

Level 1: Reading from ABRA

1. The **ABRACADABRA** link (A Balanced Reading Approach for All Canadians Designed to Achieve Best Results for All) connects to an online, highly interactive, evidence-based literacy tool designed for students, educators and parents.
2. ePearl provides a link to the Instructional module, of ABRACADABRA that includes over 20 digital books along with their illustrations. Once students are in the **ABRA Readings**, you can help them select a story by genre. The stories vary in difficulty and information about these stories is available in the ABRA teacher's guide which is available online:
<http://grover.concordia.ca/abra/current/PD/index.php>
3. Let's choose **folk tales**. The student explores the title of each story with the mouse and chooses the one she wants to read.
4. Let's choose **Henny Penny**.
5. Now the student is ready to begin. When reading with **ABRA**, the computer automatically fills in the title, author and illustrator of the story. Now, the student will have to write the name of the peer she is reading with and what goals she wants to accomplish.
6. Once she clicks on **record**, the book will appear to start recording.
7. Once the student clicks on **read** she can start recording the story by using the recording buttons below the book.
8. The student turns the pages by clicking the **red arrow (Next Page)** or by clicking the **red flags** on each page.
9. Once the student finishes recording, she will click on **confirm save** and then **close window** to go back to her work.

10. Now, the student can choose a picture from the story by clicking on one of the **pictures** provided. These images can remind the student of a favorite character or moment in the story.
11. Finally, she can add another file such as a photo or drawing to this work.
12. Clicking on the **green checkmark** will save this work and the page will appear in view mode except for the space to provide peer feedback.
13. Clicking on the **green X** will bring the student back to her **My Readings** index page.
14. End of the chapter: Now it is your turn! Print out this chapter and explore recording readings in **ABRACADABRA**.