Word Recognition

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Behaviours and Strategies	Prompts	Observations
Phonological and Phonemic Awareness		
• joins in with rhythmic poems and songs, and repeats some from memory	• Let's read (sing) this together.	
• locates rhymes and generates rhymes for a range of rhyming patterns	Can you hear which words rhyme?Can you think of some words that rhyme with?	
claps/chants/sings syllables in words	• Let's clap (sing/say) this word in parts.	
• orally segments one-vowel words into onsets and rimes (e.g., <i>t-op</i>)	• Let's say this word slowly so it sounds like t-op. Can you hear the first part the last part?	
• orally slows down speech to segment sentences into words (e.g., <i>This-is-my-mom.</i>)	• Let's speak slowly so we can hear spaces between the words.	
• orally stretches words and breaks them into phonemes (e.g., <i>w-i-sh</i>)	• Let's say the words as slowly as a snail and hear all the sounds.	
• orally blends phonemes into words (e.g., <i>w-i-sh=wish</i>)	• I'm going to say the word slowly. Can you slide the sounds together and tell me the word?	
• manipulates phonemes to create new words (e.g., king to bring and dot to dog)	Let's change the first sound.Let's change the last sound.	
• recognizes phonemes in medial positions in words (e.g., knows <i>man</i> and <i>cap</i> have the same medial sound)	Clap when you hear two words that sound the same in the middle.	
Letter Knowledge		
recognizes familiar letters in a variety of contexts	Where have you seen that letter before? (may be the first letter in the child's name) You keep seeing "s" (or another letter) everywhere	
recognizes all upper-case letters	 Can you tell me the letter names? Do you know the sound the letter makes? Can you tell me a word that starts with the same letter? 	
recognizes all lower-case letters	Can you tell me the letter names?Do you know the sound the letter makes?Can you tell me a word that starts with the same letter?	
High-Frequency Words		
• recognizes all class members' names	Can you show me where it says's name? Whose name is this?	

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recognizes many words on charts, poems, and labels around the classroom	 What is that word? How does that label help us? What does it say? Have you seen that word before?	
recognizes the grade one high- frequency words	 Is that a Word Wall word? Does it look right? Where do you see it on the Word Wall?	
Word Solving and Building		<u> </u>
• associates sounds to single consonants and some consonant clusters (e.g., gr, st, bl, sh)	 What sound does that letter make? Get your mouth ready to say the first sound. What sound would you expect at the beginning of the word? 	
• associates sounds to most vowels within the context of words (e.g., "o" within <i>got</i>)	Does that sound right? Look at the middle of the word.Check all the letters.	
• reads some words with silent letters (may need support)	 What would make sense here? That's right. We don't say all of the letters in this word. That one is silent. (Reinforcement) 	
• uses word pattern similarities to work out unfamiliar words when reading (e.g., recalls "ice" pattern to spell <i>nice</i>)	 Does it look right? Check all the letters. Do you see a part you know? Do you know a word with the same chunk in it? 	
• reads words with simple inflected endings (e.g., <i>play-ing</i> , <i>play-ed</i>): may need some support	• Look at the ending and see if it sounds right to you.	
• reads words with r-controlled vowels (e.g., car, first, hard)	Does it look right?Check all the letters.	
• may notice that some words sound the same but have different meanings and spellings	• Yes they sound the same (sail/sale) but they look different and mean different things. <i>Sail</i> means to sail on a boat, etc.	
• is beginning to read common contractions	 That's a short way of writing "do not." Did that sound right? Would you say it that way?	

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• reads some compound words	 How did you word out that word? You noticed the first part of the word said <i>snow</i> and then you checked the last part (<i>man</i>). That's a long word made from two short words. 	
• reads some two- to three-syllable words	 I like the way you chunked that word (<i>yes-ter-day</i>). Can you run the chunks together to make a word that would make sense there? Look at all the letters. What do you see in the beginning (middle/end) part of the word? 	
Language Predictability		
• uses context and picture cues to work out some word meanings in Read Aloud, Shared Reading, and Guided Reading	 Look at the picture to see what would make sense. Does that fit with the rest of the story? What would make sense here? 	
 predicts meaningful and grammatically appropriate words for cloze gaps in Shared Reading and for contextual word predictions in Guided Reading 	Does that make sense?Is that a word you know?Does that sound right?Can you say it that way?	
• integrates meaning and grammatic cues with visual-sound cues (e.g., initial and final letters, and rimes) for contextual word predictions in reading (will need some support)	Does that check out? Look at all the letters.Now does it make sense, sound right, and look right?	
• uses language strategies (e.g., reads ahead and rereads) to support predictions for unfamiliar words in context	 Keep reading to the end of the sentence and see what would make sense. Try reading that again and check that part. It needs to make sense and sound right. 	