

So What's New in Version 2?

We're excited to roll out version 2 of Developing Talkers! We have redesigned our curriculum to make it more effective and easier to use.

Mascots



Meet our new stars, Scout the Squirrel and Luz the Ladybug. Luz the Ladybug is a curious observer who encourages students to learn new facts and make good choices. Scout the Squirrel is “nuts for words” and motivates students to learn and use fancy words.



Organization

Say goodbye to those clunky binders! Developing Talkers has been reorganized to make it easier for you to use. Now each Developing Talkers unit is two weeks long, and each week has its own folder. As before, there are pairs of narrative and informational texts that address a science topic. Now each book is read for three days, with a retelling activity on day four and a writing activity on day five.

Unit 4	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Read Aloud	Read Aloud: Science Reading	Read Aloud: Science Reading	Read Aloud: Science Reading	Read Aloud: Science Reading	Read Aloud: Science Reading
Science Reading	Science Reading	Science Reading	Science Reading	Science Reading	Science Reading
Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing
Retelling	Retelling	Retelling	Retelling	Retelling	Retelling

Comprehension Skills

Now Developing Talkers provides lessons and resources to explicitly teach comprehension skills and strategies that good readers use. These strategies are combined with a hand signal, which serves as a memory aid and allows students to communicate visually what skills they are using.



Self-Regulation Skills



Luz the Ladybug takes the lead in teaching students to make good choices through her Spot-On Strategies for Success.

Learning Partners

In version two, students are paired with a learning partner. This allows more opportunities for students to take turns listening to and sharing ideas.

