

Level A

Word-Attack Basics

Decoding A (65 lessons)

Decoding A teaches sound-spelling relationships explicitly and systematically and shows students how to sound out words.

Students are first taught the connection between sound-spelling relationships through regularly spelled words. Then irregular words are introduced. Later, sentence- and story-reading activities are used to teach students to apply their newly learned strategies in real contexts.

Level B

Decoding Strategies

Decoding B1 (65 lessons)

Decoding B2 (65 lessons)

In **Decoding** Levels **B1** and **B2**, word-attack skills are refined and applied to more sound-spelling patterns and difficult words. These skills are applied in stories designed to correct mistakes the poor reader typically makes.

Students are introduced to new words and word types, phonemic relationships, long and short vowel sounds, new sound combinations, and new word endings. They apply their discrimination skills by reading stories of increasing length and with more complex syntax and then answering comprehension questions both orally and in writing.

Level B

Comprehension Skills

Comprehension B1 (60 lessons)

Comprehension B1 Fast Cycle (35 lessons)

Comprehension B2 (65 lessons)

The **Comprehension B1** and **B2** programs teach the many separate skills necessary to read content-area textbooks, learn new information, and respond to written questions that involve deductions and rule applications.

Lessons focus on developing the background knowledge, vocabulary, and thinking skills needed to construct meaning from written text. Reasoning and analysis strategies are taught in content-rich contexts, enabling students to transfer these strategies to many subject areas. Games help students master important facts and vocabulary.