

# How to Plan a Small Group Lesson

To maximize time planning for small groups, follow these steps:

1. **Form a group** based on your data.
2. **Choose a focus** for multiple lessons. Use the corresponding Key Reading Behaviors chart.
3. **Choose several texts** that match that focus. Look in your classroom resources, school library, or bookroom. If you can't find the kinds of books you need, ask administrators for help. Your school may need to purchase texts that match your students. Or you may need to borrow from other grade levels.
4. **Arrange** the three or four books you've selected in order from easiest to most challenging.
5. **Start** with the easiest book to build student success.
6. **Read** the book, and then **write a plan** to go with it.
7. **Adapt** the plan to write another lesson using the next book, and so on.