



The Oxford Reading Tree

Why What When Who How?
Creating a Reading Program for
Young Learners in Japan

Creating a Reading Program

- Why is reading important?
- What are the components of a reading program?
- What order should children learn reading skills?
- What activities can help children improve their reading?
- What materials are needed?
- What are some common problems?
- What comes next?

Why is reading important?

- Magical study method
- The most important skill?
- Useful for exams
- Eiken test example
- TOEIC test example
- Children don't read
- Only way to learn enough vocabulary
- Best source of graded input

A Magical Study Method



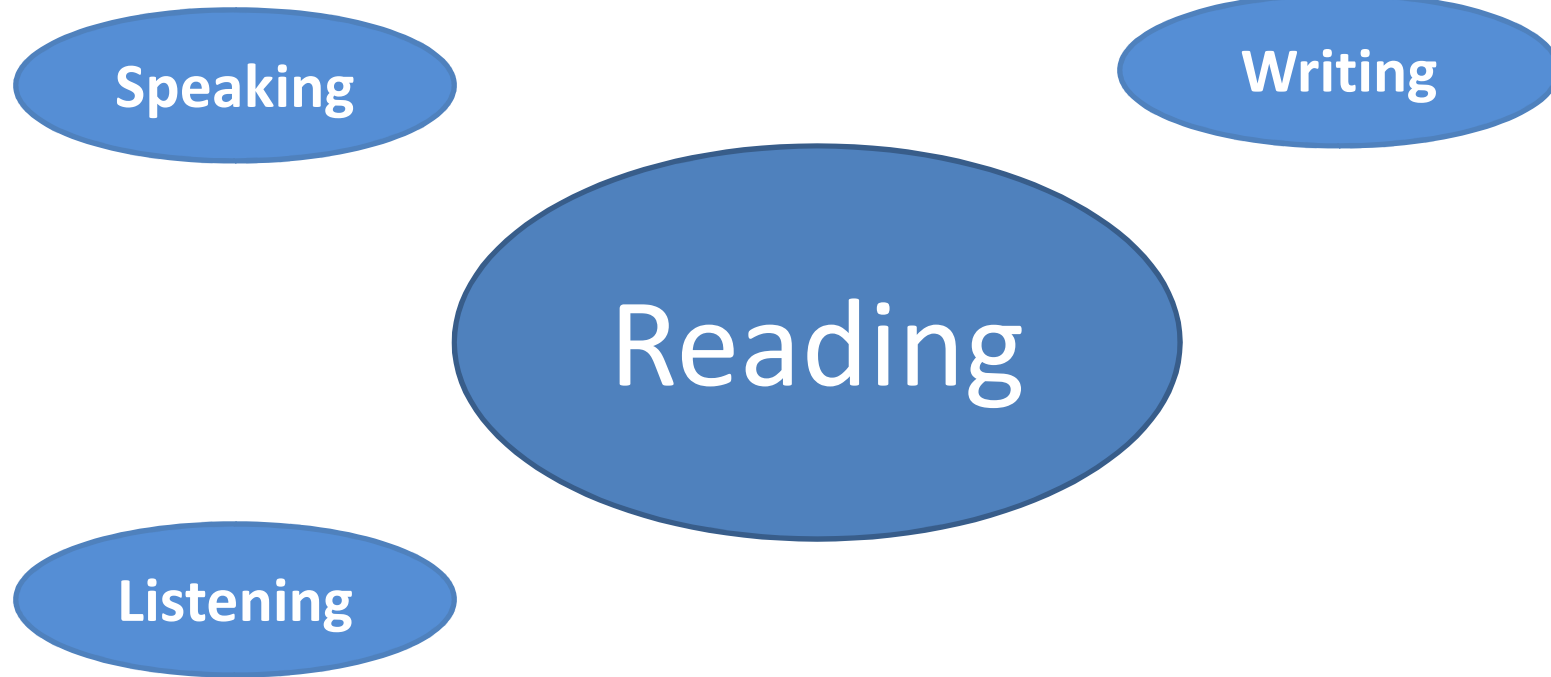
The Most Important Skill

Speaking

Writing

Reading

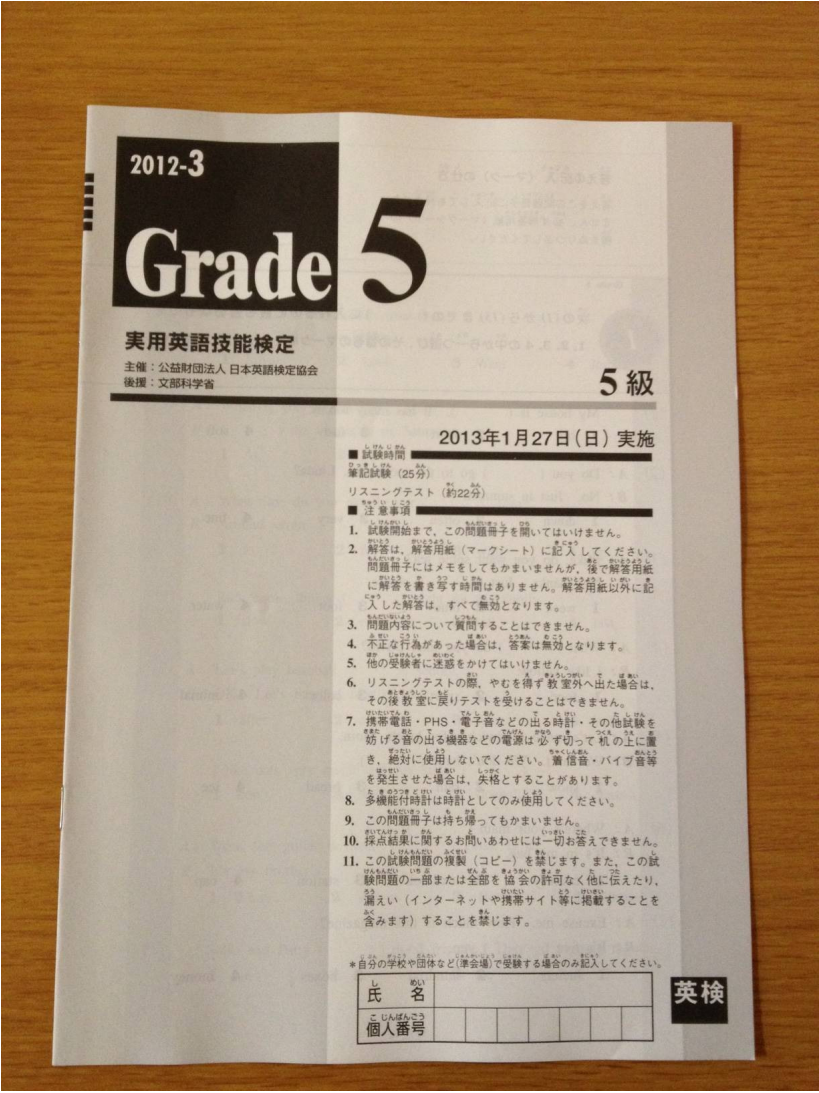
Listening



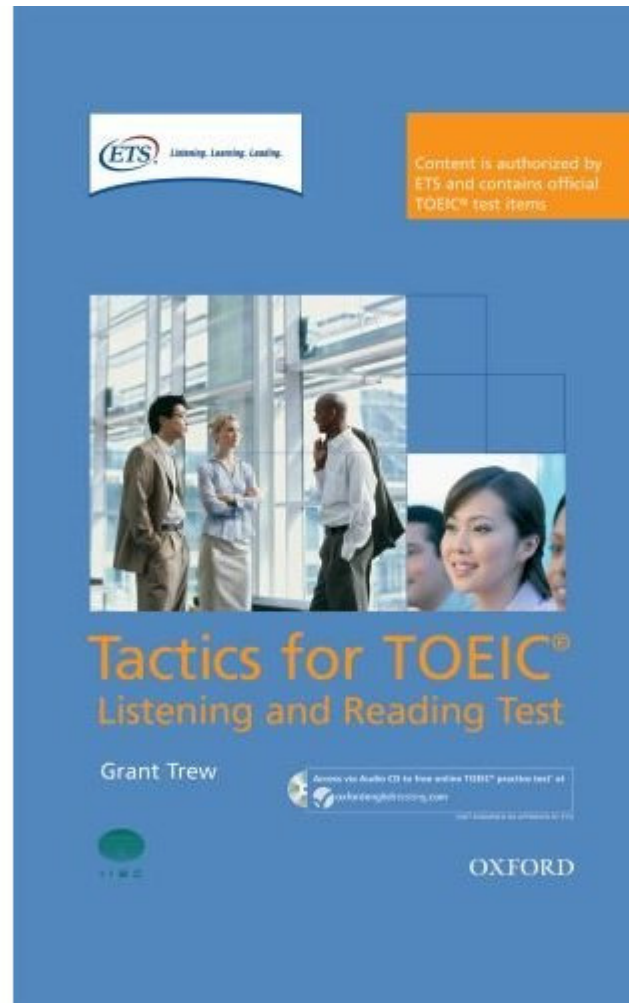
Most Useful for School and Tests



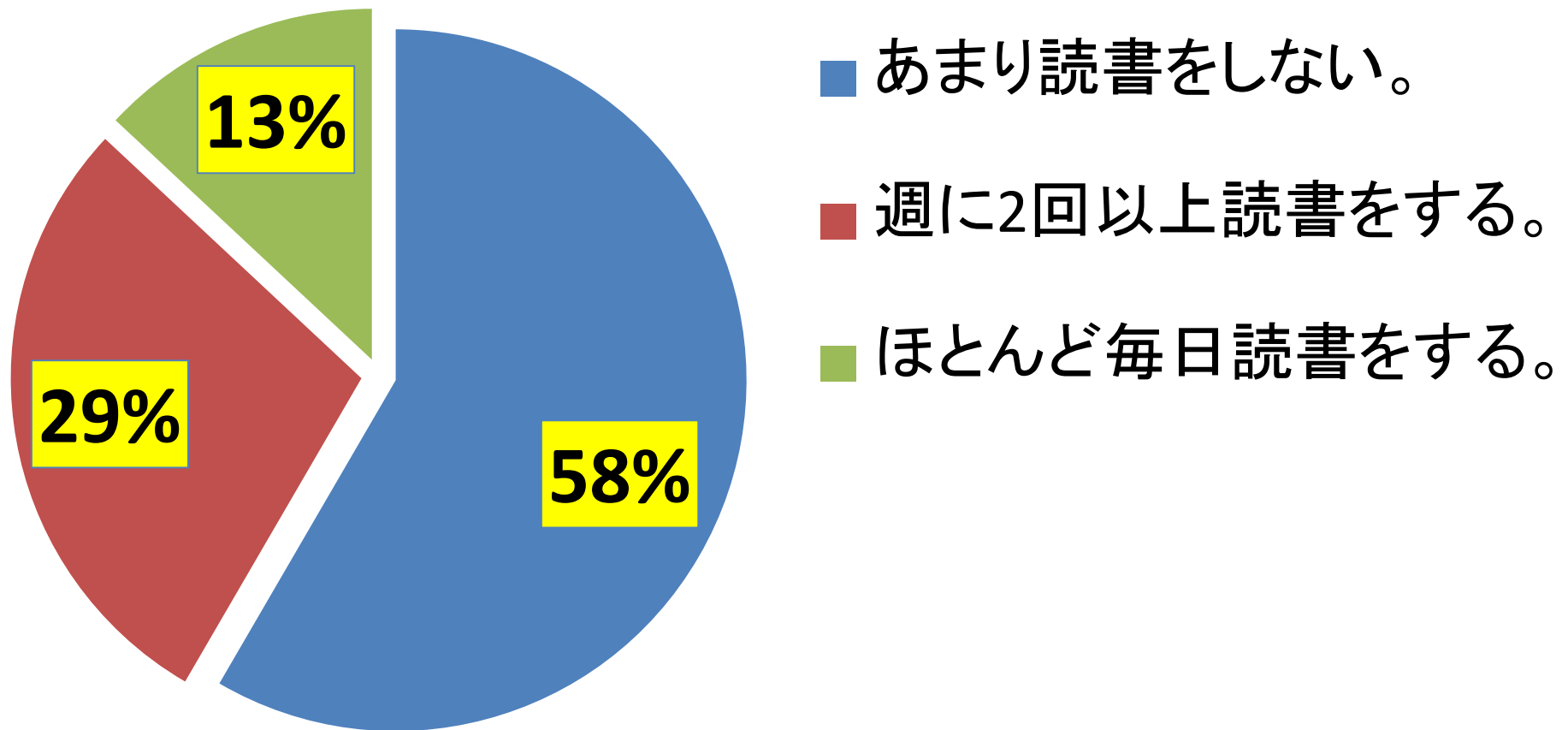
Eiken



TOEIC



あなたの母語での読書習慣（新聞や雑誌も含む）ともっとも合っているものを選んでください。



English has a lot of words

54,000 word families

Native speaker university graduates have vocabulary of 20,000+ word families

8,000 for daily life in English

5,000 enough for basic communication

2,000 is basic English

How to learn vocabulary

First 2,000-3,000 words → study

After that → incidental learning

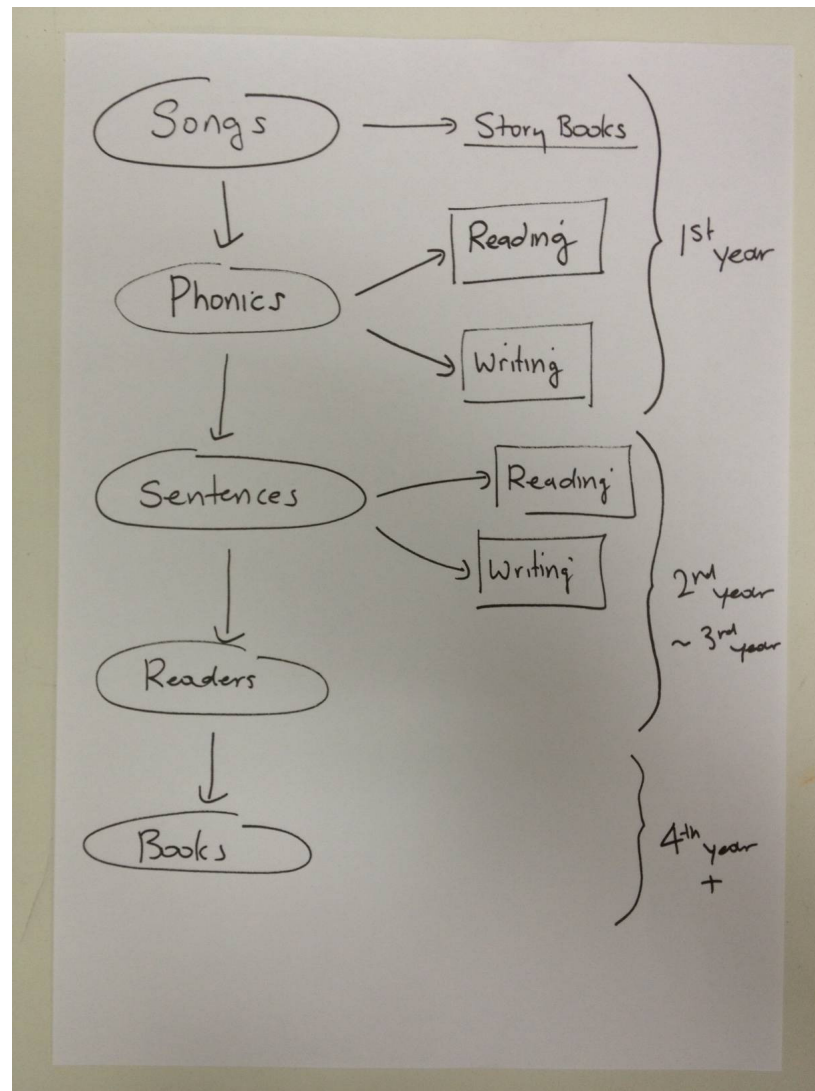
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What are the components of a reading program?

- Curriculum
- Books
- Materials
- Teaching plan
- Communication with parents

Curriculum



Books



Books



Materials



Materials



Teaching Plan

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Phonics letters review

Split into pairs to review letters

Check HW

Song 16, 17, 18

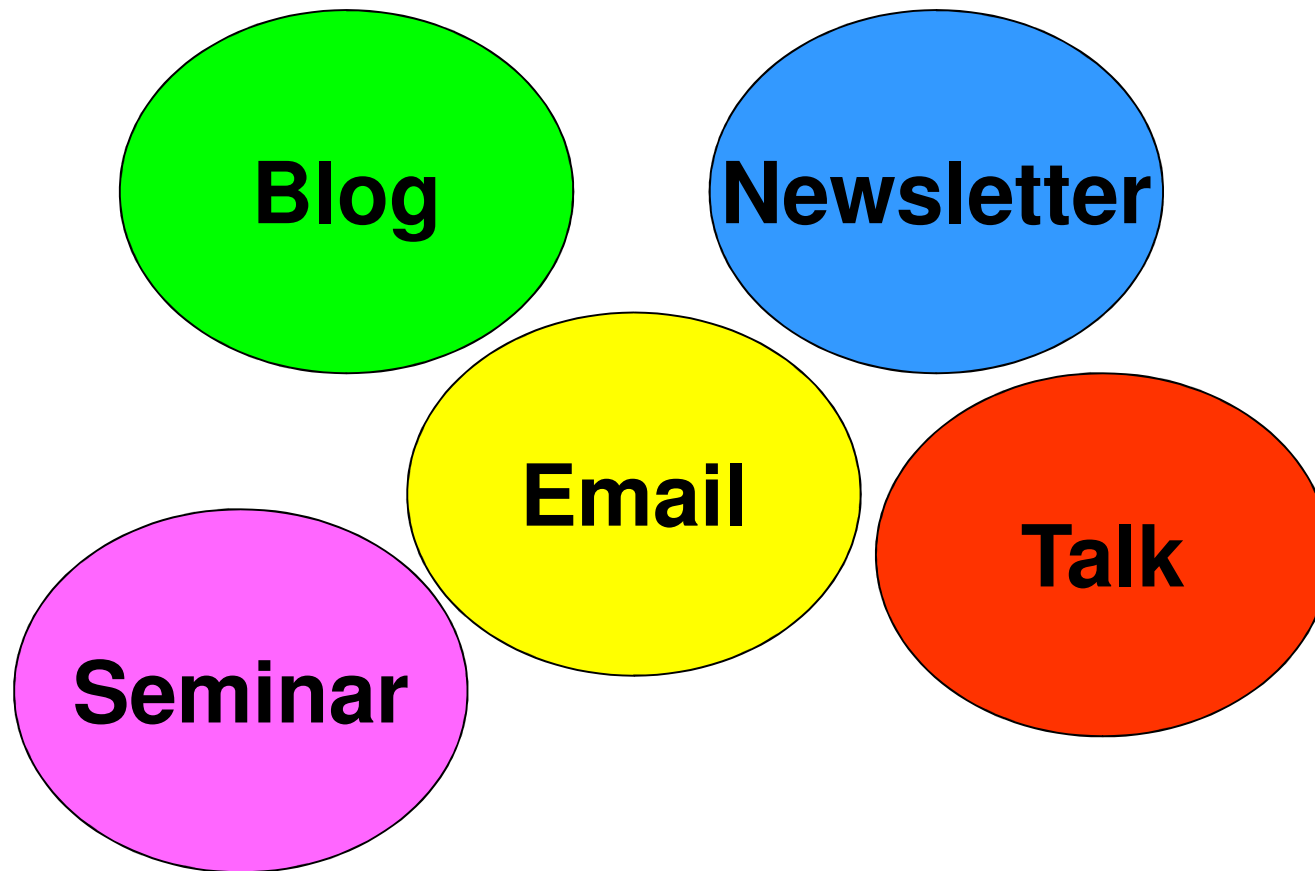
Numbers 1-30

Vocabulary: toys

Book: Mouse Paint

Instruments number game

Communication with Parents



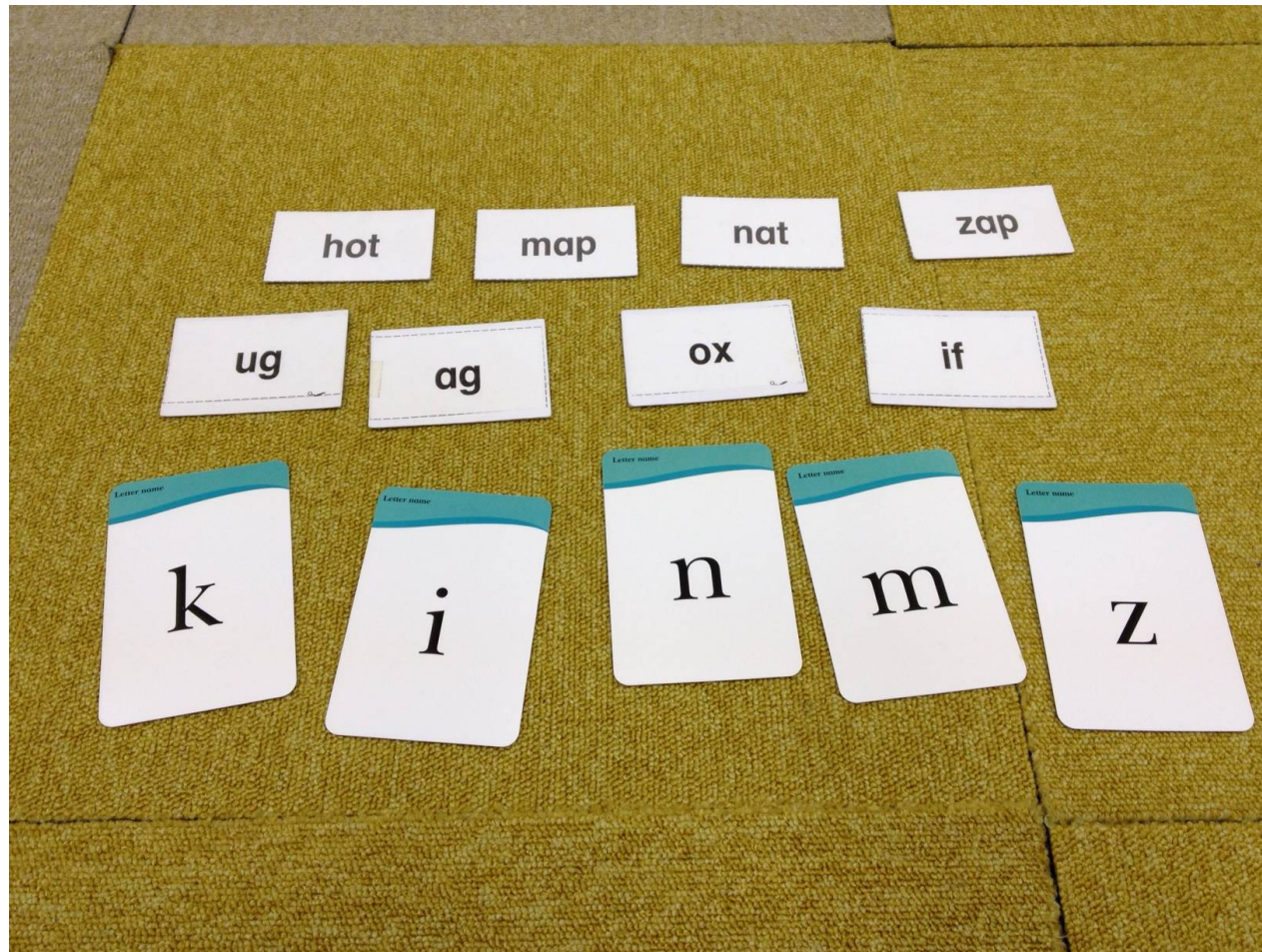
What order should children learn reading skills?

- Phonemic awareness (sounds of English)
- Phonics (sound-letter correspondences)
- Phonic readers (reading aloud)
- Children's/graded readers (reading for meaning)
- Dictionary skills (drills)

Phonemic Awareness



Phonics



Phonic Readers



Phonic Readers



Children's Readers



Dictionary Skills



What activities help children improve their reading?

- Story books
- Decoding/encoding words
- Writing
- Dictionary drills
- Silent reading in class

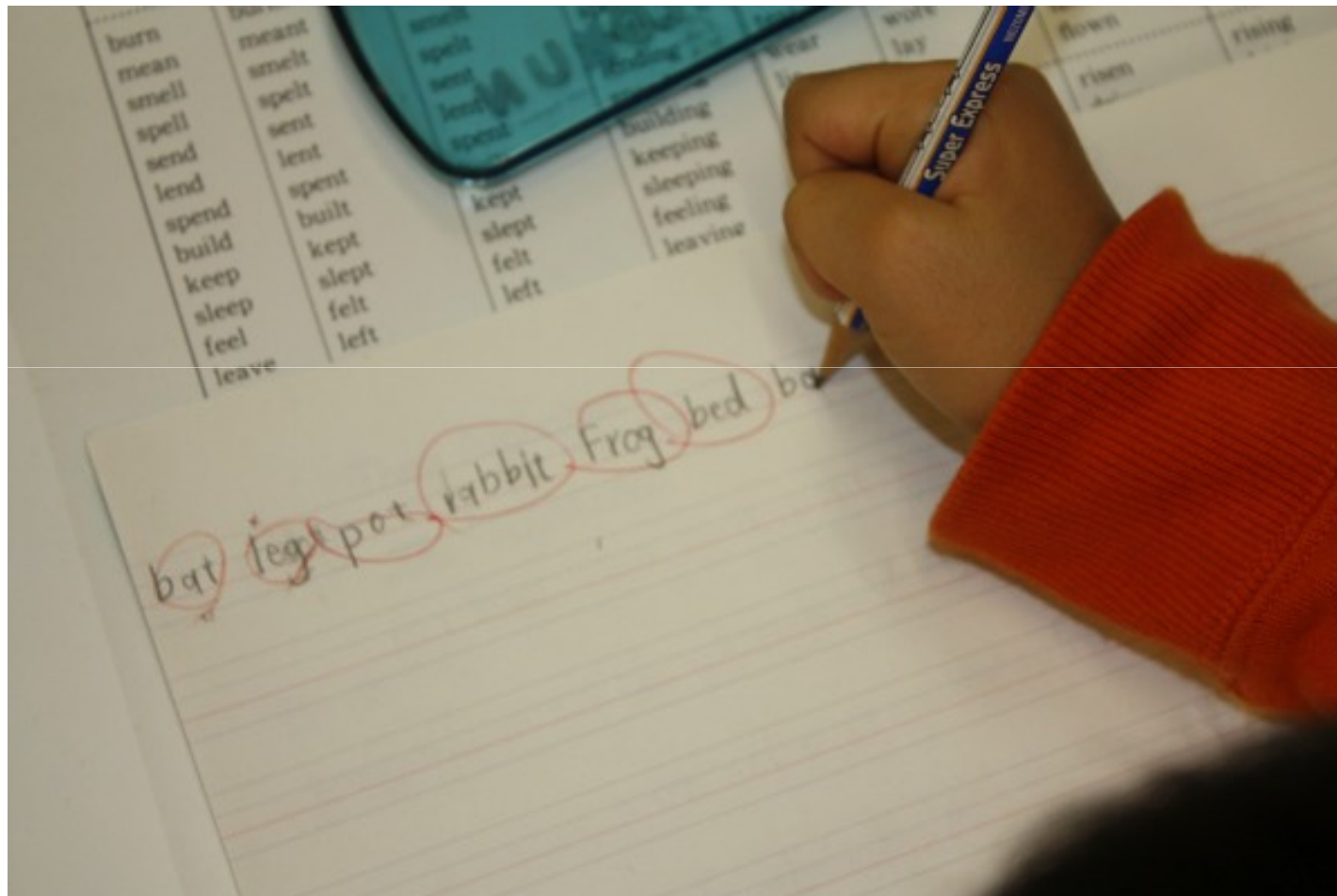
Story Books



Story Time



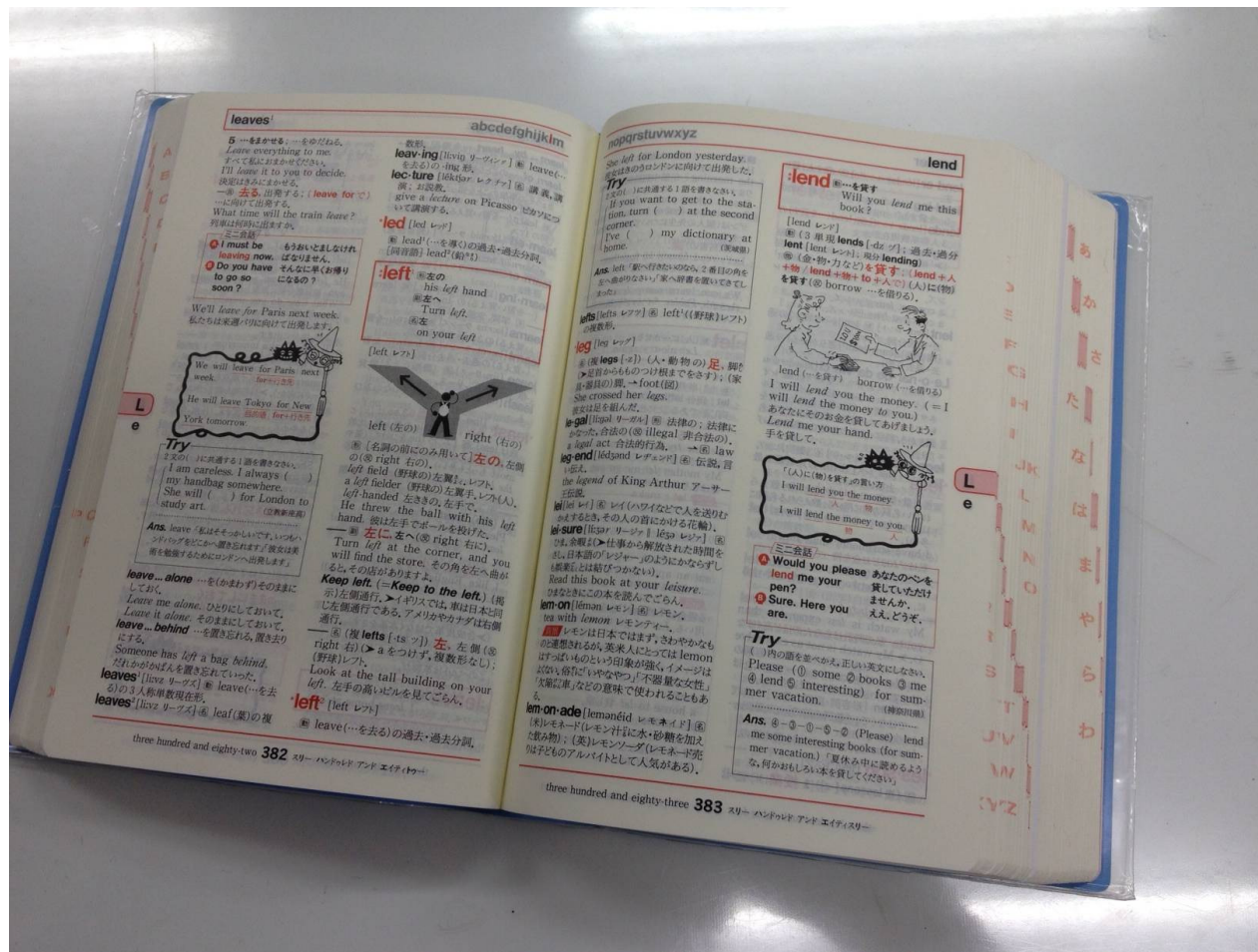
Decoding/Encoding Words



Writing



Dictionary Drills



Silent Reading



What are some common problems?

- Unable to hear the sounds of English
- Not mastering phonics
- Failing to jump to reading
- Reading without understanding
- Not picking up dictionary/vocabulary skills
- Not doing free reading

Can't Hear Sounds



Don't Master Phonics



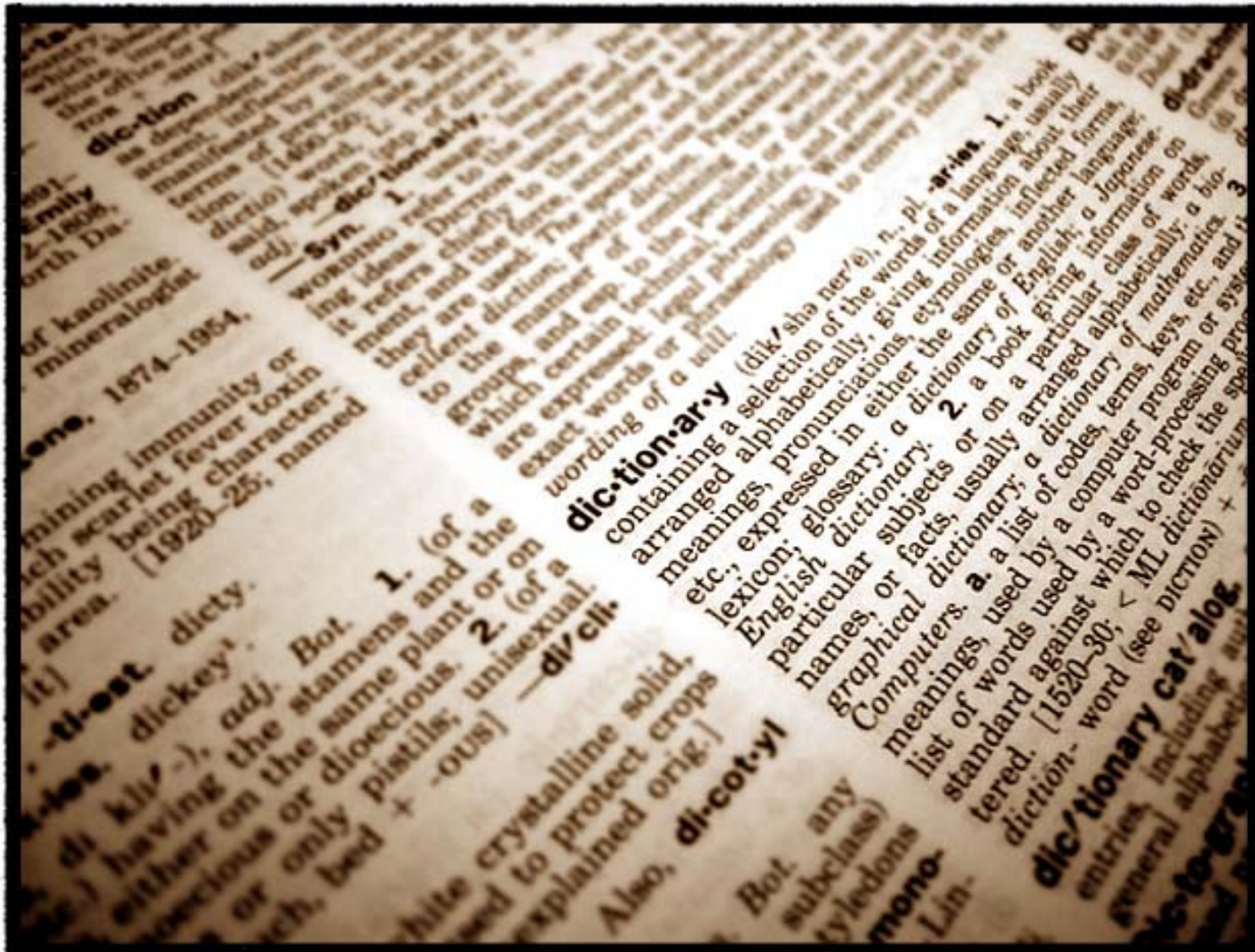
Don't Make the Jump to Reading



Read without Understanding



No Dictionary/Vocabulary Skills



No Free Reading



What comes next?

- Transition into a graded reading program
- Doing extensive listening
- Online study
- Studying with DVDs
- Listening to music in English
- Regular free writing

Transition into Graded Reading

The Oxford Bookworms Library



Extensive Listening



Online Study

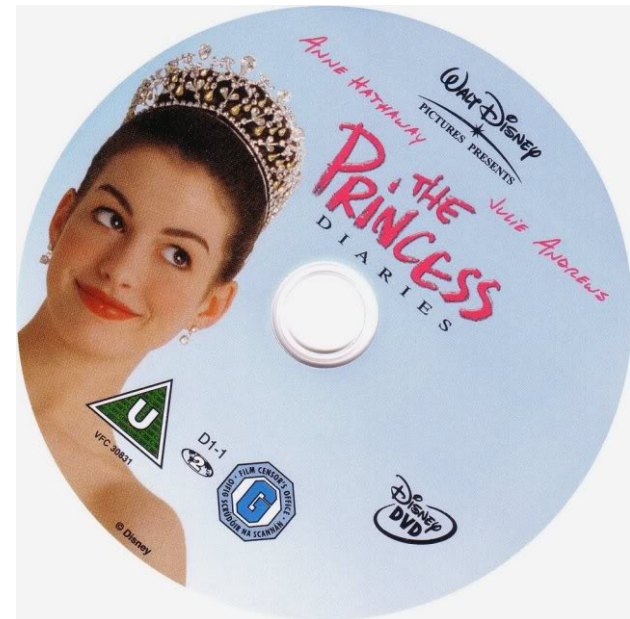


FREE parent website
Help your child's reading with
www.oxfordowl.co.uk

Starfall★.com

Where children have fun learning to read!

DVDs



Music



Free Reading



Free Writing

August 18th Tuesday sunny and cloudy

My teacher is Ben. I Love Ben.

My teacher is very very fat.

My teacher is very very cute.

My teacher is  very very cute.

1st year JHS, early writing

Free Writing

January 19th Tuesday. It's Sunny
and cloudy. I'm tired and
sleepy. I like music. I play the piano.
I learn the piano. piano is not easy.
I have two brother. My brother plays the
piano, too. but, He doesn't play the piano
very well. There are five people in
my family. Thank you!

Same student, five months later

Free Writing

Tigger

I went to a newbook store last Sunday. It became a new store 15th. It is in a building with 2 other stores near the station. 2 other stores are a coffe shop and one clothes shop. I have goen to the bookstore before it became new. So I was surprised that in the store is clean and large. Marchandise s didn't big change, but few new kind were added. And, there was a baby. She or he may be cleak's.

3rd year JHS, experienced

Q&A



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