



Family Learning
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Foundational Skills in Reading

Kindergarten through Third Grade



Meet Your Presenter

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Learning Outcomes

Through this session, participants will:

- Increase knowledge of foundational skills in reading.
- Explore phonological awareness.
- Identify effective strategies for teaching phonics.
- Discuss strategies for teaching vocabulary.



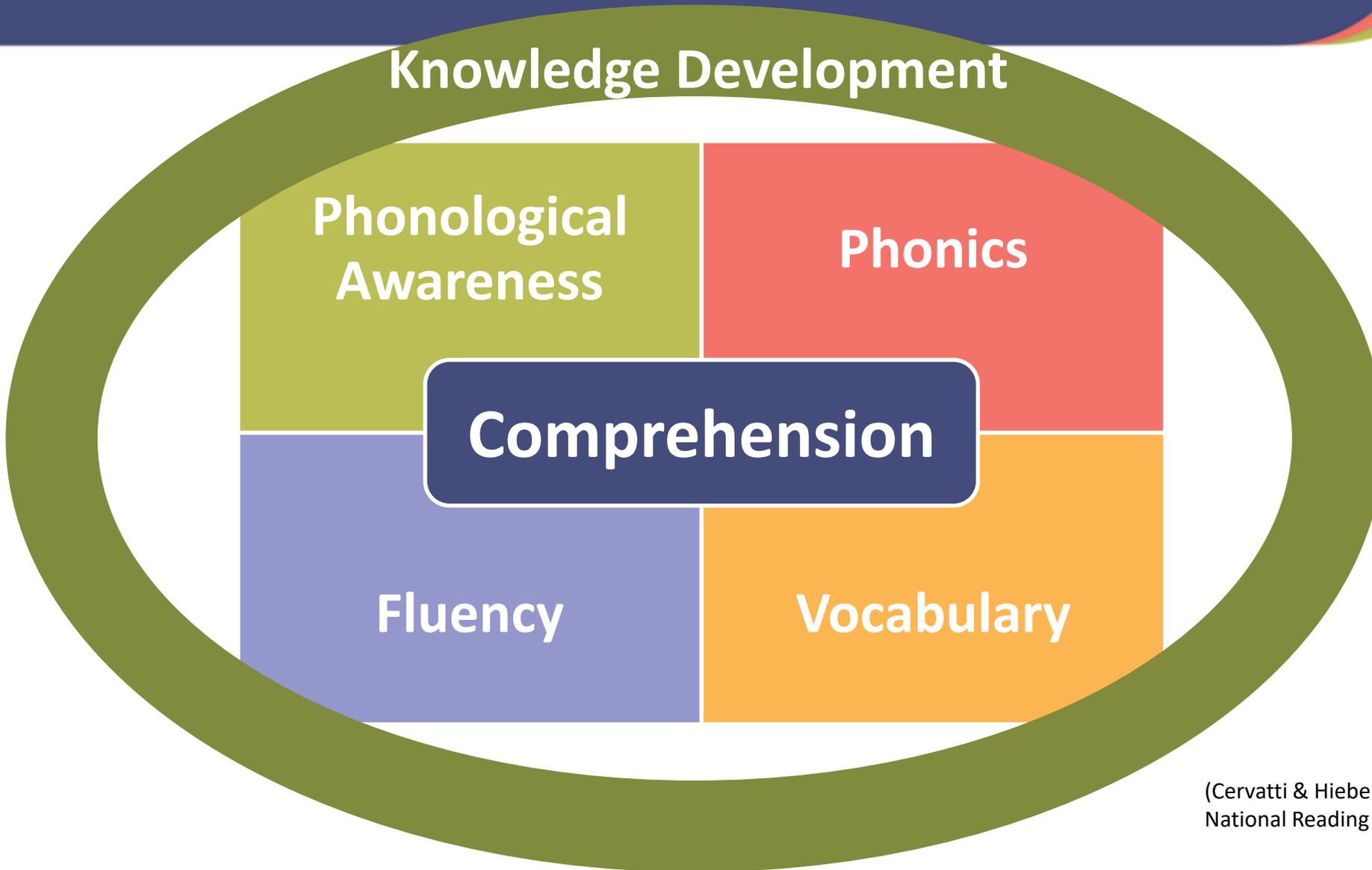
What are Foundational Skills?

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- Part of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS).
- In the CCSS, there are three sets of reading standards: Literary Texts, Expository Text, and Foundational Skills.
- In revised standards some states, like Arizona, have retained the three sets while others, like Nebraska, have embedded foundational skills into other reading standards.
- Includes skills such as rhyming, alphabet recognition, sound-letter correspondence, and sight word fluency.



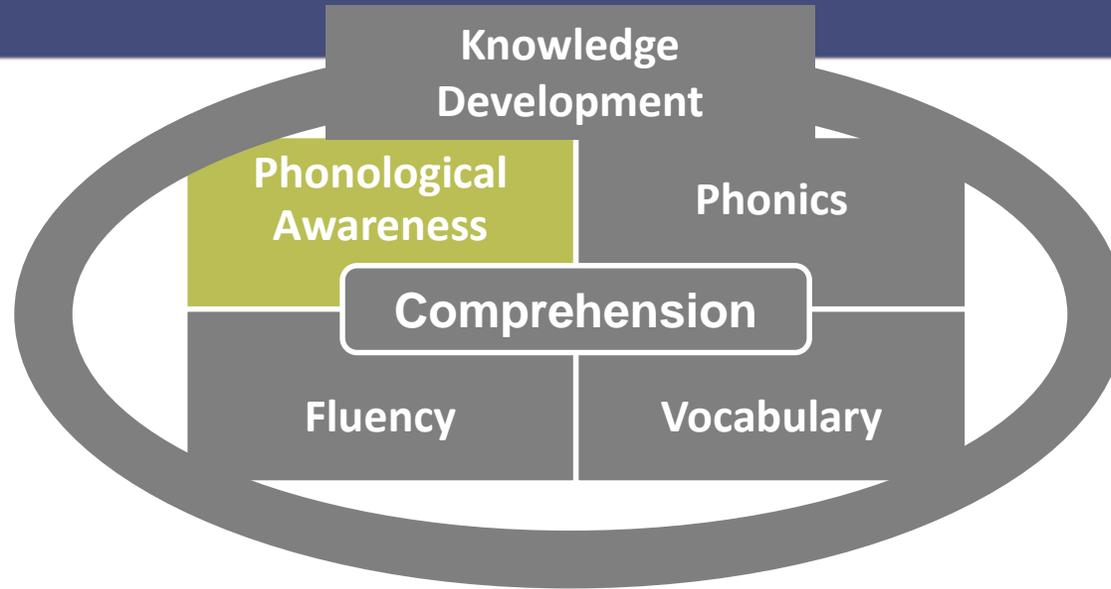
Components of Reading Instruction



(Cervatti & Hiebert, 2015;
National Reading Panel, 2000)

Phonological Awareness

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Phonological Awareness is “the ability to pay attention to, identify, and reflect on various sound segments of speech” (Bear, et al., 2016, p. 104).

Broad umbrella term that includes **Phonemic Awareness**.



Phonological Awareness

Rhyming Words

Alliteration

Syllables

Words in a Sentence

Onset/Rime

Phonemic Awareness

Isolation of Sounds

Blending of Sounds

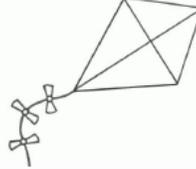
Segmenting of Sounds

Addition, Deletion, or Substitution of Sounds



Phonemic Awareness: Isolating Sounds

- Use picture sorts to help students isolate sounds.
- Focus on beginning, middle, or ending sounds.
- Sample: Initial /k/ and initial /l/.

Phonemic Awareness: Blending Sounds

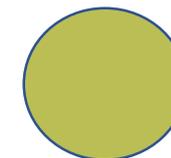
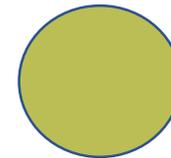
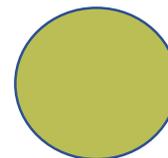
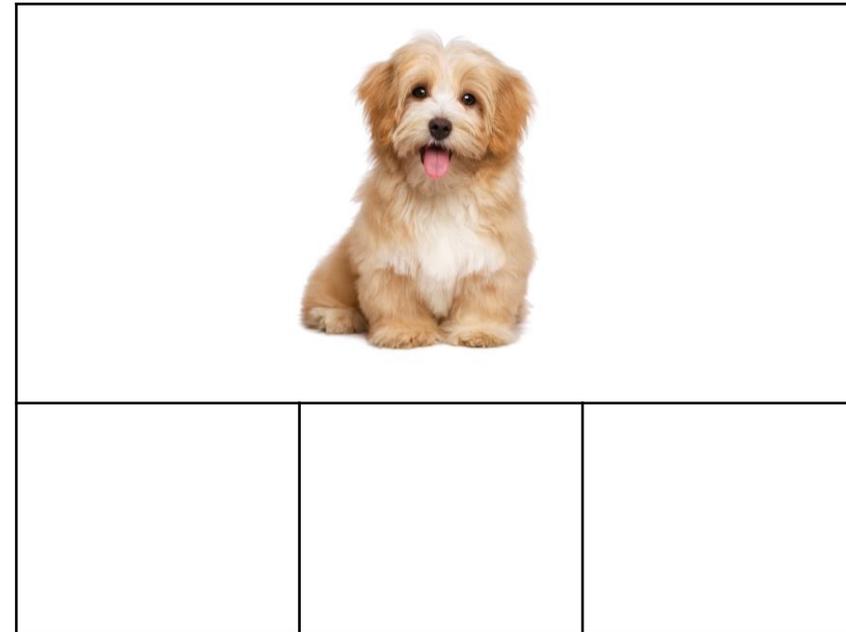
- Use manipulatives to help students blend individual sounds into words.
- Start with CVC words.
- Say each sound as you tap the corresponding block; push the blocks together and say the whole word.



Phonemic Awareness: Segmenting of Sounds



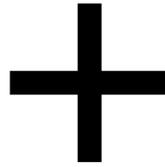
- Use Elkonin Boxes to help students segment words into individual sounds.
- Start with CVC words.
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Phonological Awareness

- Orally
- Pictures
- Manipulatives

- **No written letters or words!**



Phonological Awareness

- Typically mastered by end of first grade.
- Assess struggling readers in grades 2-3 to identify gaps and provide targeted, tiered support.



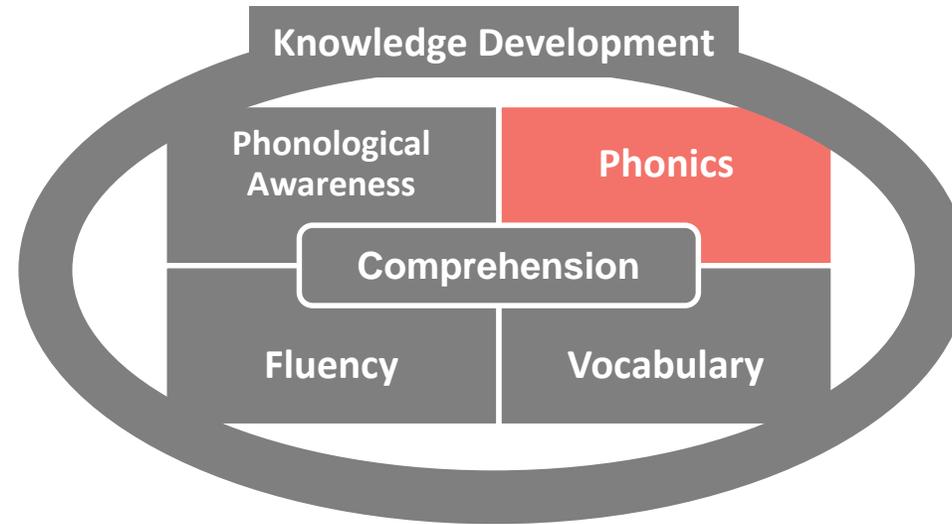
Phonemic Awareness: Ideas for Distance Learning

- Encourage families to do chants and fingerplays that include rhymes. If you are doing virtual class meetings, consider teaching a rhyme or chant each week.
- Assign scavenger hunts based on sounds. Encourage families to take pictures of items that begin or end with a certain sound. (Examples: /m/ sound or /sh/ sound.)
- For packets: Send picture sorts like the example shown.
- Online: Professor Garfield has free games for blending, deletion, and substitution.



Phonics

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Phonics is a teaching method that **connects spoken sounds to written symbols** (Reutzel & Cooter, 2015).

Phonics is both **systematic** and **predictable**.



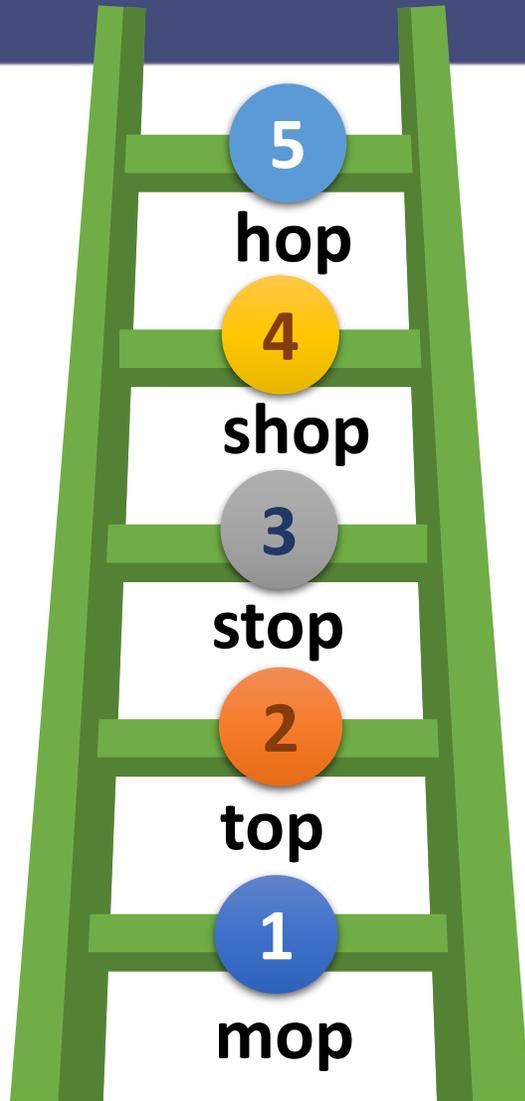
Decoding



Sounding Out
individual sounds
letter-by-letter
left-to-right
m-a-t

Analogy
scan left-to-right
identify familiar
phonograms or letter
patterns
add additional sounds
m-at

Phonics Strategy: Word Ladders



- 5 How a rabbit moves.
- 4 What a person does at a store.
- 3 What a car does at a red light.
- 2 Another word for lid.
- 1 A tool for cleaning the floor.



Sight Words

- High-Frequency Words
- Taught
 - Holistically
 - Intentionally
 - Systematically
- Practiced in isolation and connected text



Sight Word Routines

Mon.

- Introduce 5 words.
- Talk about letters and phonetic elements.
- Add to word wall.

Tue.

- Recite chants or sing sight word songs.

Wed.

- Focus on meaning.
- Do Cloze activities with sight word books.
- Read in connected text.

Thur.

- Do word building activities with letter tiles, magnetic letters, or cut & paste letters.

Fri.

- Do tactile word building with Play-Doh®, Wikki Sticks®, rainbow words, or sand trays.



Phonics: Ideas for Distance Learning

- Assign families to do building words activities. Assign a set of letters, and families work together to build as many words as they can. The set {a e e h l p n s t} allows for practice with short a, short e, long a_e, and long ee spelling patterns.
- Assign sight word lists and fun activities for practicing them such as sidewalk chalk, memory games, or high five words.
- For packets: Word ladders are available online.
- Online: ReadWriteThink.org has free online games for alphabet recognition, sound-letter correspondence and other phonics skills.



Check for Understanding

How is phonological awareness different from phonics?

Share:

- Type your thinking in the chat box.

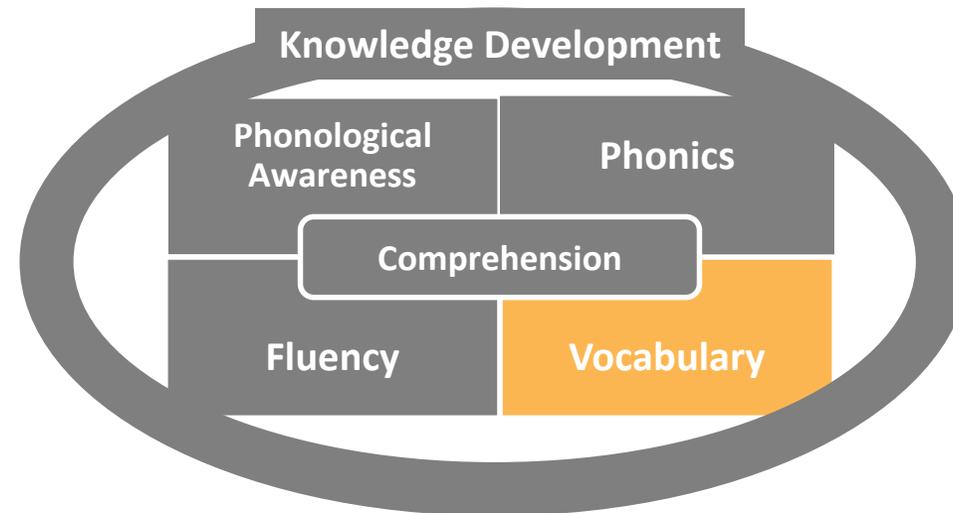


Vocabulary

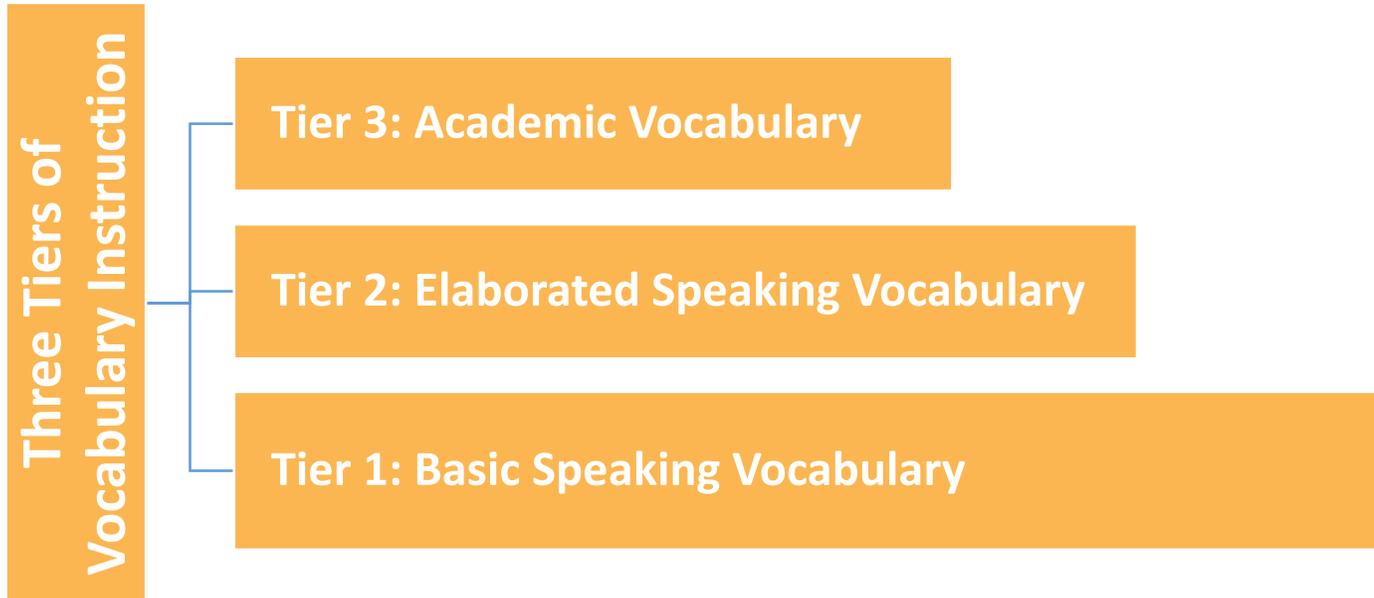
Vocabulary

Vocabulary collectively refers to words that a person...

- hears and understands,
- uses when speaking,
- identifies and understands in text,
- and uses when writing.



Vocabulary



(Beck, McKeown, & Kucan 2002)

- Academic Vocabulary refers to both words and structures that are common in written text.
- To develop academic vocabulary, children often need purposeful instruction.



Read-Alouds with Inferential Prompts

- Use open-ended prompts during read-alouds
 - Predicting
 - Problem-solving
 - Hypothesizing
- Before, during, and after reading



Read-Alouds with Inferential Prompts



Adults can...

- ask open-ended questions,
- think-aloud to model,
- confirm children's responses,
- model thinking and language,
- and extend children's thinking and language.

Children can..

- turn and talk to discuss,
- share with the whole group,
- repeat stems,
- and extend responses.



Read-Alouds with Intentional Vocabulary

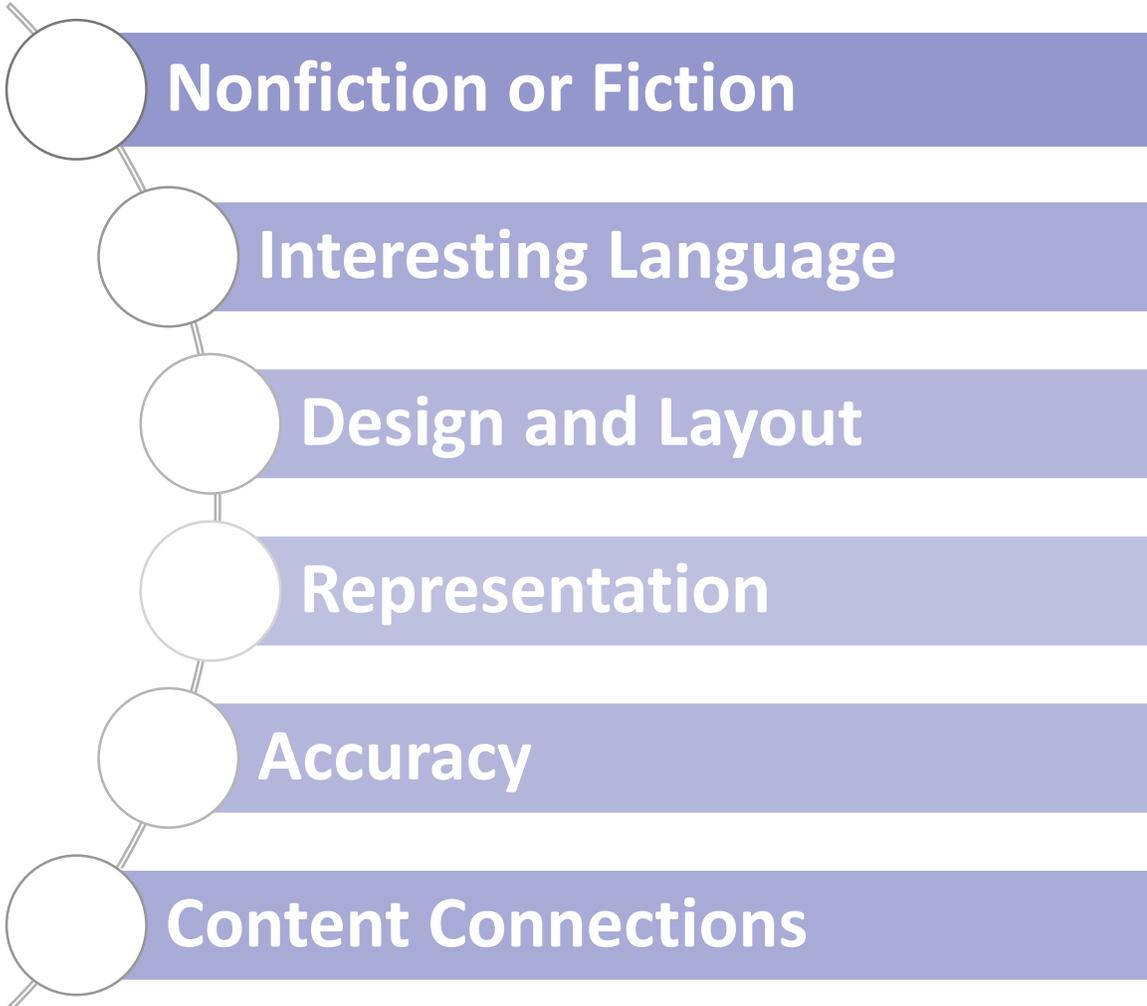
- Before reading, introduce one or two focus words.
 - definition.,
 - a synonym,
 - or an example.
- After reading, do activities to extend understanding of words.



(Kindle, 2009)



Choosing Texts for Read-Alouds



Vocabulary: Ideas for Distance Learning

- Model interactive read-alouds for families via videoconferencing. Talk to parents, while you are reading to kids, about asking questions and pointing out vocabulary.
- Focus on students' hobbies or interests. Ask students to create a mini-dictionary (i.e. basketball: dribble, dunk, foul). Allow the format to be families' choice: video where words are demonstrated, a booklet with drawings, or PowerPoint slides with pictures.
- Online: PBS Kids has online stories and games to build vocabulary.



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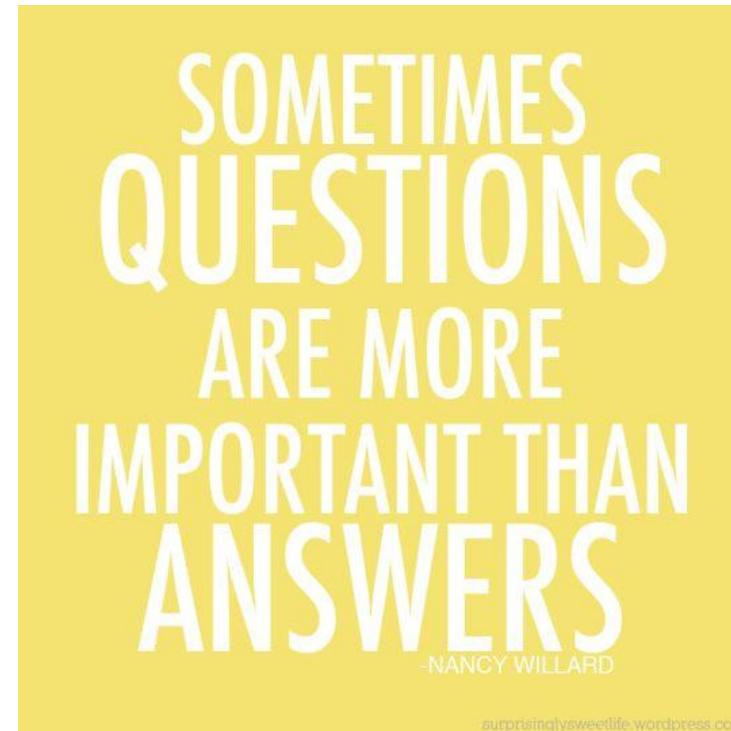
Time for Questions

To ask your question:

- Type it in the chat box

OR

- Raise your hand, unmute yourself, and wait to be recognized.



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