



UNIVERSAL SCREENER COMPANION GUIDE

Finding the Right Starting Point for Reading Interventions



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UNIVERSAL SCREENER GUIDANCE

Universal screening assessments will be administered to all students at least (3) three times during the year to provide an especially critical “first look” at individual students. State statute requires that the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) “*shall select early literacy and numeracy screening assessment instrument or instruments to be used throughout the state in the screening of students in Kindergarten through Grade 3*” (Mississippi Code § 37-23-16; Mississippi Code § 37-177-5). The Mississippi Department of Education, in collaboration with the Mississippi Reading Panel, has established an approved list of reading screeners to be used by local school districts in grades K-3.

The following screeners are approved for use in Mississippi schools:

- FAST (Formative Assessment System for Teachers): Adaptive Reading, CBMReading, and earlyReading English (suite of three administered together) (Grades K-12)
- i-Ready (Grades K-12)
- Istation Indicators of Progress (ISIP) (Grades K-5)
- mCLASS Reading 3D (Grades K-3)
- Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Growth (Grades K-2), MAP (Grades 2-10)
- STAR Early Literacy (Grades PK-3), STAR Reading (Grades 1-12)

Diagnostic Assessments should be administered to students who score below benchmark in a specific component. Diagnostic assessments provide in-depth information about students’ strengths and needs for Tier II supplemental instruction and/or Tier III intensive intervention.

PURPOSE

The MDE, in collaboration with the Mississippi Reading Panel, developed this guidebook to support purposeful interventions when a student is identified “at-risk” on a Universal Screener and diagnostic assessment.

It is important to use results from screeners and diagnostic assessments to help identify the lowest deficit skill. The lowest deficit skill is the point at which an intervention begins because it represents where the breakdown in mastery has occurred.

This document includes suggested intervention tools and tools for progress monitoring. Progress monitoring has several purposes: to identify students as soon as they begin to fall below benchmark; to modify instruction early enough to ensure each student gains essential skills; and to determine if students are making adequate progress toward mastery.

K-3 READING SCREENER COMPONENTS: REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED

DOMAIN	KINDERGARTEN	1 ST GRADE	2 ND GRADE	3 RD GRADE
Phonological / Phonemic Awareness	Required	Required	n/a	n/a
Letter Naming Fluency	Required	Required	n/a	n/a
Phonics / Word Recognition	Required	Required	Required	Required
Listening Comprehension	Recommended	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reading Comprehension	n/a	Required	Required	Required
Fluency	n/a	Required (mid-year)	Required	Required
Vocabulary	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended

STRUCTURED LITERACY

Mississippi's Approach to Teaching Reading

APPLICATION OF THE SCIENCE OF READING

Overview

The Literacy-Based Promotion Act (LBPA) places an emphasis on grade-level reading skills, particularly as students progress through grades K-3. The LBPA calls for effective reading instructional practices grounded in the Science of Reading.

The Science of Reading (SoR) refers to the body of research that reading experts conducted on how we learn to read. This body of knowledge reveals what happens in the brain during reading and what needs to take place instructionally to enable skillful reading.

Structured Literacy Instruction: Application of the Science of Reading

[Structured Literacy](#) is representative of reading instruction that applies the **Science of Reading** to classroom practice. *Structured Literacy* teaches all the components that evidence has found to be foremost in ensuring reading success.

Components of Structured Literacy Instruction

- Phonological Awareness
- Phonics & Word Recognition
- Fluency
- Vocabulary
- Listening and Reading Comprehension
- Written Expression

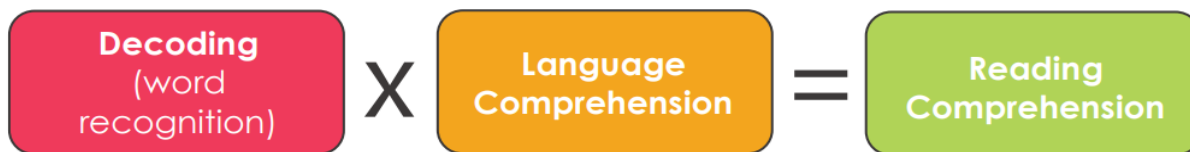
Features of Effective *Structured Literacy* instruction include effective, high-quality instruction is **systematic**, inclusive of a carefully **planned scope and sequence**, **explicit**, **scaffolded**, and **differentiated**.

The Simple View of Reading (Gough and Tunmer, 1986) and Scarborough's Rope Model (Scarborough, 2001) serve as frameworks for understanding and identifying Structured Literacy.

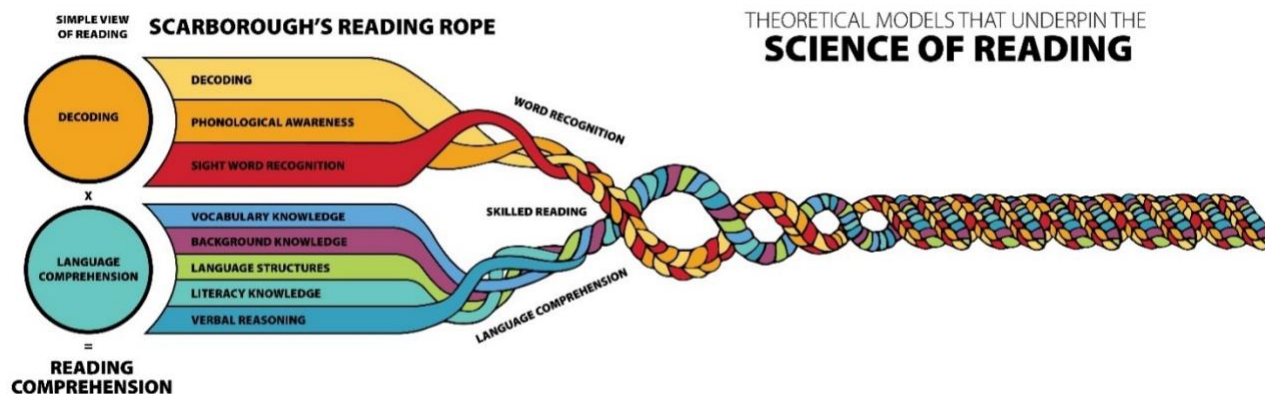
The Simple View of Reading and Scarborough's Reading Rope

Reading comprehension is the goal, or outcome, of skilled reading. The Simple View of Reading is a research-validated framework that indicates the two major components that are necessary to reach the goal of reading comprehension: language comprehension and decoding. The formula serves as a broad reference to the complexity of reading and what is required for the assessment and teaching of reading. The ability to understand text, including the individual words and their meanings, requires a range of mental operations, which all play a role in the Simple View of Reading.

SIMPLE VIEW OF READING



Comprehension is not a single skill. When students are unable to decode written words on the page, there will be no reading comprehension. When language comprehension is inadequate, and students are unable to derive meaning from spoken words, there will be no reading comprehension. Students must be able to decode the words (decoding) and understand the words (language comprehension), and if one of those components is weak, reading comprehension will be negatively impacted. The Simple View of Reading is further detailed in Scarborough's Reading Rope, which highlights the essential components of reading.



Gough, Tunmer, and Scarborough

High Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM)

At MDE, we believe that [high-quality instructional materials](#) provide every student in Mississippi with the opportunity to **build their knowledge of the world** by **reading meaningful complex texts** and **expressing their ideas** effectively through **writing and speaking**.

To ensure that all Mississippi educators are equipped with knowledge, skills, and tools to advocate the need for HQIM for all students, MDE is committed to:

- supporting all districts in adopting HQIM;
- supporting districts with the resources and incentives necessary to engage in professional learning that leads to skillful implementation of HQIM; and
- creating a pool of credentialed content leaders who serve as school-based instructional and content experts.



Tier I Instructional Resources

[Mississippi Instructional Materials Matter](#)

[Roadmap to Textbook Adoption](#)

[Using HQIM: Into Reading Grades Kindergarten through 3rd](#)

[Using HQIM: myView Grades Kindergarten through 3rd](#)

[Using HQIM: Wit & Wisdom with Foundations Grades Kindergarten through 3rd](#)

[Using HQIM: Wonders 2020 Grades Kindergarten through 3rd](#)

[Instructional Planning Guides for ELA \(English Language Arts\) K-12](#)

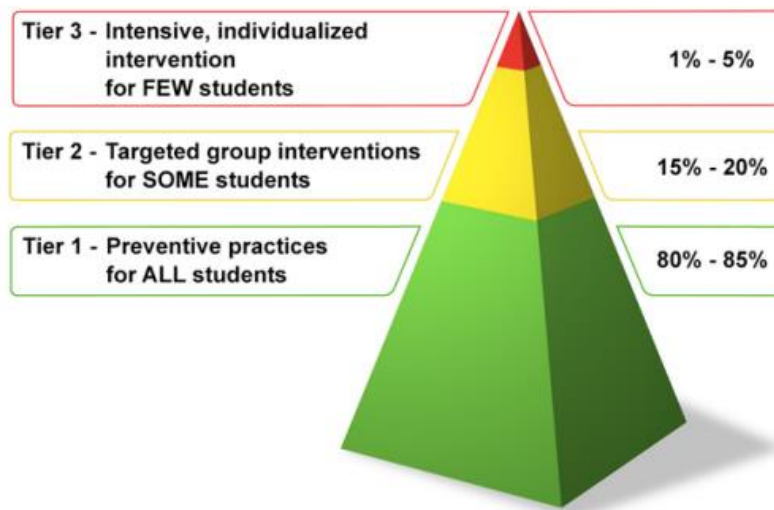
[Why HQIM?](#)

[MDE Literacy](#)

Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) Model

A multi-tiered system of supports is a framework for effective team-based problem solving that is data-informed, evidence-based, and flexible enough to meet the academic and behavioral needs of all students. The Three Tier Instructional Model is a part of ([State Board Policy 41.1](#)). This [model](#) is designed to meet the needs of every student and consists of three tiers of instruction:

- **Tier I:** high-quality classroom instruction,
- **Tier II:** focused supplemental instruction and,
- **Tier III:** specifically designed intensive intervention as prescribed.



If Tier I and II instructions are unsuccessful, students must be referred to the Teacher Support Team (TST). The TST is the local team responsible for interventions developed at Tier III. Each school must have a TST implemented in accordance with the process developed by the Mississippi Department of Education.

Tier II and Tier III Instruction

Tier II is the TARGETED layer of support for SOME students that consists of supplemental academic and behavioral supports provided in addition to Tier 1 high-quality instruction.

Tier III is the most INTENSIVE layer of support for FEW students and consists of the most intensive, targeted instruction and intervention specifically designed to meet the individual academic and behavioral needs of students.

[MTSS \(Multi Tiered System of Supports\) Guidance Document](#)

[List of Approved Interventions](#)

Identifying Students in Need of Intervention and Individual Reading Plans (IRPs)

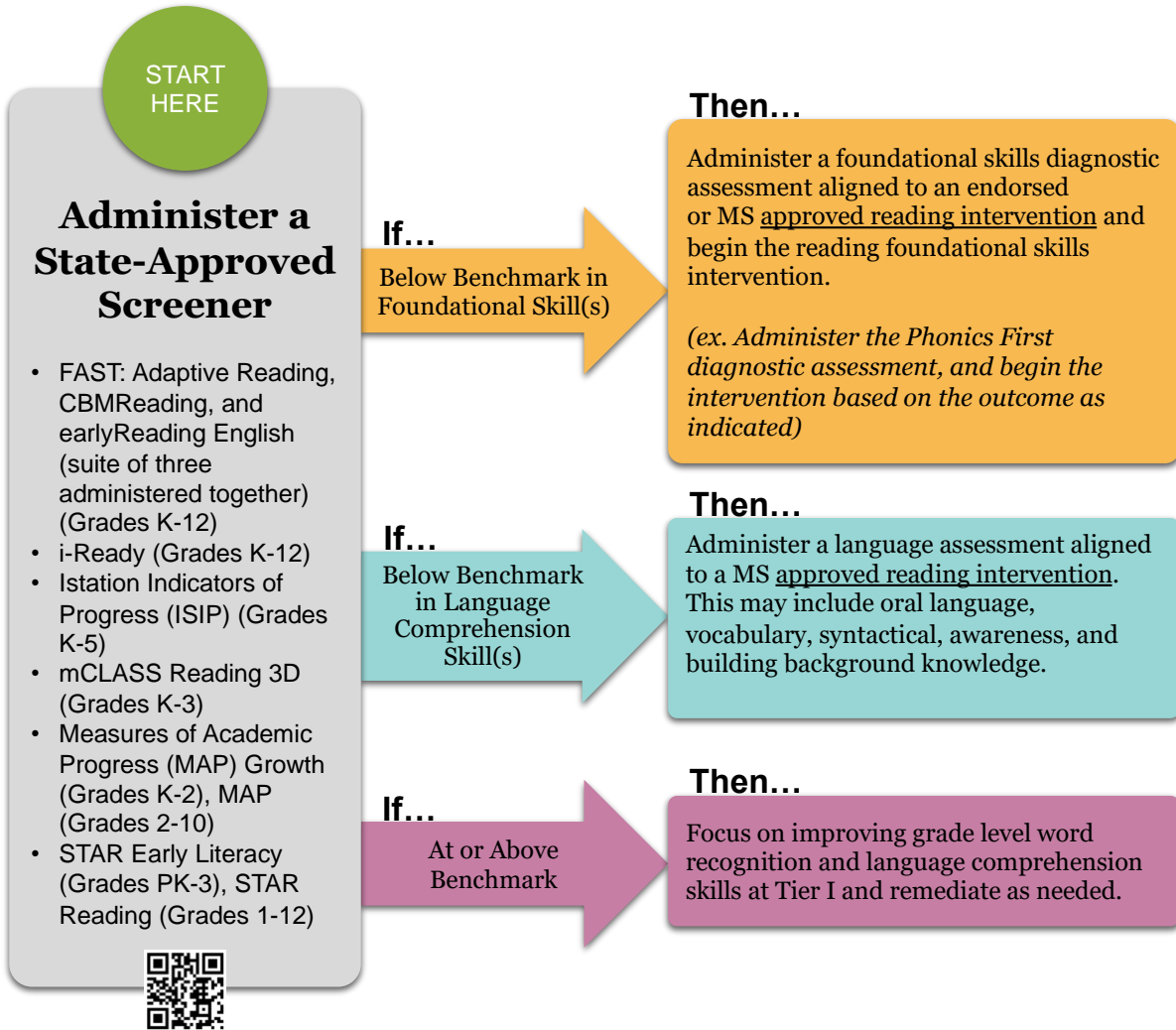
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MDE Approved Screeners	Areas Assessed	Intervention Guidance <i>This guidance should be used to identify students in need of an Individual Reading Plan (IRP).</i>	Additional Guidance <i>Technical manuals and additional resources may be found by visiting these websites</i>																				
Fast	FAST earlyReading (K-1) Concept of Print Phonemic Awareness Phonics Decoding FAST Adaptive Reading (K-12) Concepts of Print Phonological Awareness Phonics Orthography and Morphology Vocabulary Comprehension	High Risk 15 th percentile and below Some Risk 15 th percentile and below 40 th percentile	FAST Technical Manual																				
i-Ready	i-Ready Screener (K-8) covers the following reading domains: Phonological Awareness (K-1) Phonics High-Frequency Words Vocabulary Comprehension: Literature Comprehension: Informational Text	Fall, Winter, and Spring cut scores for intervention <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>K</td> <td>295</td> <td>320</td> <td>344</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>347</td> <td>374</td> <td>401</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>419</td> <td>441</td> <td>463</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>474</td> <td>491</td> <td>507</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>496</td> <td>508</td> <td>519</td> </tr> </table>	K	295	320	344	1	347	374	401	2	419	441	463	3	474	491	507	4	496	508	519	i-Ready Central
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Istation (ISIP)	ISIP Early Reading (Prek-3rd grade) provides growth information in the five critical domains of early reading: phonemic awareness, alphabetic knowledge and skills, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.	<table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <th colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Tier 2</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">At some risk of not meeting grade-level expectations</td> <td style="width: 50%;">40th percentile to 21st percentile</td> </tr> <tr> <th colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Tier 3</th> </tr> <tr> <td>At significant risk of not meeting grade-level expectations</td> <td>20th percentile and below</td> </tr> </table>	Tier 2		At some risk of not meeting grade-level expectations	40 th percentile to 21 st percentile	Tier 3		At significant risk of not meeting grade-level expectations	20 th percentile and below													
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mClass: Reading 3D	<p>mCLASS (K-6) is powered by DIBELS 8th Edition, enabling teachers to automate scoring and receive instant targeted instructional recommendations. DIBELS 8th Edition measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Phonemic awareness ▪ Phonics ▪ Fluency ▪ Vocabulary ▪ Comprehension 	<p>High Risk (Red)</p>	DIBELS 8 th Edition	<p>mClass Reading 3D Technical Manual - Oral Language Screener</p>
NWEA MAP	<p>MAP Reading Fluency (K-5) measures oral reading fluency, decoding accuracy, and literal comprehension</p> <p>MAP Growth (K-8) measures growth, inform instruction, and assess strategy</p>	Between the 20 th to 36 th percentile	Per NWEA MAP, representative will assist each school district in setting their intervention percentile.	

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STAR Early Literacy, STAR Reading	<p>Star Early Literacy (K-1) measures both early literacy and early numeracy. The Screener provides data about students' phonological awareness, phonics, word recognition, fluency (including estimated oral reading fluency), and vocabulary as well as early number recognition and counting.</p> <p>Star Reading (K-12) measures students' word knowledge and understanding of vocabulary as well as comprehension skills</p>	Intervention	Below 25 th percentile	2021 STAR Early Literacy Technical Manual 2021 STAR Reading Technical Manual
		Urgent Intervention	Below 10 th percentile	

UNIVERSAL SCREENER FLOWCHART



FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS ENDORSED PROGRAMS

Brainspring: Phonics First	MDE provided (K-12)
Curriculum Associates: Magnetic Reading Foundations SAAVAS Essentials: Foundational Reading Sadlier: From Phonics to Reading Amplify: CKLA Skills	EdReports approved (K-2)

For additional guidance regarding Tier II and Tier III interventions, see the [MTSS Guidance Document](#).

Additional consideration for the validity of language comprehension skills when assessing EL students may be needed.

How to Use Universal Screeners

Screeners should be used to:

- Gather data on all students three times each school year (within 30 days of start of school; middle-of-year; end-of-year) to identify need for intervention (Mississippi Code § 37-177-1)
- Determine whether each student is likely to meet, not meet, or exceed academic benchmarks
- Determine need for tiered support
- Measure effectiveness of overall curriculum and instruction for all students, as well as subgroups of students, through the use of aggregated and disaggregated data

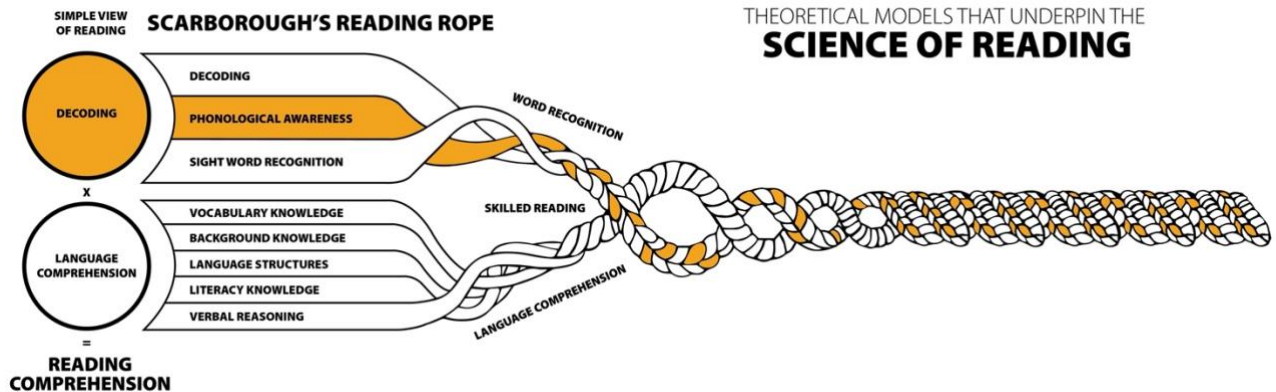
Screeners should NOT be used to:

- Promote or retain students (Mississippi Code § 37-23-16)
- Determine student grades
- Determine specific reading deficiencies; diagnostic tools are needed to determine the appropriate starting place for individual intervention

NOTES:

1. Some screeners may only measure phoneme identification, and not require phoneme production.
2. The assessment of oral expressive and receptive language (including vocabulary, syntax, and listening comprehension) provides key information in an individual's reading profile and is predictive of reading outcomes.

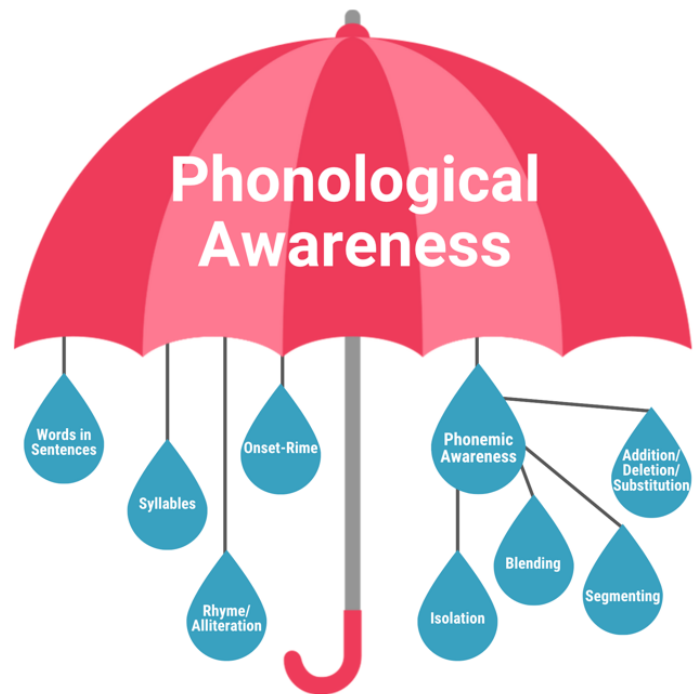
PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS



Phonological awareness is the general appreciation of how language can be divided into its components. With strong phonological awareness, students have the foundation to become good readers and spellers.

Phonological awareness activities are practiced without print. For example, we speak in sentences. Sentences can be broken down into words, words into syllables, and then onset-rime. When the word is broken down into its smallest part, individual speech sounds (or phonemes), the term “phonemic awareness” is used. Phonemic awareness is a subskill of the broad category of phonological awareness.

Phonemic awareness refers to the specific ability to focus on and manipulate individual speech sounds (phonemes) in spoken words. Phonemes are the smallest units comprising spoken language. Phonemes combine to form syllables and words. For example, the word 'mat' has three phonemes: /m/ /a/ /t/. There are 44 phonemes in the English language, including sounds represented by letter combinations such as /th/. Acquiring phonemic awareness is important because it is the foundation for spelling and word recognition skills. Phonemic awareness is one of the best predictors of how well children will learn to read during the first two years of school instruction.



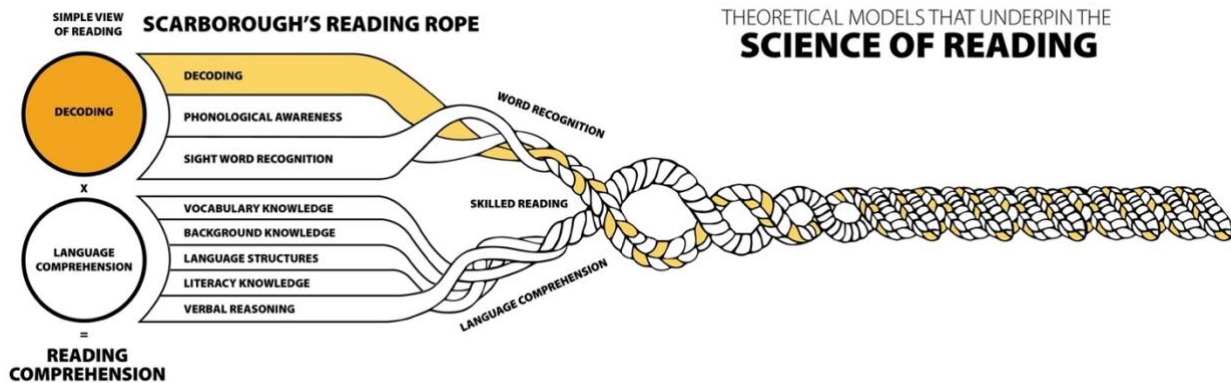
Phonological Awareness Resources

- **Pre-Decoding Skills Survey.** This assessment was created for kindergarten and 1st grade and may be beneficial for older students who perform well below expectations on basic decoding assessments. This tool assesses the following areas: phonological awareness skills, phonemic awareness skills, letter name knowledge, letter sound knowledge (including sounds of certain letter combinations) and sight word knowledge.
- **Phonological Awareness Skills Test (PAST).** The Phonological Awareness Skills Test (PAST) is an informal, diagnostic, individually administered assessment tool to help teachers determine the point of instruction for students and to monitor progress. Because it is not a normed test, there can be flexibility in its administration. Developed by David Kilpatrick, the PAST should always be administered using the accompanying guide.
<https://www.reallygreatreading.com/diagnostics>

SUGGESTED PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS RESOURCES

Resource	Content
PAST Assessment	Phonological Awareness Diagnostic Assessment https://thepasttest.com/
Michael Heggerty	Daily Lessons https://heggerty.org/
Oklahoma Phonological Awareness	Phonological Awareness Activities http://oklahomaphonologicalawareness.weebly.com/phonological-awareness-links.html
Florida Center for Reading Research	Student Activities https://fcrr.org/student-center-activities
University of Florida Literacy Institute Toolbox	Toolbox https://ufli.education.ufl.edu/foundations/toolbox/

DECODING (PHONICS/WORD RECOGNITION)



Phonics is the system of instruction used to teach children the connection between letters and sounds (Snow et al., 1998). **Word Recognition** is an understanding of the systematic, predictable relationship between written letters and spoken sounds. Phonics should be taught following a scope and sequence that includes encoding, decoding, and the use of decodable text.

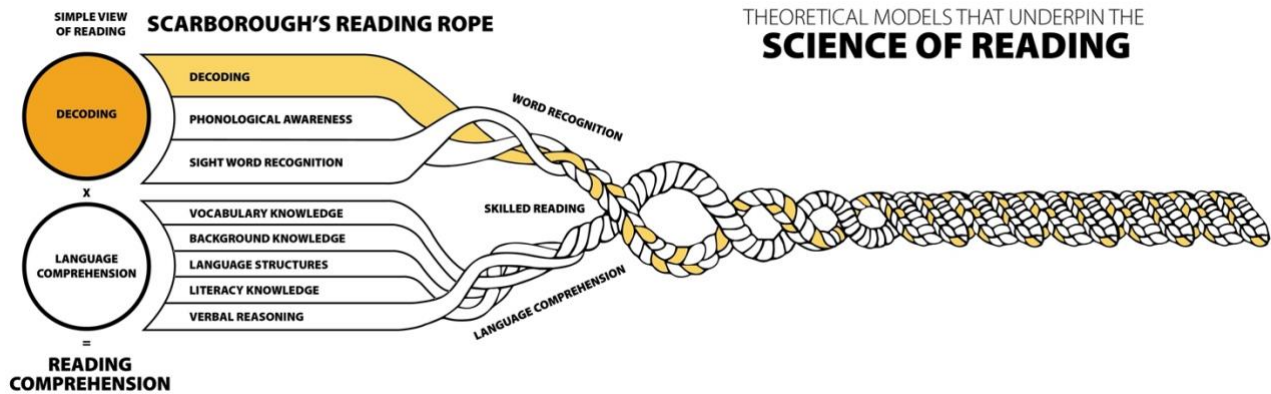
Phonics and Word Recognition Resources

- **Quick Phonics Screener (QPS).** The purpose of the Quick Phonics Screener (QPS) is to provide informal diagnostic information that can be used to help (a) **plan** a student’s instructional program in basic word reading skills and (b) **monitor the progress or improvement** in phonics skill development. Note: The QPS has not been normed or standardized. It is meant to be used as an informal classroom assessment tool. <https://www.sfdr-cisd.org/media/gaidhbgo/quick-phonics-screener.pdf>

SUGGESTED PHONICS INTERVENTION RESOURCES

Resource	Content
West Virginia Phonics	Scripted lessons by phonics pattern and decodable texts https://www.tools4reading.com/tools4teachers
Florida Center for Reading Research	Student activities https://fcrr.org/student-center-activities
University of Florida Literacy Institute	Lessons with decodable text https://ufl.edu/foundations/toolbox/

ORAL READING FLUENCY



Oral reading fluency is the ability to read with accuracy, at a reasonable rate, and with appropriate expression. Students who read with automaticity and have appropriate speed, accuracy, and proper expression are more likely to comprehend material because they can focus on the meaning of the text.

Oral reading fluency is embedded into all parts of Scarborough's Rope. If a student is identified as having a fluency deficiency, the teacher should begin by giving a phonics diagnostic as indicated in the flow chart on pg. 13.

Universal screeners should include a fluency assessment. A fluency score (expressed as words correct per minute or WCPM) provides a useful starting point for identifying students who are not reading at grade level because clear national norms have been established for grades K-8 for oral reading fluency. Accuracy is a critical feature of fluency and should be 95% or above. The following chart explains how to compute both scores:

How to calculate fluency and accuracy

Fluency	Accuracy
Rate of words read correctly within a minute on a grade-level passage.	Percentage of words read correctly within a grade-level passage.
Words attempted – errors = fluency rate (words correct per minute, or WCPM)	Words correct per minute / words attempted = accuracy rate*
	*Words correct per minute (divided by) words attempted (equals) accuracy rate

See Appendices for Oral Reading Fluency Chart.

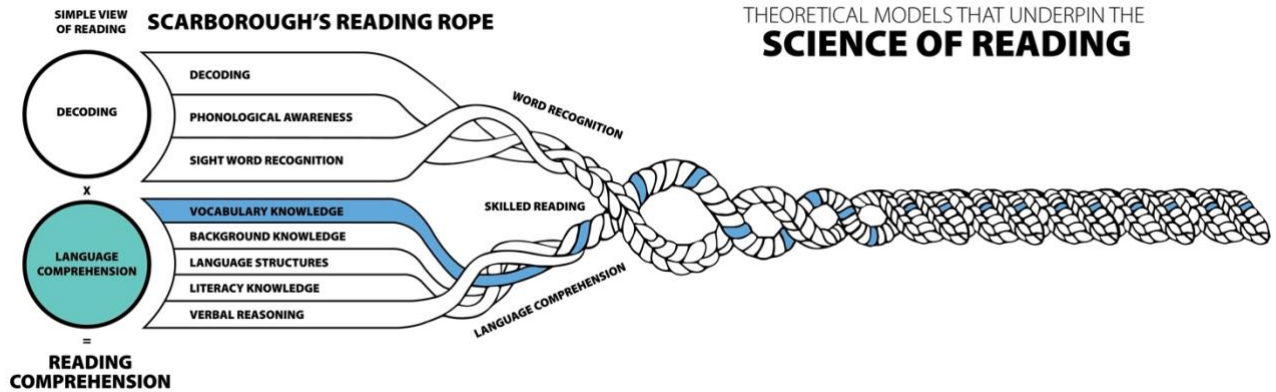
There are essentially four “branches” created by this process:

Oral Reading Fluency Outcomes		Recommended Action
1	Fluency is in optimal range; accuracy is sufficient	Proceed to Tier I instruction
2	Fluency is in optimal range; accuracy is insufficient	Review self-monitoring strategies; proceed to Tier I instruction
3	Fluency is below optimal range; accuracy is sufficient	Assess high frequency words (HFW); provide fluency practice and progress monitoring; assess language
4	Fluency and accuracy are both insufficient	Assess word recognition, including Phonological Awareness as may be indicated by decoding assessment or PA screener

SUGGESTED ORAL READING FLUENCY RESOURCES

Resource	Content
Quick Phonics Screener – Jan Hasbrouck	https://www.readnaturally.com/article/quick-phonics-screener-sample
Oral Reading Fluency Diagnostic Assessment and Progress Monitoring Tool	<i>Note: Refer to Appendix B for Oral Reading Fluency National Norms and diagnostic instruction information.</i>
Cool Tools – Informal Reading Assessments	Microsoft Word - Cool Tools PDF.doc (mccsc.edu)
DIBELS Assessments	https://dibels.uoregon.edu
Florida Center for Reading Research	Student Activities http://www.fcrr.org/resources/resources_sca_k-1.html
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VOCABULARY

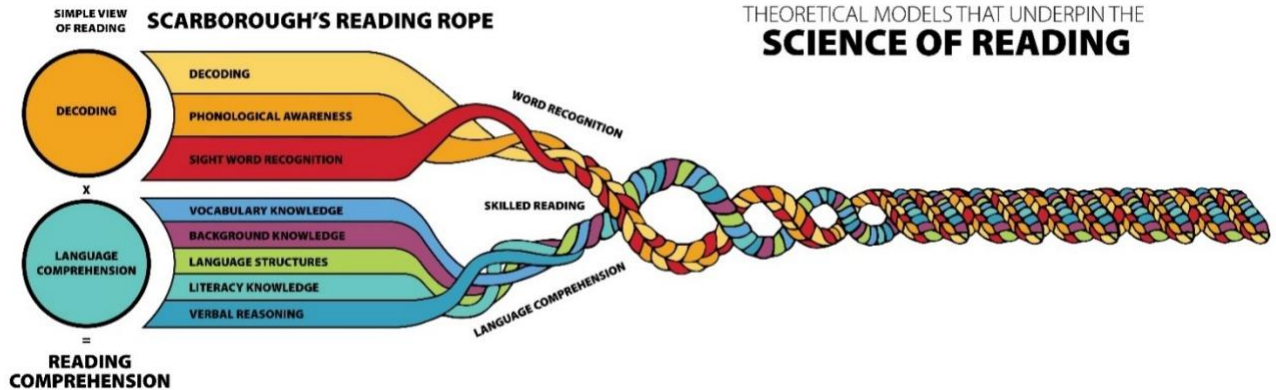


Vocabulary is the ability to recognize and understand the meaning of oral and written words. A strong vocabulary impacts listening comprehension and reading comprehension. Listening comprehension involves the various processes of understanding and making sense of spoken language. These processes involve knowing speech sounds, comprehending the meaning of individual words, and understanding the syntax of sentences.

SUGGESTED VOCABULARY RESOURCES

Resource	Content
Cool Tools	Reading Assessment https://www.mccsc.edu/cms/lib/IN01906545/Centricity/Domain/252/cool%20tools%20reading%20assessments.pdf
Neuhaus Education Center for Oral Language and World Knowledge Screening	Diagnostic https://www.neuhaus.org/document.doc?id=112
The Abecedarian Reading Assessment	Diagnostic http://www.balancedreading.com/assessment/abecedarian.pdf
Florida Center for Reading Research	Student Activities https://fcr.org/student-center-activities

READING COMPREHENSION



Reading Comprehension is the outcome of skilled reading where all the components of the Simple View of Reading and Scarborough's Reading Rope come together.

Reading Comprehension deficits are rarely remedied simply by teaching comprehension strategies as an intervention. A reading comprehension deficit is often rooted in either a **decoding** deficit or a **language comprehension** deficit or both. To achieve grade-level comprehension, a student benefits most from interventions in the subskills of these two domains.

Many struggling students have difficulty with both domains. Interventions should begin with the lowest deficit area. To determine the lowest deficit area, examine the screener data and refer to the chart on page 11.

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APPENDICES

Appendix A Beginning Decoding Survey used with permission from reallygreatreading.com

Appendix B Oral Reading Fluency Chart

Appendix C Phonological Awareness Screening Test (PAST)

Appendix D Averil Coxhead's High-Incidence Academic Word List

Appendix E BUSD Grade Level Academic Vocabulary

Appendix F Neuhaus Education Center

Student _____

Grade _____ Date _____

Examiner _____

BEGINNING

DECODING SURVEY

RECORDING FORM **A**

		Error Grid							
Real Words		No Try	Sight Word	Observations					
				Check the appropriate boxes:					
				<input type="checkbox"/> Reads sound by sound, then blends word	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible b/d or b/p reversal		<input type="checkbox"/> Quick to guess	<input type="checkbox"/> Slow	
				Sound Added or Omitted	Consonant		Short Vowel		
					Initial	Final			
Sight Words	1	see							
	2	one							
	3	they							
	4	you							
	5	are							
CVC Words	6	rag		NA					
	7	lid		NA					
	8	dot		NA					Consonant Digraph: ch, sh, ck, wh, th
	9	hum		NA					Letters qu
	10	bet		NA					
Digraphs & Short Vowels	11	rich		NA			NA		
	12	shop		NA		NA			
	13	tack		NA			NA		
	14	quit		NA		NA			
	15	moth		NA			NA		Blend
Blends & Short Vowels	16	dust		NA				NA	
	17	step		NA				NA	
	18	trip		NA				NA	
	19	pond		NA				NA	
	20	brag		NA				NA	
Sentences (irregularly spelled sight words are in italics)									
21-26		<i>The</i> cat hid in <i>a</i> box.						NA	NA
27-35		<i>The</i> fresh fish <i>is</i> still on <i>the</i> wet grass.							
36-42		Six flat shells <i>were</i> in <i>my</i> bath.							
Nonsense Words									
CVC	43	vop		NA				NA	NA
	44	yud		NA				NA	NA
	45	zin		NA				NA	NA
	46	keb		NA				NA	NA
Digraphs	47	shap		NA		NA			NA
	48	thid		NA		NA			NA
	49	chut		NA		NA			NA
	50	weck		NA			NA		NA
Words Read Correctly (out of 50 total)		Error Column Totals							
		No Try	Sight Word	Sound Added or Omitted	Consonant		Short Vowel	Digraph & Letters qu	Blend

ORAL READING FLUENCY CHART

When using the National Norms for Oral Reading Fluency (Hasbrouck & Tindal, 2017), consider these three features:

Grade	%tile	Fall WCPM	Winter WCPM	Spring WCPM
1	90		97	116
	75		59	91
	50		29	60
	25		16	34
	10		9	18
2	90	111	131	148
	75	84	109	124
	50	50	84	100
	25	36	59	72
	10	23	35	43
3	90	134	161	166
	75	104	137	139
	50	83	97	112
	25	59	79	91
	10	40	62	63
4	90	153	168	184
	75	125	143	160
	50	94	120	133
	25	75	95	105
	10	60	71	83
5	90	179	183	195
	75	153	160	169
	50	121	133	146
	25	87	109	119
	10	64	84	102
6	90	185	195	204
	75	159	166	173
	50	132	145	146
	25	112	116	122
	10	89	91	91

1. Grade level of the student you are assessing
2. Time of year in which the assessment is taking place
3. The range of scores at or near the 50th percentile (The 50th percentile represents the “optimal” rate for reading fluency.)

Once the fluency score has been established and compared to the “optimal” rate for the student’s grade level, it is possible to use a decision “tree” to determine next steps in the diagnostic process.

Instructions for Administering the Phonological Awareness Screening Test (PAST)

NOTE: It is essential that you read and understand the instructions in this document to properly administer and interpret the PAST. Please read carefully before using it with any student.

How to print and administer the PAST:

1) Download the file containing the PAST.

The file contains four forms of the PAST, Forms A, B, C, and D. Only one form is needed to evaluate a student's phonological awareness. The other forms are provided for progress monitoring.

2) Print the PAST double-sided for ease of use. Each form is two pages long and a double-sided printing results in a single, convenient sheet of paper.

3) Do not attempt to administer the PAST until the instructions in this document have been carefully read and understood.

4) **Practice giving the test.** After reading the administration instructions, give the PAST to family members or colleagues to become comfortable giving the test.

If you work with a school psychologist, speech pathologist, or educational diagnostician trained and experienced with individualized test administration, seek their feedback on your administration skills.

5) The following pages contain the specific administration instructions. Read them carefully and reread key parts needed to assure that the test is being administered properly. While the PAST is not normed, it is standardized, meaning that the same procedures are followed for every student.

Please check back to thepasttest.com periodically for additional resources to help with administering and interpreting the PAST.

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Assessment of Phonological Awareness: The Phonological Awareness Screening Test (PAST)

The *Equipped for Reading Success* program provides three ways to evaluate phonological awareness skills, two informal and one formal.

1) The simplest way to evaluate phonological awareness is to note the level at which a student is working in the program. Is he or she able to do Level E3? Level H? Level K? This informal assessment tells you how far along in the program a student has progressed. It is important to notice a student's *speed* when doing One Minute Activities to see if he or she is at the knowledge stage or the automatic stage.

2) If you want a quick assessment of a student's skill, you can simply give half of a One Minute Activity (i.e., five items) from any given level. How well the student does lets you know how well he or she is progressing. Also pay close attention to speed of response.

3) Use the formalized *Phonological Awareness Screening Test (PAST)*¹ in Appendix C. This chapter provides detailed instructions for administering the PAST. The PAST is best used with students as part of a whole class screening in K-2 or a formal reading assessment. A comprehensive reading assessment should include tests of working memory, rapid automatized naming, as well as phonological awareness and oral blending.² All of these lower-level linguistic skills are assessed on the *Comprehensive Test of Phonological Processing-Second Edition (CTOPP-2)*,³ which I strongly recommend. The CTOPP-2 should be used alongside the PAST. I have found the PAST and the *Elision* subtest, which is the CTOPP-2's phonological awareness test, tend to yield similar results. However, in the cases where they differ, the PAST is usually (but not always) more consistent with a student's reading skill (i.e., weak PAST, weak reading, strong PAST, better reading).

¹An Internet search will turn up another test that uses the acronym PAST called the *Phonological Awareness Skills Test*. This test samples from the various classical tasks like rhyming, segmentation, etc. Like most other phonological awareness tests, it does not provide a timing element.

²These tests would be, of course, in addition to tests of context-free word identification, nonsense word reading, and perhaps reading comprehension and language/listening comprehension.

³As mentioned in an earlier chapter, blending may be average in weak readers with poor phonemic analysis skills. Thus, the CTOPP-2's *Blending Words* subtest must be interpreted with caution. If it is average, it does not rule out phonological awareness difficulties. The *Blending Words*, *Elision* (manipulation/deletion) and *Phoneme Isolation* subtests all are combined on the CTOPP-2 for an overall Phonological Awareness Composite. Be wary of that composite score if Blending Words is average and the Elision and/or Phoneme Isolation are weak.

Instructions for the Phonological Awareness Screening Test (PAST)

The *Phonological Awareness Screening Test* (PAST) can be found in Appendix C. There are four forms; A, B, C, and D. This allows teachers to do a formal assessment a few times a year to track a student's progress.

There is a "history" behind the title "PAST." First, PAST stands for Phonological Awareness Screening Test. Second, the acronym acknowledges the work of others in the *past*. The PAST originated as the *Auditory Analysis Test* (AAT) of Rosner & Simon (*Journal of Learning Disabilities*, 1971). Dr. Philip J. McInnis revised the AAT by adding substitution items (the AAT only used deletion items) and adding levels to make it more developmentally appropriate. His version was first called the *Language Processing Assessment* (LPA) and then the *Phonological Processing Test* (PPT). Since 2003, I have used a modified, updated version of this time-tested assessment.⁴ Thus, while the PAST is my "version" of the test, it is based upon the work of my predecessors (hence, the "PAST").

General Principles of Administration

Do not administer the PAST unless you have 1) carefully read the directions in this chapter; 2) read the section in Chapter 12 that covers pronouncing phonemes in isolation; and 3) practiced on someone, preferably with feedback before testing a student, preferably feedback from a school psychologist or speech pathologist. Those professions receive formal training in individualized testing.

No Practice Items

There are no practice items. Feedback is given for every incorrect item (see below), so incorrect items function like practice items. Follow the sample line at the beginning of each level. All items at a given level are administered the same way. *Delete or substitute the sound represented by the letter or letters in the parentheses.* With *cow(boy)*, "boy" gets deleted.

Proper Pronunciation of Sounds

When giving directions for Levels F through M, use letter *sounds*, not letter names. When you say "change /a/ to /i/," you say the *sound* made by the letter, not the name of the letter. The exception is with the "long" vowel sounds in Level J. Long vowel sounds are represented by uppercase letters in brackets (i.e., /A/). These long vowel sounds match the letter name (e.g., the *a* in words like *cake*, *tame*, or *made*).

Do not add an "uh" sound when pronouncing consonants (e.g., /m/ is pronounced *mmm*, not *muh*). *Proper pronunciation of sounds in isolation is essential for children to understand which*

⁴My version 1) adds a timing element to assess automaticity; 2) adds or modifies levels to make smoother transitions (see Appendix B for program comparisons); 3) provides corrective feedback for *every* incorrect item, and 4) for Forms A, B, C, and D in Appendix C, most items are "orthographically inconsistent" to decrease the possibility of correctly responding to test items via a mental spelling strategy rather than by phonological awareness. For example, going from *gave* to *game* by exchanging an /m/ for a /v/ can occur via mental spelling while going from *both* to *boat* by exchanging a /t/ for a /th/ does not as easily yield to a mental spelling strategy.

phoneme you are asking them to manipulate. For help with pronunciation when administering the PAST, see Chapter 12 and Appendix E.

The Assessment of Automaticity

All items are timed. When administering an item, immediately upon finishing speaking, count in your head “one thousand *one*, one thousand *two*.” Use a stop watch or sweep second hand at first to be sure your counting really represents two seconds. If the student responds correctly before you get to the word *two* in the phrase “one thousand two,” he or she receives credit for an automatic response. Put an “X” in the blank next to the word to indicate the response was automatic. If the student answers correctly, but after the two second count, mark a “1” next to that item. Incorrect items are marked with a zero (0). See Figure 11.1 below.

When doing the mental count, continue counting until the student responds. If you reach “one thousand five” and the student has not responded, repeat the same item and resume the mental counting, starting with “one thousand one.” If the student responds correctly within five seconds of this second chance, score the item as correct (i.e., a “1”). However, *an automatic score can only occur within the first two seconds of the first try*. A second chance is given because students sometimes forget what you asked. Also, if a student asks you to repeat the item, do so, but repeated items cannot be scored as automatic, only as correct or incorrect. If the student does not respond after the second five-second count, score the item as incorrect and demonstrate the correct response for that item (see below on providing feedback).

If you mis-speak a word, excuse yourself, skip the item, and go on to the next one, so long as it was not the last item at that level. Go back to the item you spoiled before going on to the next level and score normally (i.e., they can receive an automatic score if they respond in less than two seconds). If this occurs on the last item of a level, repeat that item immediately and use your best judgment about scoring.

Occasionally, a student will respond to the previous item. For example, you have the student go from *sit* to *sat* (Level J). On the next item, you ask the student to go from *hid* to *had*, but instead of *had*, the student says *sad*, accidentally carrying over sounds from the previous item. This may not be the result of a phonological awareness problem, but may result from an attentional lapse. If you judge that a student has carried something over from the previous example, re-administer the item. However, the student cannot receive an automatic score on a re-administered item, only correct (1) or incorrect (0).

	Correct	Automatic
<p>LEVEL J “Say <i>sit</i>. Now say <i>sit</i> again but this time instead of /i/ say /a/!”</p> <p>I. (use <i>sound</i> of vowel) s/i/t /a/ → sat <u> </u> h/i/d /a/ → had <u> </u> f/i/x /o/ → fox <u>X</u></p> <p>II. (use <i>name</i> of vowel) l/a/ne /i/ → line <u>X</u> ph/o/ne /i/ → fine <u>X</u></p>		5/5 A: 3/5
<p>LEVEL K (Note that K1 involves phoneme <i>deletion</i>, K2 involves phoneme <i>substitution</i>)</p> <p>K1 “Say <i>plan</i>. Now say <i>plan</i> again but this time don’t say of /l/!”</p> <p>p/l/an → pan <u>0</u> s/n/eak → seek <u> </u></p> <p>K2 “Say <i>sweep</i>. Now say <i>sweep</i> again but this time instead of /w/ say /l/!”</p> <p>s/w/cep → s/l/cep <u> </u> g/l/ow → g/r/ow <u> </u> f/l/ute → f/r/uit <u>X</u></p>		4/5 A: 1/5

FIGURE 11.1
SAMPLE SCORING

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Automatic responding typically takes about a second or less, so a two second count is generous. Therefore, only give automatic credit if students have begun a correct response by the time you have mentally said *two* in the silently phrase “one thousand *two*.”

Repeating an Item

If a student seems confused, or seems to have a lapse in attention, it is okay to repeat an item. However, when you repeat an item, that item cannot be scored as automatic. Students can only receive a score of correct (1) or incorrect (0).

Pacing

One important reason to be thoroughly familiar with the administration procedures and to be well practiced with the test beforehand is *pacing*. It is important to administer the PAST at a good pace to keep things moving. A moderately quick pacing prevents lapses of attention, boredom, or prevents you from unnecessarily burdening a student’s working memory.

Providing Feedback

A unique feature of the PAST is that students receive corrective feedback for every incorrect item. Students are not going to develop phonological awareness skills in the 4 to 8 minutes it takes to administer this test. Yet they may get items incorrect because they are confused about the task expectations given that phonological awareness tests are unusual for most students. Thus, give feedback for *every* incorrect response. That lets them know precisely what you want.

The standard correction is provided on the test form for each level. No further demonstration or explanation is permitted (especially, no visual cues). Correct every incorrect item, even if it is the last item at a given level. Positive feedback is permitted (“that’s right!”), especially if a child responds tentatively. *However,*

1) Do *not* teach any item or level. This is a test, not a teaching session. Although spoken feedback is provided, no teaching, manipulatives, or explanations are allowed.

2) *Never* say anything about the *position* of the sound within the word because this is a big part of what you are testing. For example, never say anything like “see how I switched the /b/ to a /t/ at the beginning of the word?” An important part of phonological awareness is being able to determine where a sound is located within a word. Saying anything about the position of the sound is like giving the student the correct answer.

Routing Procedure to Speed Administration

Students are not administered all 52 PAST items. For younger students, many of the later items are too difficult and there is a discontinue rule (described below). For more skilled students, it would be unnecessarily tedious to administer all of the easy items. To keep the test a reasonable length, there is a routing procedure, which works differently at each of the *syllable*, *onset-rime*, and *phoneme* levels.

Syllable Levels (D1 to E3)

- *Everyone* who is administered the PAST, including older students and adults, start at Level D1. Explain to students that this “word game” starts out very easy. The easy ones help students understand the nature of the task without ever having to explain the nature of the task. There are no explanations or practice items when administering the PAST.
- For kindergarteners and potentially at-risk beginning first graders, give every item at levels D and E and follow the discontinue rule, below.
- For most first graders and all students beyond first grade, if the first item of D1 is responded to automatically (i.e., 2 seconds or less), skip down to the first item of D2. If that is automatic, skip to first item of E2, then E3. When you score later, if the first D1 through E3 items are automatic, score any un-administered items at those levels as automatic (thus a 3/3 at that level).
- However, if any item is either 1) incorrect, or 2) correct but not automatic (i.e., correct response after 2 seconds), administer *all* items at that level and score normally. For example, if the first D2 item is correct but not automatic, administer the other D2 items. However, the routing procedure resumes with E2. If the first item in E2 is automatic, do not administer the other E2 items and score those un-administered items as automatic.⁵

Onset-Rime Levels (F & G)

For kindergarten to second grade:

- If the first three F or G items are automatic, skip the final two items at that level and score them as automatic.
- If any of the first three F or G items are incorrect, or correct but not automatic, administer all five items at that specific level (i.e., F or G) and score normally.

For third grade through adults:

- Use the same general procedure as with the kindergarten through second graders except only the first *two* items need to be automatic before skipping on to the next level.

Phoneme Levels (H to M)

- For Levels H through M, give *all* items at each level. Continue administering until the discontinue rule is reached or you come to the end of the test.

Discontinue Rule

If the combined “correct” score on two levels in a row is 0, 1 or 2 out of 10, discontinue the test. Consider all items in the levels beyond the discontinue level as incorrect. For example, if a student gets only two items at Level I and none at level J (thus 2/10 across the two levels), discontinue the test. Do not administer K, L, or M. All un-administered levels are scored 0.

⁵The reasoning is that if students can do a higher syllable level (E2 or E3), they likely can do the easier ones, but were incorrect or not automatic due to the novelty of the task or lapse in attention rather than a lack of phonological awareness. It is not unusual for a student to get one of these earlier items incorrect or correct but not automatically and then go on and display automatic responding at higher levels. In such cases, administering all subsequent syllable-level items after an early error or slow response is unnecessarily tedious. If they have an automatic response to the first item at any given syllable level, do not administer any more at that level and score unadministered items as automatic, even if they had an incorrect or slow response on an easier syllable level.

Scoring the PAST

Passing a Level

Levels D and E are considered passed if all items are correct. Levels F through M are considered passed if at least 4 out of 5 are correct. Similarly, D and E are considered automatic if all 3 items are responded to automatically. For Levels F to M, at least 4 of 5 items must be responded to automatically. Levels with 3 out of 5 or fewer automatic responses represent a level that should receive instructional attention. Each level yields two scores, a correct score and an automatic score. Students commonly pass levels with correct scores but not with automatic scores. These differences are reflected in the total scoring (see Figure 11.2 below). Only levels passed at the automatic level do not require instructional attention.

Item Scoring

It should be clear by now that items are scored in one of three ways:

- 1) Incorrect (Score = 0)
- 2) Correct but not automatic (Score = 1). The student responds in more than two seconds.
- 3) Automatic (Score = X) The student responds in two seconds or less.

At each level, count every score of 1 and X and put the total in the “correct” column on the right. In the “automatic” column, only include the items with Xs for that level (see Figure 11.1 above for an illustration).

The Total Scores

As mentioned, students receive two scores at each level, a correct score and an automatic score. Transfer the totals from the right hand columns to the top of the first page of the test. There are two sides to this. First, the student receives a score indicating how many were correct and how many were automatic at the *syllable*, *onset-rime*, and *phoneme* levels. Second, the other side gives the highest level passed. Remember that a level is passed as *correct* if at least 4 out of 5 at that level are correct. The exception to this are the syllable levels which require at least 3 out of 3 to be considered passing. A level is considered *automatic* if at least 4 out of 5 items were automatic (or 3 out of 3 for the syllable levels). For most children, the highest correct level will be higher than his or her highest automatic level (see Figure 11.2 for an illustration). It is also important to note any levels not passed that were below the highest level passed.

RESULTS:	Correct	Automatic	Highest Correct Level:	<u>J</u>
Basic Syllable	<u>12</u> /12	<u>10</u> /12	(Levels not passed below the highest correct level)	<u>—</u>
Onset-Rime	<u>10</u> /10	<u>10</u> /10		
Basic Phoneme	<u>8</u> /10	<u>4</u> /10		
Advanced Phoneme	<u>6</u> /20	<u>2</u> /20	Highest Automatic Level:	<u>I</u>
Test Total	<u>36</u> /52	<u>26</u> /52	(Non-automatic levels below highest automatic level)	<u>E, H</u>

FIGURE 11.2

SAMPLE OF SCORING RESULTS

Interpreting the *PAST*

The PAST correlates powerfully with reading but is not a normed test. However, the following is a guide to interpreting the results of the PAST based on 1) several studies that did not use the PAST that show when children developmentally can do specific phonological manipulations; 2) Dr. Philip McInnis' 35 years using very similar levels on his LPA/PPT; 3) my 14 years working with the PAST; and 4) several studies I have directly done on the PAST.

Note: The data used to piece together Table 11.1, based on the sources mentioned above, were gathered from schools that had *not* been doing phonological/phonemic awareness instruction. If you use the *Equipped for Reading Success* program, the expectations should be somewhat higher than found in Table 11.1. Also, the information sources behind Table 11.1 were from the 1980s to early 2000s, when formal reading instruction began in first grade. Now that reading instruction starts in kindergarten in U.S. schools, it will be important to get through the early levels more quickly and get to levels H and I by late kindergarten.

<i>Grade Level</i>	Typically <i>Achieving Readers</i>	<i>Low Achieving Readers</i>
Mid Kindergarten	D1-E2, F, sometimes higher	D1-D2 or none correct at all
Late Kindergarten	D1-E2, F, G, sometimes higher	D1-D2; E2 or lower
Mid First Grade	E3, E4, F, G, I or higher	E2, F, G or lower
Late First Grade	F, G, H, I, J	F, G, I, or lower
Mid Second Grade	H, I, J, K or higher	F, G, H, I, or lower
Late Second/Early Third Grade	H to M mostly automatic	H, I, maybe J or lower
Mid Third Grade	All levels, mostly automatic	Many levels correct, I to M mostly not automatic
Fourth Grade to Adulthood	All levels automatic	Most levels correct, but J to M not all automatic

TABLE 11.1

APPROXIMATE DEVELOPMENTAL LEVELS FOR AUTOMATIC RESPONSES

If a student's performance matches the shaded *Low Achieving Readers* column, it suggests that phonological awareness may be a concern. If a student's level is lower than is listed in that column, then a phonological awareness problem is very likely. In either case, those students will require training beyond what they may be receiving in whole-class instruction.

Notice in Table 11.1 how small the differences can be, especially early on (i.e., K-1). Except for obvious cases of very low performance, the differences may be very slight. This is why all students should get whole class or small group phonological awareness training in kindergarten and first grade. Next, note that over time, typically developing readers start to pull away from those with reading difficulties. Automaticity becomes a bigger factor with time, especially after second grade. After third grade, lack of automaticity at any level may indicate that a phonological awareness difficulty may be present.

Do not be surprised by inconsistent performance across some levels. An individual student may struggle with a lower level and yet pass a higher level. This is because different levels involve different types of manipulations. For example, H and K involve splitting initial blends.

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If a student struggles with sounds in blends, he may not pass H, but may pass J, which does not involve blends. Students who struggle with awareness of ending sounds may do poorly with Level I and L but do well with H, J, and K. While based upon group data I have gathered, the leveling system is quite accurately laid out, for any given student there may be some inconsistencies.

Below is a table showing the average score out of five attained on each level of the PAST from among three first grade classes and two second grade classes from a lower middle class elementary school. The first graders were tested in December to January and the second graders from February to March. You can see there is an increasing degree of difficulty based upon a smaller average number of correct items as the test progresses. Also, with time, the gap between automatic and non-automatic responses widens. Based upon the note on the previous page, you should expect better results than this if you instruct/train your students with *Equipped for Reading Success* because the school where this data gathering occurred was not doing any instruction in phonemic awareness.

Grade Level:		Grade 1		Grade 2	
Scoring Approach:		Correct	Automatic	Correct	Automatic
Highest possible score:		5/5	5/5	5/5	5/5
Syllable	D	4.3	3.9	4.9	4.7
Levels	E	3.6	3.2	4.6	4.1
Onset-Rime	F	4.9	4.8	5.0	4.8
Levels	G	4.5	4.2	4.9	4.4
Phoneme	H	2.6	2.0	3.7	2.8
Levels	I	2.9	1.5	4.2	2.4
	J	1.6	1.0	3.8	2.1
	K	1.7	0.7	2.7	1.0
	L	2.0	0.9	2.9	1.0
	M	1.3	0.4	2.4	0.6

Note: All raw scores reported above are out of a possible 5 points. The current version of the PAST uses different scoring at the syllable levels than when these data were collected.

Table 11.2

AVERAGE RAW SCORES ON EACH LEVEL OF THE PAST

NOTE: PDFs of all four forms of the PAST, to print out and use with students, are available at www.thepasttest.com.

PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS SCREENING TEST (PAST) FORM A

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Adapted from the levels used in McInnis (1999) & Rosner (1973)

Name: _____ Date: _____ Grade _____ Age _____
Teacher: _____ D.O.B.: _____ Evaluator: _____

INSTRUCTIONS: See *Equipped for Reading Success* Chapter 11: "Assessment of Phonological Awareness" for how to administer the PAST.

RESULTS:

	Correct	Automatic	Highest Correct Level:
Basic Syllable	____/12	____/12	(Levels not passed below the highest correct level) _____
Onset-Rime	____/10	____/10	
Basic Phoneme	____/10	____/10	
Advanced Phoneme	____/20	____/20	Highest Automatic Level: _____
Test Total	____/52	____/52	(Non-automatic levels below highest automatic level) _____

Approximate Grade Level:

<i>PreK/K</i>	<i>K</i>	<i>late K/early 1st</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>late 1st/early 2nd</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>late 2nd to adult</i>
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Note: The grade levels listed throughout the PAST are estimates based on various research studies and clinical experience. They are not formalized norms.

I. SYLLABLE LEVELS

Basic Syllable Levels (D, E2 - preschool to mid kindergarten; E3 - mid to late kindergarten)

LEVEL D Say *bookcase*. Now say *bookcase* but don't say *book*.

FEEDBACK: "If you say *bookcase* without saying *book*, you get *case*."

D1 (book)case ____ (sun)set ____ space(ship) ____

D2 (sil)ver ____ (mar)ket ____ gen(tle) ____

LEVEL E Say *umbrella*. Now say *umbrella* but don't say *um*.

FEEDBACK: "If you say *umbrella* without saying *um*, you get *brella*."

E2 (um)brella ____ (fan)tastic ____ (Oc)tober ____

E3 (al)phabet ____ (Sat)urday ____ (tri)cycle ____

Basic Syllable Total:

Correct Automatic

____/3 A: ____/3

____/3 A: ____/3

____/3 A: ____/3

____/3 A: ____/3

____/12 A: ____/12

II. ONSET-RIME LEVELS

Onset-Rime Levels (kindergarten to mid first grade)

LEVEL F Say *feet*. Now say *feet* but don't say /f/.

FEEDBACK: "If you say *feet* without the /f/, you get *eat*; *feet-eat*."

(f)eeet → eat ____ (c)ough → off ____

(t)ame → aim ____ (t)ime → I'm ____ (c)one → own ____

LEVEL G Say *guide*. Now say *guide* but instead of /g/ say /r/.

FEEDBACK: "If you say *guide*, and change the /g/ to /r/, you get *ride*; *guide-ride*."

(g)uide /r/ → ride ____ (m)ore /d/ → door ____

(g)um /th/ → thumb ____ (l)ed /s/ → said ____ (f)eel /s/ → seal ____

Onset-Rime Total:

____/5 A: ____/5

____/5 A: ____/5

____/10 A: ____/10

PAST Form A
III. PHONEME LEVELS

Basic Phoneme Levels (early to late first grade)

LEVEL H

H1 (Deletion) **Say *sleep*. Now say *sleep* but don't say /s/.**

FEEDBACK: "If you say sleep without the /s/, you get leap; sleep-leap."

(s)leep → leap ____ (c)rane → rain ____

H2 **Say *grew*. Now say *grew* but instead of /g/ say /t/.**

FEEDBACK: "If you say grew, and change the /g/ to /t/, you get true; grew-true."

(g)rew → (t)rue ____ (c)rane → (b)rain ____ (f)lows → (c)lose ____

LEVEL I Say *went*. Now say *went* but don't say /t/.

FEEDBACK: "If you say went without the /t/, you get when; went-when."

I1 wen(t) → when ____ ran(g)e → rain ____

I2 whea(t) → we ____ nie(c)e → knee ____ dri(v)e → dry ____

Basic Phoneme Total:

Advanced Phoneme Levels (early to late second grade; Level M is early third grade to adult)

LEVEL J Say *ran*. Now say *ran* but instead of /a/ say /u/.

FEEDBACK: "If you say ran, and change the /a/ to /u/, you get run; ran-run."

(Short sound of vowel) r(a)n /u/ → run ____ k(i)t /u/ → cut ____ d(e)n /u/ → done ____

(Long sound of vowel) b(ea)k /A/ → bake ____ f(i)ne /O/ → phone ____

LEVEL K

K1 (Deletion) **Say *bread*. Now say *bread* but don't say /r/.**

FEEDBACK: "If you say bread without the /r/, you get bed; bread-bed."

b(r)ead → bed ____ s(n)eak → seek ____

K2 (Substitution) **Say *crew*. Now say *crew* but instead of /r/ say /l/.**

FEEDBACK: "If you say crew, and change the /r/ to /l/, you get clue; crew-clue."

c(r)ew → c(l)ue ____ s(c)ale → s(n)ail ____ s(n)eeze → s(k)is ____

LEVEL L Say *some*. Say *some* but instead of /m/ say /n/.

FEEDBACK: "If you say some, and change the /m/ to /n/, you get sun; some-sun."

so(m)e /n/ → sun ____ rhy(m)e /d/ → ride ____

nigh(t) /s/ → nice ____ see(m) /t/ → sea(t) ____ kee(p) /z/ → keys ____

LEVEL M

M1 (Deletion) **Say *ghost*. Now say *ghost* but don't say /s/.**

FEEDBACK: "If you say ghost without the /s/, you get goat; ghost-goat."

gho(s)t → goat ____ roa(s)t → wrote ____

M2 (Substitution) **Say *sift*. Now say *sift* but instead of /f/ say /p/.**

FEEDBACK: "If you say sift, and change the /f/ to /p/, you get sipped; sift-sipped."

si(f)t → si(pp)ed ____ tru(s)t → tru(ck)ed ____ de(f)t → de(ck)ed ____

Advanced Phoneme Total:

Correct Automatic

____/5 A: ____/5

____/5 A: ____/5

____/10 A: ____/10

____/5 A: ____/5

____/5 A: ____/5

____/5 A: ____/5

____/5 A: ____/5

____/20 A: ____/20

PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS SCREENING TEST (PAST) FORM B

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Adapted from the levels used in McInnis (1999) & Rosner (1973)

Name: _____ Date: _____ Grade _____ Age _____
Teacher: _____ D.O.B.: _____ Evaluator: _____

INSTRUCTIONS: See *Equipped for Reading Success* Chapter 11: "Assessment of Phonological Awareness" for how to administer the PAST.

RESULTS:

	Correct	Automatic	Highest Correct Level: _____
Basic Syllable	____/12	____/12	(Levels not passed below the highest correct level) _____
Onset-Rime	____/10	____/10	
Basic Phoneme	____/10	____/10	
Advanced Phoneme	____/20	____/20	Highest Automatic Level: _____
Test Total	____/52	____/52	(Non-automatic levels below highest automatic level) _____

Approximate Grade Level:

PreK/K	K	late K/early 1st	1st	late 1st/early 2nd	2nd	late 2nd to adult
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Note: The grade levels listed throughout the PAST are estimates based on various research studies and clinical experience. They are not formalized norms.

I. SYLLABLE LEVELS

Basic Syllable Levels (D, E2 - preschool to mid kindergarten; E3 - mid to late kindergarten)

LEVEL D Say leapfrog. Now say leapfrog but don't say leap.

FEEDBACK: "If you say leapfrog without saying leap, you get frog."

D1 (leap)frog ____ (door)bell ____ mail(box) ____

D2 (cor)ner ____ (mem)ber ____ mar(ble) ____

LEVEL E Say carnation. Now say carnation but don't say car.

FEEDBACK: "If you say carnation without saying car, you get nation."

E2 (car)nation ____ (gym)nastics ____ (Sep)tember ____

E3 (or)nament ____ (at)mosphere ____ (Af)rica

Basic Syllable Total:

Correct	Automatic
____/3	A: ____/3
____/3	A: ____/3
____/3	A: ____/3
____/3	A: ____/3
____/12	A: ____/12
____/5	A: ____/5
____/5	A: ____/5
____/10	A: ____/10
____/10	A: ____/10

II. ONSET-RIME LEVELS

Onset-Rime Levels (kindergarten to mid first grade)

LEVEL F Say far. Now say far but don't say /f/.

FEEDBACK: "If you say far without the /f/, you get are; far-are."

(f)ar → are ____ (n)ame → aim ____

(f)ive → I've ____ (c)ore → oar ____ (l)oan → own ____

LEVEL G Say kite. Now say kite but instead of /k/ say /r/.

FEEDBACK: "If you say kite, and change the /k/ to /r/, you get right; kite-right."

(k)ite /r/ → right ____ (c)ane /r/ → rain ____

(t)ime /r/ → rhyme ____ (s)oup /h/ → hoop ____ (sh)are /h/ → hair ____

Onset-Rime Total:

PAST Form B
III. PHONEME LEVELS

Basic Phoneme Levels (early to late first grade)

LEVEL H

H1 (Deletion) **Say *sleeve*. Now say *sleeve* but don't say /s/.**

FEEDBACK: "If you say *sleeve* without the /s/, you get *leave*; *sleeve-leave*."

(s)leeve → leave ____ (g)reat → rate ____

H2 (Substitution) **Say *freeze*. Now say *freeze* but instead of /f/ say of /t/.**

FEEDBACK: "If you say *freeze*, and change the /f/ to /t/, you get *trees*; *freeze-trees*."

(f)reeze → (t)rees ____ (c)rew → (t)rue ____ (p)roud → (c)rowd ____

LEVEL I Say *sword*. Now say *sword* but don't say /d/.

FEEDBACK: "If you say *sword* without the /d/, you get *sore*; *sword-sore*."

I1 swor(d) → sore ____ mean(t) → men ____

I2 sea(t) → see ____ grou(p) → grew ____ wi(d)e → why ____

Basic Phoneme Total:

Advanced Phoneme Levels (early to late second grade; Level M is early third grade to adult)

LEVEL J Say *man*. Now say *man* but instead of /a/ say /e/.

FEEDBACK: "If you say *man*, and change the /a/ to /e/, you get *men*; *man-men*."

(Short sound of vowel) m(a)n /e/ → men ____ n(e)ck /o/ → knock ____ d(o)t /e/ → debt ____

(Long sound of vowel) l(oa)n /I/ → line ____ s(i)de /E/ → seed ____

LEVEL K

K1 (Deletion) **Say *spy*. Now say *spy* but don't say /p/.**

FEEDBACK: "If you say *spy* without the /p/, you get *sigh*; *spy-sigh*."

s(p)y → sigh ____ c(l)aim → came ____

K2 (Substitution) **Say *crime*. Now say *crime* but instead of /r/ say /l/.**

FEEDBACK: "If you say *crime*, and change the /r/ to /l/, you get *climb*; *crime-climb*."

c(r)ime → c(l)imb ____ g(r)ew → g(l)ue ____ c(l)oud → c(r)owd ____

LEVEL L Say *set*. Now say *set* but instead of /t/ say /d/.

FEEDBACK: "If you say *set*, and change the /t/ to /d/, you get *said*; *set-said*."

se(t) /d/ → said ____ whe(n) /t/ → wet ____

sou(p) /n/ → soon ____ to(n)e /d/ → toad ____ kni(f)e /t/ → night ____

LEVEL M

M1 (Deletion) **Say *dusk*. Now say *dusk* but don't say /s/.**

FEEDBACK: "If you say *dusk* without the /s/, you get *duck*; *dusk-duck*."

du(s)k → duck ____ she(l)f → chef ____

M2 (Substitution) **Say *rift*. Now say *rift* but instead of /f/ say /s/.**

FEEDBACK: "If you say *rift*, and change the /f/ to /s/, you get *wrist*; *rift-wrist*."

ri(f)t → wri(s)t ____ te(s)t → te(n)t ____ le(f)t → lea(p)t ____

Advanced Phoneme Total:

Correct Automatic

____/5 A: ____/5

____/5 A: ____/5

____/10 A: ____/10

____/5 A: ____/5

____/5 A: ____/5

____/5 A: ____/5

____/5 A: ____/5

____/20 A: ____/20

PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS SCREENING TEST (PAST) FORM C

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Name: _____ Date: _____ Grade _____ Age _____
Teacher: _____ D.O.B.: _____ Evaluator: _____

INSTRUCTIONS: See *Equipped for Reading Success* Chapter 11: "Assessment of Phonological Awareness" for how to administer the PAST.

RESULTS:

	Correct	Automatic	Highest Correct Level:	
Basic Syllable	____/12	____/12	(Levels not passed below the highest correct level)	_____
Onset-Rime	____/10	____/10		_____
Basic Phoneme	____/10	____/10		_____
Advanced Phoneme	____/20	____/20	Highest Automatic Level:	_____
Test Total	____/52	____/52	(Non-automatic levels below highest automatic level)	_____

Approximate Grade Level:

PreK/K	K	late K/early 1st	1st	late 1st/early 2nd	2nd	late 2nd to adult
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I. SYLLABLE LEVELS

Basic Syllable Levels (D, E2 - preschool to mid kindergarten; E3 - mid to late kindergarten)

LEVEL D Say *footprint*. Now say *footprint* but don't say *foot*.

FEEDBACK: "If you say footprint without saying foot, you get print."

D1 (foot)print ____ (row)boat ____ mid(night) ____
D2 (ta)ble ____ (o)ver ____ pan(da) ____

LEVEL E Say *invention*. Now say *invention* but don't say *in*.

FEEDBACK: "If you say invention without saying in, you get vention."

E2 (in)vention ____ (ma)gician ____ (me)chanic ____
E3 (at)mosphere ____ (cu)cumber ____ (car)pentenr ____

Basic Syllable Total:

Correct	Automatic
____/3	A: ____/3
____/3	A: ____/3
____/3	A: ____/3
____/3	A: ____/3
____/12	A: ____/12

II. ONSET-RIME LEVELS

Onset-Rime Levels (kindergarten to mid first grade)

LEVEL F Say *sheet*. Now say *sheet* but don't say /sh/.

FEEDBACK: "If you say sheet without the /sh/, you get eat; sheet-eat."

(sh)eet → eat ____ (ph)one → own ____
(n)ame → aim ____ (r)ide → I'd ____ (w)ar → or ____

LEVEL G Say *loop*. Now say *loop* but instead of /l/ say /s/.

FEEDBACK: "If you say loop, and change the /l/ to /s/, you get soup; loop-soup."

(l)oop /s/ → soup ____ (p)ut /f/ → foot ____
(p)ool /r/ → rule ____ (c)are /ch/ → chair ____ (b)owl /g/ → goal ____

Onset-Rime Total:

____/5	A: ____/5
____/5	A: ____/5
____/10	A: ____/10

PAST Form C

III. PHONEME LEVELS

Basic Phoneme Levels (early to late first grade)

LEVEL H

H1 (Deletion) **Say *sweet*. Now say *sweet* but don't say /s/.**

FEEDBACK: "If you say *sweet* without the /s/, you get *wheat*; *sweet-wheat*."

(s)weet → wheat ____ (ph)rase → raise ____

H2 (Substitution) **Say *true*. Now say *true* but instead of /t/ say /g/.**

FEEDBACK: "If you say *true*, and change the /t/ to /g/, you get *grew*; *true-grew*."

(t)rue → (g)rew ____ (c)laim → (b)lame ____ (t)roop → (g)roup ____

LEVEL I Say *word*. Now say *word* but don't say /d/.

FEEDBACK: "If you say *word* without the /d/, you get *were*; *word-were*."

I1 wor(d) → were ____ lam(p) → lamb ____

I2 boa(t) → bow ____ toa(d) → toe ____ hou(se) → how ____

Basic Phoneme Total:

Advanced Phoneme Levels (early to late second grade; Level M is early third grade to adult)

LEVEL J Say *bat*. Now say *bat* but instead of /a/ say /i/.

FEEDBACK: "If you say *bat*, and change the /a/ to /i/, you get *bit*; *bat-bit*."

(Short sound of vowel) b(a)t /i/ → bit ____ g(e)m /a/ → jam ____ m(a)tch /u/ → much ____

(Long sound of vowel) sh(ee)p /A/ → shape ____ ch(o)se /E/ → cheese ____

LEVEL K

K1 (Deletion) **Say *sled*. Now say *sled* but don't say /l/.**

FEEDBACK: "If you say *sled* without the /l/, you get *said*; *sled-said*."

s(l)ed → said ____ b(r)eeze → bees ____

K2 (Substitution) **Say *crows*. Now say *crows* but instead of /r/ say /l/.**

FEEDBACK: "If you say *crows*, and change the /r/ to /l/, you get *close*; *crows-close*."

c(r)ows → c(l)ose ____ b(r)aid → b(l)ade ____ c(r)uise → c(l)ues ____

LEVEL L Say *hen*. Now say *hen* but instead of /n/ say /d/.

FEEDBACK: "If you say *hen*, and change the /n/ to /d/, you get *head*; *hen-head*."

he(n) /d/ → head ____ ri(s)e /m/ → rhyme ____

migh(t) /s/ → mice ____ tu(b)e /th/ → tooth ____ sou(p) /t/ → suit ____

LEVEL M

M1 (Deletion) **Say *swept*. Now say *swept* but don't say /p/.**

FEEDBACK: "If you say *swept* without the /p/, you get *sweat*; *swept-sweat*."

swe(p)t → sweat ____ fri(n)ge → fridge ____

M2 (Substitution) **Say *rent*. Now say *rent* but instead of /n/ say /k/.**

FEEDBACK: "If you say *rent*, and change the /n/ to /k/, you get *wrecked*; *rent-wrecked*."

re(n)t → wre(ck)ed ____ ro(p)ed → roa(s)t ____ lea(s)t → lea(p)ed ____

Advanced Phoneme Total:

Correct Automatic

____/5 A: ____/5

____/5 A: ____/5

____/10 A: ____/10

____/5 A: ____/5

____/5 A: ____/5

____/5 A: ____/5

____/5 A: ____/5

____/20 A: ____/20

PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS SCREENING TEST (PAST) FORM D

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Name: _____ Date: _____ Grade _____ Age _____
Teacher: _____ D.O.B.: _____ Evaluator: _____

INSTRUCTIONS: See *Equipped for Reading Success* Chapter 11: "Assessment of Phonological Awareness" for how to administer the PAST.

RESULTS:

	Correct	Automatic	
Basic Syllable	____/12	____/12	Highest Correct Level: _____ (Levels not passed below the highest correct level) _____
Onset-Rime	____/10	____/10	
Basic Phoneme	____/10	____/10	
Advanced Phoneme	____/20	____/20	Highest Automatic Level: _____ (Non-automatic levels below highest automatic level) _____
Test Total	____/52	____/52	

Approximate Grade Level:

<i>PreK/K</i>	<i>K</i>	<i>late K/early 1st</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>late 1st/early 2nd</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>late 2nd to adult</i>
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I. SYLLABLE LEVELS

Basic Syllable Levels (D, E2 - preschool to mid kindergarten; E3 - mid to late kindergarten)

LEVEL D Say *sidewalk*. Now say *sidewalk* but don't say *side*.

FEEDBACK: "If you say sidewalk without saying side, you get walk."

D1 (sail)boat ____ (door)way ____ week(end) ____

D2 (dol)phin ____ (car)pet ____ mor(ning) ____

LEVEL E Say *tornado*. Now say *tornado* but don't say *tor*.

FEEDBACK: "If you say tornado without saying tor, you get nado."

E2 (tor)nado ____ (per)mission ____ (de)partment ____

E3 (in)strument ____ (con)centrate ____ (wil)derness ____

Basic Syllable Total:

Correct Automatic

____/3 A: ____/3

____/3 A: ____/3

____/3 A: ____/3

____/3 A: ____/3

____/12 A: ____/12

II. ONSET-RIME LEVELS

Onset-Rime Levels (kindergarten to mid first grade)

LEVEL F Say *joke*. Now say *joke* but don't say /j/.

FEEDBACK: "If you say joke without the /j/, you get oak; joke-oak."

(j)oke → oak ____ (r)ise → eyes ____

(j)ar → are ____ (f)ake → ache ____ (l)ake → ache ____

LEVEL G Say *read*. Now say *read* but instead of /r/ say /n/.

FEEDBACK: "If you say read, and change the /r/ to /n/, you get need; read-need."

(r)ead /n/ → need ____ (h)er /f/ → fur ____

(c)ode /t/ → toad ____ (l)ed /s/ → said ____ (th)ese /ch/ → cheese ____

Onset-Rime Total:

____/5 A: ____/5

____/5 A: ____/5

____/10 A: ____/10

PAST Form D

III. PHONEME LEVELS

Basic Phoneme Levels (early to late first grade)

LEVEL H

H1 (Deletion) Say **tried**. Now say **tried** but don't say /t/.

FEEDBACK: "If you say tried without the /t/, you get ride; tried-ride."

(t)ried → ride ____ (s)lam → lamb ____

H2 (Substitution) Say **froze**. Now say **froze** but instead of /f/ say of /g/.

FEEDBACK: "If you say froze, and change the /f/ to /g/, you get grows; froze-grows."

(f)roze → (g)rows ____ (t)rees → (f)reeze ____ (f)ries → (p)rize ____

LEVEL I Say **port**. Now say **port** without the /t/.

FEEDBACK: "If you say port without the /t/, you get poor; port-poor."

I1 por(t) → poor ____ sur(f) → sir ____

I2 sa(m)e → say ____ pla(c)e → play ____ nee(d) → knee ____

Basic Phoneme Total:

Advanced Phoneme Levels (early to late second grade; Level M is early third grade to adult)

LEVEL J Say **hit**. Now say **hit** but instead of /i/ say /a/.

FEEDBACK: "If you say hit, and change the /i/ to /a/, you get hat; hit-hat."

(Short sound of vowel) h(i)t /a/ → hat ____ wh(e)n /i/ → win ____ t(oo)l /e/ → tell ____

(Long sound of vowel) g(a)te /O/ → goat ____ c(a)pe /E/ → keep ____

LEVEL K

K1 (Deletion) Say **try**. Now say **try** but don't say /r/.

FEEDBACK: "If you say try without the /r/, you get tie; try-tie."

t(r)y → tie ____ s(l)ope → soap ____

K2 (Substitution) Say **snail**. Now say **snail** but instead of /n/ say /t/.

FEEDBACK: "If you say snail, and change the /n/ to /t/, you get stale; snail-stale."

s(n)ail → s(t)ale ____ f(l)ows → f(r)oze ____ g(l)ean → g(r)een ____

LEVEL L Say **foam**. Now say **foam** but instead of /m/ say /n/.

FEEDBACK: "If you say foam, and change the /m/ to /n/, you get phone; foam-phone."

foa(m) /n/ → phone ____ je(t) /m/ → gem ____

bo(th) /t/ → boat ____ wro(t)e /p/ → rope ____ tee(th) /ch/ → teach ____

LEVEL M

M1 (Deletion) Say **wisp**. Now say **wisp** but don't say /s/.

FEEDBACK: "If you say wisp without the /s/, you get whip; wisp-whip."

wi(s)p → whip ____ toa(s)t → tote ____

M2 (Substitution) Say **ripped**. Now say **ripped** but instead of /p/ say /s/.

FEEDBACK: "If you say ripped, and change the /p/ to /s/, you get wrist; ripped-wrist."

ri(pp)ed → wri(s)t ____ so(f)t → sa(l)t ____ ta(s)te → tai(n)t ____

Advanced Phoneme Total:

Correct Automatic

____/5 A: ____/5

____/5 A: ____/5

____/10 A: ____/10

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____/5 A: ____/5

____/5 A: ____/5

____/5 A: ____/5

____/20 A: ____/20

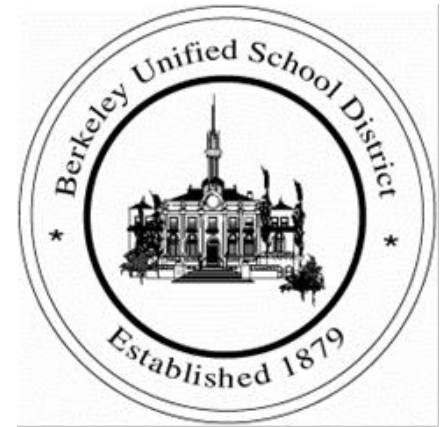
(Averil Coxhead's) High-Incidence Academic Word List (AWL) – Alphabetical Order

Words of highest frequency are followed by the number 1

abandon	8	bias	8	constitute	1	distinct	2	fee	6
abstract	6	bond	6	constrain	3	distort	9	file	7
academy	5	brief	6	construct	2	distribute	1	final	2
access	4	bulk	9	consult	5	diverse	6	finance	1
accommodate	9	capable	6	consume	2	document	3	finite	7
accompany	8	capacity	5	contact	5	domain	6	flexible	6
accumulate	8	category	2	contemporary	8	domestic	4	fluctuate	8
accurate	6	cease	9	context	1	dominate	3	focus	2
achieve	2	challenge	5	contract	1	draft	5	format	9
acknowledge	6	channel	7	contradict	8	drama	8	formula	1
acquire	2	chapter	2	contrary	7	duration	9	forthcoming	10
adapt	7	chart	8	contrast	4	dynamic	7	foundation	7
adequate	4	chemical	7	contribute	3	economy	1	found	9
adjacent	10	circumstance	3	controversy	9	edit	6	framework	3
adjust	5	cite	6	convene	3	element	2	function	1
administrate	2	civil	4	converse	9	eliminate	7	fund	3
adult	7	clarify	8	convert	7	emerge	4	fundamental	5
advocate	7	classic	7	convince	10	emphasis	3	furthermore	6
affect	2	clause	5	cooperate	6	empirical	7	gender	6
aggregate	6	code	4	coordinate	3	enable	5	generate	5
aid	7	coherent	9	core	3	encounter	10	generation	5
albeit	10	coincide	9	corporate	3	energy	5	globe	7
allocate	6	collapse	10	correspond	3	enforce	5	goal	4
alter	5	colleague	10	couple	7	enhance	6	grade	7
alternative	3	commence	9	create	1	enormous	10	grant	4
ambiguous	8	comment	3	credit	2	ensure	3	guarantee	7
amend	5	commission	2	criteria	3	entity	5	guideline	8
analogy	9	commit	4	crucial	8	environment	1	hence	4
analyse	1	commodity	8	culture	2	equate	2	hierarchy	7
annual	4	communicate	4	currency	8	equip	7	highlight	8
anticipate	9	community	2	cycle	4	equivalent	5	hypothesis	4
apparent	4	compatible	9	data	1	erode	9	identical	7
append	8	compensate	3	debate	4	error	4	identify	1
appreciate	8	compile	10	decade	7	establish	1	ideology	7
approach	1	complement	8	decline	5	estate	6	ignorance	6
appropriate	2	complex	2	deduce	3	estimate	1	illustrate	3
approximate	4	component	3	define	1	ethic	9	image	5
arbitrary	8	compound	5	definite	7	ethnic	4	immigrate	3
area	1	comprehensive	7	demonstrate	3	evaluate	2	impact	2
aspect	2	comprise	7	denote	8	eventual	8	implement	4
assemble	10	compute	2	deny	7	evident	1	implicate	4
assess	1	conceive	10	depress	10	evolve	5	implicit	8
assign	6	concentrate	4	derive	1	exceed	6	imply	3
assist	2	concept	1	design	2	exclude	3	impose	4
assume	1	conclude	2	despite	4	exhibit	8	incentive	6
assure	9	concurrent	9	detect	8	expand	5	incidence	6
attach	6	conduct	2	deviate	8	expert	6	incline	10
attain	9	confer	4	device	9	explicit	6	income	1
attitude	4	confine	9	devote	9	exploit	8	incorporate	6
attribute	4	confirm	7	differentiate	7	export	1	index	6
author	6	conflict	5	dimension	4	expose	5	indicate	1
authority	1	conform	8	diminish	9	external	5	individual	1
automate	8	consent	3	discrete	5	extract	7	induce	8
available	1	consequent	2	discriminate	6	facilitate	5	inevitable	8
aware	5	considerable	3	displace	8	factor	1	infer	7
behalf	9	consist	1	display	6	feature	2	infrastructure	8
benefit	1	constant	3	dispose	7	federal	6	inherent	9

Academic Word List – Alphabetical

inhibit	6	migrate	6	precede	6	reverse	7	tense	8
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Overview

**A COMMON
BASELINE OF
ACADEMIC
VOCABULARY**

It is widely accepted among researchers that the difference in students' vocabulary levels is a key factor in disparities in academic achievement...but that vocabulary instruction has been neither frequent nor systematic in most schools

– Appendix A of Common Core State Standards

One of the major instructional shifts in the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) is the renewed focus on the importance of **general academic vocabulary**.

The BUSD Grade Level Academic Vocabulary List is designed to help Berkeley Unified School District systematically enhance the academic vocabulary of all of our students to better prepare them to learn the new Common Core State Standards. It is an articulated list of general academic vocabulary required at each grade level in all subject areas. Effective implementation will ensure that all BUSD students share a common baseline of rich, complex vocabulary terms necessary for engagement in the academic discourse required by the CCSS.

This work is aligned with the current research on vocabulary development, the district policy on equity, the BUSD 2020 Vision, the Common Core Standards, local assessments, and SBAC release items.

BUSD has taken a **district-wide systematic approach** to general academic vocabulary instruction because the leading research indicates that tier two vocabulary words are

- Not unique to a particular discipline and therefore not usually the focus of vocabulary instruction
- Far less defined by contextual clues
- Frequently encountered in a variety of academic contexts
- Widely applicable in academic speaking and writing

Following the vocabulary development work of Beck, McKeown and Kucan, the CCSS references three tiers of words that are vital to academic achievement:

Tier One words are the words of everyday speech usually learned in the early grades...

Tier Two words (what the Standards refer to as general academic words) are far more likely to appear in written texts than in speech. They appear in all sorts of texts: informational texts (words such as relative, vary, formulate, specificity, and accumulate), technical texts (calibrate, itemize, periphery), and literary texts (dignified, faltered). Tier Two words often represent subtle or precise ways to say relatively simple things—saunter instead of walk, for example. Because Tier Two words are found across many types of texts, they are highly generalizable.

Tier Three words (what the Standards refer to as domain-specific words) are specific to a domain or field of study (lava, legislature, circumference, aorta) and key to understanding a new concept within a text... Recognized as new and "hard" words for most readers (particularly student readers), they are often explicitly defined by the author of a text, repeatedly used, and otherwise heavily scaffolded (e.g., made a part of a glossary).

- Common Core State Standards, p.33. corestandards.org CHECK OUT THIS VIDEO by Engage NY <http://d97cooltools.blogspot.com/2012/09/commoncoreunpackingacademicvocabulary.html>

**General Academic
Words are Often
Referred to as Tier
Two Words**

Academic Vocabulary Instruction for Equity

After decades of collaborating to increase child language vocabulary, Betty Hart and Todd Risley spent 2 ½ years intensely observing the language of 42 families. Specifically, they looked at household language use in three different settings: 1) professional families; 2) working class; 3) welfare families. Hart and Risley gathered an enormous amount of data during the study and subsequent longitudinal follow-ups to come up with an often cited 30 million word gap between the vocabularies of welfare and professional families by age three. Analysis of the data suggests that an even greater disparity exists in Berkeley. Systematically addressing the difference in our students' vocabulary is one of the ways to decrease the achievement gap in BUSD.

	Words heard per hour	Per week	Per year	In 4 years
Welfare	616	62,000	3 million	13 million
Working class	1,251	125,000	6 million	26 million
Professional	2,153	215,000	11 million	45 million

Selection Criteria

A team of Berkeley teachers, language development experts, and literacy specialists used the following criteria to cull words from the Coxhead Academic Word List, the list of EAP Academic Words, Dr. Kate Kinsella's Academic Word Lists, and other lists including common headwords, roots, suffixes, prefixes, and Spanish cognates, in conjunction with the Common Core State Standards, TCRWP and other BUSD language arts curriculum, as well as lists used in other. The General Academic (Tier Two) words were carefully selected based on the following criteria:

Each word on the list . . .

- ✓ is portable; it is likely to appear across subjects at that grade level and beyond,
- ✓ is vital to comprehension of academic text,
- ✓ helps students express their academic understanding,
- ✓ is essential for participation in academic discussions and writing, and
- ✓ is not typically used by students* without explicit instruction

* Particularly students in historically underserved subgroups who are not yet proficient on standardized measures of achievement

Implementation

Academic Vocabulary Instruction is no longer the sole responsibility of the Language Arts teacher. The CCSS requires that the **shared responsibility** of literacy instruction include general academic vocabulary instruction in all subject areas.

District, Site, and Teacher Roles

**DISTRICT
ROLE**

It is the district's role to provide this document which includes the BUSD Grade Level Academic Vocabulary List to every teacher and administrator. The PD Office will provide Academic Vocabulary Development training to accompany the list. The PD Office will also provide additional training at sites upon request. The preliminary list is subject to change as we learn more through implementation and as more information about the language demands of the SBAC is made available for alignment.

**SCHOOL SITE
ROLE**

It is the principal's role to monitor and support effective implementation. Sites are encouraged to provide grade level collaboration time for teachers, including specialists, to strategize on when and how to teach the words as well as plan which text-based and Tier Three words to also teach. Principals and teacher leaders should contact the PD Office for Academic Vocabulary Development PD at their site.

There are two approaches for school sites to choose from:

Autonomy Approach

One to Two words from the list are taught per week at each teacher's discretion

- ± Benefits of the Autonomy Approach
 - The context in which the words are taught is more authentic
 - Allows more creativity in planning for vocabulary instruction
 - Allows teachers to group the words in ways that make sense to them
- ± Drawbacks of the Autonomy Approach
 - Requires more systematic planning for each teacher
 - Requires coordination among classroom teachers, resource teachers, and specialists
 - Is harder to monitor

Words of the Week Approach

Two words per grade level are taught and emphasized school wide each week

- ± Benefits of the Words of the Week Approach
 - The entire school is focused on particular words at each grade level
 - Does not require teachers to map out when each word will be taught.
 - Is easier to monitor
- ± Drawbacks of the Words of the Week Approach
 - Using the words of the week in context in every subject in a given week may be a challenge leading to less authentic student practice

**TEACHER
ROLE**

At the elementary level, it is the classroom teacher’s role to introduce and explicitly teach the words (See guidelines on page ____). The specialist teachers must intentionally reinforce the same words, requiring students’ regular and accurate use of them within their specific content.

***Note:** See page ____ for tips on how to reinforce the words across the curriculum throughout the school day.*

At the secondary level, while teaching students how to use the words accurately and requiring their fluent use is the shared responsibility of all teachers, the ELA teachers must develop students’ [deeper knowledge](#) of the words through word work such as parts of speech, semantic word webs, and other language arts techniques. All other teachers will teach ([Autonomy Approach](#)) and/or reinforce ([Words of the Week Approach](#)) and require students’ regular and accurate use of the words in their specific content.

**TEACH FOR
MASTERY**

It is a district expectation that the words on the BUSD Grade Level Academic Vocabulary List be [taught for mastery](#) over the course of the school year. Teaching vocabulary for mastery means that it enables students to know and use the words accurately without hesitation. This requires explicit instruction of the terms that includes [practice, review, and deep processing](#). Instruction must be cumulative, with the terms integrated into increasingly complex tasks requiring them to be applied to multiple contexts.

**FOCUS FOR
INSTRUCTION**

The BUSD Grade Level Academic Vocabulary [List](#) is by no means totally representative of all words students should learn, nor is it to be used for busy work, homework packets or spelling lists. The purpose is to create a guaranteed baseline of words to be an **intentional focus for instruction**. The list must be supplemented by terms and language frames from specific texts and tasks, thematic words, subject-specific, Tier Three words ...words that may vary from class to class but with the BUSD Grade Level Academic Vocabulary List as the constant (See page ____ for **information on how to select text based vocabulary to supplement the list**).

**SUPPLEMENT
THE LIST**

In the first years of implementation, it may be necessary to also teach words from previous grades. It is recommended to use the entire list as a guide in supplementing a grade level. However, to avoid repetition in the coming years, please do not plan to explicitly teach words from upcoming grades unless they come up in context.

**DIRECT
TEACHING OF
VOCABULARY
MIGHT BE
ONE OF THE
MOST
UNDERUSED
ACTIVITIES
IN K-12
EDUCATION**

Explicit Instruction

Direct teaching of vocabulary might be one of the most underused activities in K-12 education. The lack of vocabulary instruction might be a result of misconceptions about what it means to teach vocabulary and its potential effect on student learning. Perhaps the biggest misconception is that teaching vocabulary means teaching formal dictionary definitions. -Marzano et al. 2002

Wide Reading Is Not Enough

Research indicates that wide reading alone is not an effective way to teach vocabulary, particularly to students who do not have exposure to academic English at home. In her 2010 lecture *Teaching Vocabulary in the Middle Grades*, Dr. Kate Kinsella cautions against over reliance on *indirect* vocabulary instruction:

In order for students to be able to use a word effectively in either speaking or writing they need to have explicit, scaffolded instruction. -Kate Kinsella, 2010

[Students} have to read widely to get exposure to many new words. Although reading widely across the subject areas is the main way youth can really bolster their recognition of many words, it isn't the most reliable way for them to develop a confident command to use them correctly in speaking and writing. We know that in order for students to be able to use a word effectively in either speaking or writing they need to have explicit, scaffolded

instruction of high leverage words, words that are portable across the subject areas and to other contexts: social and, later, to professional areas of their lives.

VIEW THE ENTIRE LECTURE INCLUDING FOOTAGE OF CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION
<http://pubs.cde.ca.gov/tcsii/prolearningtoolkit/kinsellatwotktime.aspx>

Kate Kinsella's Examples of Other Less Effective Vocabulary Instruction:

Many of us have been guilty at one time or another of utilizing inadequate techniques to teach vocabulary. Research has shown, however, that the following common practices are a waste of precious instructional minutes.

1. Incidental teaching of words
2. Asking, "Does anybody know what _____ means?"
3. Copying same word several times
4. Having students "look it up" in a typical dictionary
5. Copying from dictionary or glossary
6. Having students use the word in a sentence after #3,4, or 5
7. Activities that do not require deep processing (word searches, fill-in-the-blank)
8. Rote memorization without context
9. Telling students to "use context clues" as a first or only strategy. Asking students to guess the meaning of the word
10. Passive reading as a primary strategy (SSR)

Guidelines for Explicit Instruction

At the secondary level, although more time is spent on explicit vocabulary instruction, the words are systematically reinforced in every other class.

Explicitly teach one to two of the **BUSD Grade Level Academic Vocabulary List** words per week in context. The words must be taught and reinforced in context in *every academic subject*. Effective academic vocabulary development includes [systematic practice](#), [review](#), and [deep processing](#). In all content areas, academic vocabulary instruction must be cumulative, with the terms integrated into increasingly complex tasks requiring them to be applied to multiple contexts. In language arts, more time should be spent on instruction about the nuance of the word, its origin, root, affixes, etc., and language arts teachers should use word work strategies such as parts of speech, semantic word webs, and other language arts techniques.

When planning a unit, choose the words from the [list](#) that best lend themselves to the topic. The words are common enough that it should not be difficult to find them in the texts you already use. Grade level teams may collaborate to plan the order or timeline in which the words are taught.

Differentiation: Use words from previous grades to guide planning for Tier One intervention. Words from previous grades may also be used in planning for ELD, ALD, and Tier Two and Three intervention groups.

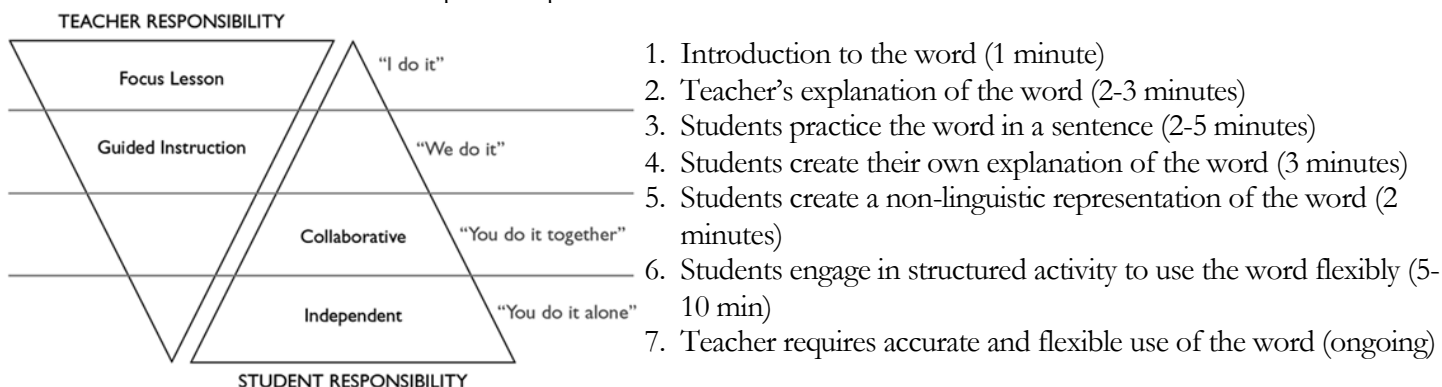
Use a research proven **Vocabulary Development Routine**. While there is no single best way to teach vocabulary, the research and theory on vocabulary development does point to a few generalizations that provide strong guidance.

**ELD AND RTI
USE WORDS
FROM
PREVIOUS
GRADES**

Sample Lesson

On the following pages is a research proven routine for instruction based on Robert Marzano’s six step vocabulary development (2009), Kate Kinsella’s vocabulary instruction routine (2010), and Doug Fisher and Nancy Frey’s Gradual Release of Responsibility (2007).

Keep the pace snappy. Steps one through six should take just **15-20 minutes total**. Although tempting to spread out over days, research shows that steps 1-6 must be done together within a lesson. Step 6 may be repeated as often as needed as well as independent practice with the words.



Focus Lesson (I do) Includes:

1. Introduction to the word (1 minute)

- a. Spelling
- b. Syllabication
- c. Pronunciation (teacher models, students repeat multiple times)
- d. Teacher may do a knowledge rating to access prior knowledge

What it might look like: Our first new word today is **example, e-x-a-m-p-l-e**. Repeat after me, example... ex- AM ple...example... Now the back of the room only... Now the front... Now let's whisper it...

Class, show me on your fingers your knowledge of the word **example**. Kianna, I see you gave it a four. Will you explain **example** to us? (Kianna's Response: *An example is one thing to kind of show more things.*) Good, Kianna. That's similar to mine.

Knowledge Rating

1= I've never heard the word before

2= I've heard the word, but I don't know what it means

3= I'm not sure what it means, but I think it has something to do with...

4= I know the word well and can explain it to the class...

2. Teacher's explanation of the word (2-3 minutes)

- a. Not a formal or dictionary definition
- b. Brief, concise, planned out
- c. Write the brief explanation on the board as you explain it
- d. Students copy the brief explanation in a language log
- e. Give 2 examples of the word in use
- f. May include a non-example or an example of its opposite
- g. The teacher may ask Spanish speakers to share if the word has a familiar cognate
- h. The teacher may ask EL and bilingual students if they know the word in their other language

What it might look like: a-d: An example is one thing that *represents* a larger group of things.

e: So if I say 'jazz is an example of the kinds of music I like' that means that I like jazz and there are many other kinds of music that I also like. Jazz is just an **example** of the many kinds of music I enjoy. I could also say 'Bud and Amy are examples of heroic characters we've read about.' That means that they are both heroic characters, and that we must have also read about other heroic characters.

f: It would not be correct to say, 'A square is an example of a geometric figure with 4 equal sides and 4 right angles.' That doesn't make sense because the square is the **ONLY** figure like that. There are no **OTHER** examples so it doesn't represent a larger group.

g: Josue, my Spanish cognate expert, is there a word you've heard in Spanish that sounds like example? (Response: ejemplo) .

h: Yeshi, can you translate **example** into Tibetan for me? Tenzin, does that sound right?

Guided Practice (We do) includes:

3. Students practice the word in a sentence (2-5 minutes)

- a. Use a cloze sentence and have students respond in unison with the target vocabulary word
- b. Direct students attention to anticipated errors (singular/plural, verb tense...)
- c. Then have students practice the target word correctly with a frame, written and orally with a partner

What it might look like:

a: Write on whiteboard:

Vanilla is an ___ of popular ice cream flavors.

Strawberry and vanilla are two ___ of popular ice cream flavors.

Read the sentences on the board as cloze sentences: Strawberry and vanilla are two (students respond in unison: examples) of popular ice cream flavors.

b: Notice how we went from “an example” in the first sentence to “examples” in the second sentence. Partner A’s tell partner B’s why it changed... (Response: Example changed to examples because there’s more than one now.) Partner B’s tell partner A’s when the word example needs to be singular, and when it needs to be plural... (Response: You write ‘an example’ if there’s just one, but you write the plural, examples, when there are two or more)

When you go to write your own, make sure that if you have one, you use an example (not a example) and if there are more than one example, you use the plural, examples.

c: Now use these frames on the board to write/say your own sentences.

___ is an example of ___.

___ and ___ are two examples of ___.

Student responses vary: Cats are an example of a popular pet. A square and a rhombus are two examples of a quadrilateral.

Collaborative Practice (You do together):

4-7: Teacher moves into the role of facilitator

4. Students create their own explanation of the word (3 min)

- a. Students share with a partner, revise as needed, and copy into a language log
- b. As students finish, the teacher picks a student with a strong response to share theirs with the class

5. Students create non-linguistic representation of the word (2 min)

- a. Teacher may model how this is done, but it is critical that students come up with their own representation that is meaningful to them
- b. Can be a sketch, picture, or gesture
- c. Skipping this step is not advised.

To fully absorb the meaning of academic words, students need to actively think about and use academic vocabulary in multiple contexts

6. Students engage in structured activities to learn to use the word flexibly (5-10 minutes on first day, then ongoing)

- a. Teacher requires students to use the new vocabulary in context
- b. As the students engage in learning activities the teacher listens not only for what they are saying, but how they are saying it
- c. Teacher monitors for accurate use of target vocabulary and provides feedback

Structured Language Practice Strategies:

<https://sites.google.com/a/berkeley.net/eld/home/slps>

Engagement Strategies: <http://its.gcsnc.com/act/strategies/>

7. Independent Practice (You do)
Teacher requires accurate and flexible use of the word in speaking and writing (ongoing)

- a. In activities such as written assignments, collaborative projects, class discussions, homework, and exit tickets
- b. In assessment such as quizzes, tests, and writing rubrics
- c. Ongoing focus in all subjects throughout the rest of the year

Systematic Practice

**REQUIRE
STUDENTS'
FLUENT AND
ACCURATE
USE OF THE
WORDS
THROUGHOUT
THE YEAR**

In order to internalize unfamiliar academic language, students need to practice it orally. Regular use of structured language practice strategies (SLPS) ensures that each student practices academic language multiple times throughout the lesson. SLPS include vocabulary *and* sentence structures and require all students to use target language.

Any interactive engagement strategy can become a SLPS if the teacher explicitly teaches the language to be practiced, and the focus of the activity is on student use of the new/unfamiliar language (Not what is said, but *HOW* it is said).

Basic Guidelines for effective SLPS:

1. Take the time to teach and model the *procedure* for any new SLPS. Demonstrate what successful participation looks and sounds like. Student volunteers or Fishbowl are good ways to model new procedures.
2. Make the target language rigorous, and mandatory. Never use SLPS with language that hasn't been explicitly taught first. Post the graphic organizers or word banks with "bricks" and the sentence frames with "mortar" that you've taught. Require students to use them during the activity and continuously remind them to focus on their use of the language.
3. Use a timer, chime, or other signal to mark the beginning, transitions, and ending of the activity. Keep it moving! Don't adjust your pace to allow all students to finish. If you use these strategies regularly, students will increase their speed to match your snappy pace.
4. Circulate to monitor for participation as well as accuracy. Provide targeted support as needed.
5. Take it to writing. A brief written product (sentence(s) in a journal, language log, note sheet, poster, post-it, exit ticket...) helps hold all students accountable.
6. Don't give up. If a SLPS routine results in chaos the first time, keep trying. Remember, using unfamiliar language makes people uncomfortable at first. Try using familiar/high interest content to introduce a new SLPS routine.
7. Keep it fresh. Once your class and you are comfortable with one or two SLPS, bring another into the rotation.



[CLICK HERE](#) to view an elementary classroom example of SLPS in math

[CLICK HERE](#) for Structured Language Practice Activities

[CLICK HERE](#) for collaborative group work strategies

[CLICK HERE](#) for more student engagement strategies

Review and Deep Processing

REINFORCE
TAUGHT
ACADEMIC
VOCABULARY
ACROSS THE
CURRICULUM

Tips to reinforce taught academic words across the curriculum and require students' regular and accurate use of them throughout the year

Strategically integrate taught academic vocabulary into your instructional routine so that students encounter the words often and have many opportunities to apply their knowledge of the words during reading, writing, and discussion. Focus on the relationship of selected words to important concepts or themes.

Activities for Vocabulary Development Strategies

3 X 3 Vocabulary

This activity promotes the identification of relationships between words. It helps students learn to use the words flexibly as different parts of speech. Students will take related words, ideas, and concepts and combine them together in sentences. The sentences should illustrate the relationship among the words, ideas, and concepts. This can be used as a form of alternative assessment as well as a cognitive teaching strategy.

3 x 3 Vocabulary

Column 1 Down: _____

Column 2 Down: _____

Column 3 Down: _____

Column 1 Across: _____

Column 2 Across: _____

Column 3 Across: _____

Procedure:

1. Pass out a 3x3 Vocabulary sheet on to each student or pair of students.
2. Provide a list of academic words for students to choose from. For each word, list all forms of the word as well, for example the word **consider** includes **consideration**, **considerable**, **considerably**, etc. Remind students to be mindful of verb tense as they use the verb form.
3. Allow students to choose from the word list, placing words in the blocks they choose (one word and all of its forms in each box).
4. Once the sheet is filled out, students should write six sentences which illustrate the relationships between the words in column 1 down, 2 down, 3 down, and rows 1 across, 2 across, and 3 across.

Download from http://its.gcsnc.com/act/strategies/3x3_Voc.htm

Analogies

With analogies, students have to do more than simply recall definitions—they also have to find the relationship between words. This challenge adds a higher level of thinking to the vocabulary process. Relationships between words include:

- synonyms (boy/lad)
- antonyms (midday/midnight)
- order (prepare/eat)
- degree (walk/trot)
- parts (band/watch)
- commonalities (scalpel/doctor)

Categorizing

Categorizing requires students to see what words have in common and how they fit together. Use the following activity, called List-Group-Label (Taba, 1967), before reading a book or beginning a new unit of study in social studies, science, or math.

- List words related to the major concept or theme.
- Group common words.
- Label each group.

While studying safety, for example, have pairs or small groups of students generate lists of words pertaining to safety. After the lists are complete, ask students to group the words into categories and label each group with a title, such as “At Home” and “First Aid.”

Close Reading focused on Vocabulary

[First Grade Video](#)

[Elementary Video TCRWP](#)

[Secondary Science Video](#)

[Tenth Grade Language Arts Video](#)

[Eleventh Grade U.S. History Grade Video](#)

Selecting Tier Two and Tier Three Vocabulary

Considerations for Selecting Academic Vocabulary From a Text

Here are some useful guidelines to help you select words to supplement the BUSD Grade Level Academic Vocabulary List. There are typically far too many academic words in a sample text to teach explicitly. The key is to be strategic about which words to teach for mastery, which to teach for exposure, and which to not teach at all. Consider the following when determining which words in a text selection to teach explicitly.

- Does the word significantly impact the meaning of the text?
- Does it illustrate nuance in an author's choice of words (ie. admitted vs. confessed)
- Will it help students express their understanding of the ideas and concepts they are learning from the text?
- Is the word likely to appear often in other texts?
- Does the word belong to a semantic word family (ie. base, basic, basically)
- Does it connect to other words or ideas that the students have been learning (in previous lessons, in other subjects)?
- Will it be useful to students in their own writing?
- Are there multiple meanings based on context?

NOTE: Often times textbook vocabulary words do not meet this criteria. Carefully select vocabulary with these questions in mind rather than teach textbook vocabulary that may not be as useful.

**ANOTHER
USEFUL TIP
TO GUIDE
YOUR
SELECTION IS
TO MAKE THE
DISTINCTION
BETWEEN
EXPOSURE
AND MASTERY**

Exposure

Provide students with a quick explanation or synonym (receptive language)

- to be able to recognize the word when they hear it
- to be able to understand the word when they read it

Mastery

Explicitly teach students the word for mastery (expressive language)

- to be able to use the word with ease and accuracy when speaking
- to be able to use the word correctly in writing

For more on selecting vocabulary from complex text [CHECK OUT THIS VIDEO](#) by Engage NY

Templates

Academic Vocabulary Log

Marzano’s Six Step Vocabulary Routine

Steps 1-4 should be brief – about 5 minutes per term

1. Model pronunciation and spelling. Have students repeat and then add it to a vocabulary log.
2. Provide a student friendly explanation, including analogies and/or use in a sentence. Provide visuals, including your written explanation.
3. In partners, students add their own explanation.
4. Students create a non-linguistic representation of the term (symbol, icon, or sketch) in the log.
5. Students engage in structured activities to practice using the term in context. They add to their log notes as they expand on their knowledge of terms.
6. Students discuss the content and write using the new terms. (Provide sentence frames as needed). They add to their log notes as they expand on their knowledge of terms.

Unit/Topic: _____				
1. Term and pronunciation (ie. Meiosis = my oh sis)	2. Teacher’s explanation and examples	3. My explanation in my own words	4. Sketch, diagram, symbol, picture or icon	5 and 6. Notes from activities/discussions; deeper understanding, more examples, applications, related concepts...

Academic Vocabulary Concept Map Organizer

Definition/Explanation and symbol or sketch	Essential characteristics
Concept	
Examples <ul style="list-style-type: none">••••••	Non-examples <ul style="list-style-type: none">∅∅∅∅∅∅

Academic Vocabulary Concept Map Organizer II

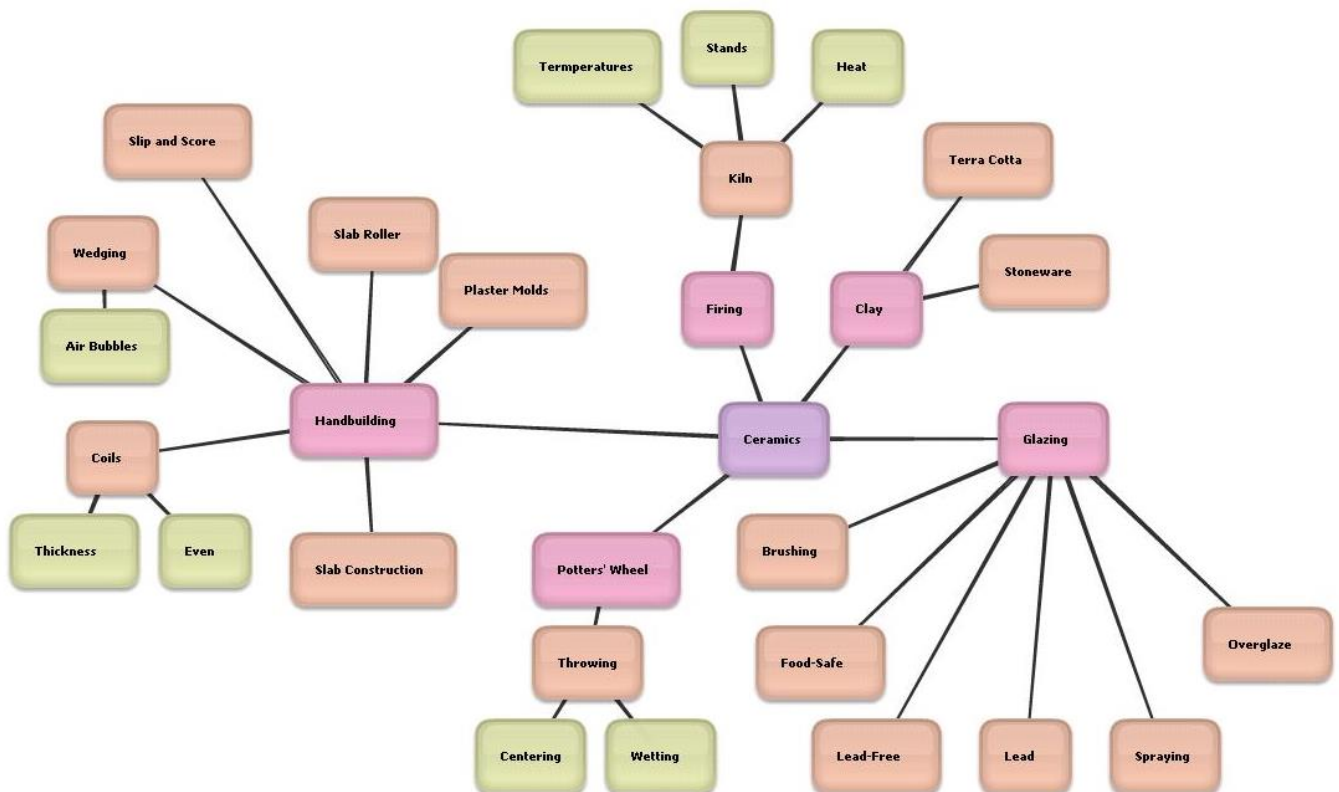
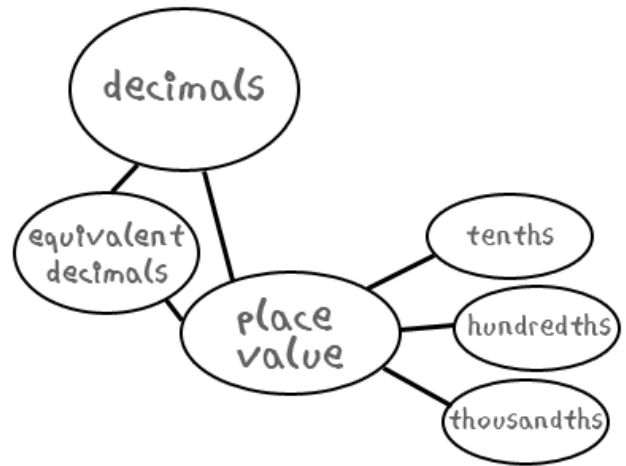
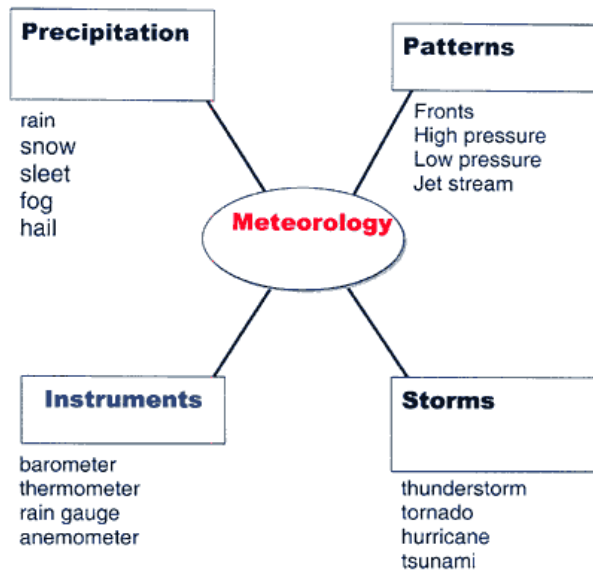
Vocabulary Word:	
Prefix & Meaning:	Root:
Synonym or brief explanation:	
Characteristics:	
Student definition: <i>(general meaning or for a specific context)</i>	
Examples: ✓ ✓ ✓	NON-examples: ∅ ∅ ∅
Showing Sentence:	
Illustration or symbol:	

Word Webs

A word web is a diagram showing how one word may be linked to several other groups of words. It may be linked by meaning, or by word family. For example, the word **like** can be linked to words with the prefix **dis-** (**dislike**) and can also be linked to words with the suffix **-able** (**likeable**). In addition, it can be found in other words such as: likelihood, alike, childlike, ladylike, etc.

More Graphic Organizer Templates:

<http://wvde.state.wv.us/strategybank/VocabularyGraphicOrganizers.html>



Building Academic Vocabulary

To download [CLICK HERE](#)

Other Downloadable Lists: Common Roots, Prefixes, and Suffixes ~ Spanish Cognates ~ Math Words Commonly Used in Other Subjects ~ Transition Words ~ Coxhead AWL List ~ EAP List

One Hundred Plus Word Parts... *To Make You Smarter*

a	not	fer	carry	pel	push
able	able to	fid	faithful	pend	hang
acro	high	firma	hard	pent	five
agora	open space	frag	break	peni	around
amphi	both	fratri	brother	philos	love
anima	anima	ful	full of	phobia	fear
ante	before	gen	beginning	phono	sound
anthropos	mankind	geo	earth	photo	light
anti	against	gon	angle	polis	city
aqua	water	graph	write, record	poly	many
astro	star	hemi	half	pond	weight
audio	hear	hex	ten	port	carry
auto	self	homi	man	pre	before
bene	well	hydro	water	pro	forward
bi	two	hyper	over	pseudo	false
biblios	book	hypo	under	quad	four
bio	life	im	in	quin	five
bon	good	infanti	child	re	back again
eaco	bad	inter	between	regi	king
came	meat	intra	within	scope	look at
cede	go	intro	into	scribo	write
cent	hundred	ist	one who	sec	dry
chrono	time	ject	throw	sed	sit
cide	kill loc.	loq	speak	sophos	wisdom
circum	around	logy	study of	soror	sister
cis	cut	magni	great	sphere	globe
cogni	know	mal	bad	stat	stay
con	with	manu	hand	sui	self
contra	against	matri	mother	sym	together
cracy	government	meter	measure	tele	far off
cred	believe	micro	small	tene	hold
cure	heal	midi	middle	terra	earth
cycle	circle	mil	thousand	theos	god
de	from	mono	one	tract	draw
dec	ten	mort	dead	trans	across
demos	people	nautus	sail	tri	three
dent	teeth	nym	name	un	not
dermis	skin	Oct	eight	uni	one
dia	through	omni	all	val	well
dict	say	ortho	straight	vert	tum
duct	lead	Ous	full of	vid, vis	see
er, or	one who	path	feeling	vit, viv	live
eu	good	patri	father	voc	call
ex	out of	ped	foot, child	zo	animal

Useful Links

Videos:

Academic Vocabulary in Common Core Standards

<http://d97cooltools.blogspot.com/2012/09/commoncoreunpackingacademicvocabulary.html>

Generative Words video: <http://www.wordgeneration.org/proven1.html>

Kindergarten Strategy Video:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=iETebHSQX-w

Word Sift Video: <http://www.wordsift.com/site/videotour/newFeat>

Elementary classroom example of vocabulary practice in math

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TXMR2THtHcg>

Close Reading Videos:

First Grade <http://www.wordsift.com/site/about>

Elementary TCRWP <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nznO1BMtahw>

Secondary Science <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mJgu2DsB9kQ>

Tenth Grade Language Arts <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XFRClI2q18Y>

Eleventh Grade U.S. History Grade <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iKIUovilf5Y>

Academic Vocabulary Teaching Strategies

Vocabulary Instruction http://www.scoe.org/docs/ah/AH_kinsella2.pdf

Structured Language Practice Activities

<https://docs.google.com/a/berkeley.net/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=YmVya2VsZXkubmV0fGVsZHxneDo3OWFkMjVjM2RmNDQyZTYx>

Collaborative group work strategies

<https://docs.google.com/a/berkeley.net/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=YmVya2VsZXkubmV0fGVsZHxneDoxMWU2NTA3MzIOMzA3N2Vm>

Student engagement strategies <http://its.gcsnc.com/act/strategies/>

Web Vocabulary Resources for Teachers:

<http://www.wordsift.com/site/about>

<http://www.roberson.k12.nc.us/Page/33319>

<http://blog.colorincolorado.org/2013/01/01/top-ten-resources-on-the-ccss-for-ells/>

Articles and Presentations:

AFT Article on Vocabulary Instruction

<http://www.aft.org/newspubs/periodicals/ae/spring2001/biemiller.cfm>

The Academic Language of Mathematics

http://ptgmedia.pearsoncmg.com/images/9780205627585/downloads/Echevarria_math_Ch1_TheAcademicLanguageofMathematics.pdf

General Academic Vocabulary to Enhance Understanding of Complex Texts

http://www.ride.ri.gov/Instruction/DOCS/CommonCore/AV1/Academic_Vocabulary_PowerPoint.pdf

Vocabulary Instruction and Language Development for English Learners

<http://www.k12.wa.us/Reading/ReadingFirst/MaterialsHandouts2009-10/VocabELLFulldayHO.pdf>

Research Articles <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/RRQ.011/pdf>

http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2013/02/06/20vocabulary_ep.h32.html

Downloadable Lists:

Common Roots, Affixes (PDF pp. 6-12)

<http://www.englishcompanion.com/pdfDocs/acvocabulary2.pdf>

Spanish Cognates <http://spanishcognates.org/>

Transition Words <https://www.msu.edu/~jdowell/135/transw.html>

Academic Word List (Coxhead AWL)

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/lals/resources/academicwordlist/information>

General Service Lists http://www.lex tutor.ca/freq/lists_download/

AWL/GSL Sublists <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/~alzsh3/acvocab/wordlists.htm>

EAP Vocabulary (PDF p. 13)

<http://www.englishcompanion.com/pdfDocs/acvocabulary2.pdf>

Kinsella Academic word lists

<http://staff.esuhdsd.org/danielle/english%20department%20village/cahsee%20vocabulary.html>

Common Terms in Mathematics <http://dorakmt.tripod.com/mtd/glosmath.html>

Spanish lists <http://quizlet.com/12171949/print/>

Grade Level Academic Vocabulary List

The BUSD Grade Level Academic Vocabulary List is listed by grade level in reverse order to make clear to all what students are expected to achieve by graduation from our district.

Each grade level (spans in high school) has 36-90 words

Number of Words by Grade Level:

<u>Kinder</u>	<u>37</u>
<u>1st-</u>	<u>51</u>
<u>2nd-</u>	<u>61</u>
<u>3rd-</u>	<u>63</u>
<u>4th-</u>	<u>62</u>
<u>5th-</u>	<u>61</u>
<u>6th-</u>	<u>55</u>
<u>7th-</u>	<u>61</u>
<u>8th-</u>	<u>70</u>
<u>9th-10th span –</u>	<u>90</u>
<u>11th-12th span –</u>	<u>85</u>

K-12 Alphabetical List for Quick Reference – 664 words total

11th/12th Grade

abrogate	frivolous	reciprocal
acerbic	hinder	rescind
ameliorate	hubris	restraint
amend	inane	salient
arbitrarily	incognito	sought
archaic	indispensable	specificity
articulated	infrastructure	staggering
auspicious	insulated	subjugate
banal	intangible	substantial(ly)
calibrate	itemize	subtlety
capricious	gist	succinct
caveat	juxtaposition	suffice
connotative	levity	superfluous
consolidate	lexicon	symbiotic
conversely	loquacious	ubiquitous
deleterious	milieu	underlying
denote	myopic	assumption
didactic	nefarious	unilateral
disparaging	obsequious	usage
divulge	offset	usurp
dogmatic	omnipotent	vehement(ly)
eclectic	pejorative	vested
ephemeral	periphery	vilify
epiphany	pertinent	visceral
facetious	posit	whereas
finite	predictability	whereby
formulate	predictor	wrought with
fortuitous	recapitulate	
frivolity	recede	

9th /10th Grade

abdicate	duration	notion
albeit	emerge	notwithstanding
alternate	enable	nuance
ambiguous	encounter	orient
apparent(ly)	enhance	paradigm
approximately	ensure	parameter
arbitrary	entity	perceive
attain	exceed	persist(ent)
attribute	exemplify	plausibility
beneficial	explicit(ly)	plethora
capability	extensive	preliminary
cease	facilitate	presumably
cohesion	feasible	prohibit
coincide	finite/infinite	refine
colleagues	fluctuate	relevant/ irrelevant
commence	forthcoming	reliable/reliability
compensate	given that	resolve
compile	hence	sequential
comprehensive	impede	signify
comprised of	implicit(ly)	specifically
conceive	incidental(ly)	subsequent
conform	inclination	subsidize
constrain	incontrovertible	supplement(ary)
convene	inevitable	sustain
delineate	inherent	tangible
derive	initiate	undergo
despite	integral	varied
deviate	intrinsic	verify
devote	invoke	
discrete	manipulate	
distort	nevertheless	

8th Grade

accordingly	devise
accurately	diminish
acquire	disputable (indisputable)
adequate(ly)	dynamic
allocate/allocation	Employ
alternative	equate
analytical	ethic(al)
anticipation	evident(ly)
applicable (inapplicable)	exceedingly
approach	exhibit, exhibition
articulate (adj)	focal
assertion	Inclined, inclination
assumptions	inconceivable
authentic, authenticity	indicative of
availability	influential
capacity	invariably
coherent (incoherent)	marginal
complexity	perception
conceivably	plausible
concurrent	Presume, presumption
consequently	Requisite (prerequisite)
considerably	specify
constitutes	Speculate, speculation
consult, consultation	subsequently
convey	susceptible
correlation	thereby
depict, depiction, depicted	validity
detect	vary/varied
determination	virtual(ly)

7th Grade

affect (v)
articulate (v)
aspects
assertive(ly)
authority
capture
clearly
conceivable (inconceivable)
conditional (unconditional)
consideration
consist of
contradictory
correlate
credibility
criteria
design
determined
differentiate
draft (v)
establish
exclusive
exercise, exercise (n)
factor
feature
generally
generate
illustrate
impact
imply
incorporate
indicate
influence
inquire
integrate
intense
interpret
isolate
literal(ly)
maturity
notorious
phase
portray
potential
potentially
preclude
prospect(ive)
recollection
relate
reserve
resulting in
rigid
secure
strategic(ally)
subjective / objective
sufficient(ly)
supported by
unify

6th Grade

according to	due to
accuracy	elaborate
additional	eligible
advocate	emphasis
analysis	equip
appeal	essentially
appropriately	evidently
assemble	
basically	extended
characteristic (adj)	extent
clarification	fundamentally
collaborate	genuine
common(ly)	given
comparable	justification
competent	likelihood
compile, compilation	maintain
concur	negativity
contend	obvious(ly)
context	positivity
contribute	prevent
contribution	productive
converse	prompt (v)
credible	require
debatable	reveal
decline	status
demonstrate	strategic
despite	subtle
development	the following

5th Grade

accurate	fundamental
additionally	including
address (v)	including
advantage/disadvantage	infer/inference
analyze	interact
arguably	interaction
assert	issue
available	limited
citation	negate
cite	note (v)
complement	object to (v)
complex	overall
condition	persuade
contradiction	primary/primarily
contrary	procedure
coordinate	product
correspond	properties
crucial	quality
data	reflect
debate	restrict
discriminate	restricted
drawback (benefit)	result
eliminate	significantly
emphasize	source
encounter	suggest
establish	transition
evaluate	ultimate(ly)
eventually	valid
excess(ive)(ly)	variation
expand	volume
focus	

4th Grade

abstract/concrete	logical
academic	maximize
alter	minimize
assess	modify
assume	monitor
assumption	notice
brief	oppose/opposition
clarify	optional
confirm	original/originally
consider	perhaps
consistent, consistently	possibility
contradict	possibly
current	presume
currently	previous/previously
develop	produce
display	propose
dispute	reaction/react
distinguish between	recent(ly)
effective(ly)	refer
essential	report
exaggerate	represent
examine	series
form/formation/format	significance
highlight	standard
influence/influential	state (as a verb)
inform	suppose
information	typical
informative	typically
involve	utilize
judge/judgment	vary
likely	version

3rd Grade

although	include
analyze	information
anticipate	investigate
cause	justify
characterize	label
claim	maximum
class/classify	minimum
collect	occur
comparison	organize
completely	Place
conclude	point out
constant	prior
contrast	process
create	question
critical	reason
defend	recall
define	regularly
determine	request
disagree	require/required
discuss	research
draw (draw conclusion, draw upon...)	respond
effect	response
event	review
evidence	sequence
exclude/include	significant
former	specific/specifically
frequently	strategy
general, in general	structure
however	summarize
identify	support
	various

2nd Grade

above	miss(ing)
ago	model
apply	object (n)
area	plan
argument	
arrange	portion
behind	possible
benefit	prepare
category	probably
characteristics	prove
check	purpose
clear	rank
compare	rare
complete	ready
conclusion	reduce
decide	relate to
deep	relationship
direct	restate
enough	results
ever	reverse
explanation	several
few (adj)	solution
free	Solve
important	soon
impossible	special
in common	state (v)
interest	though
interesting	trait
introduce	unique
item	useful
less	wonder

1st Grade

always	next
argue	observe
begin	often
better	opinion
between	order
both	organize
chart	participate
consequence	pass
describe	predict
discover	reason
discuss	review
during	seem
effect	should
event	since
explore	still
far	sure
few (n)	those
finish	thought
keep	type of
left	until
likely	unusual
locate	usual
main	usually
maybe	while
might	experience
never	

Kindergarten

after	finish
again	just
agree with	list
also	many
any	much
appropriate	must
audience	near
because	only
before	part
clue	perform
copy	place (v)
detail	point
differ	put
does	self
even	sort
every	start
example	such
explain	

**Alphabetical List
for quick reference**

abdicate	authority	consequence	discrete	explicit(ly)
above	available	consequently	discriminate	explore
abrogate	Banal	consider	Discuss	extended
abstract/concrete	basically	considerably	discuss	extensive
academic	because	consideration	Disparaging	extent
according to	before	Consist of	display	facetious
accordingly, in	begin	consistent,	disputable	facilitate
accordance	behind	consistently	(indisputable)	Factor
accuracy	beneficial	consolidate	dispute	far
accurate	benefit	constant	distinguish	feasible
Acerbic	better	constitutes	between	Feature
acquire	between	constrain	distort	few (adj)
additional	both	Consult,	divulge	few (n)
additionally	brief	consultation	does	finish
address (v)	calibrate	contend	dogmatic	finish
adequate(ly)	capability	context	Draft (v)	Finite
advantage/disadvantage	capacity	Contradict	Draw (draw	finite/infinite
advocate	Capricious	contradiction	conclusion, draw	fluctuate
Affect	capture	contradictory	upon...)	focal
after	category	contrary	drawback/benefit	focus
again	Cause	Contrast	due to	form/format
ago	Caveat	Contribute	duration	former
agree with	cease	contribution	during	formulate
albeit	characteristic	convene	dynamic	forthcoming
allocate/allocation	characteristic (adj)	converse	Eclectic	Fortuitous
also	characterize	conversely	Effect	free
alter	chart	Convey	effect	frequently
alternate	check	coordinate	effective(ly)	Frivolity
alternative	citation	copy	elaborate	frivolous
although	cite	Correlate	eligible	fundamental
always	claim	correlation	eliminate	fundamentally
ambiguous	clarification	correspond	emerge	general
Ameliorate	clarify	Create	emphasis	generally
amend	class/classify	credibility	emphasize	Generate
analysis	clear	Credible	Employ	genuine
Analytical	clearly	Criteria	enable	given
analyze	clue	critical	encounter	given that
analyze	Coherent	crucial	enhance	hence
anticipate	(incoherent)	current	enough	highlight
anticipation	cohesion	currently	ensure	hinder
any	coincide	data	entity	hubris
apparent(ly)	collaborate	debatable	Ephemeral	Identify
appeal	colleagues	debate	epiphany	Illustrate
applicable	Collect	decide	equate	impact
(inapplicable)	commence	decline	equip	impede
apply	common	deep	essential	implicit(ly)
Approach	comparable	defend	essentially	Imply
appropriate	compare	define	establish	important
appropriately	Comparison	deleterious	ethic(al)	impossible
approximately	compensate	delineate	evaluate	in common
arbitrary	competent	Demonstrate	even	Inane
archaic	compile	denote	event	incidental(ly)
area	compile,	Depict, depiction,	event	inclination
arguably	compilation	depicted	eventually	Inclined, inclination
argue	complement	derive	ever	Include
argument	complete	describe	every	including
arrange	completely	Design	evidence	incognito
Articulate (adj)	complex	despite	evident	inconceivable
Articulate (v)	complexity	detail	evidently	incontrovertible
articulated	comprehensive	Detect	exaggerate	Incorporate
Aspects	comprised of	determination	examine	Indicate
assemble	conceivable/inconc	determine	example	indicative of
assert	eivable	determined	exceed	indispensable
assertion	conceivably	develop	exceedingly	inevitable
assertive	conceive	development	excess(ive)(ly)	infer/inference
assess	conclude	deviate	exclude/include	Influence
assume	conclusion	Devise	exclusive	influence/influenti
assumption	concur	devote	exemplify	al
attain	concurrent	Didactic	Exercise, exercise	inform
attribute	condition	differ	(n)	information
audience	conditional	Differentiate	Exhibit, exhibition	informative
auspicious	(unconditional)	Diminish	expand	infrastructure
authentic,	confirm	direct	experience	influential
authenticity	conform	disagree	explain	inherent
	connotative	discover	explanation	initiate

Inquire	Nefarious	Preclude	respond	suffice
insulated	negate	predict	response	sufficient(ly)
intangible	negativity	predictability	restate	suggest
integral	never	predictor	restraint	Summarize
Integrate	nevertheless	preliminary	restrict	Superfluous
intense	note (v)	prepare	restricted	supplement(ary)
interact	notice	presumably	result	support
interaction	notion	presume	Resulting in	supported by
interest	notorious	presumption	results	Suppose
interesting	notwithstanding	prevent	reveal	sure
interpret	nuance	previous/previousl y	reverse	susceptible
intrinsic	object (n)	primary/primarily	Review	sustain
introduce	object to (v)	prior	review	Symbiotic
invariably	obsequious	probably	rigid	tangible
investigate	observe	procedure	Salient	the following
invoke	obvious(ly)	process	secure	thereby
Isolate	occur	produce	seem	those
issue	offset	product	self	though
item	often	productive	Sequence	thought
itemize	omnipotent	prohibit	sequential	through
gist	only	prompt (v)	series	trait
judge/judgment	opinion	properties	several	transition
just	oppose/opposition	propose	should	type of
justification	optional	prospect(ive)	significance	typical
justify	order	prove	significant	typically
juxtaposition	Organize	purpose	significantly	Ubiquitous
keep	organize	put	signify	ultimate(ly)
Label	orient	quality	since	undergo
left	original/originally	Question	solution	underlying
less	overall	rank	Solve	assumption
Levity	paradigm	rare	soon	Unify
lexicon	parameter	reaction/react	sort	Unilateral
likelihood	part	ready	sought	unique
likely	participate	Reason	source	until
likely	pass	reason	special	unusual
limited	Pejorative	recall	specific/specifically	usage
list	perceive	recapitulate	specifically	useful
Literal(ly)	perception	recede	specificity	usual
locate	perform	recent(ly)	specify	usually
logical	perhaps	reciprocal	Speculate,	usurp
loquacious	periphery	recollection	speculation	utilize
main	persist(ent)	reduce	staggering	valid
maintain	persuade	refer	standard	validity
manipulate	pertinent	refine	start	variation
many	phase	reflect	state (as a verb)	varied
marginal	Place	regularly	state (v)	various
maturity	place (v)	Relate	status	vary
maximize	plan	relate to	still	vary/varied
maximum	Plausibility	relationship	strategic	vehement(ly)
maybe	plausible	relevant/irrelevant	Strategic(ally)	verify
might	plethora	reliable/reliability	strategy	version
Milieu	point	report	structure	vested
minimize	point out	represent	subjective /	Vilify
minimum	portion	request	objective	virtual(ly)
miss(ing)	Portray	require	subjugate	Visceral
model	posit	require/required	subsequent	volume
modify	positivity	Requisite	subsequently	well
monitor	possibility	(prerequisite)	subsidize	whereas
much	possible	Research	substantial(ly)	whereby
must	possibly	reserve	subtle	while
Myopic	potential	resolve	subtlety	wonder
near	potentially		Succinct	wrought with
			such	

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Oral Language and World Knowledge Screening

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____ Date: _____

School: _____

Categories for Naming	
1. Things in a Classroom	(30 sec.)
2. Fruits and Vegetables	(30 sec.)
3. Animals	(30 sec.)
4. States in the US	(30 sec.)
Total items named and divide by two to determine items/min.	

Benchmarks	
K or First Grade	– record tally marks and items/min.; mark N/A
Second Grade	– 14 items/min.
Third Grade	– 15 items/min.
Fourth Grade	– 18 items/min.
Fifth Grade	– 22 items/min.
Sixth Grade	– 25 items/min.

First Name and Last Initial	Tally Marks for Items Named	Items/ min.	Met Benchmark		
			Yes	No	N/A
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