

## What is an Embedded Reading?

**It is a series of three or more readings of increasing difficulty built from the same outline.**

- 1 The first reading is at a basic level, easy for any student to understand. It is a summary or an outline.
- 2 Each succeeding level adds sentences with additional information and/or details.
- 3 The final version is the most challenging. However..... Each and every version of the reading contains the basic reading... *and* each subsequent level within it. This scaffolding of the story builds success!!

## How to Create an Embedded Reading

1. Take "literature" and pare down or...
  - Remove 1-3 sentences/clauses per inch of the reading ....without falsifying the piece.
  - Repeat until you have reached the base reading.
2. Take a skeleton/base story and build up.
  - Base story using target structure(s).
  - Insert details/additional information to create additional levels.

## What the levels look like:

- A. Base Story/Reading
  - 3-10 sentences for every year of study in the language.
  - Should be comprehensible to all students
  - Needs a character, a situation and at least one action
  - Does NOT need details nor an ending/solution.
- B. Subsequent Levels
  - Insert/Replace 1-3 details or new pieces of information per inch of the readings.
  - Insert/Replace a variety of elements: adjectives/adverbs, interjections, questions, dialogue etc.
  - Insert/Replace pieces of varying levels of difficulty.

**\*\*The most powerful embedded readings are the ones where the base story and/or the details of the story are created by or written by the students!!\*\***