



## Learning Letters and Identifying Sounds in Words

### Letter names and letter sounds.

*(Phonological Awareness, Phonemic Awareness)*

Students identify individual sounds, break down words into sounds, and blend sounds.

### Identifying and using letters and letter sounds.

*(Alphabet Knowledge and Phonics)*

Students learn to recognize and name letters, know the sounds of blended letters (e.g., th), and understand how letters and sounds go together to form words.

## Word Level Reading and Spelling

### The knowledge and understanding of spelling systems.

*(Orthographic Knowledge)*

Students learn how to sound out words by understanding the relationship between letters and sounds, including spelling rules.

### Understanding meaningful chunks of words.

*(Morphology)*

Students learn about word structure to help them read, spell, and understand new words.

