

The Explicit Introduction of the Alphabetic Principle – Stage 1 Scope and Sequence for Spelling and Reading

Bridging phonological awareness and handwriting through a code-based approach, to ensure reading and spelling are not left to chance

iDeaL Stage 1 progression	Example vocabulary morphology Irregular sounds or spellings	Learning outcomes	Phonological awareness to consider when explicitly teaching the code	Recommended reading material (iDeaL Decodables are recommended to be used first with neurodiverse learners) Scope and Sequences have slight variations. Books listed ensure a cumulative instructional reading approach is implemented.						
				iDeaL Controlled Texts	Ready to Read Phonics Plus	Sunshine Decodable Series	Little Learners Love Literacy	SPELD SA Phonic Books	Phonic Books	
Pre concept a e i o u m n p s t		I can identify sounds and their letters. I can form my letters. I can identify vowels, lowercase and capital letters.	- Auditory discrimination – short and long vowel sounds (e.g. a/u, i/e) and similar consonants (e.g. m/n)							
1. cv/vc aeioumnpst	am, up, in, on is, a, to	I can isolate 2 sounds to assist with spelling, and I can identify short and long vowel sounds in words when I blend the sounds together to read the word. I can blend 2 sounds in rime units and I know why the vowel sounds are short.	- Isolating (fingerspelling) and blending 2 sounds - Auditory discrimination – short and long vowel sounds (e.g. a/u, i/e) and similar consonants (e.g. m/n)	Em Po No Mo! Up Up Up I am Ann						
<mark>2. CVC</mark> a e i o u m n p s t	sat, met, pen, sun a <u>s</u> , put, the	I can isolate 3 sounds to assist with spelling, and I can blend 3 sounds to form the spoken word. I have increased my fluency of word-level reading.	- Isolating (fingerspelling) and blending 3 sounds - Onset and rime: e.g. "If I have 'nip' and I take away the /n/, what will I have left?" - Rhyme generation to assist with spelling: e.g. "If you can spell 'nip', you can use rhyming to help with spelling 'sip'."	Pen Tim Nips Tem Nat Sam					Dandelion Launchers Unit 1 & 2: Sam Tam Tim, am Sam, Is it Sam, On the Mat, Pam, The Pot, A Ma A Man (Note: may contain the word 'has' or 'the') Dandelion Readers Unit 1: Sam, A Mat Unit 2: Pip, The Nap	
3. CVC aeioumnpst bcghdfv Includes high-frequency word 'and'	van, big, had, fun ha <u>s</u> , hi <u>s</u> , of	I can isolate 3 sounds to assist with spelling, and I can blend 3 sounds to form the spoken word. I have increased my fluency of word-level reading.	 Isolating (fingerspelling) and blending 3 sounds Onset and rime: e.g. "If I have 'can' and I change the /c/ to /v/, what word will I make?" Rhyme generation to assist with spelling: e.g. "If you can spell 'pet', you can use rhyming to help with spelling 'vet'." 	Fun in the Sun Vin the Bat Gav has a Mob Gav Dias Mags Tats Mum and Dad Nan and Pop	Kākano/Seed: Tap Tap, Mud Mud MudPop Pop in the Pot, To the Top, In the Bin, Tomtit, Tag (Note: texts may contain a few 4 sound words)	Set 1: s at p i n m d Series 1 Series 2	Stage 1: m s f a p t c i Pip and Tim series The Wiz Kids series Big World (non-fiction) series		Dandelion Launchers Unit 3: Bob, Pip and the Bat, Sam's Bag, Pam and the Cat Unit 4: Ted, The Fib, Bob and the Cod, Meg and Te Dandelion Readers Unit 3: Nan, Tap Tap Unit 4: Bad Cat, At the Vet	
<mark>4. CVC</mark> a e i o u m n p s t b c g h d f v k I r j w z x y <u>qu</u>	fix, yet, run, kid do, are, was	I can isolate 3 sounds to assist with spelling, and I can blend 3 sounds to form the spoken word. I have increased my fluency of word-level reading.	- Isolating (fingerspelling) and blending 3 sounds - Onset and rime: e.g. "If I have 'run' and I change the 'un' to 'an', what word will I make?"; "If I have 'all' and I add /c/ at the beginning, what word will I make?" - Rhyme generation to assist with spelling: e.g. "If you can spell 'box', you can use rhyming to help with spelling 'fox'."	Dex the Fox Hats in the Sun Cod on the Rod Dom the Cop Di has a Van	Kākano/Seed: Get to the Vet, Tane and the Bug, Nan in a Net, Rat on the Rug, Weka gets Wet, Bug in the Hut, A Wet Ant (Note: texts may contain several words not taught)	Set 2: g o b h e r f u l Series 1 Series 2 (Note: texts may contain a few 4 sound words with suffix 's')	Stage 2: b h n o d g l v Pip and Tim series The Wiz Kids series Big World series Stage 3: y r e qu z Pip and Tim series The Wiz Kids series Big World series Stage 4: j u k x w Pip and Tim series The Wiz Kids series Big World series (Note: texts contain words with suffix s')	Set 1: s at p in A Pan, Sant the Ant, Nana, Tan-tan sits Set 2: c k ck r h e m d Yes/No, Hats (Note: texts may contain 1-3 words not taught)	Dandelion Launchers Unit 5: Ken the Rat, Kim t Bug, Mud, The Bus Unit 6: Viv Can Run, Jim and Jam, Ken Gets Wet, Zog Dandelion Readers Unit 5: Bun in the Sun, Re Gum Unit 6: Meg and the Bun, Zig and Zog (Note: contains the word "wham	
			Guideline for after	6–9 months at school						
5. Open and closed syllables In context in a 2-syllable word with up to 4 sounds	wifi, Milo, tutu Suffix – '-s' who, you, does	I know that syllable generation is a strategy to help with spelling 2-syllable words, and I know that syllables are parts of words that contain vowels.	- Syllable segmenting and blending - Auditory discrimination – short and long vowel sounds, with explicit teaching that the long /ū/ sound can also sound like /oo/ as in 'food'	Tutu Bozo Sumo						
6. y = a long /ī/ vowel sound Incorporation of the 'wh' digraph	fly, my, why Suffix – '-ing' eye, said, one	I can isolate 3 sounds to assist with spelling, and I know that when I hear the long $/\bar{\imath}/$ vowel sound at the end of these words, the spelling for this sound is the letter 'y'.	Isolating (fingerspelling) and blending 3 sounds Rhyme generation to assist with spelling	Iry to Fly Spy By the Silo						
7. y = a long /ē/ vowel sound Open and closed syllables 2-syllable words that have up to 4 sounds	baby, tiny, lady any, many, people	I know that the letter 'y' can make 3 different sounds. I have conscious knowledge that syllable generation is a strategy to help with spelling 2-syllable words.	- Syllable segmenting - Auditory discrimination – short and long vowel sounds	<u>Ivy Got a Pony</u>				Set 3: Tig naps a lot (Note: text may contain 1-3 words not taught)		

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8. Consonant blends Up to 4 sounds * for extension, add inflected endings to base words with end blends: e.g. jumps, jumping, jumped	must, went, next Suffix – '-ing' '-ed' want, walk, talk	I am consciously aware of using fingerspelling to assist me in hearing and then correctly spelling beginning blends in words.	- Isolating sounds and blending sounds - Auditory discrimination – short vowels	Rat Trap Ants in his Pants	Tupu/Seedling: Frog in a Log, Weka Helps Out, Where is Kiwi? (Note: texts contain several words not taught)		Stage 5: Pip and Tim series Big World series (Note: texts may contain several words not taught)	Set 1: Ants in Ann's Pants, Nat and Pat, The Tins, It Set 2: Ants at the tip, Sant the Ant is Mad, Red Sand, Set 3: Tag the dog can rap, Sant the ant gets sick, Can you spot it? A bug in a mug (Note: texts may contain untaught grapheme ck)	Dandelion Launchers Unit 8: Lost, Junk, The Gift Unit 9: Bob is Glum Dandelion Readers Unit 8: Box in the Loft Unit 9: The Trap (Note: texts may contain 1-3 words not taught)	
Guideline for after 1 year at school										
9. Floss Spelling Rule ff <u>, II, ss</u>	off, will, kiss Suffix - '-ing' '-y' yes, all, bus (exception to the Floss Spelling Rule)	I know that in a single-syllable word, when I hear a short vowel sound that is directly followed by an 'f', 'l' or 's', I have to double the last consonant to get the correct spelling for these words.	- Isolating sounds and blending sounds - Auditory discrimination – short vowels	<u>Daas Off</u> <u>No Frills</u>	Tupu/Seedling: Dress Up Hullabaloo The Tall Cone (Note: text contains several words not taught)	Set 3: Series 1 The Big Box, Mud fun Set 3: Series 2 A Fuss on the Bus, A Picnic for Pets (Note: texts contain 1-3 words not taught)	Stage 4 Plus: Pip and Tim series Big World series (Note: texts contains several words not taught))	Set 5: Up the Big Hill (Note: text may contain 1-3 words not taught)	Dandelion Launchers Unit 7, 8 & 9: Rex Yells, Rex Will Not Sit, The Hill, Bob on the Sill, Jump, Floss, Stop the Pram, Don't Spill Dandelion Readers Unit 7, 8 & 9: Bob is not Well, Jill the Doll, The Lost Box, Flip and Flop Slip	
10. 'sh' Digraph Beginning and end sounds – up to 4 sounds	she, ship, rush Suffix – '-ing' '-es' push, what, wash	I know when I hear this sound, I need to write 2 letters to get the correct spelling.	- Isolating (fingerspelling) and blending sounds - Onset and rime - Auditory discrimination – short vowel sounds	Dash to the Dump Kid on a Mish	Kākano/Seed: Weka in the Shed (Note: text contains untaught grapheme ck) Zap and Zip (Note: text contains 1-3 words not taught)	Set 4: On the Ship (Note: text contains untaught grapheme ck and ch)	Stage 6: The Shed Shop, Fantastic Fish (Note: text contains several words not taught)		Dandelion Launchers Unit 12: Shep and Tosh, The Shop, Fresh Fish, The Fish Pond Dandelion Readers Unit 12: Hush, The Cash	
11. 'ch' Digraph Beginning and end sounds – up to 4 sounds	chop, chat, bunch Suffix – '-ing' '-ed' done, were	I know when I hear this sound, I need to write 2 letters to get the correct spelling.	- Isolating (fingerspelling) and blending sounds - Onset and rime - Auditory discrimination – short vowel sounds	Fish and Chips The Bach	Kākano/Seed: Chit Chat (Note: text contains several words not taught)	Set 4: A Chip for me (Note: text contains untaught grapheme ck)	Stage 6: The Munch Bunch Fun Park, Chill Out (Note: text contains several words not taught)	Set 6: Sant the ant has lunch (Note: text contains 1-3 words not taught)	Dandelion Launchers Unit 11: The Big Chip, Chit Chat, Nuts for Lunch, The Champ Dandelion Readers Unit 11: Pip Gets Rich, Chips for Lunch (Note: some contain 'nch')	
12. The 2 sounds of 'th' Digraph Beginning and end sounds – up to 4 sounds	them, with, that Suffix – '-ing' '-s' they, their	I know when I hear these sounds, I need to write 2 letters to get the correct spelling.	- Auditory discrimination – th/v and th/f - Isolating sounds (fingerspelling) and blending up to 4 sounds	<u>Seth has a Ship</u>	Kākano/Seed: Huhu in the Mud (Note: text contains several words not taught)	Set 4: Zin and Thog (Note: text contains untaught grapheme ck)	Stage 6: Thud Thump Thunk, Sloths (Note: text contains several words not taught)	Set 6: Shan tried to think (Note: text may contain 1-3 words not taught)	Dandelion Launchers Unit 13: This and That, Will This Fit, Thud Crash, That's It Dandelion Readers Unit 13: The Path Up the Hill, Thump Thump ((Note: text may contain 1-3 words not taught)	
13. 'ng' Digraph Beginning and end sounds – up to 4 sounds	song, ring, long Suffix – '-ing' '-s' two, into	I know when I hear this sound, I need to write 2 letters to get the correct spelling.	- Isolating (fingerspelling) and blending sounds - Onset and rime - Auditory discrimination – short vowel sounds	The Singalong The Long Trip	Tupu/Seedling: Missing Tinā Matua (Note: text contains several words not taught)	Set 4: The King's Snack (Note: text contains untaught grapheme ck)	Stage 6: A Day in the Jungle, Ring that Bell (Note: text contains several words not taught)	Set 5: The Kids Band (Note: text contains untaught grapheme ck)	Dandelion Launchers Unit 15: Ding, Dong!, Spring, Ting-a-ling, The Strong Wind (Note: texts may contain suffix 'ed") Dandelion Readers Unit 15: The Ring, The Sting	
14. Spelling Rule LSASVS 'ck' (longer spelling of the /k/ sound after a short vowel sound)	back, pick, lock Suffix – '-ing' '-ed' some, come	I know when I hear a short vowel sound that is directly followed by the /k/ sound, I need to write 2 letters to get the correct spelling.	- Isolating (fingerspelling) and blending sounds - Onset and rime - Auditory discrimination – short vowel sounds - Rhyme generation to assist with spelling: e.g. "If you can spell 'back', you can use rhyming to help with spelling 'shack'."	Rock Band Jack's Trek	Kākano/Seed: Wet Kai Tupu/Seedling: Weka in a Flap (Note: texts may contain 1-3 words not taught)	Set 3: Series 1 The Big Kick, Nan and Pop, Pop's Socks, The Pet Vets, On the Rod, The Picnic, Eggs and Lemons Set 3: Series 2 Hot Dog Set 4: Zin and Thog, A Chip for Me, The King's Snack	Stage 5: Pip and Tim series Big World series Stage 6: Quack, Tricks of the Forest	Set 2: Ken, Crack Crack Crack Set 3: Stuck in the mud	Dandelion Launchers Unit 14: The Clock, The Back Pack, Which Shall I Pick, Dandelion Readers Unit 14: The Trick, Raj Gets a Shock	

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15. Spelling Rule Double the consonant before adding a suffix: -ing, -ed	hopping, stopped, grinning, hugged should, would, could	I can identify what a base word is and what a suffix is. I know when I want to add the suffix '-ing' or '-ed' to a CVC/CCVC base word, I have to double the final consonant of that word before I add the suffix. This is how I keep the vowel sound short.	As an alternative to phonological awareness in this concept, a key focus can be introducing/revisiting word classes that are formed when these particular suffixes are added to the base word: e.g. 'hugging' is a present tense verb (doing word); 'hugged' is a past tense verb (doing word)	Revving_It Up Hip-hoppers	Māhuri/Sapling: Sports Day, Dipped in Mud (Note: texts may contain several words not taught)			Set 5: Zack hid from Dad (Note: texts contains 1-3 words not taught)	Dandelion Readers Unit 18: Dan is Trapped	
16. Introduction to silent 'e' syllable high-frequency words	make, time, home Suffix – '-s' give, have Another job of 'e'	I can identify long vowel sounds when spelling and reading, and I know that the silent 'e' has the job of helping the first vowel to say its letter name.	Rhyme generation to assist with spelling: e.g. "If you can spell 'make', you can use rhyming to help with spelling 'shake'." Onset and rime: e.g. "If I have 'bake' and I change the 'ake' to 'ike', what word will I have?"	At The Lake Ride in the Pines	Tupu/Seedling: Ride to the Top, Be Brave, Vote for Fin, Splash (Note: texts may contain several words not taught)	Set 6: Jake Bakes a Cake, From Granny to Evie, Shy Arthur, Leo and Joe, Andrew and Sue Make a Kite (Note: texts may contain 1-3 words not taught)	Stage 7: Unit 4: A Strange Tale, Rise and Shine, High Hopes, A Huge Day, Things to Amaze You (Note: text contains several words not taught)	Set 8: Things I like to do (Note: text contains 1-3 words not taught)	Split vowel spellings Late (a-e), The Note (o-e), Club Rules (u-e), Show Time (all spellings), A Nice Life (Note: texts may contain 1-3 words not taught)	
17. 'ar' R controlled syllable	car, far, part Suffix – '-ing' '-ed' fast, last, past	I know when I hear the /ar/ sound, I need to write 2 letters to get the correct spelling.	Rhyme generation to assist with spelling: e.g. "If you can spell 'car', you can use rhyming to help with spelling 'far'."	Go-Kart Party at the Skatepark	Māhuri/Sapling: Flax on the Farm (Note: texts contain several words not taught)	Set 5: Free food (Note: text contains 1-3 words not taught)	Stage 7: Unit 2 Art Party (Note: text contains several words not taught)		Dandelion Readers Level 1, Book 12:Too far (Note: text contains 1-3 words not taught)	
18. 'ir/er/ur' R controlled syllable	bird, her, church Suffix – '-ing' '-s' work, word, worm	I know when I hear the /er/ sound, I need to write 2 letters to get the correct spelling. I know there are 3 options for spelling this sound.	As an alternative to phonological awareness, orthographic mapping activities are beneficial to assist with learning the correct letter combinations to use when spelling.	Vern and Fern Shirl gets Hurt	Māhuri/Sapling: Nat's first game, Lurking in the dark, Letter to Samoa (Note: texts may contain several words not taught)	Set 5: The rat is back (Note: text contains 1-3 words not taught)	Stage 7: Unit 2 Monster Picnic, Ha Ha Ha! (Note: texts may contain several words not taught)	Set 7: The Quiz, Litter Bug (Note: text contains several words not taught)	Dandelion Readers Level 1, Book 4:My Turn Level 2, Book 4:Meg Gets Dirty (Note: texts may contain 1-3 words not taught)	
19. ai/ay Long Vowel Teams	rain, day Suffix – '-ing' '-ed' great, today	I know when I hear the /ā/sound, I need to write 2 letters to get the correct spelling. Most of the time when I hear this sound in the middle of a word, the letter combinations are 'ai'. When I hear this sound at the end of the word, the letter combinations are 'ay".	- Rhyme generation to assist with spelling: e.g. "If you can spell 'day', you can use rhyming to help with spelling 'stay'." - Isolating (fingerspelling) and blending sounds to assist with where abouts in the word I hear this sound which will assist me in writing the correct letter combinations.	A Great Day to Sail Whale Tail	Māhuri/Sapling: Rain is a pain, Stay! (Note: texts contain several words not taught)	Set 4: Is rain fun? Set 6: Jake bakes a cake (Note: texts contain several words not taught)	Stage 7: Unit 1 The Snails that Tim Forgot (Note: text contains several words not taught)	Set 6: The truck that got stuck (Note: text contains 1-3 words not taught)	Dandelion Readers Level 1, Book 1:The Mail Level 2, Book 1:Viv Wails (Note: texts may contain 1-3 words not taught)	
20. ee/ea Long Vowel Teams	see, team Suffix – '-s' '-es' after, always	I know when I hear the /ē/ sound, I need to write 2 letters to get the correct spelling. There are 2 options depending on the meaning of the word.	As an alternative to phonological awareness, orthographic mapping activities are beneficial to assist with learning the correct letter combinations to use when spelling.	Easter at the Beach Pip sneaks the Meat Feast with a Queen	Tupu/Seedling: A Fun Quiz, The Long Swim, Swim Day, Home Time Māhuri/Sapling: Photo Time, Splashing in the Stream, The Best Place to Rest (Note: texts contain several words not taught)	Set 4: Green feet Set 6: From Granny to Evie (Note: texts contain several words not taught and grapheme ie)	Stage 7: Unit 1 The Teeny Tiny Tree (Note: text contains several words not taught)	Set 4: Stuck in a rut Set 8: The old blue bike Sant and Spotty at the creek (Note: texts may contain 1-3 words not taught)	Dandelion Readers Level 1, Book 2:The Tree Level 2, Book 2:Sweet Dream Level 3, Book 2:The Heap of Sand (Note: texts may contain 1-3 words not taught)	
21. ou/ow Diphthong	out, now Suffix – '-ing' '-ed' water, warm	I know when I hear the /ou/ sound, I need to write 2 letters to get the correct spelling. There are 2 options depending on the meaning of the word.	As an alternative to phonological awareness, orthographic mapping activities are beneficial to assist with learning the correct letter combinations to use when spelling.	Trip to the Mount Rowdy Cow The Land of the Long White Cloud	Māhuri/Sapling: Hide & Seek, Huhu's Play Date (Note: texts contain several words not taught)	Set 5: A Bad Start	Stage 7: Unit 3 Down on the farm, Hullabazoo (Note: texts contain several words not taught)	Set 7: Tim and the Fun Run A Wet Cat Set 10: The camel that had no hump (Note: texts may contain 1-3 words not taught)	Dandelion Readers Level 1, Book 6:Mr Brown Level 2, Book 6:The Tree House (Note: texts may contain 1-3 words not taught)	
22. 2 Sounds of /oo/ Diphthong	look, good Suffix – '-ing' '-ed' won, front	I know when I hear these sounds, I need to write 2 letters to get the correct spelling.	- Rhyme generation to assist with spelling: e.g. "If you can spell 'food', you can use rhyming to help with spelling 'mood'." "If you can spell 'good', you can use rhyming to help with spelling 'stood'."	Toot-toot and Scoot Moody Chook	Tupu/Seedling: Hoot Hoot, Which Way to Go, Slow to Grow	Set 4: Odd Jobs Hot Hens	Stage 7: Unit 3 Hullabaloo Oops!		Dandelion Readers Level 1, Book 7:Zoom	

Guideline for after 2 years at school

When students reach this stage of the Scope and Sequence, we encourage you to transition them to levelled texts at Levels 12–14, Blue/Green. Students who present as dyslexic may progress at a slower rate through this scope and sequence. Go as fast as you can but as slow as you must to ensure students have the skills through this scope and sequence through to the reading fluency stage of lessons before moving to your next concept. We encourage a range of decodable readers to be used for both review and instruction. Be sure to align any texts not listed to the appropriate place in the scope and sequence and to teach them through the lesson sequence of sound level (DED), word level (DED), sentence level (DED) and finally text level.