Magpie Literacy

K-8 Skills Overview

Magpie Literacy's K-8 foundational skills curricula build students' skills in phonemic awareness, alphabet, decoding, spelling/encoding, high frequency words, print concepts, morphology and fluency to support fluent reading in connected texts. Magpie includes isolated skill practice, integrated skill practice, and applied skill practice reading connected texts across the K-8 grade levels through instructionally precise and joyful digital learning experiences.

		K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Phonemic Awareness	Segmenting and Blending Phonemes in 2- and 3-letter words	●	●							
	Long vs. Short Vowel Sounds	●	●	●						
	Continuous vs. Stop Consonants	●								
	Voiced vs. unvoiced sounds	●								
	Place of articulation	●								
	Manner of articulation	●								
	Closed vs. Open Syllables		●	●						
Alphabet Knowledge	Letter Names - Capitals	●	●							
	Letter Names - Lower Case	●	●							
	Primary Letter Sounds - Capitals	●	●							
	Primary Letter Sounds - Lower Case	●	●							
Phonics	Nasalized Vowels	●								
	Signal e (ae, ie, oe, ue)	●	●							
	vCe	●	●	●						
	Consonant Digraphs	●	●	●						
	Consonant Clusters	●	●	●						
	Double-Letter Consonants	●	●	●						
	Common long vowel teams: ai, ay, ee, ea, ey, oa, ow, oe, ie, igh		●	●						
	Other vowel teams: oo, ew, ui, ue, au, aw, augh, ea (short e), a (short o)		●	●						
	Count syllables in a printed word		●	●						
	Dipthongs		●	●						
	-all, -oll, -ull		●	●						
	R-controlled vowels		●	●						
	Schwa			●						
	Silent letters (kn, wr, mb)			●						
	Low frequency vowel spellings			●						
	Review long-vowel spelling patterns				●	●	●	●	●	●
	Review diphthongs and additional vowel patterns				●	●	●	●	●	●
Spelling Rules	FLSZ Spelling Rule	●	●	●						
	Doubling rule		●	●						
	Drop -e rule		●	●						
	-y to i rule x			●						
	-le syllable type		●	●						

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Morphology	Inflectional Endings	●	●	●						
	Derivational morphemes	●	●	●						
	Identify morphemes, base words, prefixes, suffixes, and roots				●	●	●	●	●	●
	Understand how affixes change word meaning, spelling, and pronunciation				●	●	●	●	●	●
	Prefixes: un-, re-, fore-, pre-, de-, dis-, im-/in-/ir-, non-, mis-, under-, mid-				●	●	●	●	●	●
	Suffixes: -ing, -ed, -er, -est, -en, -less, -ness, -ful, -able/-ible, -ment				●	●	●	●	●	●
	Latin word elements: anti-, post-, inter-, sub-, super-, semi-				●	●	●	●	●	●
	Greek roots: tele, bio, phon, graph, geo, thermo, hydr				●	●	●	●	●	●
Word Recognition	Decode 2-letter words	●								
	Decode 3-letter words	●	●							
	Decode 4-letter words	●	●	●						
	Decode 5-letter words	●	●	●						
	High frequency words	●	●							
	Chunking 2-syllable words		●	●						
	Chunking 3+-sylable words			●						
	Chunk and decode multisyllabic words using syllables and morphemes				●	●	●	●	●	●
	Read morphologically complex words				●	●	●	●	●	●
	Decode 4-letter words				●	●	●	●	●	●
	Decode 5-letter words				●	●	●	●	●	●
	High frequency words				●	●	●	●	●	●
	Chunking 2-syllable words				●	●	●	●	●	●
	Chunking 3+-sylable words				●	●	●	●	●	●
Fluency	Read decodable phrases	●								
	Read decodable sentences	●	●	●						
	Read decodable connected texts	●	●	●						
	Echo-read grade-appropriate connected text				●	●	●	●	●	●
	Independently read grade-appropriate connected text aloud				●	●	●	●	●	●
Spelling	Spell multisyllabic words by syllable				●	●	●	●	●	●
	Apply phonics and morphology when encoding complex words				●	●	●	●	●	●
Vocabulary	Determine word meaning using affixes and roots				●	●	●	●	●	●
	Apply morphological knowledge to unfamiliar words				●	●	●	●	●	●
Reading Comprehension	Demonstrate basic understanding of connected text				●	●	●	●	●	●
	Answer questions about instructional videos and passages				●	●	●	●	●	●
Grammar/ Sentence	Parts of speech: noun, verb		●	●						
	Conjugating verbs to match singular & plural nouns		●	●						