

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

