



Bridge the Gap Professional Development Webinar

The Bridge the Gap professional development webinar provided by one of the authors, shares an in-depth understanding of the assessments and lessons included in *Bridge the Gap: Phonemic Awareness Intervention Lessons*.

Participants will gain a thorough understanding of the lesson components, assessments, and activities included in the intervention manual.

An outline of the training is as follows:

1. **What is Phonemic Awareness?**

Defining Phonological and Phonemic Awareness and how it is different from Phonics.

2. **Why is Phonological and Phonemic Awareness Important?**

An overview of the research behind the need for explicit phonemic awareness instruction in older learners that struggle with word reading.

3. **How can the lessons be implemented in an Intervention?**

A. **Assess:** Defining the structure and components of the curriculum:

- a. Review Table of Contents
- b. Placement Assessment
- c. Administering placement assessment and planning for instruction

B. **Design:** Review the Lesson Structure and Explicit Instruction included:

- a. Anchor Lessons
- b. Lesson Focus
- c. Teacher Tips and Hand motions
- d. Assessments

C. **Implement:** Understanding the 3 Parts of curriculum:

- Part 1: Phoneme Isolation
- Part 2: Blending and Segmenting
- Part 3: Phoneme Manipulation

D. **Next Steps:**

- a. Continued support in PA & how to support learners proficient in PA but continue to struggle with word reading.
- b. Questions & Answers

Session Length: 60–75 Minutes

Materials needed: *Bridge the Gap: Phonemic Awareness Intervention Lessons*