

Parent Session 7
Beginning at
the Beginning:
Background
Knowledge

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The 3 cornerstones of beginning reading:

1. Letter Knowledge
(Recognition, Naming, Consonants/Vowels)
2. Awareness of Language/Sound Structure
(Words, Syllables, Rimes, Phonemes)
3. Text Awareness (concepts of print/language development)
 - Vocabulary Development
 - Prior and Background Knowledge

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Mathew Effect: Keith Stanovich

1. The rich get richer
2. Exposure to rich language and knowledge:
 - The more words children learn
 - The more knowledge they develop
 - The easier it is to learn
3. Less exposure to language and knowledge:
 - The fewer words children learn
 - The more likely there will be gaps in a child's understanding
 - The harder it will be to learn new content
 - The more likely a child may fall behind

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<https://www.flaticon.com/search?word=nature>

Prior Knowledge

1. Use prior knowledge:
 - Prepares a child for new learning
 - Makes learning new ideas easier
2. Activate prior knowledge by:
 - Discussing what the child already knows about the topic
 - Asking questions about the subject
 - Connecting to other learning

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Activating Prior Knowledge

Parents Help Kids learn

Good Readers Activate Prior Knowledge

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sZZT-62BYN4>

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Background Knowledge

1. Develop background knowledge
2. Provide multiple exposures by:
 - Reading aloud
 - Interacting with books

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Reading Aloud: Engaging with Books

Reading Rockets

Modeling Read Alouds for Parents

<https://www.readingrockets.org/teaching/experts/julie-washington>

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Background Knowledge

1. Develop background knowledge
2. Provide multiple exposures by:
 - Reading aloud/Interacting with books
 - Taking field trips
 - Talking about what you see
 - Following up with a book

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Building Background Knowledge

EarlyChildhoodVideos

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b8ZkhPoH_M&list=PLyizHCAockpruYamAGKARvjtYSCPIKYUC&index=1



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Cultivate Children's Knowledge:

- Activate prior knowledge
- Build background knowledge
- Interact with enthusiasm



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Recommendations

1. Visit the Links on The Dyslexia Initiative website

2. Make it a habit to:

- Talk about things that interest your child
- Find out what the child already knows about the topic
- Build background knowledge to prepare for new learning
- Reinforce new learning through engaging, interactive discussions and play



Upcoming Schedule

Parent Session 8, 02/09/2021

Phonological Awareness:

- Words
- Syllables
- Onset/Rime
- Rhyming words
- Phoneme Awareness

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Chat

- Get to know each other
- Make comments
- Ask questions