

## **PHAST Reading (Reading)**

### **Struggling Readers**



PHAST Reading has limited evidence of effectiveness for struggling readers. The two qualifying studies included in this review showed effect sizes of +0.71 and +0.25.

### **About PHAST Reading**

PHAST Reading is designed to teach children word identification skills and decoding strategies and to promote their effective use of these strategies. PHAST Reading instruction starts with the teaching of five decoding strategies: sounding out, rhyming, peeling off, vowel alert, and SPY. Struggling readers apply these strategies whenever they confront unknown words when reading.

### **More on this review**

For more on the review of PHAST Reading, read the BEE review of [struggling readers](#).

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