What Is Structured Literacy?

A Primer on Effective Reading Instruction

Learning to read can be a significant challenge for students with dyslexia. Fortunately, this challenge can usually be overcome with effective reading instruction. Unfortunately, if not overcome, lifelong consequences can be harsh.

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