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# Research Question

What teaching strategies are successful for teaching American-born Chinese children to read English?

# Key Points

- American-born Chinese
- Why choose Bilingual School?
- Teach Reading in English Strategies

# American-born Chinese

In the 2013 to 2014 school year, there were 1/5 students are English learners.

Chinese language system are top 4<sup>th</sup> (Cantonese) and 5<sup>th</sup> (Mandarin).

(California Department of Education, 2014).

# Why Choose Bilingual School?

Cao, 2013:

1. Parents' wish.
2. Learning a new language benefits children's later education

Chen, 2014:

Three reasons children should start learning second language early:

1. Children's talent for language study
2. Need for global communication
3. Educational achievement

# Teach Reading English Strategies

- Model Fluent Reading:
  - Teacher reads to children
- Repeated Reading:
  - Practice and repetition again and again.
- Readers Theatre:
  - Performance of a written script

# Findings

- Teachers need to read to students first.
- Teachers need to use many visuals and pictures for young children understand the meaning of words.
- Teachers need to give students many chances to repeat and practice
- Performance helps students in reading reading and in understanding stories



# Reflections

- Teachers need more teaching strategies to teach young children how to read English.
- Teachers need to give more time to young children when they are learning a second language

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