FLN Breakdowns & Solutions: Grade 1













Grade 1 English: List of Suggested Solutions

Potential Breakdowns	Possible Reasons + Solutions
- Unable to say letter sounds	 1. Unable to say consonant or vowel sounds correctly Teachers to model the correct sound Teachers to model clipping sounds Teachers to show mouth movements Increase student practice through sound drills 2. Unable to say long vowel sounds correctly Teachers to model the difference between long and short vowels Ensure students get enough practice of words with and without long vowel (adding Magic 'E') 3. Unable to say digraphs correctly Ensure the teacher says the sound as one unit (/ck/ instead of /c//k/) Ensure teachers model the correct sounds Increase student practice through sound drills (details in appendix) 4. Says the letter name instead of sound Teachers to clarify the difference between letter name and letter sound Ensure students get practice of letter names and sounds through drills (details in appendix)
1. Says the wrong word (/r//ue//l/ instead of /r//ue//t/) - Encourage teachers to correct errors in class quickly and frequently - Teachers to encourage students to read carefully, even if they ready slowly 2. Guesses the word based on first letter or shape of the word ('line' instead of 'long') - Teacher to model reading the sounds one at a time, and blending from left to right (tracking) - Model reading the words in smaller chunks (first letter, the next digraph, so on) 3. Says the sounds in wrong order ('Mas' instead of 'Sam') - Teacher to model reading from left to right, using a finger other visual cues	

Potential Breakdowns	Possible Reasons + Solutions
- Unable to blend sounds	 1. Does not know how to blend sounds - Encourage teachers to model blending in class using different techniques - Encourage teachers to do drills with different kinds of words and activities - Increase student practice through blending drills
- Unable to read sight words	 Says the wrong sight word (silly mistake like have instead of has) Increase student practice of sight word reading through drills (details in appendix) Encourage teachers to correct errors in class quickly and frequently Tries to decode the sight word (using the wrong strategy to read the word) Ensure teachers are modeling reading the word at sight Unable to recognize sight words (exposure problem) Ensure sight word wall is in class Increase student practice of sight word reading through drills (details in appendix)
- Unable to read sentence fluently (reads like a string of words)	 1. Not enough practice of reading fluently - Increase student practice of sentence reading through shared reading strategies (details in appendix) - Encourage teachers to correct errors in class quickly and frequently 2. Not enough exposure to fluent reading - Encourage teachers to model fluent reading in read alouds

Topic	Potential Breakdowns	Possible Solutions			
	Struggling with basics of addition and subtraction				
	1. Does not know basics of addition / subtraction: if answers are not connected to question	 I Do: Teacher explains the meaning of addition and subtraction signs, and models how to solve the question using objects and images We Do: Teacher gets students to explain the meaning of the addition and subtraction signs and how to solve the question using objects and images You Do: Students practice solving addition and subtraction with objects and images 			
	2. Can solve pictorial but not abstract (will require additional check)	 I Do: Teacher models how to read the number sentence by relating it to a situation I Do: Teacher models addition and subtraction strategies correctly We Do: Teacher gets students to read the number sentence and relate it to a situation, and to explain how they solved the question Teacher provides additional practice of mixed sums which include both pictorial and abstract forms 			
	Clear on the basics but struggling with specific errors				
Addition and Subtraction	3. Adding instead of subtracting (or vice versa)	 I Do: Teacher emphasizes the meaning of addition and subtraction signs We Do: Teacher gets students explain the meaning of the addition and subtraction signs Teacher uses what's wrong to highlight this error Teacher provides additional practice of mixed addition and subtraction sums 			
	4. Using strategies that are not useful for larger numbers (able to add single digit but not bigger numbers: might require additional check)	 I Do: Teacher explains the different strategies available for adding / subtracting I Do: Teacher models addition and subtraction strategies appropriate for numbers above 10 (images, or counting forward / backward) We Do: Teacher gets students to explain how they used the strategy to solve the questions 			
	5. Using efficient strategies but making errors in counting	 I Do: Teacher models the strategies for addition and subtraction correctly and clearly I Do: Teacher models how to use a different strategy to check if answer is correct Introduction / We Do: Practice counting forward and backward between 1 to 20 (first with hundreds chart, then without) Teacher uses 'what's wrong' to highlight common errors 			
	6. Struggling with addition of zero	 I Do: Teacher models addition with zero using objects We Do: Teacher gets students to explain why adding zero gives the same number Quick practice: Teacher gives simple addition and subtraction facts for students to answer orally (including zero) 			
Comparison of numbers	1. Unable to compare numbers within 10 (will require additional check)	I Do: Teacher models how to compare two numbers using objects and imagesWe Do: Teacher gets students to compare two numbers using objects and images, and explaining how they solved it			
	2. Can compare numbers within 10 but not within 20 (will require additional check)	 I Do: Teacher models how to compare numbers within 20 using a number line We Do: Teacher gets students to explain how they identified the bigger / smaller numbers Quick mental review tasks: teacher shows two numbers and students identify the bigger / smaller number 			
	3. Can compare 2 numbers but not 3 (will require additional check)	 I Do: Teacher models how to compare 3 numbers within 20 using a number line We Do: Teacher gets students to explain how they identified the biggest / smallest numbers before ordering them Quick mental review tasks: teacher shows 3 numbers and students identify the bigger / smaller number 			

FLN Breakdowns & Solutions: Grade 2













Grade 2 English: List of Suggested Solutions

Potential Breakdowns	Possible Reasons + Solutions
letter sounds	 1. Unable to say consonant or vowel sounds correctly Teachers to model the correct sound Teachers to model clipping sounds Teachers to show mouth movements Increase student practice through sound drills 2. Unable to say long vowel sounds correctly Teachers to model the difference between long and short vowels Ensure students get enough practice of words with and without long vowel (adding Magic 'E') 3. Unable to say digraphs correctly Ensure the teacher says the sound as one unit (/ck/ instead of /c//k/) Ensure teachers model the correct sounds Increase student practice through sound drills (details in appendix) 4. Says the letter name instead of sound Teachers to clarify the difference between letter name and letter sound Ensure students get practice of letter names and sounds through drills (details in appendix)
- Unable to say correct final word	 1. Says the wrong word (/r//ue//l/ instead of /r//ue//t/) Encourage teachers to correct errors in class quickly and frequently Teachers to encourage students to read carefully, even if they ready slowly 2. Guesses the word based on first letter or shape of the word ('line' instead of 'long') Teacher to model reading the sounds one at a time, and blending from left to right (tracking) Model reading the words in smaller chunks (first letter, then next digraph, so on) 3. Says the sounds in wrong order ('Mas' instead of 'Sam') Teacher to model reading from left to right, using a finger or other visual cues

Potential Breakdowns	Possible Reasons + Solutions	
- Unable to blend sounds	 1. Does not know how to blend sounds - Encourage teachers to model blending in class using different techniques - Encourage teachers to do drills with different kinds of words and activities - Increase student practice through blending drills 	
- Unable to read difficult words	 1. Does not have enough exposure to words - Encourage teachers to speak in english in class (details in appendix) - Encourage teachers to increase exposure through activities to develop vocabulary (details in appendix) 	
- Unable to read sight words	 1. Says the wrong sight word (silly mistake like have instead of has) Increase student practice of sight word reading through drills (details in appendix) Encourage teachers to correct errors in class quickly and frequently 2. Tries to decode the sight word (using the wrong strategy to read the word) Ensure teachers are modeling reading the word at sight 3. Unable to recognize sight words (exposure problem) Ensure sight word wall is in class Increase student practice of sight word reading through drills (details in appendix) 	
- Unable to read sentence fluently (reads like a string of words)	 1. Not enough practice of reading fluently Increase student practice of sentence reading through shared reading strategies (details in appendix) Encourage teachers to correct errors in class quickly and frequently 2. Not enough exposure to fluent reading Increase exposure and practice of fluent reading through assisted reading of stories (details in appendix) 	

Topic	Potential Breakdowns	Possible Solutions		
Addition / subtraction	Struggling with basics of addition and subtraction			
	1. Does not know basics of addition / subtraction: if answers are not connected to question	 I Do: Teacher explains the meaning of addition and subtraction signs, and models how to solve the question using objects and images We Do: Teacher gets students to explain the meaning of the addition and subtraction signs and how to solve the question using objects and images You Do: Students practice solving addition and subtraction with objects and images 		
	2. Adding instead of subtracting (or vice versa)	 I Do: Teacher emphasizes the meaning of addition and subtraction signs We Do: Teacher gets students explain the meaning of the addition and subtraction signs Teacher uses what's wrong to highlight this error Teacher provides additional practice of mixed addition and subtraction sums 		
	Clear on the basics but struggling with specific errors			
	12 Makes errors with specific strategies, it abswers are close	 I Do: Teacher explains the different strategies available for adding / subtracting I Do: Teacher models addition and subtraction strategies correctly I Do: Teacher models how to use a different strategy to check if answer is correct We Do: Teacher gets students to explain how they used the strategy to solve the questions Teacher uses 'what's wrong' to highlight common errors 		
	4. Using strategies that are not useful for larger numbers (using drawing/tally for bigger numbers: might require additional check)	 I Do: Teacher explains the different strategies available for adding / subtracting I Do: Teacher models addition and subtraction strategies appropriate for bigger numbers We Do: Teacher gets students to explain how they used the strategy to solve the questions 		
	5. Can solve 2 digit with 1 digit addition/subtraction and not 2 digit with 2 digit addition/subtraction (will require additional check)	 I Do: Teacher models how to read the question using place values. I Do: Teacher models addition and subtraction strategies correctly. Teacher provides additional practice of mixed sums which include both 2 digit with 1 digit and 2 digit with 2 digit. 		
	6. Can solve 2 digit with 2 digit addition/subtraction without carry/borrow but cannot solve with carry/borrow	 I Do: Teacher models why carry/borrow is required before solving the questions I Do: Teacher models how carry/borrow is done using situations pictorially and then abstract I Do: Teacher models addition and subtraction strategies of carry/borrow correctly Teacher provides additional practice of mixed sums which include 2 digit with 2 digit with and without carry/borrow 		
Place values	Struggles identifying digit in ones and tens place in a 2 digit number	 I Do: Teacher models using objects/ pictures that 10 ones are grouped together to form 1 ten I Do: Teacher models how to compare the ones and tens when comparing 2 digit numbers We Do: Teacher gets students to explain how identified ones or tens in a 2 digit number 		