“Reading is important, because if you can read, you can learn anything about everything and everything about anything.”
—Tomie dePaola

Reading opens up a world of possibilities.

DRA3 helps you give them the keys!

While reading is arguably the most important skill needed in order to achieve any level of academic success, its value doesn’t end outside of the schoolhouse doors. Reading expands our minds in many ways, including increasing our vocabulary, improving our concentration, and enhancing our analytical thinking skills. It allows us to “travel” to places we might otherwise never experience, and “travel” in time to meet the people who live only in memories and books.
**DRA3 to support your model for assessment and intervention**

Our reading tools are organized around key functions of your work: screening, assessment, intervention/instruction, and progress monitoring. These distinct functions, crafted into an efficient process and delivered expertly, provide teachers and students with the best possible outcomes.

**Developed by teachers. Developed for you!**

The Developmental Reading Assessment™, Third Edition (DRA™3) combines decades of teacher acumen with Pearson’s test development strength to provide the premier assessment of good reading behaviors. It includes everything you need to assess, intervene, and monitor your students’ reading progress, AND the guidance you need through each step — all in one complete package. With the largest selection of engaging fiction and nonfiction stories at every level, streamlined scoring rubrics, improved teacher observation forms, a new digital platform, and the latest field research to support its validity and reliability, the DRA3 meets the high standards of quality and rigor you depend on for your students.

The assessment approach used in DRA3 is based on 33 years of reading research and feedback from experienced educators who have identified the key behaviors of good readers. Research was conducted to demonstrate consistency and inter-rater reliability of DRA3 scores, as well as the validity of DRA3 score interpretations. The specific tasks and prompts used at different levels of a DRA3 assessment are developmentally appropriate for the student’s current stage of learning.
**DRA3 offers you the tools you need to observe and document student reading abilities as well as inform instructional practice.**

**The Level Estimator**, new in DRA3, is a quick-to-administer word list screener that identifies a recommended DRA3 benchmark level or narrow range of levels for your younger or new students, saving administration time.

**Benchmark Assessment** helps to determine each student’s independent or instructional reading level with an evaluation of three components: reading engagement (optional), oral reading fluency, and comprehension. Once the assessment is complete, the results will help guide teachers in determining the instructional needs for each student using the DRA3 Focus for Instruction.

**Word Analysis** will allow you to obtain more in-depth information for an individual student. It provides a systematic means to observe how struggling and emerging readers attend to and work with various components of spoken and written words.

**Progress Monitoring** provides brief, leveled reading passages that can be used to evaluate and track the growth of at-risk readers in between benchmark assessments. The information it provides allows you to make adjustments to each student’s personalized plan.

**Administration, scoring, and reporting**

Whether you’re comfortable using paper-and-pencil to record your student’s reading assessment, or the new comprehensive digital platform, DRA3 provides all of the tools and resources you need for administration, scoring, and reporting.

**New online platform**

DRA3 has added an online platform for digital administration, scoring, and reporting. Use the new platform to capture, store, and report at the student, class, school, district, or state level. Device agnostic (laptop, desktop, or tablet), the web-based platform provides a number of advantages including access to eight additional reporting options, on-demand tutorials, digital versions of the teacher resources from the DRA3 print kit, PLUS extras to share with your students — reading progress charts, certificates of achievement, and more.
The number-one goal of any reading program is to help students become proficient, enthusiastic readers who read for a variety of purposes. DRA3 provides you with the information you need to understand students’ unique reading strengths and challenges and help them achieve success.

Need to assess the reading skills of Spanish-speaking students?

Explore the Evaluación del desarrollo de la lectura® 2 (EDL™2+), a Spanish reading assessment for dual language, bilingual, and immersion classrooms. Learn more at PearsonAssessments.com/EDL2.