

# Teaching at the Right Level



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Pratham believes that every child should be in **school** and **learning well**

# WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

More than 96% of children in the age group 6-14 are enrolled in school in India. More and more children are getting more and more years of schooling. But .....

Std II level text

राजू नाम का एक लड़का था।  
उसकी एक बड़ी बहन व एक  
छोटा भाई था। उसका भाई  
गाँव के पास के विद्यालय में  
पढ़ने जाता। वह खूब मेहनत  
करता था। उसकी बहन बहुत  
अच्छी खिलाड़ी थी। उसे लंबी  
दौड़ लगाना अच्छा लगता  
था। वे तीनों रोज़ साथ-साथ  
मौज-मस्ती करते थे।

Text is in the child's language of instruction

Close to 50% of children in Grade. 5 in rural India cannot read a Grade 2 level “story”.

Similar proportion of children even in Grade 5 have difficulty in correctly solving a basic subtraction problem.

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In most states in India, children are expected to do this kind of math by Grade 2.



ASER 2005 to 2016

ASER stands for Annual Status of Education Report. Facilitated by Pratham, a nationally representative sample of children are assessed each year on basic reading and arithmetic.

# WHAT ARE THE KEY ELEMENTS OF THE TaRL APPROACH?



2. Children's groups are made according to the basic assessment. Available teachers or instructors allocated to facilitate group activities and to guide children's work.



1. Simple one-on-one assessment done to group Grade 3, 4 and 5 children by level rather than by grade.

4. Similar assessment used for tracking children's progress, monitoring intervention.

3. For each group there are a set of activities and materials appropriate for their level.

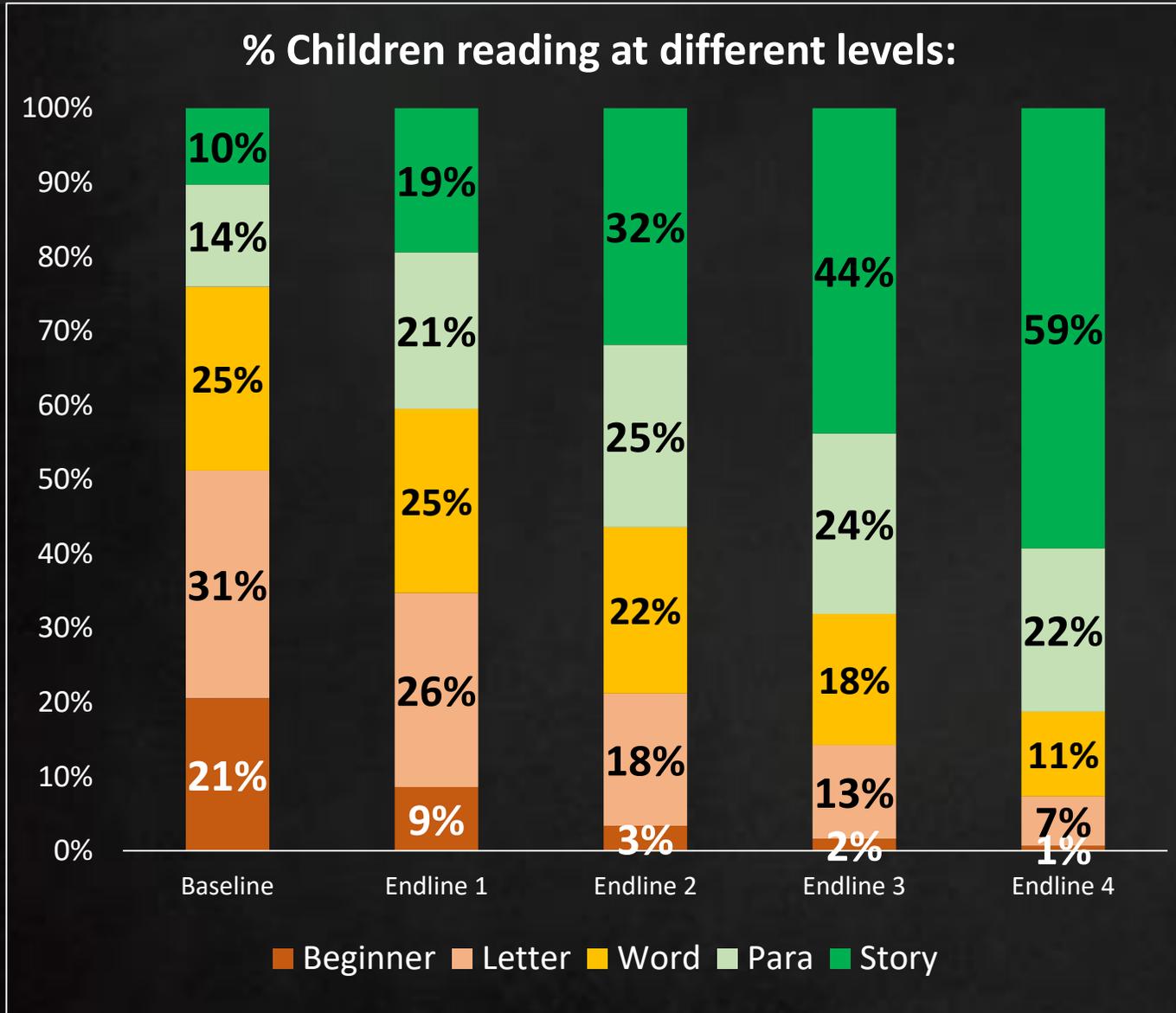


Children learn in groups and also individually. Teachers or instructors do activities with groups.



As children make progress they move into the next group.

# HOW MUCH DOES LEARNING IMPROVE IN LEARNING CAMPS?



## Learning Camps for Grades 3-5: 2016-17

- Pratham worked directly in 5973 units in govt primary schools across India impacting close to ~ 200,000 students in Grades 3-5.
- Baseline 52% children could not even read simple words.
- 30-40 days later. At end line 81% could read simple text fluently.

# HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?



Pratham's Learning Camps in India cost approximately **\$15 per child**.

When working in partnership with the government **the cost is much lower... \$2-4 per child** depending on the program

In the 2016-17 school year in **India**

- Pratham's direct work – Learning Camps impacted 200,000 children.
- Pratham's work in partnership with governments indirectly impacted close to 4.5 million children in India.

JPAL, Pratham & other partners are doing TaRL in **Zambia**. More countries are interested.