

## 2021/2022 IRLA and ENIL Changes

As educators, we at American Reading Company hold ourselves and our materials to rigorous standards for continuous improvement. Our own field work and that of our users serves as an ongoing feedback loop through which materials are revised and refined regularly. This letter summarizes key changes to the IRLA and ENIL that will be made in time for schools to use in the 2021/2022 school year.

Starting with the 2021/2022 school year, the end-of-year IRLA level for proficiency in Kindergarten will be changing from 1G (One Green) to 2G (Two Green). This shift does not change the reading skills expectations of any IRLA level, only the year in which proficient readers are expected to acquire those skills. The rationale for this shift is that, based on both reading research and our work in the field, most learners are ready to move more swiftly through the partial alphabetic phase into more advanced decoding skills than the IRLA previously required. When ARC revised our ARC Core curriculum in 2019, we added more explicit, systematic whole-group phonemic awareness and phonics instruction that already reflects this more accelerated pace. Updating the IRLA is the last step in adjusting all of ARC’s materials to this shift.

This shift, however, presents a challenge for Spanish. The 2V (Dos Verde) level will not be moving to K. Instead, it will be renamed as a new color and a new level: Turquesa. The rationale for this difference is that the ENIL is an authentic Spanish leveling system that reflects the developmental steps of learning to read the Spanish language. While there is much in common, the consistent nature of syllable boundaries in Spanish means that Spanish language readers using the ENIL system are already learning to decode at this accelerated rate. Moving 2V from first grade into K in Spanish does not make pedagogical sense. Leaving 2V as it is, in first grade, was not acceptable. We will only use Green levels in K going forward because we want to ensure that educators and families using both the IRLA and the ENIL understand that both systems hold similarly high expectations for readers, regardless of language. Therefore, in consultation with our dual language customers across the country, we have chosen to rebrand 2V as T (Turquesa).

We look forward to discussion with our ARC Partners in the coming weeks.

PreK	K		1		2		3	4	5	6	7	8	9 & 10	11 & 12	
RTM	1-3Y	1G	2G	1B	2B	1R	2R	Wt	Bk	Or	Pu	1Br	2Br	Si	GI
LAM	1-3A	V	T	1Az	2Az	1R	2R	BI	Ne	An	Pú	1Br	2Br	PI	Oro