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The Materials Writers SIG was established for the purpose of helping members to turn fresh teaching ideas into useful classroom materials. We try to be a mutual assistance network, offering information regarding copyright law, sharing practical advice on publishing practices, including self-publication, and suggesting ways to create better language learning materials for general consumption or for individual classroom use.

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Interview with Paul Goldberg: His work with Xreading

Paul Goldberg (Xreading)

Robert Dykes (Sojo University)

In the second collaboration with Fukui Chapter, Paul Goldberg was interviewed with a live audience on Zoom. Paul Goldberg started and runs Xreading. Paul can explain best, “Xreading is an online, virtual library with hundreds of graded readers supported by an easy-to-use learner management system.”

New graded readers are being published all the time. There is a lot of great research and numerous papers coming out every year about extensive reading, vocabulary, and related topics to graded readers, but Paul Goldberg does something a little different. He has elevated graded reader accessibility to a new level through Xreading’s growing library of available books.

Xreading also offers quizzes for each book as well as a varied and expanding list of teacher tools for instructors to manage and monitor their students. In 2014, Xreading started with a humble 400 books. The success of Xreading convinced more and more publishers to come aboard bringing the total of books to over 1300 and it’s still growing.



While Paul isn’t at liberty to share with us the exact number of subscribers and institutional contracts, he did mention that the platform already has over 1500 teachers signed up and has most recently started spreading Xreading outside of its Japan focus to all corners of the world.

This special Shift key_ issue of *Between the Keys* offers another great behind-the-scenes look at the graded reader industry.

The complete interview is available on YouTube: **JALT Materials Writers / Fukui Chapter present: Interview with Paul Goldberg** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oVO6yGVBH1A>

