

The Science of Reading: *Applied*

Targeted instruction across all domains of language

Imagine Language & Literacy® is an engaging, evidence-based program that provides systematic, direct, and explicit reading instruction. The best part? High-quality efficacy studies show that it works for diverse student populations.

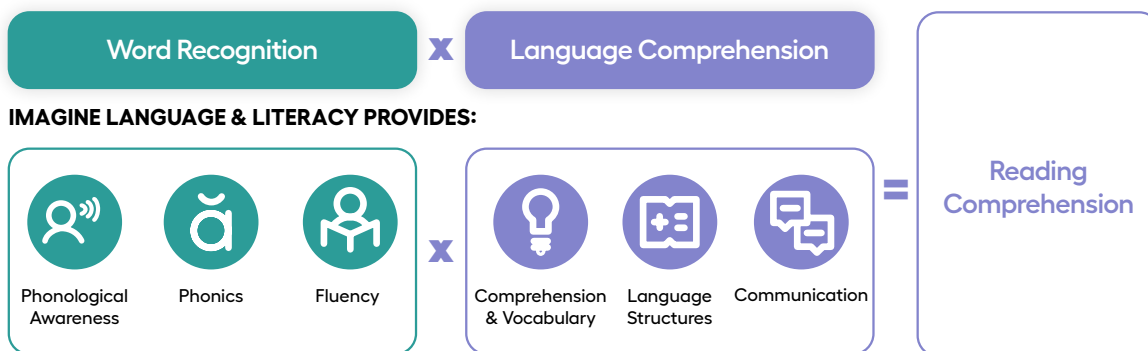
What is the science of reading?

It's the culmination of years of research by reading experts, psychologists, and neurologists. The science of reading addresses how the reading brain develops, how children learn to read, what skills are involved, and effective teaching methods.

HOW SHOULD WE TEACH ACCORDING TO THE SCIENCE OF READING?

To become skilled readers, students need increasingly strategic language comprehension while simultaneously becoming more automatic in word recognition. This is known as the Simple View of Reading (see below). According to this research, students must learn language skills in tandem with literacy skills through direct, explicit, and systematic instruction.

STUDIES SHOW:



HOW DOES IMAGINE LEARNING ALIGN WITH THE SCIENCE OF READING?

Imagine Language & Literacy provides systematic, direct, and explicit instruction with deliberate practice opportunities in all five critical literacy skills: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension, and oral language development.

In addition, no other program builds language proficiency in tandem with literacy skills using a connected text.

As a result, students:

Better understand how the skills they are learning apply to real reading situations

Become proficient and independent readers

Improve in automaticity, fluency, and comprehension

Explore how Imagine Language & Literacy teaches the “Big 5”

PHONEMIC AWARENESS

Phonological awareness is introduced via activities that teach the concept of rhyme, segmentation of words into phonemes, blending, and determining whether a specific sound is an initial, medial, or final phoneme.

PHONICS

Phonics instruction progresses from letter identification to mastery of letter-sound relationships, application of patterns, and beyond. After introducing the letters of the alphabet, the program teaches the 44 sounds in the English language and the most common ways to spell those sounds.

FLUENCY

Students receive various practice opportunities, including shared reading, echo reading, and repeated oral reading activities as they learn to read text with expression and accuracy. K–2 digital books have read-aloud models featuring expressive, fluent narrators. Students record their oral reading and listen to the recording to practice fluency, and teachers can review these recordings. The provided Oral Reading Fluency exam can be scored by the computer or teacher.

VOCABULARY

Basic and academic vocabulary development are emphasized through multiple exposures in various contexts. Lessons and routines are sequenced as preparation for reading a text in which the new words are used, and they focus on the use of words in authentic, student-friendly contexts.

COMPREHENSION

Students receive explicit comprehension instruction as they read online texts appropriate to their grade and reading levels. Students study various text genres, their underlying structures, and how to use this knowledge to aid comprehension. As students progress to reading independently, they learn and practice general comprehension strategies plus specific strategies applicable to either literary or informational texts.

ORAL LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

Direct instruction and practice are designed to build students’:

- Semantic knowledge and skill
- Syntactic competence
- Vocabulary
- Ability to apply pragmatics
- Morphological knowledge

The program focuses on building oral and reading vocabulary, emphasizing Tier 2 high-utility general academic words and some Tier 3 subject-specific words.

In addition to the five pillars of reading instruction, Imagine Language & Literacy offers instruction and deliberate practice in all the skills identified on Scarborough’s Reading Rope to create skilled readers.

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