

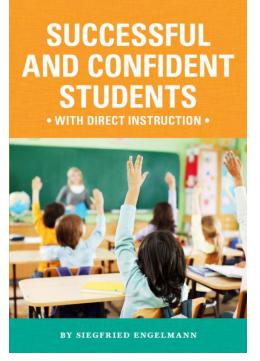
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Successful and Confident Students Now Available as an E-book



You asked and we listened! *Successful and Confident Students with Direct Instruction* from NIFDI Press is now available as an e-book through Amazon!

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Dates Announced for Coaching Academy on Conducting Classroom Observations and Providing Feedback

One of the most critical roles in a successful Direct Instruction implementation is the coach. With expert coaching, teachers will become more skilled and proficient in teaching the program, and students will excel with improved instruction.

NIFDI's upcoming Coaching Academy will provide participants with information and practice in:

• Refining observational skills and techniques to increase the coach's ability to provide data-driven feedback.

- Conducting rehearsal sessions.
- Determining the appropriate intervention based on data and observation.
- Facilitating Data Analysis Team meetings to find and solve student performance problems in a timely manner.



Just \$299!

February 9th & 10th, 2015

Crowne Plaza Houston - Downtown 1700 Smith St. Houston, Texas 77002 713.739.8800

Room rate: \$149.00/night* *Please reference NIFDI Coaching Training to receive discounted room rates. Limited space is available. Make your reservations early!

Register online or **download the registration packet** to sign-up via mail or fax.

Don't forget! Members save 20% on their registration!

NIFDI's Sentence Copying Program Newly Revised for Reading Mastery Signature Edition

The Sentence Copying Program, developed at the National Institute for Direct Instruction, is a supplemental handwriting program to accompany the *Reading Mastery Signature Edition* program. The program, which was previously aligned with the Classic and Rainbow Editions of *Reading Mastery*, has now been revised to match the lesson sentences in *Reading Mastery Signature Edition* and correlate with *Reading Mastery's* sequence of skill development. Blackline masters provide handwriting practice of letter forms commonly taught in typical elementary classrooms.

Note: Students in *Reading Mastery Signature Edition K* must reach at least lesson #60 before starting the *Sentence Copying Program*.

Order online through NIFDI or by calling 877.485.1973.

Available titles:

Sentence Copying RMSE K (Block Style) - \$21.95 Sentence Copying RMSE 1 (Block Style) - \$21.95 Sentence Copying RMSE K (Slant Style) - \$21.95 Sentence Copying RMSE 1 (Slant Style) - \$21.95

Sentence Copying RMSE K & 1 (Block Style Set) - \$39.95 Sentence Copying RMSE K & 1 (Slant Style Set) - \$39.95



Set of All 4 RMSE Sentence Copying Programs - \$75.00 (Special Member Set pricing: \$66.00)

Free Video Resource: Why is Reading So Hard?

Literate adults find reading effortless. The process has ultimately become automatic; there is no need for thinking about the task of reading. But, for non-readers, letters and words on a page are just squiggles on paper. *Why is Reading So Hard?*, a short, nine-minute video available from the National Institute for Direct Instruction, explores the process of learning to identify sounds based on these squiggles and associating them with speaking (i.e. the process of reading). It also addresses why *Reading Mastery* uses a unique orthography to introduce letters to students and how the adaptations allow emerging readers to more quickly apply the concepts and learn to read.



This video is one of a 12-disc set produced by Emmy, Dupont and

Peabody Award-winning documentary producer Jon Palfreman. It is designed to help teachers understand the rationale underlying the development of the beginning levels of *Reading Mastery* and provide training in using these levels.

View *Why is Reading So Hard?* and the rest of the series for free on NIFDI's website. A discussion guide is also available for free download for this video and several others in the series.

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