BrightFish Reading – Academy of READING Comparison Chart

Component	Academy of READING	BrightFish Reading	BrightFish Reading Enhancements
Assessment	Online adaptive Maze: pre, mid and post	Online adaptive Maze: pre, mid and post	Adds reporting for test passage Lexile levels
Phonemic Awareness	Rhyming words, beginning, middle and ending phonemes	Not explicitly covered.	N/A
Phonics and Decoding	Visual match and sound match: Letter-sound mapping, consonant and vowel blends	Visual match and sound match; Level 1-5 words; Level 1-3 Phrases.	Adds Phrase Recognition and visual and sound match for mobile
Fluency	Visual match and sound match words; silent and oral reading	Visual match and sound match; Level 1-5 words; Level 1-3 Phrases.	Adds Phrase Recognition and visual and sound match for mobile
Vocabulary	Acquired through silent reading; online dictionary and multiple choice questions.	Pre-reading, during and post-reading instruction in vocabulary usage, categorization, multiple choice, fill in the blanks and open response	Focuses on vocabulary as a central part of the instructional design
Comprehension	Post Reading: Passage reading and multiple-choice questions only.	During Reading – Breaks content into paragraphs Post Reading – Full passage and variable question types: multiple choice, multi-response, open response, graphic organizers, drag and drop, video questions.	Adds 7 new question types not covered in Academy of Reading; adds instructional tutorials for key comprehension concepts.
Mastery Criteria	97% accuracy and speed thresholds for automaticity	97% accuracy and speed thresholds for automaticity.	Same research-based methodology and mastery thresholds.
Motivation	System-generated constructive feedback; certificates and badges.	System-generated constructive feedback, certificates and badges; points-based rewards, games; skills tracking.	Adds student self-tracking and game-based rewards not available in Academy of Reading
Platform	2005 platform technology; requires Flash; no support for HTML 5 or mobile.	2016-20 platform technology; HTML 5 with mobile support; browser-based.	Upgrade to modern platform; HTML for browser-based access; mobile support

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