



Fast ForWord® Fact Sheet

Description

The Fast ForWord family of products provides learners with computer-delivered exercises that build the cognitive skills required to read and learn effectively.

How It Works

Just as physical fitness can be improved by exercising the body, new scientific studies prove that brain fitness can be improved by exercising the brain. The Fast ForWord program improves brain fitness in the areas of memory, attention, processing rate, and sequencing — cognitive skills essential for learning and reading success.

Through Fast ForWord's individualized, adaptive computer exercises, actual physical changes occur in the brain. These exercises strengthen the brain's ability to process information quickly and accurately; pay attention despite distractions; recall information that has been learned; and retain knowledge. All of this makes it easier for a child to learn and retain information.

Research

The Fast ForWord products are based on more than 30 years of neuroscience and cognitive research. The products evolved from the work of noted research scientists Drs. Michael Merzenich and William Jenkins at the University of California, San Francisco, and Drs. Paula Tallal and Steven Miller at Rutgers University.

Products

The Fast ForWord Language Series builds foundational reading and language skills for elementary students.

- Fast ForWord Language Basics
- Fast ForWord Language v2
- Fast ForWord Language to Reading v2

The Fast ForWord Literacy Series helps middle and high school students build their confidence and their standardized test scores.

- Fast ForWord to Literacy
- Fast ForWord to Literacy Advanced

The Fast ForWord Reading Series increases processing efficiency and builds critical reading skills so districts get the most from their existing instructional approach.

- Fast ForWord Reading Prep
- Fast ForWord Reading Level 1
- Fast ForWord Reading Level 2
- Fast ForWord Reading Level 3
- Fast ForWord Reading Level 4
- Fast ForWord Reading Level 5

Protocols

30, 40, 50 or 90 minutes a day

Assessment/Reporting

Progress Tracker, an online data analysis and reporting tool, enables educators to monitor the individual, class, grade, school, or district level performance of students working with Fast ForWord products.

Reading Progress Indicator, a computerized assessment, rapidly measures the effects of the Fast ForWord family of products.

Target Populations

Brain fitness is something every learner can benefit from — including those who are below, at or above grade level. Target populations include:

- General education
- At-risk
- English language learners
- Response to Intervention (RtI)
- Special education

Settings

The Fast ForWord products are scalable and can be implemented in a variety of settings including labs, classrooms, tutoring or after-school programs.

Results

On average, students using Fast ForWord software achieve a one to two year reading gain in as little as eight to 12 weeks. Fast ForWord products have been proven to improve reading test scores and student confidence, and reduce costs for intervention services.

Platforms

Macintosh and Windows

Website

www.scilearn.com/products