How and When To Use Decodable Readers for Maximum Effectiveness

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Differences between Decodable and Leveled Readers - Briefly

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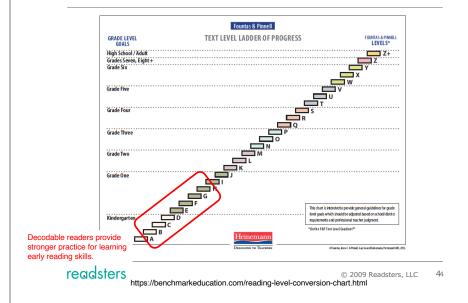
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Leveled Readers



Fountas & Pinnell Reading Levels



Early Leveled Readers General Leveling Criteria

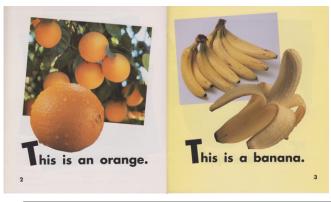
- Early and emergent leveled readers:
 - are often predictable
 - are about familiar subjects
 - have strong support for text from the pictures
 - may include a number of high frequency words
 - repeat words, with support from pictures for the repeated words
 - provide something for students to discuss after reading the book

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Early Emergent Leveled Reader from Houghton Mifflin

The first 3 words on each page are predictable. The last word is the same as the picture.



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Emergent Leveled Reader from Houghton Mifflin



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Previewing the title page helps students guess the word "mosquito".



This page is repeated, with Mama Bear and Papa Bear inserted, on 2 of the remaining 7 pages.

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How Leveled Readers Are Used

- Students use pictures and context to "read" words they can't decode or haven't memorized.
 - All words are in the students' vocabularies.
- Accuracy when reading is not as important as comprehension.
- Often, reading errors that do not affect meaning are not corrected.

Pre-Primer and Primer Leveled Books

Pre-primer and primer leveled books are Guided Reading Levels A-D (Fountas & Pinnell, 1996)

"Assumption at this level: When students encounter an unknown word in print, they can easily use context from known words and illustrations along with language pattern cues and early word analysis skills for successful decoding."

> - From Reading Inventory for the Classroom Flynt & Cooter, 2001

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Usefulness of Leveled Readers for Beginning Readers

- •Use with beginning readers as a read-aloud or for echo reading.
 - Do not expect beginning readers to read these independently.
 - Ask students about the text and pictures after you have read the book or during the time you are reading the book.
- •Use to help students develop concepts of print, such as:
 - Text moves from top to bottom and left to right.
 - Sentence begins with a capital letter and ends with a period.
 - Words have spaces between them.
 - Where to find the title.
 - Locating the most frequent words such as the, is, a, I, etc.

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Decodable Readers





Decodable Readers Criteria

- Include only:
 - words with phonics patterns that have been taught
 - high frequency words that have been taught.
- Start with CVC words and move slowly to more complex spelling patterns.
- Focus on teaching accurate reading more than comprehension.
- Pictures support the story, but not the specific words.
- Subject matter is secondary to the decodability of the words.

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How Decodable Readers Are Used

- Students learn to read words by (1) reading heart words they have practiced and (2) utilizing phonics patterns.
 - Almost all the words in the decodable books will be heart words that have been taught or have phonics patterns that have been taught
- When students don't know a decodable word, they sound it out using their knowledge of grapheme-phoneme patterns
- Developing a habit of reading accurately occurs before reading with fluency is expected
- After students read with accuracy, the teacher may decide to have them re-read one or more times to develop fluency.

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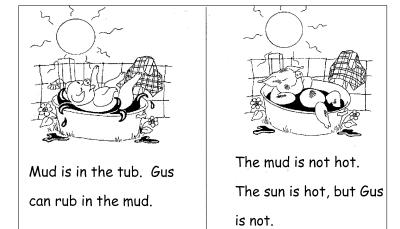
How Is Comprehension Taught?

- Comprehension is taught through reading orally to students and discussion of the read-aloud books read by the teacher.
- When using decodable books, the teacher may want to check for literal comprehension, but not spend time on questions beyond that.

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Decodable Book from Power Readers

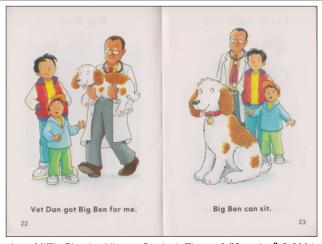
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Decodable Book from Houghton Mifflin



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Sample Decodable Readers

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- 10 books in the set
- 1 book for each short vowel
- 5 books with all 5 short vowels

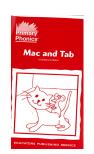


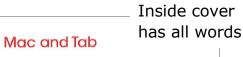
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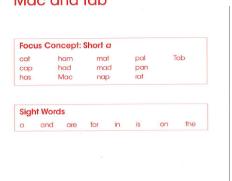
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Preview: Primary Phonics – Set 1, Book 1

Mac and Tab







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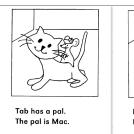
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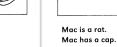
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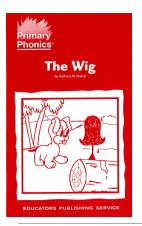


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Preview: Primary Phonics – Set 1, Book 10

The Wig



Inside cover has all words The Wig Focus Concept: Short Vowel Review fun hot not top get hug pet sat tug can got set sit up cat pup sun wet did hop wig Sight Words

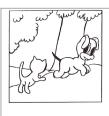
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Preview: Primary Phonics – Set 1, Book 10





Tag is a pup. Kit is a cat. Kit ran to get Tag.





Peg set the wig on a big log. The log is in the sun. It is hot in the sun.

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Preview: Continental Press- Short Vowels

- 12 books in the set
- 1 or 2 books for each short vowel
- 4 review books



Preview: Continental Press- Short Vowels

Where Is Jag?



BEWARE: Words are more difficult.

Notice: blends, digraphs, short u in 'fun', vowel team in 'eat'.

Causal	Morde		
Sound			
Pam	hand	van	ask
has	bath	ran	back
Jag	class	fast	glad
can	snack	sad	
Other \	Vords		
fun	in	is	
with	her	go	
eat	а	for	

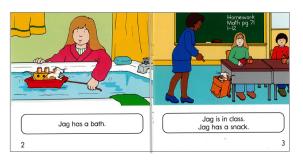
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Preview: Continental Press- Short Vowels







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Preview: High Noon Books – Short Vowels

- 2 sets of books
 - Set A-1
 - Set A-2
- 6 books in each set
- 3 books with short vowels
- 3 books with long vowels

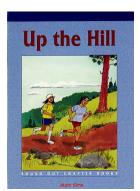




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Preview: High Noon Books – Short Vowels

Up the Hill



High Frequency Word								
a	like	that						
and	me	the						
be	my	then						
by	no	they						
do	of	to						
down	out	was						
for	put	we						
from	said	went						
go	saw	when						
have	see	with						
her	she	you						
I	, so							
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Only lists high frequency words

Preview: High Noon Books – Short Vowels



A chapter book to appeal to older readers!

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Preview: High Noon Books - Short Vowels



The text is more complex.

Kim

It was six. Kim was in

bed. The sun was not up yet. But Kim had to

get up. She had to go

She fed her cat. Then she

had ham and eggs.

Kim got up out of bed.

for a jog.

She put her cap and a can of pop in the pack. Then Kim got in her

Kim got her pack.

She went to jog with her pal Jan. Kim and Jan like to jog.

Kim met her pal Jan. Jan was in her red hot rod.



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- They are also the most expensive.

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Preview:

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g Series 2: Long Vowels with Silent Mister Mole's Stove

Long /o/ sound spelled o_e

Spectrum of Literac

Preview: Flyleaf Books

 Short vowel book after students are reading with reasonable accuracy and rate.



Introduces "sh" letter combination rank the Fish Gets His Wish is decodable with the knowledge f the 26 phonetic alphabet sounds and the ability to blend nose sounds together, plus the "sh" phonogram. A word lie



Frank bumped into a fish! She was a red fish with black spots and her fins swished as she swam next to Frank.

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But Mister Mole did not take note. He had a plan to construct a stove that would warm his home for the rest of his days.

When To Use Decodable Readers

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Decodable Readers Are Primarily for Instruction

- Student can select any book they like for "free" reading time
 - If you have leveled books, this might be a good time to let students look at them
 - If student want to read decodable books during "free" reading time, that is just fine!
- Decodable books are useful for centers when students are beginning readers

When To Use Decodable Readers

- Use decodable readers during phonics lessons:
 - After a lesson teaching a phonics pattern and/or heart words
 - After students have practiced reading words in isolation and in sentences
- Students read decodable books during lessons 2–5 times a week (as often as possible)
 - Reading decodable books allows students to read for accuracy
 - Re-read for rate, if the teacher thinks that will help

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What To Do When Students Don't Read Accurately

Eliminate These Guessing Strategies for Decoding

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- If you don't know a word:
 - Look at the picture
 - Look at the first letter and guess based on context
 - Read to the end of the sentence and determine what word fits
 - Look for parts of the word you know from other words

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Students Misread a Word

- When a student misreads a word in a sentence, always have the student re-read the sentence for accuracy.
 - 1. Stop the student at the end of the sentence.
 - 2. Tell the student how many words he read correctly in the sentence.
 - 3. Point to the word the student misread and ask the student to re-read the word.
 - If the student can't sound the word out, give it to him.
 - For heart words, have the student look at the first letter, or give the word to him.
 - 4. Have the student **re-read** the entire sentence.

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Students Don't Know a Word

- Do not give a word to student if he/she doesn't ask.
- When a student doesn't know a word:
 - Teach him to try to sound it out
 - If he can't sound it out, teach him to ask for help.
 - For decodable words, help the student sound them out
 - For words that are not decodable, tell him what the word is
- Have the student re-read the sentence after finishing
 - Develops stamina
 - Gives the student practice reading the problem word
 - Insures that the student finishes reading accurately

Students Skip or Add a Word

- When a student skips or adds a word:
 - 1. Tell the student "You skipped XX words" or "You read all the words and added XX words."
 - Have the student re-read the sentence, touching each word so he/she reads the exact words in the sentence correctly.

Preparing Decodable Text for Small Group Practice

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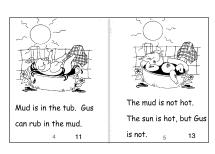
Select and Prepare the Text: Select a Text To Use

Decide which text to use.

Text without pictures

The Bath Mom said to Chad, "You are a mess. You got into that must at the piense." John said to Chad, "You are a mess. You got into that must at the piense." John said to Chad, "You are a mess. You got into that must at the piense." John said, "Chad, get in the bath. It is hot." Chad did not wish to get in the bath. "You red douk is in the bathth b with Batman and Robin." said Mom. John said, "Youll not get in the baththb" Chad said, "Chad, I will not discuss this. I will not beg. Cert in the baththb." Chad said, "Chad, I will not discuss this. I will not beg. Cert in and hid in the red van. The van was in the shed. 40 "Where is Chad? Where did Chad run off to?" Mom said, "She was a bit mad. Dad said, "Dub he vanish?" A hot bath will not kill him. Wettees is not bad for him." "I will check the bed. Chad is not in the bed," said Dad Mom said, "I will check on the back deck. Well, he is not on the deek." Dad said, "I will check the shed. I bet he hid in the van." "There you are, Chad! You hid in the van." said Dad Bad hek for Chad. Chad hid a bath and it was not hot. 38

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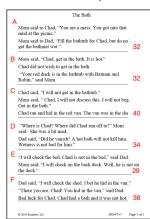
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Select and Prepare the Text: Define and Number Sections

Text without pictures



- Divide the text into sections.
- 2. Give each section a letter
- Count the words in each section and write the number at the end of each section

Select and Prepare the Text: Define and Number Sections

- 1. For simple books, each page is a section.
- 2. The section is identified by the page number, so there is no need for a section number.
- 3. Count the words on each page and write the number at the bottom of each page

Simple Book



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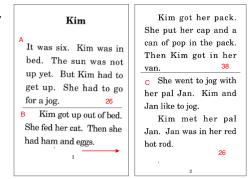
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Select and Prepare the Text: Define and Number Sections

More Complex Book

- For more complex books, sections may be one or more paragraphs.
- 2. Give each section a letter.
- Count the words in each section and write the number at end of each section.



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Reading and Tracking Accuracy

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Overview of Oral Reading Practice with Decodable Text

- Each student in the group has a turn to read a section.
- The student gets 3 chances to read the section with 100% accuracy.
 - If the student doesn't read with 100% accuracy, he stops and reads a different section the next time.
 - If there is time, the teacher can give him another chance to read the section with a missed word.
- After the student reads the section with 100% accuracy, the next student reads the next section.

Tracking Accuracy in Decodables

Tracking Accuracy with Decodable Text packet available for free at:

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TRACKING ACCURACY WITH DECODABLE TEXT
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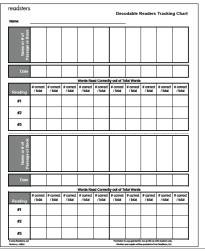
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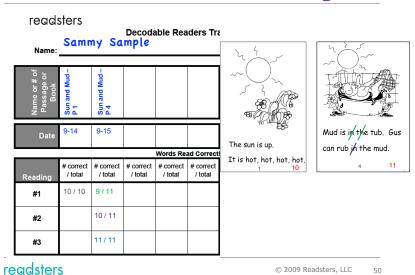
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Blank Decodable Readers Tracking Chart

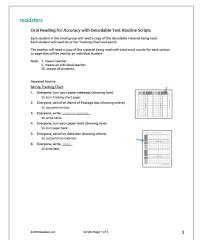


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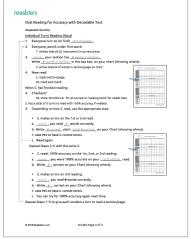
Decodable Readers Tracking Chart



Suggested Routine for Practice



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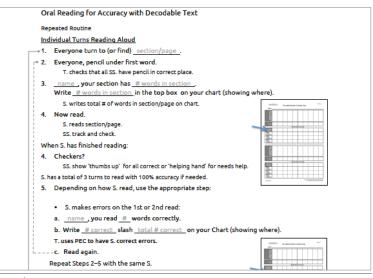
Suggested Routine for Practice

Oral Reading for Accuracy with Decodable Text Routine Scripts Each student in the small group will need a copy of the decodable material being read. Each student will need his or her Tracking Chart and pencil. The teacher will need a copy of the material being read with total word counts for each section or page that will be read by an individual student. Note: T. means teacher. S. means an individual teacher. SS. means all students. Repeated Routine Set Up Tracking Chart 1. Everyone, turn your paper sideways (showing how). SS. turn Tracking Chart paper. 2. Everyone, pencil on Name of Passage box (showing where). SS. put pencil on box. 3. Everyone, write name of passage . SS, write name. 4. Everyone, turn your paper back (showing how). SS, turn paper back. 5. Everyone, pencil on Date box (showing where). SS. put pencil on Date box. 6. Everyone, write date . SS write date.

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Suggested Routine for Practice



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Positive Error Correction Guidance



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Positive Error Correction Guidance

Oral Reading for Accuracy with Decodable Text Positive Error Correction

Individual Turns

Positive Error Correction

- . S. misreads a word in the passage section:
 - 1. You read # words correctly.
 - 2. On line line # of misread word reread the word that was missed* word.

 - * Indicate word position by:
 - 1st/last
 - 2nd/3rd or 2nd from last/3rd from last
 - Between word before misread word and word after misread word

IFS. misreads a single-syllable word again:

- 1. You read _1st/middle/last_sound(s) correctly.
- 2. Touch & Say the 1st/last-sound that was misread sound. S. uses Touch & Say to read the syllable.
- 3. same name, read the word.
 - S. reads the word.

Continue with Repeated Routine.

If S. misreads a multi-syllable word again:

1. You read _1st/middle/last_syllable(s) correctly.

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Optional Reading and Tracking for Rate/Prosody

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Optional Practicing for Rate/Prosody

Repeated reading increases rate for most students.

- If students need to practice for rate or prosody, the teacher can have students read the section again
- Track these second readings for accuracy, but you can put a symbol by the box to show appropriate rate or prosody.

reads	Decodable readers Tra							
Name: Sammy Sample								
Name or # of Passage or Book	Sun and Mud – P 1	Sun and Mud – P 4	Sun and Mud – P 2	Sun and Mud-P 5				
Date	9-14	9-15	9-15	9-16				
				Words Rea	ad Correct			
Reading	# correct / total	# correct / total	# correct / total	# correct / total	# correct / total			
#1	10 / 10	9/11	11/ 13	14 / 14				
#2		10 / 11	13 / 13	14 / 14				
#3		11 / 11						

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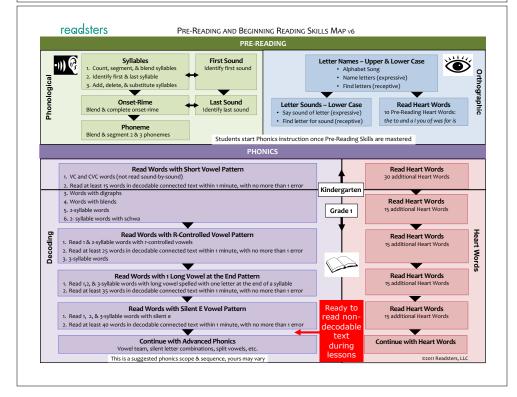
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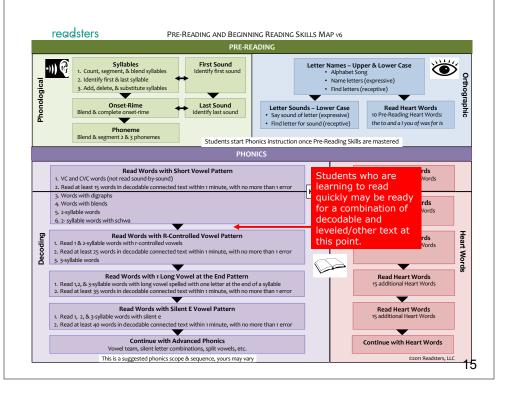
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When Are Students Ready for Leveled or Other Text During Reading Instruction?

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Do I Use Decodable Texts with Advanced Phonics Instruction?

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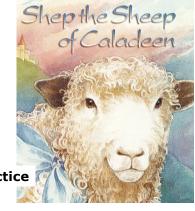
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For Intervention Instruction, Use Decodable Text to Practice the Pattern Being Taught

Many decodable books are available for advanced vowel patterns.

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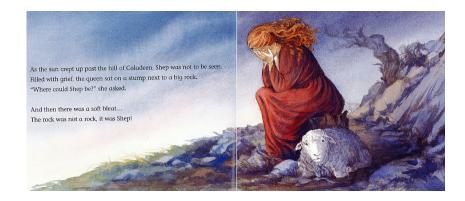


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How To Keep Students Engaged

Tracking and Checkers

- When one student reads, the other students track with their fingers.
- After the student finishes reading, the teacher asks "Checkers?"
 - Student give a thumbs up if the student read accurately.
 - Students give a 'helping hand' if students made any mistakes.
- After that, the teacher gives feedback to the student and completes the tracking chart.

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List of Recommended Decodable Books

Name	Description	Grades	Publisher			
Power Readers by Susan Ebbers	28 decodable readers with activities in each book	K & 1 – regular Intervention 1 - 3	Sopris West Sopriswest.com			
Supercharged Readers by Susan Ebbers	32 decodable readers with activities in each book	1 & 2 – regular Intervention 2 - 4	Sopris West Sopriswest.com			
Primary Phonics	5 sets of 10 books each	K & 1 – regular	Educators Publishing Service			
More Primary Phonics	2 sets of 10 books each	Intervention 1 - 3	Epsbooks.com Also available through resellers.			
Early Phonics Readers	2 sets of 12 books each	K & 1 – regular	Continental Press			
Phonics Readers	2 sets of 12 books each	Intervention 1 - 3	Continentalpress.com			
Fun Phonics	20 book set	K & 1 – regular Intervention 1 - 3	Sizzy Books Funphonics.com Free downloads available on website			
Easy Words to Read Series / Simple Phonics Readers	ALMOST DECODABLE – Several fun books that are almost decodable: Fat Cat on a Mat – Big Pig on a Dig – Fox on a Box – Ten in a Red Bed – Ted's Shed - Sam Sheep Can't Sleep – Toad Makes a Road – Ted and Friends. A small duck is hidden in the illustration on each page, and children love finding the duck.	K & 1 – regular Intervention 1 - 3	Usborne Publishing Edcpub.com/corp/			
Books to Remember Series by Laura Appleton Smith	FLYLEAF BOOKS TO REMEMBER ARE OUR FAVORITES! DECODABLE – Small books that emphasize specific spelling patterns using a systematic scope and sequence. ALMOST DECODABLE – Lovely stories that emphasize various phonics patterns. 3 reading series at different levels. Our favorite book is Frank the Fish Gets His Wish – every class should have this book.	K – 3 regular instruction and intervention	Flyleaf Publishing Flyleafpublishing.com			
High Noon Sound Out Chapter Books	ALMOST DECODABLE – 6 sets of chapter books for older struggling readers. Approximately 6 books in each set. Level 1 focuses on short vowels with one-syllable words. Decoding difficulty increases gradually as levels increase.	Intervention 1 - 5	Academic Therapy Publications Academictherapy.com			

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Decodable Text Sources (updated May 2020)

Best for Young Readers (Grades K-2)

- BOB Books
- Dog on a Log Books
- Dr. Maggie's Phonic Readers
- EPS Phonics Plus Readers
- Flyleaf Emergent Readers
- Half Pint Readers
- High Noon Dandelion Launchers
- InitiaLit Readers from MultiLit (AUS)
- Jolly Phonics (USA)
- <u>Junior Learning Decodable Readers</u>
- <u>Little Learners Love Literacy (AUS)</u>
- Miss Rhonda's Readers
- Primary Phonics Storybook Sets
- Pocket Rockets (AUS)
- Sonday System 1 & 2 Readers
- SPELL-Links Reading Library (digital)
- The Superkids Library
- Voyager Sopris Power Readers
- Youkan Reading Decodable Books

Best for Older Readers (Grades 3-8)

- Agility with Sounds Books (NZ)
- <u>Decodable Adventures</u>
- High Noon Fantasy Series
- High Noon Moon Dog Series
- High Noon Sound Out Chapter Books
- High Noon Sound Out Nonfiction Series
- Simple Words Decodable Chapter Books

Voyager Sopris Supercharged Readers

For All Ages

- All About Reading Readers
- Barton Stand-Alone Books
- Flyleaf Decodable Literature Library
 - o Series 1
 - Series 2
 - Series 3
- Forward with Phonics Readers
- Go Phonics Readers
- <u>Junior Learning Decodable Readers</u>
- PhonicBooks (UK)
- Piper Books (UK)
- Turning Pages (UK & AUS)
- SLANT System Readers
- Spalding Readers
- S.P.I.R.E Decodable Readers
- SuperBooks Stories
- 95% Group Decodable Passages

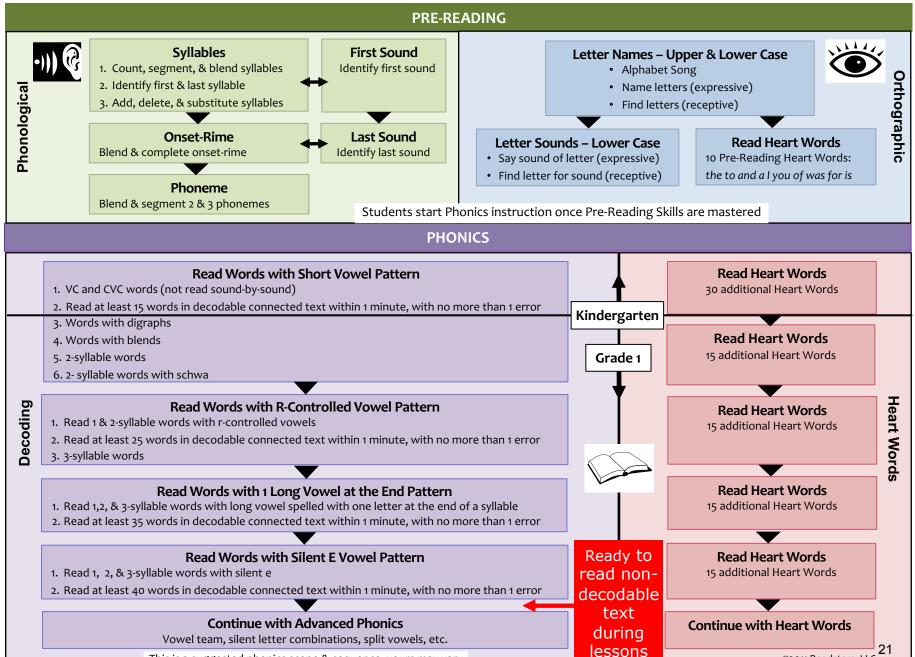
Teens & Adults

- Saddleback TERL Phonics Book Sets
 - o Books for Tweens (gr. 4-8)
 - Books for Teens (gr. 9-12)
- Teen & Adult Phonics (TAP) Library

Decodable Readers Tracking Chart

Name:									
Name or # of Passage or Book									
Date									
				W	ords Rea	d Correct	ly		
Total Words in Section									
Words Correct Reading #1									
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