

# IXL Foundations: 10 Tips for Successful Implementation

#### BEFORE STUDENT PRACTICE

#### 1 Select skills that align to your instruction by:

- Using the Standards tab
- Typing the skill into the search bar and filtering by grade level
- Referring to IXL's textbook alignments (when applicable)
- Tip: Hover over the skills in all of these areas to preview question types

#### Select skills for review, remediation, and enrichment by:

- Having students consistently return to work on fluencybuilding skills
- Choosing scaffolding skills at a lower grade level to support struggling students
- Selecting more complex skills at or above grade level to offer students an additional challenge

## 3 Communicate student assignments by:

- Highlighting assigned skills on the content area's landing page
- Copying the skills' unique URLs to your learning management system, class website, shared document (e.g. Google Doc), or an email to students and/or parents



IXL skill search

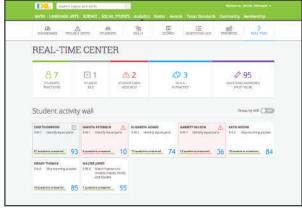


Highlighting suggested skills

#### **DURING STUDENT PRACTICE**

## 4 Use the Real-Time Center to:

- Instantly identify opportunities for providing review/ reteach to struggling students
- Determine which students are ready to advance to more complex skills



Real-Time Center

#### 5 Remind students that:

- The SmartScore indicates their progress towards mastery (100). The score is not a percentage and reflects their skill confidence based on the complexity of the item types answered correctly or incorrectly
- The time it takes to answer a question has no impact on their SmartScore
- They must answer 10 Challenge Zone questions correctly in a row to achieve mastery
- They can get personalized skill recommendations based on previous practice by clicking Recommendations

## 6 Encourage the effective use of IXL's adaptive feedback by:

- Providing a graphic organizer for students to work through questions they got wrong and reinforce strategies for fixing their errors
- Having students reflect in a journal on their skill strengths, weaknesses, and next steps

## 7 Have students address their trouble spots by:

 Viewing or printing their missed questions in the Questions Log and correcting errors



SmartScore



Recommendations

#### AFTER STUDENT PRACTICE

# 8 Use the Skill Diagnostics report to:

- View student progress for a specific skill
- Group students according to their SmartScores and the level of rigor they are working at
- Provide targeted instruction to students who are struggling
- Provide enrichment to students who are near mastery

# Use the Trouble Spots report to:

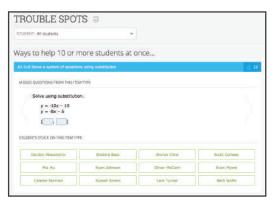
- Group students for remediation and re-teaching
- Find unlimited items to use when tackling misconceptions
- Set new practice and instruction goals based on student needs and gaps in understanding

## 10 Use the Score Grid to:

- View a quick snapshot of students' SmartScores
- Determine whether your SmartScore goals for skills have been met



Skill Diagnostics report



Trouble Spots report