

# Phonics

According to our BC curriculum, what are the proficiency indicators for each grade?

## Kindergarten

- Recognizes and names most letters of the alphabet
- Matches most letters with their corresponding sounds
- Matches most upper case and lower case letters
- Recognizes some familiar words

## Grade 1

- Uses knowledge of language patterns and phonics to read fluently at grade level and to communicate ideas in writing
  - Matches letters and sounds (consonant and short vowel sounds)
  - Reads and writes CVC words with short vowel sounds (word families)
  - Identifies consonant digraphs
  - Identifies consonant blends
  - Reads and writes simple words with a short vowel and a blend or digraph (CVCC, CCVC)
  - Reads and writes words with a silent e at the end (vowel in the middle becomes long)
  - Identifies some vowel teams and the sounds they make

## Grade 2

- Uses knowledge of language patterns and phonics to read fluently at grade level and to communicate ideas in writing
  - Identifies and uses word families
  - Identifies and uses consonant digraphs
  - Identifies and uses consonant blends
  - Reads and writes words with a silent e at the end (vowel in the middle becomes long)
  - Identifies long vowel teams and the sounds they make
  - Reads and writes words with long vowel teams
  - Reads and writes words with r-controlled vowels
  - Identifies diphthongs and other vowel patterns

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## Examples

### CVC words - short vowels

cat  
ham  
mad  
bed  
pen  
kid  
him  
top  
log  
bug

### Digraphs

ch  
sh  
th  
wh  
ph  
ck  
ing  
  
bath  
shop  
chair

### Blends

bl, cl, gl, pl, sl, fl  
br, cr, dr, fr, gr, pr, tr  
sc, sk, sm, sn, sp, st  
lt, lf, lk, lp, ld  
ft, pt, ct  
  
clam  
frog  
belt  
spot  
block

### Silent e words

cake  
game  
tape  
line  
kite  
hike  
nose  
hole  
stone  
cube  
rule

### Long vowel teams

ai - train  
ay - spray  
ei - ceiling  
ee - feet  
ea - beach  
ey - monkey  
ie - pie  
oa - boat  
oe - toe  
ue - argue

### R-controlled vowels

ar - car  
er - spider  
ir - bird  
or - corn  
ur - turn

### Diphthongs

igh, i, y  
ey, ay, ai, a  
ow, oa, o  
ai, ea, a  
ee, ie, ea  
oy, oi  
oo, ou, ue, u

