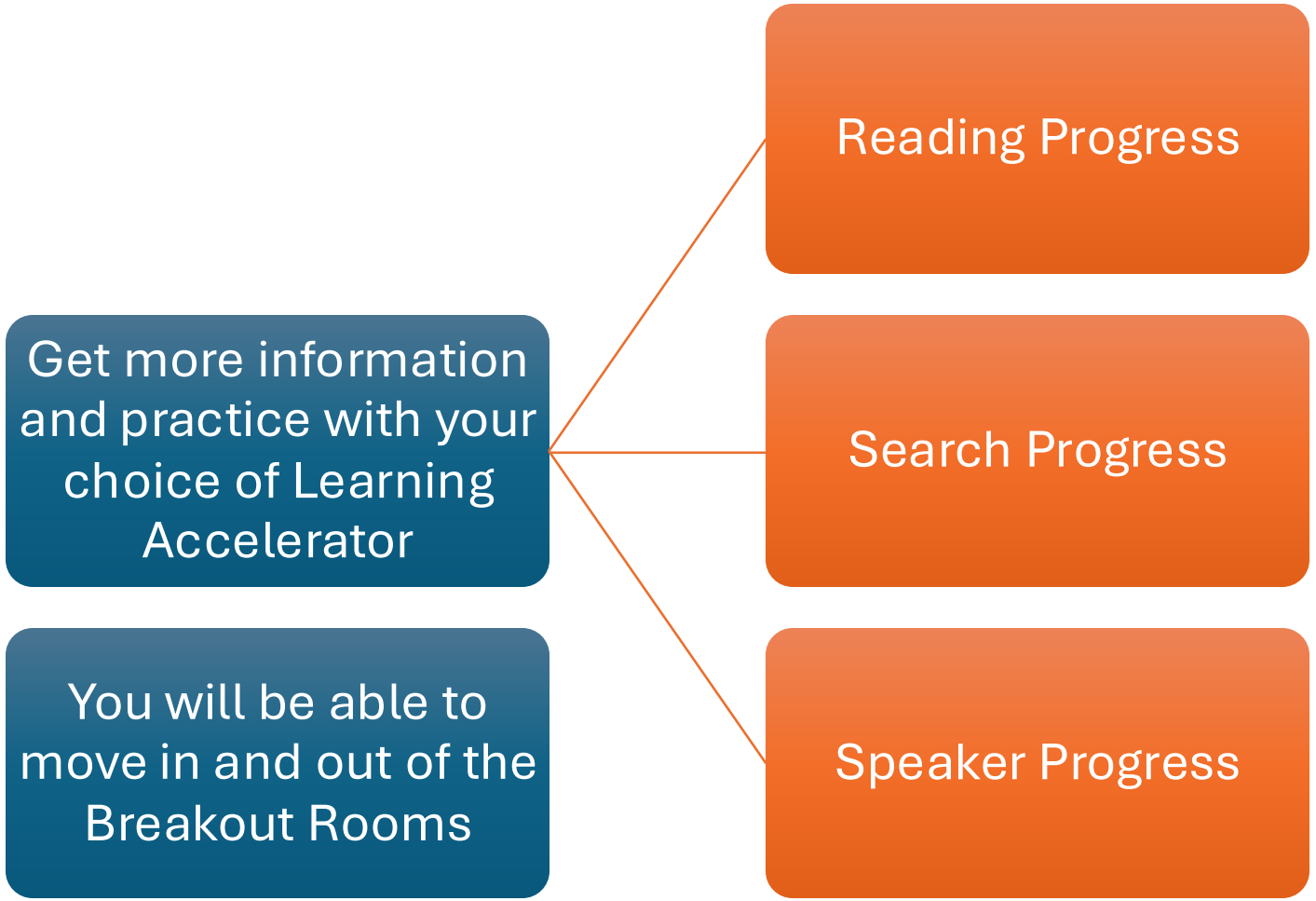


Can include a PowerPoint presentation

Speaker Progress Tutorials and Resources

Learn more about Speaker Progress here

Work Time Breakout Rooms



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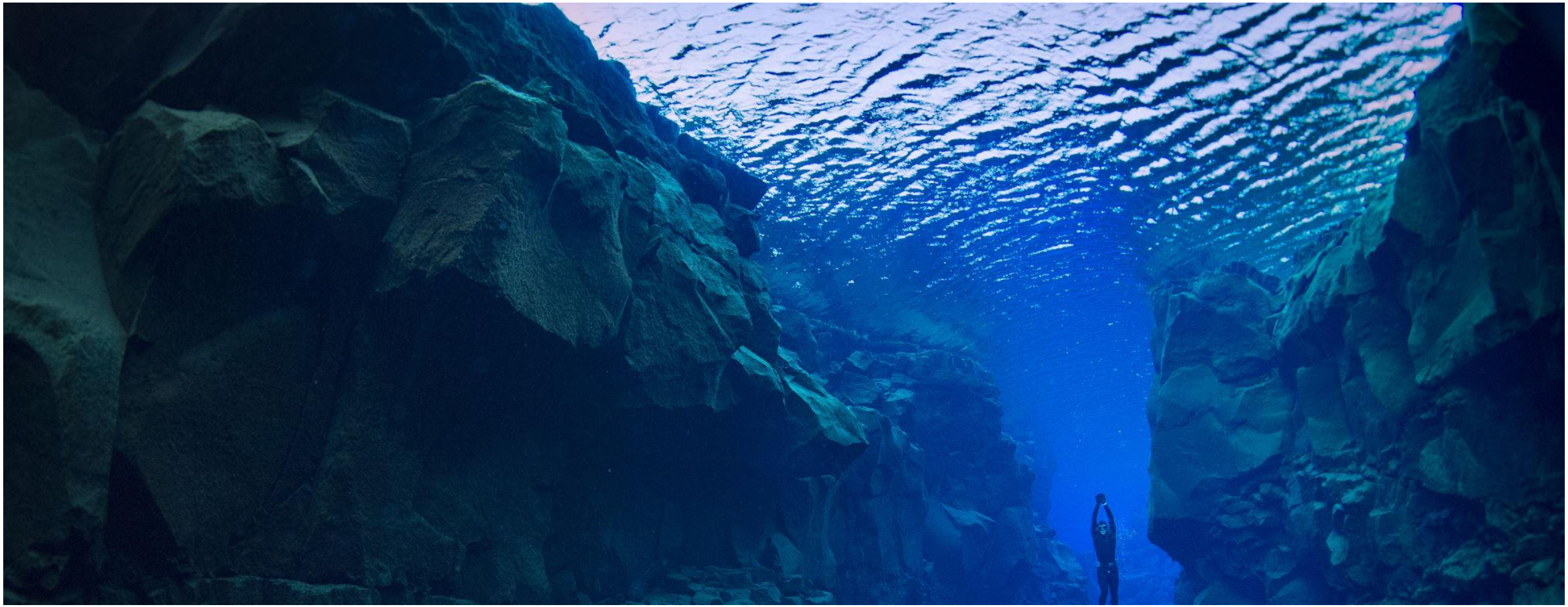
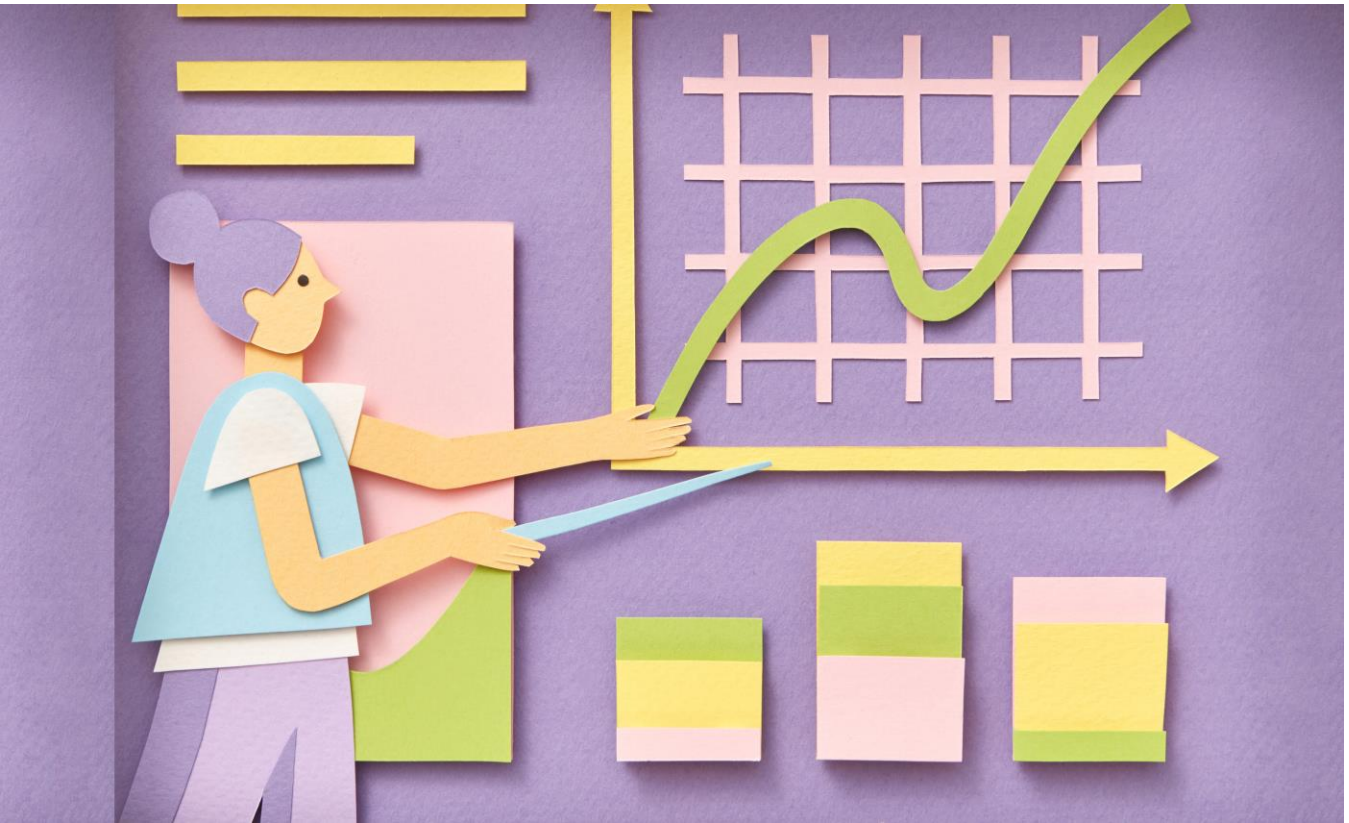
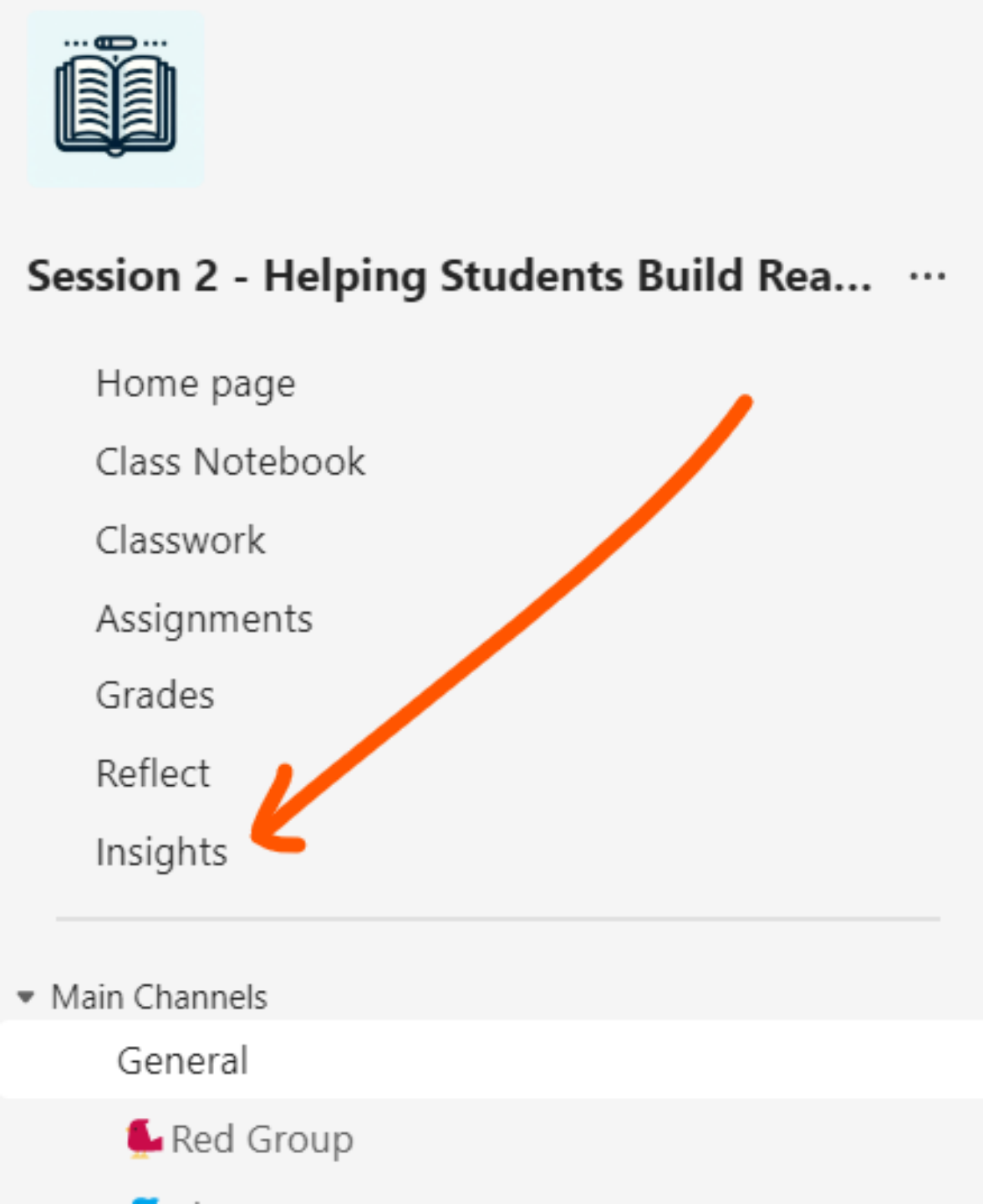


Deeper Dive in Breakout

Reading Progress
Assignment Setup and Data
Opportunities in Insights

Insights in Class Teams





How to use Reading Progress Data

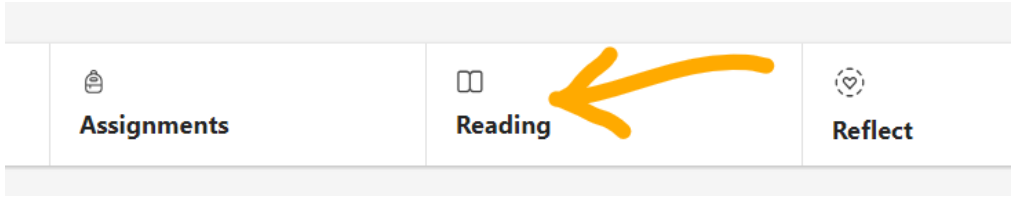
- The Reading Progress Data in Microsoft Class Teams Insights is a powerful tool designed to assist educators in monitoring and improving their students' reading skills.

Accessing Reading Progress Data:

- Navigate to Microsoft Teams for Education and select the class team you're working with.
- Click on the "Assignments" tab, then find and select the Reading Progress assignment you've previously created.
- Within this assignment, you'll see an option for "Insights" or "Review" where you can access detailed data about each student's reading performance.

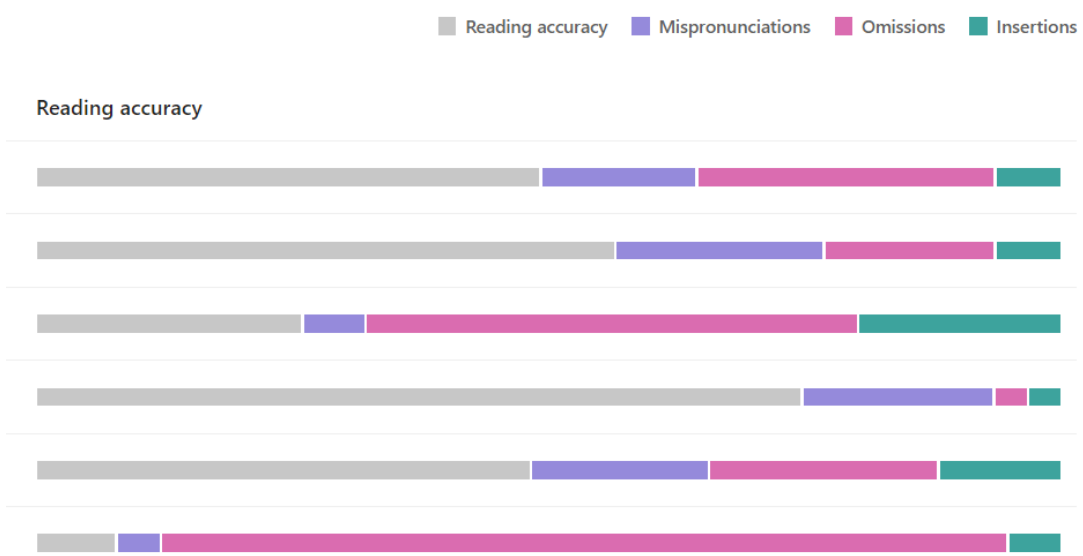
Or

- Click on the "Insights" tab in your Class Team, then find the "Reading" tab



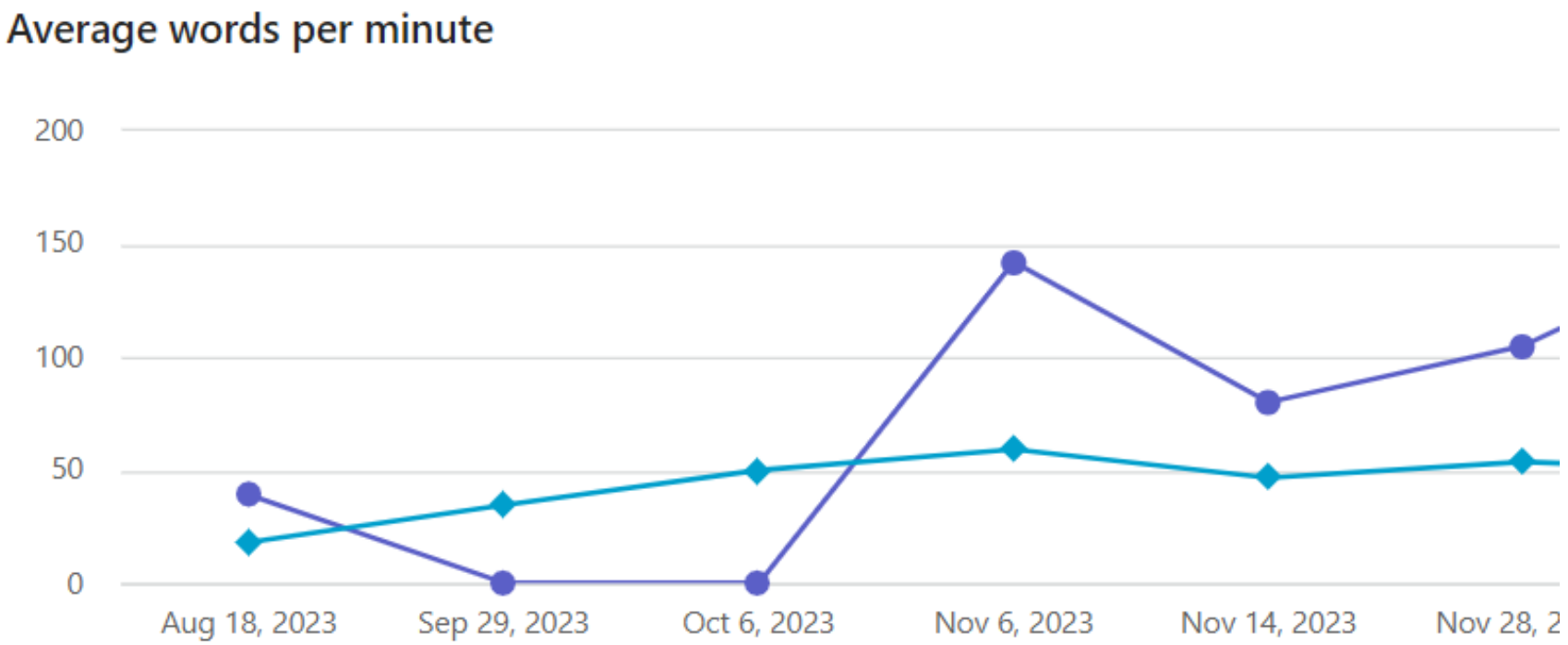
Understanding the Data:

- Accuracy Rate: Shows the percentage of words read correctly. This helps identify how well students are recognizing and pronouncing the words.
- Mispronunciations: Highlights words that were mispronounced, indicating areas where a student may need phonetic help or vocabulary enrichment.
- Omissions: Tracks words that were skipped, which can signal scanning habits or difficulties in word recognition.
- Insertions: Identifies extra words added by the student, which might indicate reading comprehension challenges.
- Self-corrections: Notes where students corrected their own reading, a sign of self-monitoring and comprehension skills.



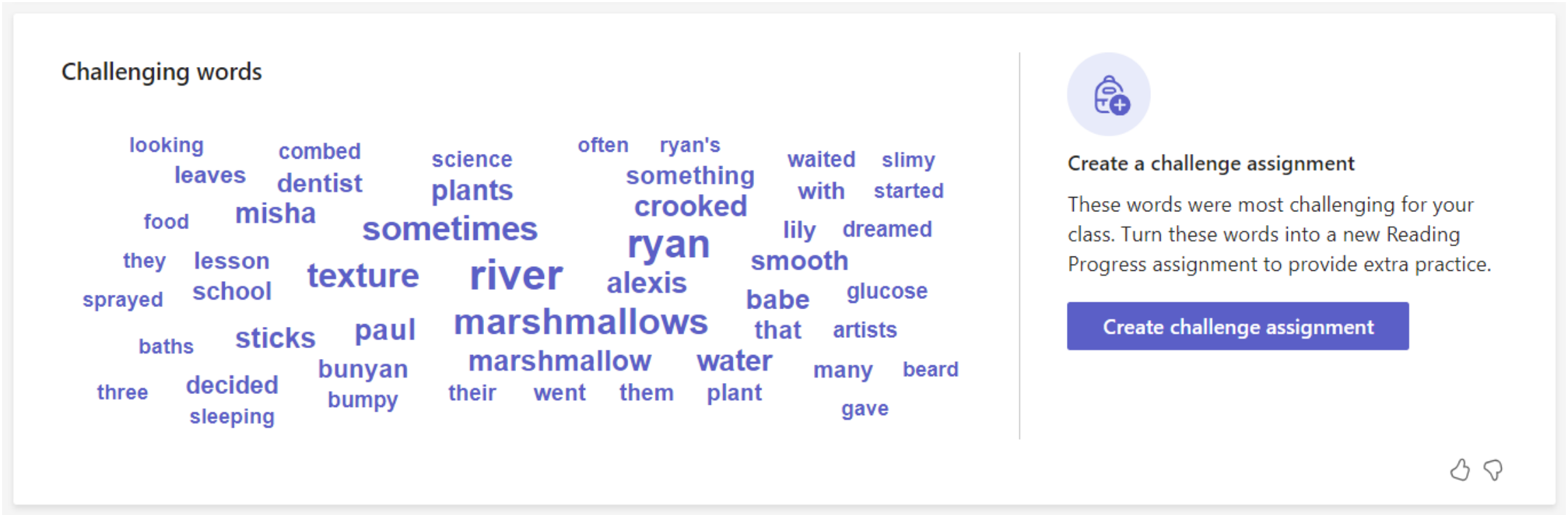
Analyzing Trends Over Time:

- Class Teams Insights allows you to track each student's progress over time. Look for trends in accuracy rates, mispronunciations, and other metrics to assess improvement or identify persistent challenges.



Collaborating with Colleagues:

- Discuss student progress and strategies with colleagues, especially if you have students with specific learning needs. Collaborative planning can lead to more effective intervention strategies.



Challenging Words Assignment

Phonics Assignment

Phonics rules Preview

Most challenging | Consonants | Vowels

All categories

	Rule	Sound	Example	How co...	Instances	Accuracy
☐	t	/t/	tip	Basic	3063	63%
☐	n	/n/	nut	Basic	2237	60%
☐	r	/r/	read	Basic	2189	60%
☐	d	/d/	did	Basic	1726	60%

Create phonics assignment NEW

We've identified the phonics rules that were most challenging for this class. Generate a new Reading Progress assignment using vocabulary with these phonics rules to provide extra practice.

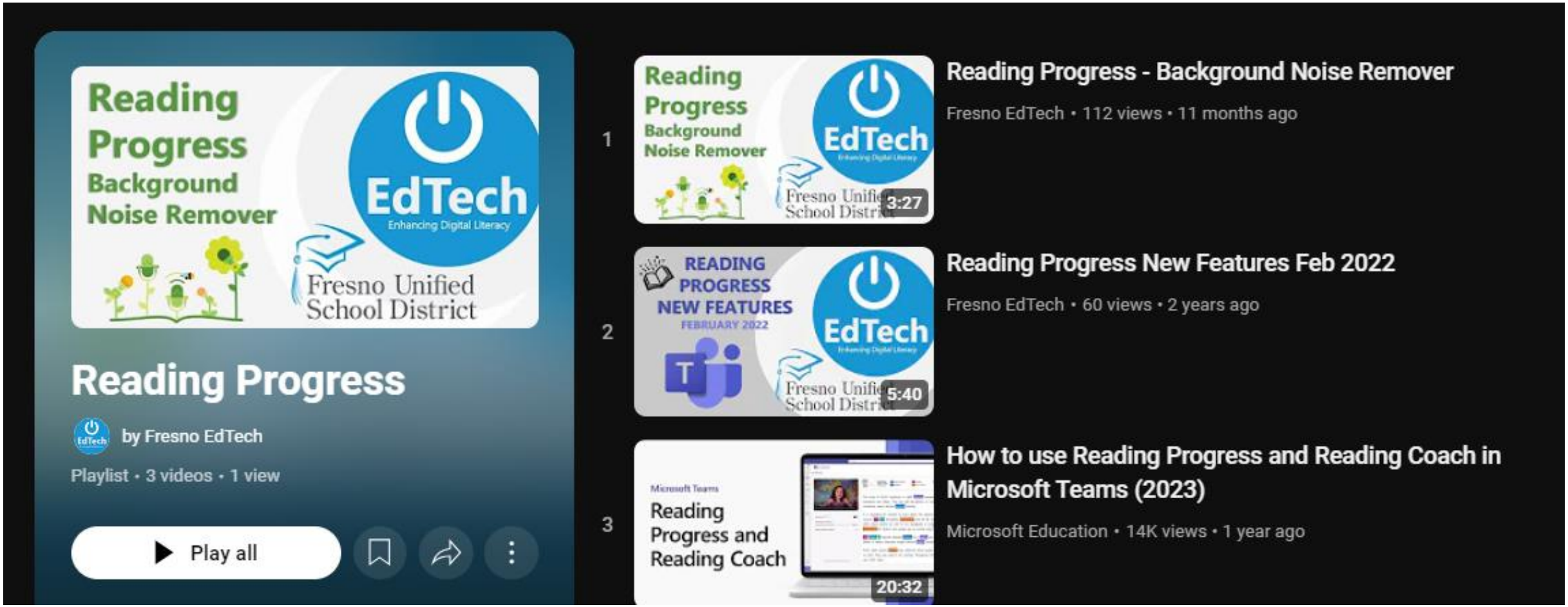
0 / 10 rules selected Clear all

Create challenge assignment

Final Thoughts

- Using Microsoft Class Teams Insights and the Reading Progress feature, are innovative ways to use technology to enhance educational outcomes. It provides actionable data that can inform instruction, engage students, and involve parents in the educational process.
- By leveraging this tool, educators can make a significant impact on their students' reading fluency and comprehension skills.

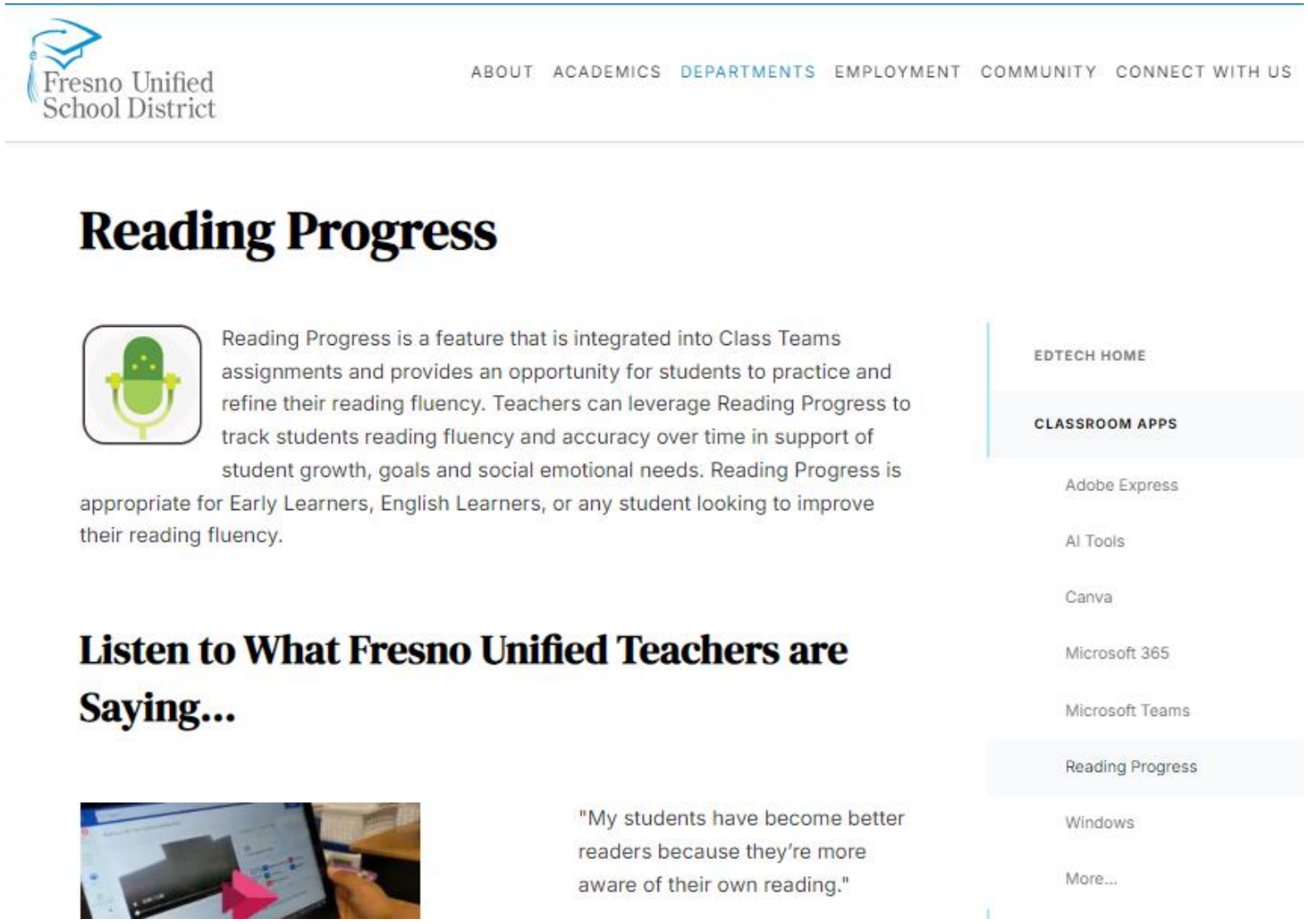
Reading Progress Resources



Fresno EdTech Reading Progress Playlist

[Reading Progress - YouTube]

Fresno EdTech Reading Progress Website



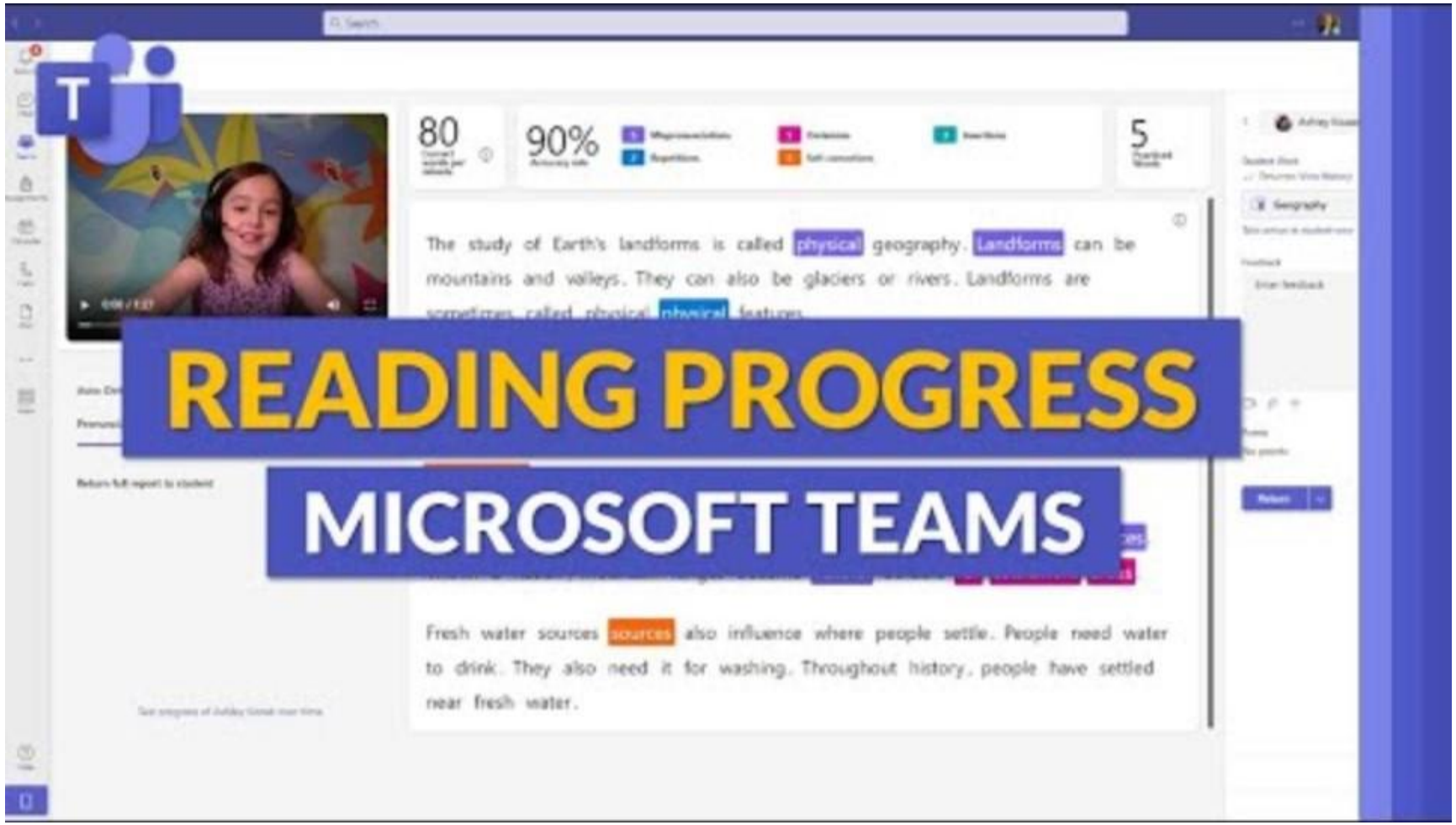
[Reading Progress - Fresno Unified School District]

FUSD Students Improve Reading Scores when using Reading Progress Consistently

During the 2023/2024 academic school year, Fresno Unified School District partnered with Microsoft and **LearnPlatform** to evaluate the impact of Reading Progress on FUSD K-6 students' reading achievement. Read the full **Reading Progress in Fresno Unified School District (2023-24) study**.

In summary, the study showed that consistent use of Reading Progress positively impacted reading outcomes for FUSD students in kindergarten through sixth grade. Students using the tool regularly demonstrated improved reading accuracy and speed, particularly among English learners and those from disadvantaged backgrounds. For example, English learners who used Reading Progress saw their reading scores jump from the 50th to the 59th percentile, equivalent to a full grade level improvement.

- **View the full article on Microsoft's blog** -



Mike Tholfsen – How to use Reading Progress

Key Takeways

- Enhanced Student Engagement
- Personalized Learning
- Skill Development
- Practical Application
- Ongoing Support

Next Steps

How could you integrate Microsoft Learning Accelerators into your classroom in the next few weeks?

How do you think these tools will impact your students' learning experiences and outcomes?

How could you collaborate with your colleagues to maximize the benefits of these tools for your students?

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- Your feedback can help us improve our training
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- We would love to visit your classroom and see how you're using AI

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