

Suggested Teaching Components

- Hold book/worksheet the right way and turn pages from front to back
- Locate beginning and end of book/worksheet
- Locate correct page/page number
- Locate letters, words, lines etc.
- Identify and say letters of alphabet in and out of sequence and match to sounds
- Recognise writing in different contexts, e.g. books, posters, charts, signs
- Identify and say numerals and ordinals in and out of sequence
- Recognise numerals and ordinals in different contexts, e.g. date, time, books, charts, mathematical operations

Teaching note

A sound, interactive and age-appropriate phonemic awareness programme is an essential component of foundation reading.

There are also a number of CD Roms which contain either alphabet or word recognition programmes. Others contain interactive books. These are very useful for individuals or small groups of early phase learners.

It is also very important to make good and frequent use of taped texts, as they can be taken home by students for practice, and consolidation. They assist the development of pronunciation, listening skills, vocabulary acquisition and of fluency.

Suggested Themes, Topics and/or Experiences

Any curriculum topic, (living things, matter)
calendar, library, reading programs, personal dictionary, New Zealand ,
colour wheel, graphs, ID cards, numbers, lab safety,

Sample Strategies**Teacher directed**

- Model how to hold book, turn pages from left to right, tracking text
- Model elements of fiction and non-fiction books, e.g. title, pages, illustrations
- Model different elements of text, e.g. full stops, capital letters, words, lines
- Display date, alphabet
- Compare English numerical system with others where appropriate, e.g. Arabic

Joint/guided

- Say, sing, sequence alphabet/numbers (chorus, individual, flash cards etc.)
- Listen to audio text, e.g. teacher/language master while tracking written text
- Develop and display word banks using wall charts
- Play word games to identify, spell and put in alphabetical order, e.g. Hangman, find the 5 letter words

Independent

- Match written dates with numerical forms
- Match cut up sentences to original text, words, and phrases
- List words in alphabetical order

Suggested Assessment Tasks

- Listen to text; track and circle words
- Put lists of words in alphabetical order
- Sequence numerals
- Identify common syllables within words