



READER'S THEATER: THE FORGOTTEN TOOL

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WHAT DO YOU KNOW?



Ummm...
Is it a
theater
you read?

THE ANSWER IS...

Reader's Theater-is a type of script reading that involves repeated practice and does not require props and/or very little movement.

DOES IT WORK?

- ❖ **Martinez, Roser, and Strecker (1999)** found that after 10 weeks of implementation in a second grade class, students who had practiced scripts gained 17 words per minute, twice that of the control group, who did not use Reader's Theater scripts.

DOES IT WORK? (CONT.)

- ❖ Students demonstrated improvements in word recognition skills, fluency, and comprehension
- ❖ Students' self-confidence improved
- ❖ Lower-leveled and higher-leveled students were able to assist each other

WHERE CAN I FIND PREPARED SCRIPTS?

- ❖ <http://www.aaronsherp.com/rt/RTE.html>
- ❖ <http://www.teachingheart.net/readerstheater.htm>
- ❖ <http://www.readinglady.com/index.php?name=Downloads&req=viewdownload&cid=7>
- ❖ <http://www.teachingheart.net/readerstheater.htm>
- ❖ <http://loiswalker.com/catalog/guidesamples.html>
- ❖ <http://richmond.k12.va.us/readamillion/readerstheater.htm>
- ❖ <http://www.timelessteacherstuff.com/>
- ❖ http://www.educationworld.com/a_curr/reading/index.shtml#theater
- ❖ <http://pbskids.org/zoom/activities/playhouse/>
- ❖ <http://www.myteacherpages.com/webpages/JGriffin/readers.cfm>

WHERE CAN I FIND PREPARE SCRIPTS?

❖ *20 Terrific Mini-Plays That Build Reading Skills*

ISBN: 0-439-20104-7

❖ *Easy-to-Read Fold and Fairy Tale Plays*

ISBN: 0-590-93088-5

❖ *Plays Around the Year*

ISBN: 0-590-49475-9

❖ *The Big Book of Thematic Plays*

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WHAT DID I LEARN TODAY?



That I can
be
successful
in making
students
love
reading!