## JOURNEY TO READING WITH LETTERLAND

Ease of Journey	Instructional Implications	Letterland Connection
<sup>5%</sup> Easy (5%)	<ul> <li>Assess reading achievement</li> <li>Provide engaging and systematic phonics instruction to enhance spelling</li> <li>Enrich vocabulary through a variety of engaging text</li> <li>Extend text comprehension through a variety of engaging text</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Built-in formative assessments</li> <li>Developmentally appropriate word work instruction using engaging Letterlanders as building blocks for language instruction</li> <li>Vocabulary-rich stories</li> </ul>
Relatively Easy (35%)	<ul> <li>Do everything above plus</li> <li>Build phonemic awareness</li> <li>Provide instruction in phonics to aid decoding and spelling</li> <li>Use repeated/monitored oral reading to develop fluency</li> <li>Develop vocabulary directly/indirectly through a variety of methods</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Everything above plus</li> <li>Daily phonemic awareness activities</li> <li>Oral reading fluency monitoring every 5th day of instruction</li> <li>Vocabulary-rich stories, lessons, plays</li> </ul>
Difficult (40%)	<ul> <li>Do everything above plus</li> <li>Base instruction on ongoing assessment of progress</li> <li>Teach phonemic awareness skills early and directly</li> <li>Explicitly/systematically teach phonemes and common regular patterns</li> <li>Make instruction multisensory to bolster memory and retrieval</li> <li>Explicitly teach blending/segmenting word parts and individual phonemes</li> <li>Link decoding and spelling (encoding) instruction</li> <li>Use decodable text for reading practice</li> <li>Read interesting texts to and with students to further develop vocabulary and comprehension</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Everything above plus</li> <li>Regular formative and summative assessment tools</li> <li>Explicit, multisensory and systematic decoding/encoding instruction designed around the 6 syllable types</li> <li>Encoding instruction reflects the same concepts taught in decoding</li> <li>Decodable text included on Teacher's Manual CDs as well as for purchase</li> <li>Encouragement to make curriculum connections and to read other text</li> </ul>
Formidable Challenge (20%)	<ul> <li>Do everything above plus</li> <li>Base instruction on frequent, in-depth diagnostic assessment</li> <li>Demonstrate and directly teach each skill and strategy</li> <li>Use guided discovery within systematic presentation of information</li> <li>Teach all skills to mastery with automaticity</li> <li>Provide cumulative review and continual instruction</li> <li>Frequently progress monitor student growth</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Everything above plus</li> <li>Intervention Strand allows for daily, informal progress monitoring</li> <li>Intervention Strand follows "I Do, We Do, You Do" model for all lessons</li> <li>Mastery at automatic level required before moving on</li> </ul>