# See What's New for Back to School 2024-25







### Welcome Back!

We hope you enjoyed your summer break, and we're excited to welcome you back to school and tell you about some awesome updates to our Learning A-Z<sup>®</sup> solutions that are designed to give you greater access to our instructional resources and further empower you and your students.



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# Raz-Plus UPDATES





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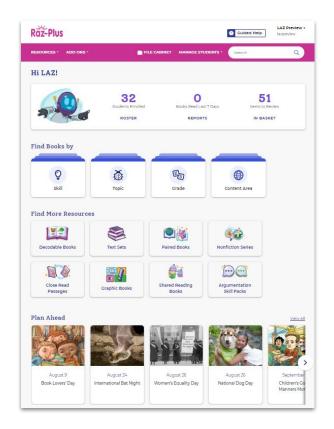
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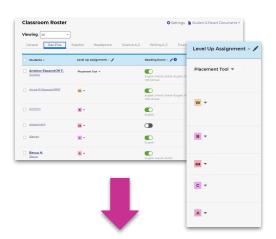
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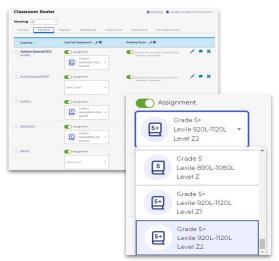
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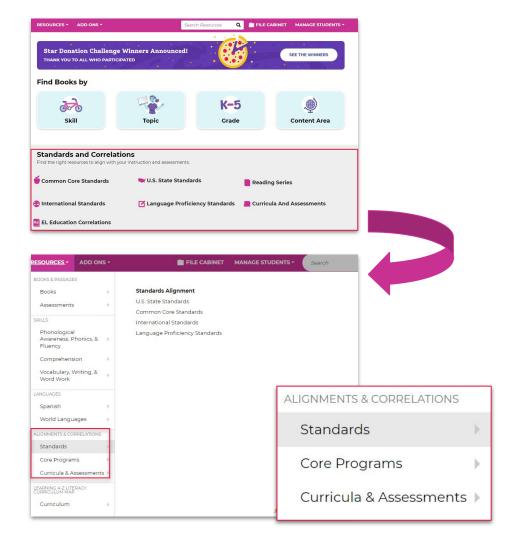
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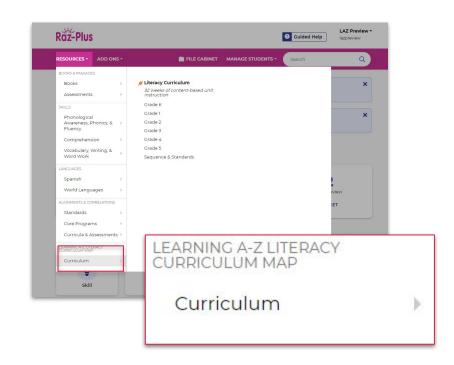


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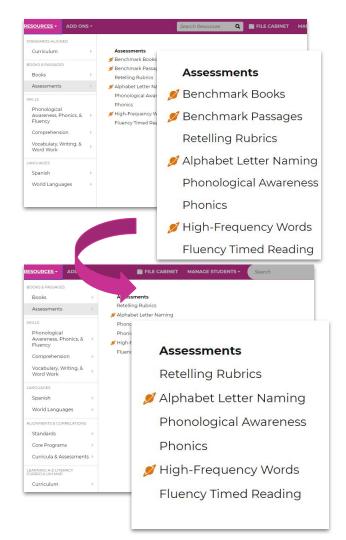
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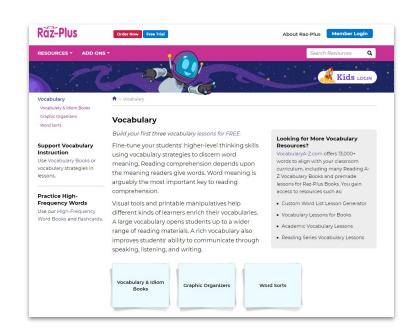
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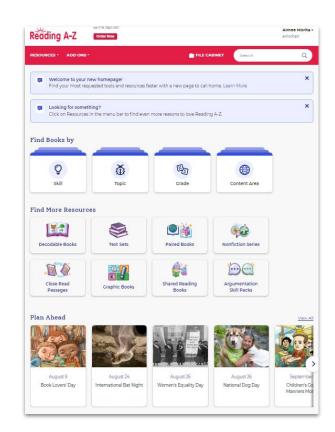
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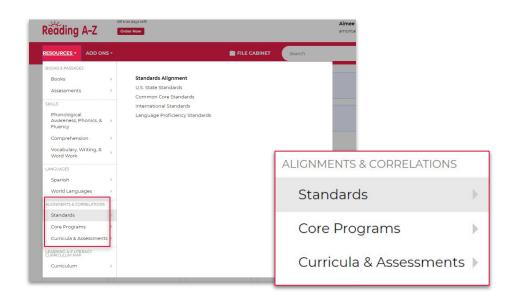


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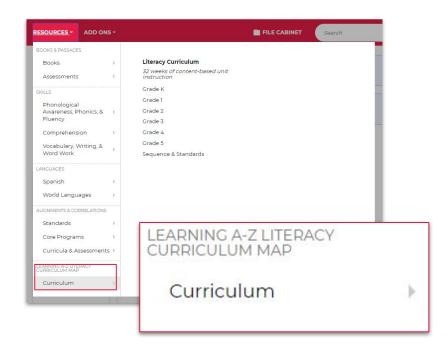


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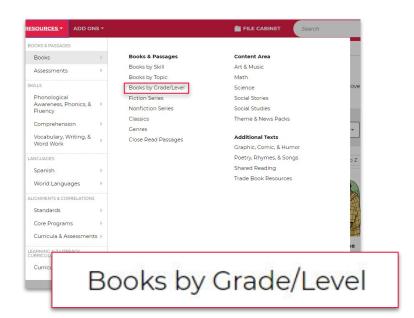
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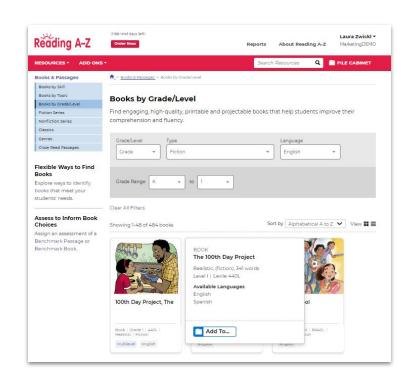
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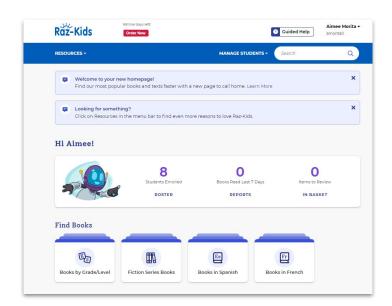
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- **Find Books:** It's all about the books! Quickly find the right text by grade level, genre, or language right from the homepage.

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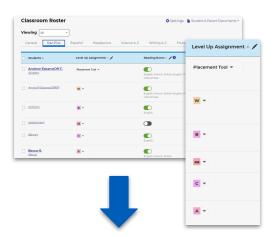
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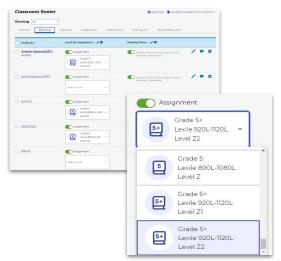
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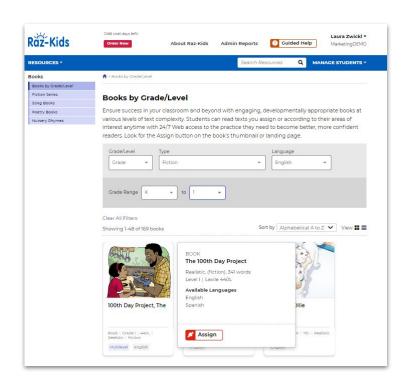
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# Foundations A-Z®

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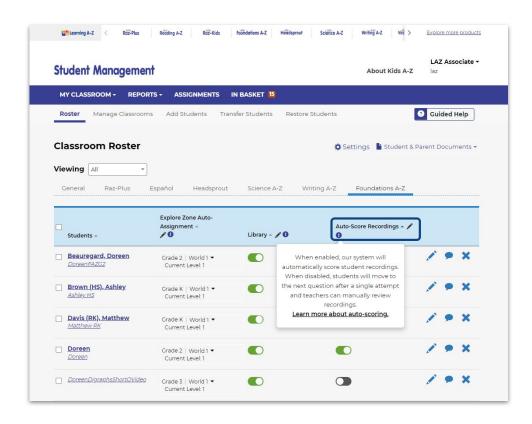


## Speech Recognition Engine: Auto-Scoring Options

Teachers now have the option to turn auto-scoring on or off for the **Speech Recognition Engine (SRE)** questions in the Kids A-Z Classroom Roster.

### What This Means for You

- You decide how to manage the scoring for SRE questions, either for one student or your entire class.
- If you choose to turn off the SRE auto-scoring, you can evaluate your students' oral fluency performance according to their preferred grading and scoring standards (as opposed to using the digital, predetermined criteria for scoring).





## Program Guide: SRE Auto-Scoring Instructions and Details

You can find detailed information in the **Program Guide** about the new toggle that allows you to
disable auto-scoring for **Speech Recognition Engine (SRE)** questions.

### What This Means for You

- Gain a deeper understanding of the SRE auto-scoring feature, including its purpose and advantages within the Foundations A-Z<sup>®</sup> program.
- The expanded Program Guide details the rationale behind the SRE disabling toggle and includes a comprehensive FAQ section.

#### AUTO-SCORE RECORDINGS

### What and Why We Auto-Score

Part of the Foundations A-Z digital experience involves skills application through interactive games, which include a speech recognition tool with automatic scoring and immediate feedback for students.

#### Benefits

- · Allows students to work more independently
- Encourages students to correct their mistakes on their own, guided by automated feedback
- · Saves teachers time without the need for manual grading

Even for auto-scored recordings, you may access student recordings at any time and opt to manually score them through the Foundations A-Z assignment report.

### Reasons to Turn Off Auto-Scoring

We understand that new technology can be a challenge in some classrooms, and some or all of your students may require personalized attention.

#### Possible Issues

- · Surrounding noise in your classroom interferes with the tool's ability to score
- · Individual students' speech is not recognized by the tool

When auto-scoring is disabled, students will advance to the next question after a single recording attempt. You may listen to the recordings through the Foundations A-Z assignment report.

### 1 How to Turn Off Auto-Scoring

- Visit <u>Kids A–Z</u> and login as a teacher with your account username and password.
- Click on My Classroom and then Class Roster right beneath it.
- 3. Click on the Foundations A-Z tab.
- Find the column titled Auto-Score Recordings.
   update one student at a time, use the toggle switch so it's no longer displaying green.

To update more than one student or the entire class, click on the small boxes to the left of each student name. Then select the pencil icon next to Auto-Score Recordings. You can then select "Off" to disable the auto-scoring.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- > What do I do when my students encounter an error or alert message?
- > What tips or best practices can I use to get an accurate assessment of students' audio recordings?
- Can I have my students skip the auto-scored recordings?

If one or more of your students would benefit from removing the automatic scoring of the speech recognition questions, teachers have the option to disable this feature. When auto-scoring is disabled, students will advance to the next question after a single recording attempt. You may listen to the recordings through the Foundations A–Z assignment report.

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# **Updated Instructional Progression of Skills Document**

The Instructional Progression of Skills document now includes direct links to the associated **Decodable Books** and **Word Study Passages**.

### What This Means for You

- You can directly access the **Decodable Books** and **Word Study Passages** related to the specific skill(s) taught during whole-class instruction.
- If you are following your own scope and sequence, you now have better visibility and access to the **Decodable Books** and **Word Study Passages** to support the skill(s) you are teaching in your core curriculum.

### Foundations A-Z

### Instructional Progression of Skills by Strands Across Grades

Phonics, Word Study, and High-Frequency Words

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6.1	Introduce consonant digraph th (voiced and voiceless)     Closed syllables.	that, then, then, such, fish		Beth on the Path	World 3, Mission 21 Levels 81, 82, 83 and 84
6.2	Introduce consonant digraphs wh and ph     Closed syllables	when, ship	they, which, who	Who is on the Ship?	World 3, Mission 22 Levels 85, 86, 87 and 88
6.3	Introduce consonant digraphs ck and ng     Closed syllables	black, pick, sing, bring, back		A Visit from Bick	World 3, Mission 23 Levels 89, 90, 91 and 92
Review 6.1 - 6.3				We.All.More	World 3, Mission 24 Levels 93, 94, 95 and 96
7.1	One syllable words with initial and final consonant digraphs     Closed syllables	iong, them, this, king	what	Are We Lost?	World 3, Mission 25 Levels 97, 98, 99 and 100
7.2	Introduce VCe long a	ate, came, same, made		What is This Place?	World 3, Mission 26 Levels 101, 102, 103 and 104
7.3	Introduce VCe long a	make, take, game, with	hera	How Will You Get. There?	World 4, Mission 27 Levels 105, 106, 107 and 108
Review 7.1-7.3				King There	World 4, Mission 28 Levels 113, 114, 115 and 116
8.1	Introduce VCe long /	pave	have, give, live	What is the Weather Like?	World 4, Mission 29 Levels 117, 118, 119 and 120
8.2	Introduce VCe long a:	five, like, ride, life, mile		Look Up!	World 4, Mission 30 Levels 121, 122, 123 and 124
8.3	One-syllable words with VCe	time, white, white, line, side		What Time Is It?	World 4, Mission 31 Levels 125, 126, 127, and 128
Review 8.1 – 8.3				Fun All the Time	World 4, Mission 32 Lovels 129, 130, 131, and 132



### **New From June**

### **All-New Library in Student Portal**

- The Library contains a personal collection of all the books an individual student has read or listened to through Quests or the Explore Zone.
- Students can find books organized by studentfriendly topics and can "favorite" a book to reread again and again.

### What This Means for You

- Foster a love of reading in your students, who can revisit their favorite books at home.
- Gain time back while students independently practice reading in class.
- By curating a collection of books that match students' reading abilities, you can better support their development and success.







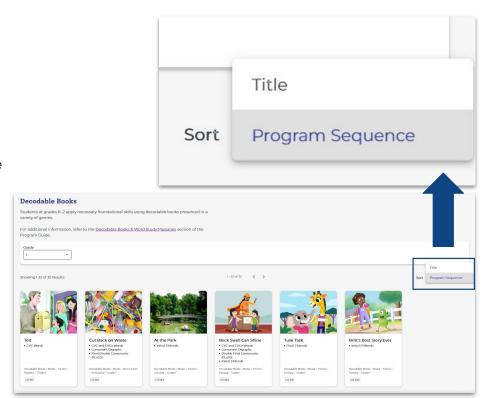
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### **More Sorting Options**

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  - Texts: Decodable Books, Shared Reader Texts, Grade Level Texts, and Word Study Passages
  - Practice Sheets: Fluency; High-Frequency Words;
     Word Sorts; Word Work; and Words, Phrases, and
     Sentences
  - Instructional Student Videos and Games

### What This Means for You

- Additional sorting options provide more ways to efficiently locate the resources you need.
- Following the Foundations A-Z scope and sequence will help you more quickly and easily find the resources you need, when you need them.



# Writing A-Z<sup>®</sup> UPDATES





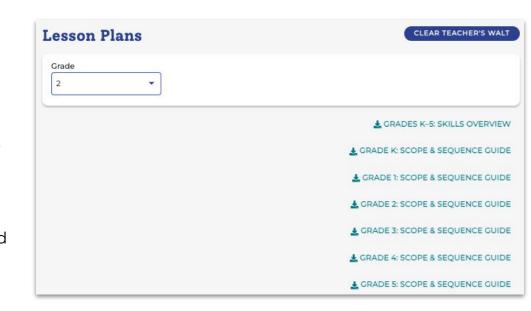
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### K-5 Grade-Level Scope and Sequence

These detailed, grade-level-specific scope and sequences provide a list of topics, concepts, skills, and strategies that are covered in Writing A-Z<sup>®</sup>.

### What This Means for You

- You can download your grade-level scope and sequence to view skills and strategies taught within each unit.
- If you're using Writing A-Z as a supplement, you can see at a glance which units and modules best meet your students' needs.



# Science A-Z UPDATES





### **New From July**

### **Text Complexity in Science A-Z**

Information on text complexity and Lexile measures can now be found in the footer of ScienceA-Z.com under **Science A-Z and Text Complexity**.

### What This Means for You

Refer to the correlation chart for information about the complexity of Science A-Z<sup>®</sup> texts by grade band, along with the corresponding Lexile measure bands.



### Level Correlation Chart

In order to assign appropriate science texts to students, refer to the chart below for correlations between Science A-Z grade bands and Lexile Measures. Ultimately, teachers should use their professional judgment along with reader and task considerations to determine if an individual text is appropriate for a student.

Grade Band / Science A-Z Level	Lexile Measure*	
K-2 low •	200L - 440L	
K-2 mid ●●	250L - 540L	
K-2 high ●●●	400L - 540L	
3-4 low •	500L - 790L	
3-4 mid ●●	550L - 840L	
3-4 high ●●●	600L - 890L	
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# Vocabulary A-Z

**UPDATES** 





### **Updated Pages and Resource Thumbnails**

Within the Instructional Tools Menu:

- On the Assignment Feature page, the book thumbnail on the resource card (formerly labeled as level aa) has been updated with a new, cleaner design.
- On the Learn More page, the information highlighted has been updated to provide clarity on how Vocabulary A-Z<sup>®</sup> can be used with other Learning A-Z solutions to support Science of Reading-aligned instruction.

### What This Means for You

Confidently leverage resources in Vocabulary A-Z and other Learning A-Z solutions to deliver Science of Reading-aligned instruction.





## More Updated Pages and Resource Thumbnails

The following pages within the Raz-Plus/Reading A-Z section under **Premade Lessons** have been updated with new, cleaner-designed book thumbnails on the resource card (formerly labeled as levels aa-Z2).

- Reading A-Z and Raz-Plus Books
- Fiction Series
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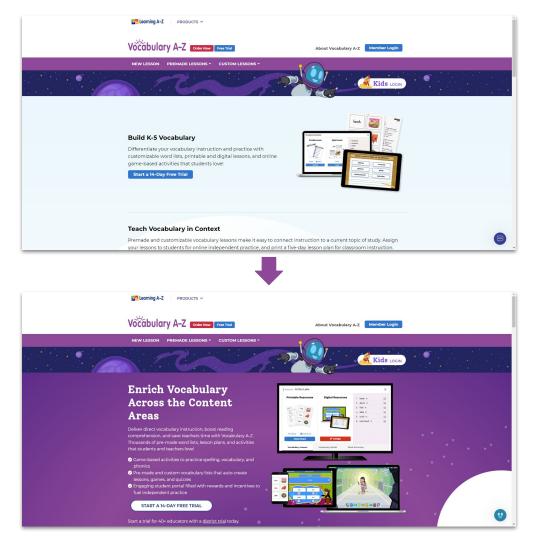


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### Connect Premade Vocabulary Lessons With Other Learning A-Z Solutions

The **Learn More** page within the **Instructional Tools** section has been updated to provide clarity on how Vocabulary A-Z can integrate with other Learning A-Z solutions.

### What This Means for You

Explore how Vocabulary A-Z offers premade vocabulary lists and lessons that integrate with Raz-Plus, Reading A-Z, Raz-Plus ELL, and Science A-Z. You can confidently leverage any of these Learning A-Z solutions to enhance your Science of Reading-aligned vocabulary instruction.



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About Vocabulary A-Z

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Assignments Feature
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Compound Words

Other Learning A-Z Products

### Premade Vocabulary Lessons for Learning A-Z Resources

Easily connect your vocabulary instruction to topics and content you are teaching using other Learning A-Z resources. Vocabulary A-Z customers who also own Reading A-Z, Raz-Plus, ELL Edition, and/or Science A-Z can access premade lessons for resources included in those products. By combining Vocabulary A-Z with Learning A-Z products for reading, English language learners (ELL) and/or science literacy, teachers can easily and efficiently integrate vocabulary into their lessons and assign practice in multiple modalities, including games.



Raz-Plus blends teacher-led reading instruction, individual practice, assessment, and reporting to strengthen the connection between what is taught and what students practice and learn.

Combine Raz-Plus with Vocabulary A-Z to quickly connect vocabulary lessons and practice to the more than 2.500 books included with Raz-Plus.

Try Raz-Plus



Raz-Plus ELL Edition combines Raz-Plus with 3,000+ printable, digital, and projectable resources designed specifically to help English Language Learners (ELLs) achieve success with social and academic English. Use Vocabulary A-Z with many of the resources in ELL Edition to quickly create vocabulary lessons that support the acquisition of words and meanings in context.

Try Raz-Plus ELL Edition



Science A-Z integrates science and literacy, providing a wealth of multilevel resources that teach students key science concepts and provide hands-on learning experiences.

Combine Vocabulary A-Z with Science A-Z to easily deliver vocabulary lessons and practice incorporating words that support key concepts identified for each science unit.

Try Science A-Z



## Thank you!

Let us know if you have any questions, so we can make sure you start the school year strong.

### **Contact Us**

