

Publisher Response to the Reading League Review

We are grateful to The Reading League for their in-depth evaluation of *Reading Horizons® Discovery* (RHD), which carefully examined the foundational literacy components designed to support students in Grades K-3. This review provides valuable insights into the program's strengths and areas for enhancement, further guiding us in our commitment to aligning with research-based literacy practices.

Comprehensive Literacy Support through Core Program Components

Reading Horizons Discovery is structured around three core components: Live, World, and Companion. These elements are designed to provide a holistic, flexible approach to literacy instruction that empowers teachers and supports student engagement.

- The Live platform serves as an online hub for educators, equipping them with tools and resources to plan for and deliver effective lessons.
- World, the student-facing online program, offers engaging practice and review activities to reinforce skills taught in teacher-led lessons.
- Finally, the Companion resources, which include phoneme cards, sound wall posters, student transfer books, and decodable books, give educators tangible tools to enrich classroom instruction and extend learning beyond the digital environment.

We are pleased that the review acknowledged the program's robust approach to essential literacy skills, such as phonemic awareness, phonics (decoding and encoding), and fluency. The review also highlighted the Student Activity Hub within the World component as a strength, providing students with a game-based, interactive experience while allowing teachers time for targeted small-group instruction. These acknowledgments affirm our dedication to providing research-aligned tools that support teachers in fostering foundational literacy skills.

Commitment to Research, Best Practice, and Continuous Improvement

Our mission is to ensure that *Reading Horizons Discovery* fully aligns with best practices in literacy instruction and remains grounded in the latest research. Feedback from The Reading League is a key source of guidance as we adjust to enhance the program's alignment with the needs of students and educators.

The reviewers noted areas for growth, including the importance of offering increased differentiation options in whole-group settings to better support advanced learners, particularly in Grades 2-3. Additionally, the feedback on balancing teacher-directed instruction with more active learning opportunities aligns with our goal of fostering a dynamic, student-centered learning experience. As we continue to refine Reading Horizons Discovery, the insights from this review align with our plans to enhance word-level practice, spelling, morphology, and including language options for assessments. These additions will improve the impact of this program.

Supporting Educators with Accessible Resources and Clear Guidance

We recognize that an evidence-aligned curriculum is only as effective as its implementation. The review underscores the importance of accessible resources, and we have already made adjustments to ensure that our Program Overview is immediately available to educators. This ease of access along with the detail within will help teachers quickly understand the program's structure and maximize its impact from the outset.

The Reading League's reviewers brought deep knowledge of the science of reading and high standards for instructional materials to this evaluation. Their rigorous assessment and thoughtful recommendations are welcome by Reading Horizons as they align with our ongoing mission to empower educators with the highest-quality literacy resources to make the greatest impact on student learning. This review, along with other key data, will serve as a guide as we continue our commitment to delivering an effective and comprehensive literacy program.

For more information about how *Reading Horizons® Discovery* can support literacy growth in your classroom, and to learn about the broader Reading Horizons impact, visit readinghorizons.com/impact/. Together, we are building a future where literacy is within reach for every learner.