

# WHAT POPULATION OF STUDENTS DOES LANGUAGE! SERVE?

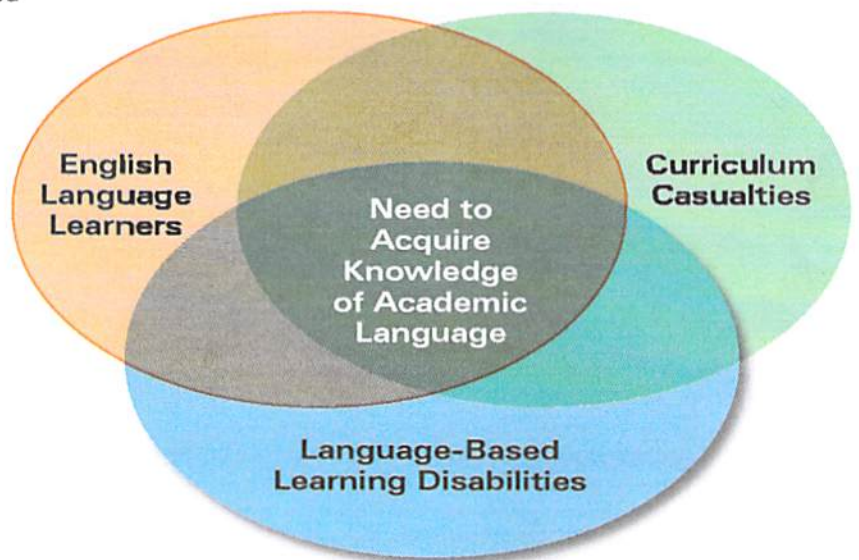
## What is LANGUAGE!

LANGUAGE! is a comprehensive literacy curriculum that provides effective, explicit, sequential, linguistically logical, and systematic instruction for struggling readers, writers, speakers, and spellers.

## Who needs LANGUAGE!

LANGUAGE! is for students who are scoring below the 40th percentile on group-administered standardized tests and need to acquire knowledge of Academic Language as well as the structure and function of the English language.

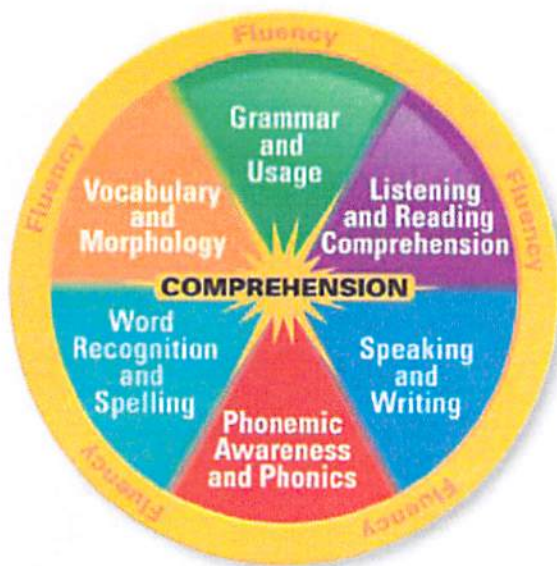
These students often represent three populations: English language learners, students with special needs, and “curriculum casualties.”



# WHAT IS THE *LANGUAGE!* EDUCATIONAL APPROACH THAT MEETS THE NEEDS OF STRUGGLING READERS?

## Systematic, Integrated, Comprehensive Instruction

The *LANGUAGE!* curriculum provides explicit and systematic instruction. Each of the curriculum units is cumulative, sequential, and integrated, providing the scaffolding needed to ensure literacy development through each of the curriculum strands. Each lesson develops content understanding through integrated instruction of the six key literacy strands and is soundly based on the most widely accepted reading research—moving students, especially beginning readers, from speech or sound to written text.



### From Sound

- STEP 1 Phonemic Awareness and Phonics
- STEP 2 Word Recognition and Spelling
- STEP 3 Vocabulary and Morphology
- STEP 4 Grammar and Usage
- STEP 5 Listening and Reading Comprehension
- STEP 6 Speaking and Writing

To Text  
in every lesson

In addition to being content-connected within a lesson, each strand builds cumulatively and sequentially across levels, starting with pre-primer skills in Book A for students lacking phonological skill development and basic decoding skills or Book C for students showing proficiency with beginning sound-symbol correspondences but deficiencies at higher levels of word analysis.

*LANGUAGE!* scaffolds prerequisite reading skill instruction daily through a comprehensive six-step lesson. Students then apply their knowledge to reading activities, providing multiple readings and analyses of each text selection. *LANGUAGE!* provides skill-level-appropriate text for independent reading and increases skill development for more advanced independent reading as students move through the curriculum. The final result is that students are able to read, write, and successfully compete in high school exit exams by the end of Book F.