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# The Foundations of Literacy Learning Series

## Part One: Phonological Awareness

Wednesday, September 14th

3:15 – 4:15pm

Presenters:

Lisa Thomas & Jen Kelly

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## POPEY's Sept. 14th Workshop Padlet: September Literacy Series

Resources for POPEY's after-school series: The Foundations of Literacy Learning - Sept. 14, 21 & 28

### Handouts



Sept. 14th Workshop Handouts

The Foundations of Literacy Learning: Session 1  
Phonological Awareness

Electronic Handout

Print Handout

### Zoom Link & Info


Wednesday, September 14th // 3:15-4:15pm

Foundations of Literacy Learning  
Session 1: Phonological Awareness

[Zoom Website](#)

Once there, enter this meeting info:  
**Zoom Meeting ID:** 830 7708 0950  
**Mtg Passcode:** 654321


### Resources Shared



fcrr.org

Florida Center for Reading Research

The Florida Center for Reading Research has an extensive collection of free printable resources to support phonological awareness.




PDF

POPEY's collection of Language Games to Support Phonological Awareness


### Videos Shared

The Birth of a Word



YouTube

Deb Roy: The birth of a word




YouTube

Word Ladders

POPEY's Word Ladders video


### Additional Resources

Todd Parr's Back-to-School Checklist



backtoschool

A great resource to use with your new students this fall...



readingrockets.org

The Development of Phonological Skills - by Louisa Moats & Carol Tolman

Basic listening skills and "word awareness" are critical precursors to phonological awareness. Learn the milestones for acquiring phonological skills.

\*Additional K-3 literacy resources available at [popey.ca](https://popey.ca)

# Outcomes for Today



- ★ defining phonological awareness and what it can look like in the classroom
  - ★ scope & sequence, mini-lessons, activities, routines
  - ★ helping students make meaning in and out of texts

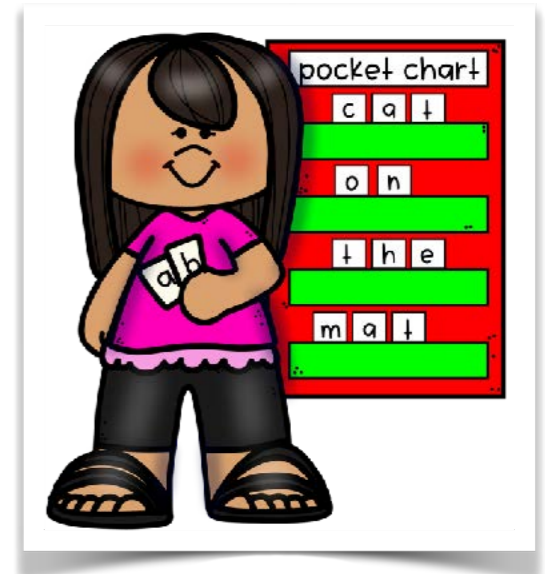
Next in our series...

September 21st – Phonemic Awareness

September 28th – Phonics

# Opening Reflection

Reflect on your history as a word solver while reading and writing:



- ✓ What do you remember as being **easy**? What was difficult?
- ✓ How does your **history** as a word solver **impact** you now?

Take ONE minute to reflect privately, jot some notes about your history, and choose 1 – 2 things to **share** in the chat box once the music ends.

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# *Eight Principles for Literacy Learning*



## *Students need to:*

- \* understand the purposes of literacy
- \* hear written language
- \* become aware of the sounds of language
- \* have many experiences working with written symbols
- \* explore words and learn how words work
- \* learn the conventions of print and how books work
- \* read and write continuous text
- \* develop flexibility and fluency

# Nine Areas of Learning - Flexible Word Solving



Flexible word solving enables reading (decoding) AND writing (encoding).

# Word Solving



“The goal of word work is to help children become **active word solvers** who can **recognize** words, take them **apart** or put them **together**, **know** what they **mean** and **connect** them to **other words.**”

## *What is a word?*

We need to build a new system  
in our brains in order to read.

*Pronunciation*

*Meaning*

*Spelling*

*Stored in different parts of the brain –  
we need to connect them.*



# Visual Metaphor

Processes  
Sounds

## Sound City

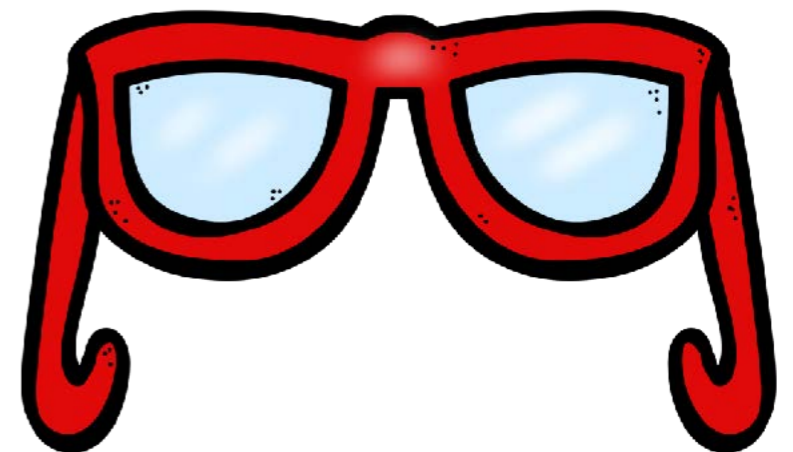
Memories

## Meaning Mountain



Recognizes objects  
& faces

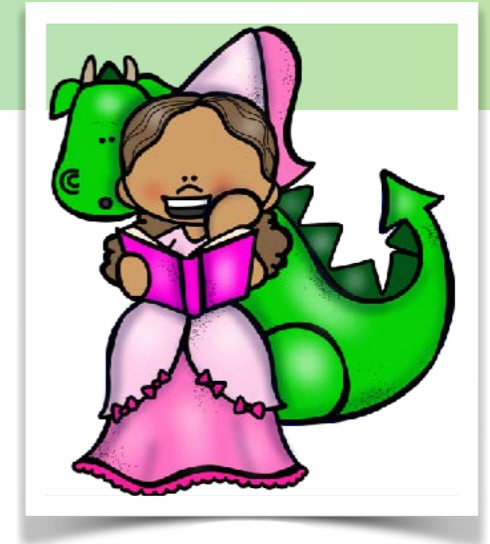
## Visual Village



# Building on Early Learning

*Important principles children develop as they use oral language:*

- \* certain sounds are part of the language
- \* sounds and clusters of sounds have meaning
- \* language is made up of words, and words have boundaries
- \* words are strung together to create messages
- \* the voice can be used to stress words



# Definitions

## Phonological Awareness

–the awareness of words, rhyming words, onsets and rimes, syllables, and individual sounds (phonemes)



## Phonemic Awareness

–the understanding that spoken words are made up of individual sounds called PHONEMES

## Phonics

–letter/sound relationships in reading and writing

# Emergence of Phonological Awareness



- \* Rhyme
- \* Alliteration
- \* Sentence Segmentation
- \* Syllables
- \* Onset and Rime

- \* Phoneme Matching
- \* Phoneme Isolating
- \* Phoneme Segmenting
- \* Phoneme Segmenting and Blending
- \* Phoneme Manipulating



# Word Work / Word Study must be transferred

The goal of word work instruction is to support kids' progress as readers and writers.



- \* instruction in Word Work matters because it **enables** reading & writing
- \* the pace & content of your Word Work needs to **align** with the work the kids are doing as **readers & writers**
- \* the sequence of your high-frequency words/word wall words should **align** with reading & writing instruction
- \* your activities should **connect**...



# A Two-Pronged Approach to Teaching Word Solving Skills

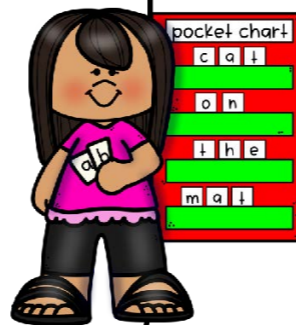
Explicit instruction is needed to help students make meaning.

Making Meaning OUT OF Texts

Making Meaning IN Texts

## Word Study

Early Literacy Concepts  
Phonological Awareness  
Letter Knowledge  
Letter-Sound Relationships  
Spelling Patterns  
High-Frequency Words  
Word Meaning/Vocabulary  
Word Structure  
Word Solving Actions



## Reading

Active Read Aloud  
Reading Mini-Lessons  
Shared Reading  
Guided/Small-Group Reading  
Independent Reading

## Writing

Modelled Writing  
Writing Mini-Lessons  
Shared/Interactive Writing  
Guided/Small-Group Writing  
Independent Writing



*Oral Language*

# Rhyming Activity - Making Meaning OUT of Text

Three little kittens  
have lost their mittens  
and then they began to cry.  
“Oh, mother dear,  
we sadly fear  
we’ve lost our mittens by.”

“What?! Lost your mittens?  
You naughty kittens,  
Then you shall have no pie.”

“Meow, meow, meow, my”

Now substitute another animal and its belongings for **kittens** and **mittens**:

• cats

• snakes

• bugs

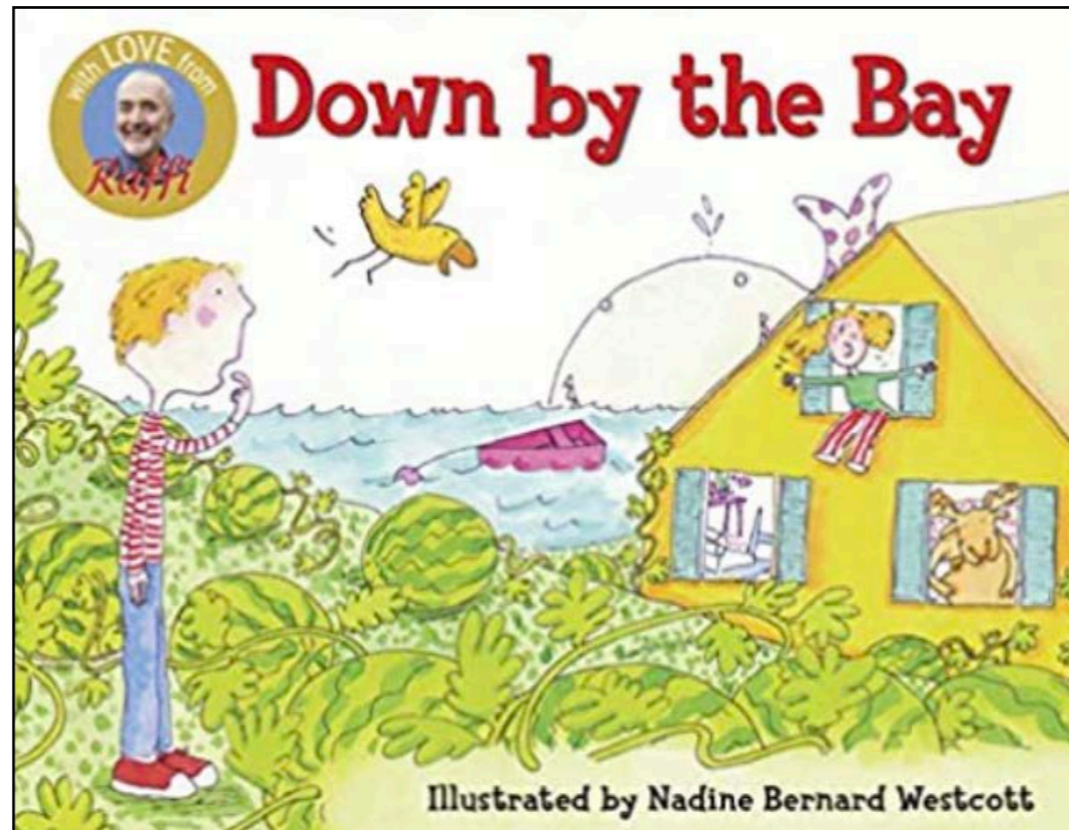
• goats

–or choose your own animal–



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# Read Aloud Rhyming Activity - Making Meaning IN Text



Did you ever see a frog...

Did you ever see a fox...

Did you ever see a dragon...

—or choose your own animal and rhyme—



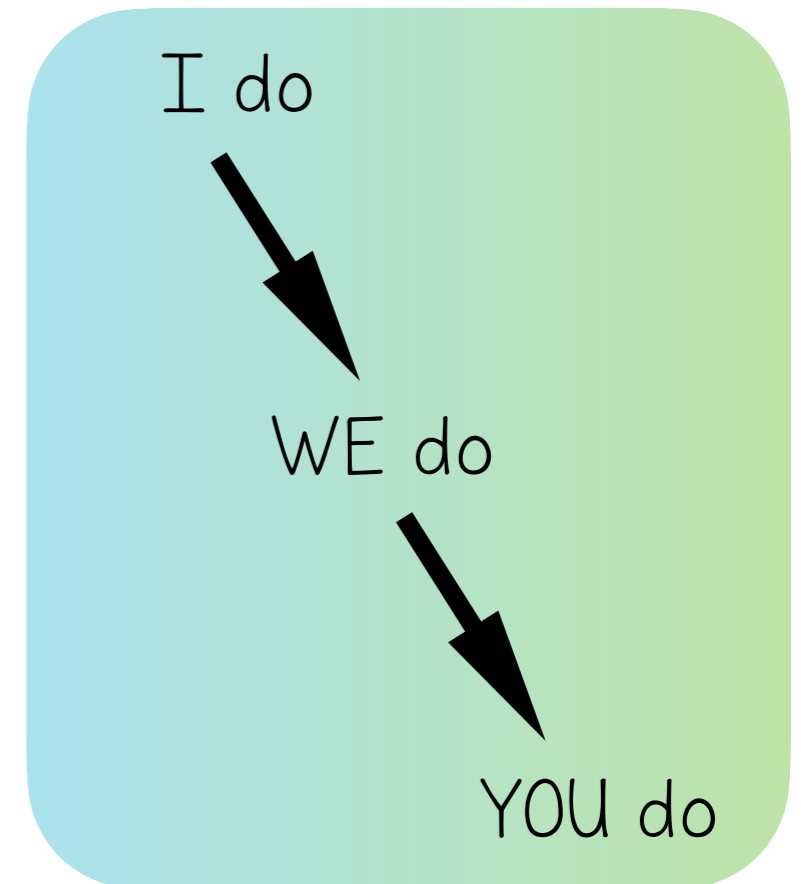
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# The Art of the Mini-Lesson

- \* mini, not maxi
- \* strategy-focused
- \* model, model, model
- \* direct and explicit instruction
- \* guided practice in a safe, supportive setting
- \* transfer to independence



## Mini-Lesson Structure



# Modelling a Mini-Lesson on Alliteration

- \* mini, not maxi
- \* strategy-focused
- \* model, model, model
- \* direct and explicit instruction

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers

- \* guided practice in a safe, supportive setting

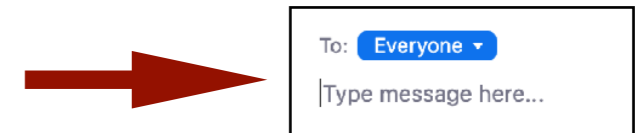
Jumping Jane...

Logan loves...

Diana's dog...

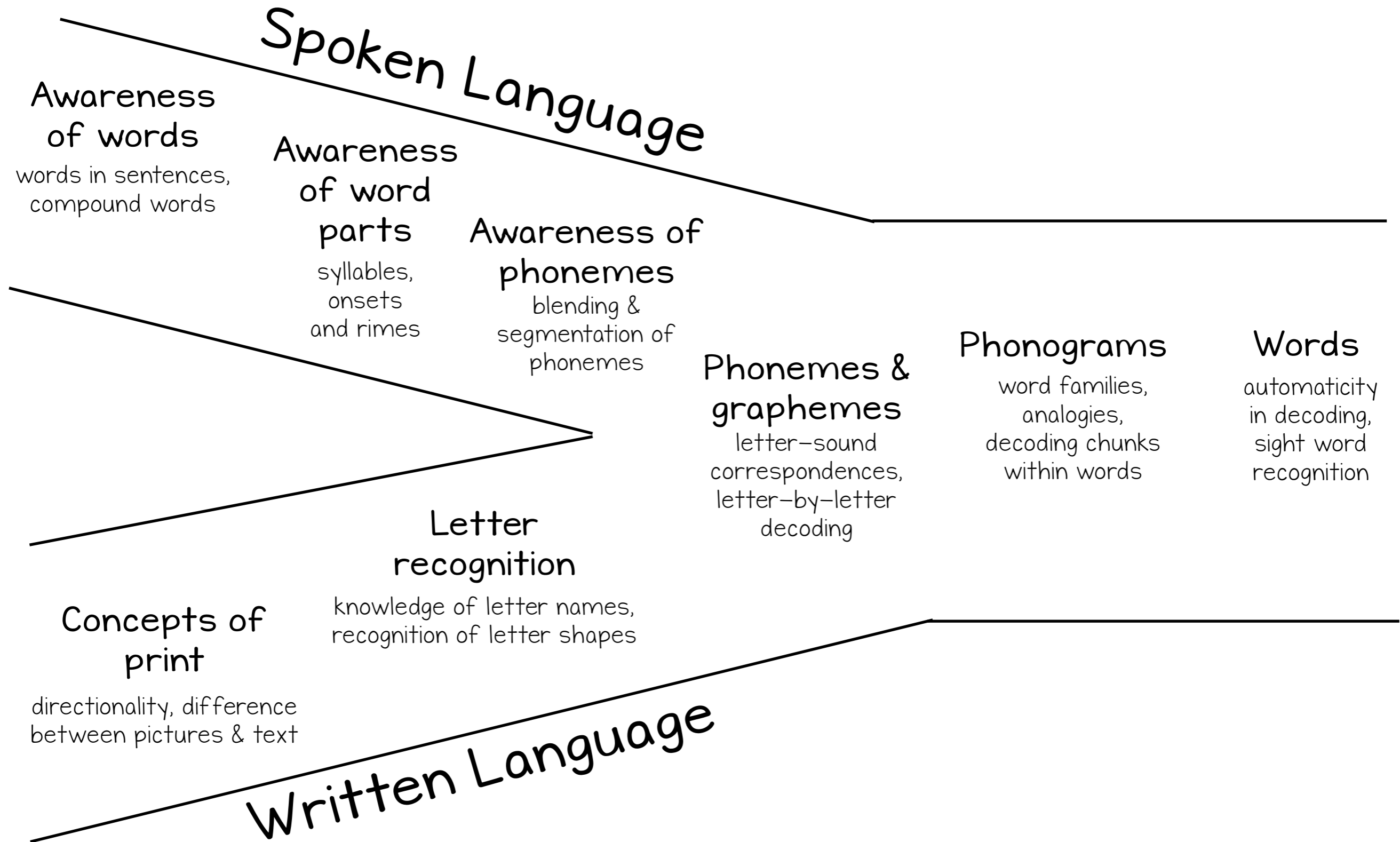
- \* transfer to independence

make up your own phrase using alliteration





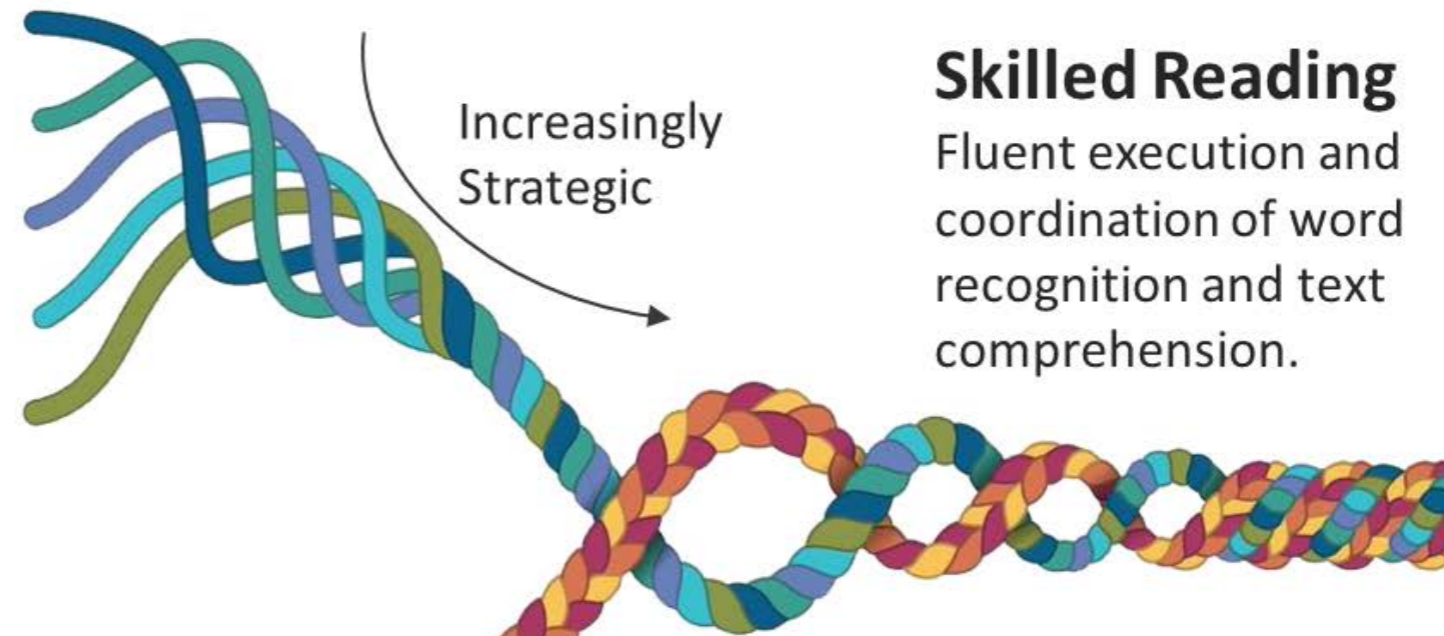
# The Road to Reading Words



# Scarborough's Reading Rope

## Language Comprehension

- Background Knowledge
- Vocabulary Knowledge
- Language Structures
- Verbal Reasoning
- Literacy Knowledge



## Skilled Reading

Fluent execution and coordination of word recognition and text comprehension.

## Word Recognition

- Phonological Awareness
- Decoding (and Spelling)
- Sight Recognition

Scarborough, H. 2001. Connecting early language and literacy to later reading (dis)abilities: Evidence, theory, and practice. Pp. 97-110 in S. B. Neuman & D. K. Dickinson (Eds.) *Handbook of Early Literacy*. NY: Guilford Press.

# Reading Rope



“Being strong on the lower strands affords more opportunities to acquire knowledge of the upper strands and being strong on the upper strands has been shown to enable faster and more accurate decoding of unfamiliar words.

Therefore, if any of the strands gets frayed, it can hold back development of the other strands and by extension can eventually weaken the entire rope.”

# The Importance of Foundational Skills

Phonemic awareness which may be important

- \* if it is on the way to...

Phonics which may be important

- \* if it is on the way to...

Fluency which may be important

- \* if it is on the way to...

Vocabulary which may be important

- \* if it is on the way to...

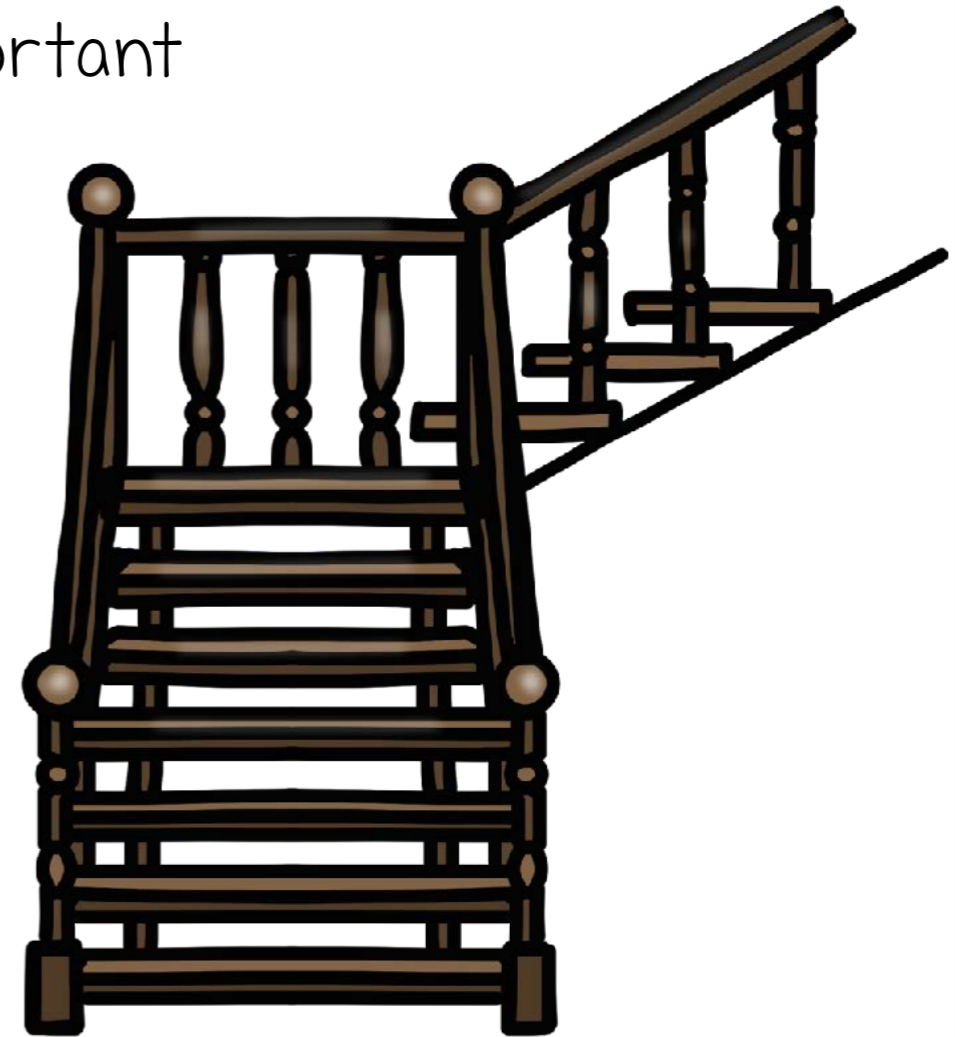
Comprehension which may be important

- \* if it is on the way to...

Critical reasoning and problem solving which may be important

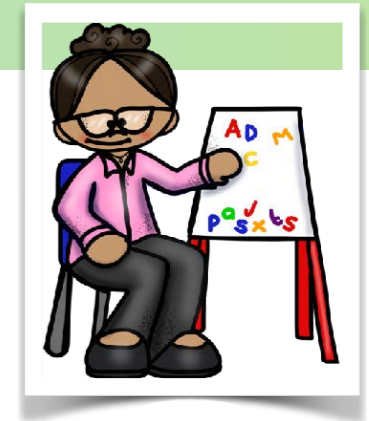
- \* if it is on the way to...

...action in the world, changing something that matters.





# Phonemic Awareness & Phonics



These work in concert to **explicitly** and **systematically** support our students as they navigate the unpredictable, complex alphabetic structure of language & print.

## Phonemic Awareness

- main focus is on **sounds**
- deals with **spoken language**
- lessons are **auditory**
- students work with **manipulating sounds in words**

## Phonics

- main focus is on **letters** and their **sounds**
- deals with **written language and print**
- lessons are both **visual** and **auditory**
- students work with **reading and writing letters**  
*according to their sounds, spelling patterns, and phonological structure*

*Phonemic awareness activities and systematic phonics instruction are **aligned***





# Emergent Literacy

Readers at this stage...	Writers at this stage...
...know that print tells a story or communicates ideas	...know that "writing" can tell a story or communicate ideas
...might or might not distinguish "writing" from "pictures"	...use scribbles, pictures, and symbols to "write"
...do not yet connect letters and sounds	...might copy letters or even words, but do not connect letters and sounds
..."read" from memory, patterns, and pictures	...tell what their writing says, often differently each time
...can often recognize their own names in print	...might write their own names

# Reflections & Next Steps

## Resources & research shared today:

- \* Eight principles for literacy learning
- \* Nine areas of learning for flexible word solving
- \* Brain Research – Sound City, Meaning Mountain, Visual Village
- \* Defining key terms
- \* Scope and sequence of phonological awareness
- \* Word solving in and out of text
- \* The art of the mini-lesson
- \* The road to reading words
- \* Scarborough's Reading Rope

## Literacy activities :

- \* Reflecting on your history as a word solver
- \* Helping students build connections in their brains
- \* Rhyming animals IN and OUT of text
- \* Mini-Lesson on alliteration
- \* Word Ladders – isolating & substituting sounds

What is **ONE** thing you can commit to **TRY** in your classroom or role? Share it in the ChatBox...



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# Sources

## Info Links

more info links are available on our [website](#)

[Carolyn Strom](#)

[The Development of Phonological Skills – Reading Rockets](#)

[Phonics Activities & Games Kit – Blevins & Sadler School](#)

## Books & Presentations

Phonics Activities & Games Kit – Blevins & Sadler School

Comprehension: Skill, Will & Thrill of Reading – Fisher & Frey

The Fountas & Pinnell Phonics, Spelling, and Word Study System – Fountas & Pinnell

Word Matters: Teaching Phonics and Spelling in the Reading/Writing Classroom – Fountas & Pinnell

Heggerty Phonemic Awareness Curriculum

Write from the Start: Writing Workshop in K–3 – POPEY Presentation by Lori Jamison

Conceptualizing reading: What have we learned from scientifically based reading research? Presentation by H.B. Lane

Lesley University Institute: Word Study: Teaching Phonics, Vocabulary, and Spelling in Grades K–3

Connecting early language and literacy to later reading (dis)abilities – Scarborough

Units of Study in Phonics – The Reading and Writing Project, Columbia University

Comprehensive Literacy Resource – Trehearne

## Videos

more videos are available on our [website](#)

[Birth of a Word](#)

[Video: Q&A with Hollis Scarborough – YouTube](#)

[POPEY's Word Ladders](#)

[Kindness Video – YouTube](#)



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