# The Reading Universe Taxonomy

Our taxonomy presents the essential reading skills, shows how they’re connected, and lays the groundwork for teaching all students how to read and write.

## The Simple View of Reading

Word Recognition x Language Comprehension = Reading Comprehension

## Assessment

### Word Recognition

- **Phonological Awareness**: A group of skills that enable you to recognize and manipulate parts of spoken words.
- **Phonics**: A method for teaching children the relationship between spoken sounds and written letters so they can learn to decode and encode.
  - Sound - Letter Correspondence
  - Pronunciation
  - Syllables
  - Onset-Rime
  - Phonemic Awareness
  - Common, Irregular Words
  - Beginning Phonics Patterns
  - Advanced Phonics Patterns
  - Suffix Adding Rules

### Language Comprehension

- **Background Knowledge**
- **Oral Language Structures**
- **Vocabulary**
- **Morphology**
- **Reasoning**
- **Literacy Knowledge**

### Reading Comprehension

- **Text Considerations**
- **Strategies and Activities**
- **Reader’s Skill and Knowledge**
- **Classroom Environment**

## Fluency

## Writing

## Features of Structured Literacy Instruction

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