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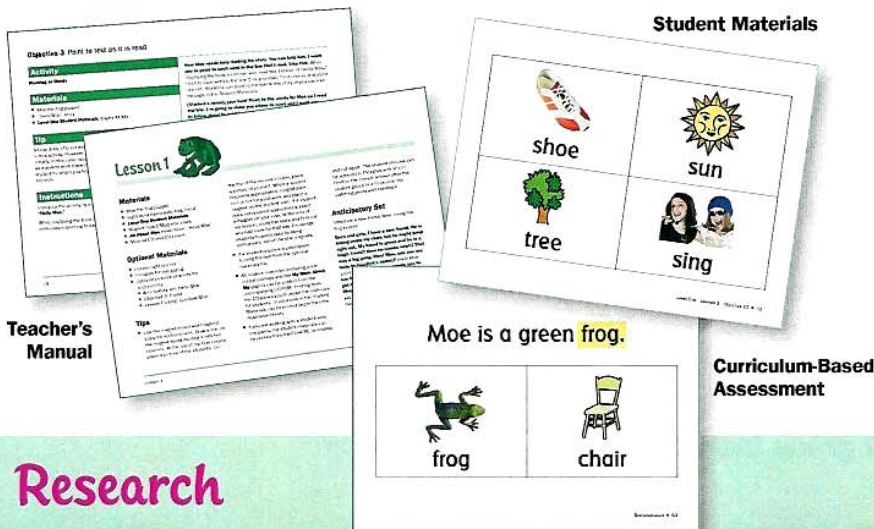
Early Literacy Skills Builder

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ELSB is a **research-based** literacy curriculum for students with significant cognitive disabilities. ELSB is language rich and incorporates systematic instruction to teach both print and phonemic awareness. This multi-year program consists of seven distinct levels. Ongoing assessments allow students to progress at their own pace.

Each level includes a scripted **Teacher's Manual**, full-color **Student Materials** and **Curriculum-Based Assessments**. **Moe the frog** puppet and his corresponding stories make ELSB student friendly. The step-by-step instructor's guide, staff training DVD, and CD-ROM with printable PDFs of teaching materials make ELSB teacher friendly too.



- Proven effective with students who have significant cognitive disabilities or autism
- Appropriate for ages 5–10
- Multi-year curricula with 7 levels
- **Phonics** plus sight word instruction
- Accommodates students who communicate nonverbally

Research

Foundations

ELSB is based on two exhaustive analyses of published research on reading acquisition. The first, led by Dr. Diane Browder (2006), reviewed 128 studies on teaching reading to students with cognitive disabilities. Clear results showed the effectiveness of teaching sight words using systematic instruction techniques.

The second study, by the National Reading Panel, provided strong evidence that phonics instruction is an essential component of a successful reading program.

Browder et al. (2006). Research on reading instruction for individuals with significant cognitive disabilities. *Exceptional Children*, 72, 392–408.

ELSB Research

ELSB research is through Project RAISE and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Sixty students from the Charlotte Mecklenburg School System with significant cognitive disabilities receive daily instruction in the ELSB curricula. These students are being compared with a control group using a sight-word only approach. ELSB students have earned **significantly higher scores** on the pre/post test for the ELSB curriculum as well as the Nonverbal Assessment of Literacy and receptive language measures.

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**Early Literacy
Skills Builder Curricula
EL-S10X ~~\$495~~ **\$345****

Getting Started Guide
Teacher's Manuals
Student Materials
Curriculum-Based
Assessments
Moe the Frog Puppet
Stories About Moe
Communication Overlays
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Features Benefits

Comprehensive, multi-year program

- Great long-term investment

A fun, age- appropriate activity

- Motivates students to participate in reading activities, just like their friends without disabilities

Based on scientific research

- Demonstrated effectiveness with intended student population

Scripted lessons

- Helps both experienced and inexperienced teachers
- Makes it easier for paraprofessionals and classroom volunteers to use ELSB

Ongoing data collection

- Allows students to progress at their own pace
- Great for writing measurable IEPs

DVD training

- A quick and effective method to learn how and why ELSB works
- Helps new staff learn how to implement the program

Linked to general education standards

- Encourages inclusive activities
- Aligns IEPs to academic standards

For children ages 5-10

- Focuses on literacy at the appropriate age

For all children with significant cognitive disabilities

- Gives all children an opportunity to learn literacy skills
- Accommodates children who communicate nonverbally or are on the autism spectrum

Ideal for individual or small group instruction

- Group size can be tailored to best fit the classroom

