

Which Literacy Success Foundations Kit Should My Students Start With?

Start by determining students' phonics knowledge and identifying which students may need support.

- If you have already used an assessment tool to identify your students' needs, or you are
 aware of students' needs through observation, see the scope and sequence for each
 Literacy Success Foundations kit. Use the information to determine which kit provides the most
 appropriate starting point for your students.
- If you have not already used a phonics assessment tool to identify your students' needs, you can use the Literacy Success Foundations pre-assessment tool. There are three pre-assessments, one for each Literacy Success Foundations kit. (*Note:* You may not need to use all pre-assessments with each student.) Here's a quick-start guide:

Administer the Kit A Pre-assessment

For students who score **below 85/100** on the Kit A Pre-assessment, start with **Kit A**.

For students who score

85/100 or above on the Kit A

Pre-assessment, administer

the Kit B Pre-assessment.

For students who score **below 85/100** on the Kit B Pre-assessment, start with **Kit B**.

For students who score 85/100 or above on the Kit B Pre-assessment, administer the Kit C Pre-assessment. Note: Students who have an overall score of 85/100 or above on the pre-assessment(s) but a low score for the encoding portion will still benefit from the phonics instruction in Literacy Success Foundations. (A low score is 14/20 or lower for encoding, but consider the errors made and use your judgment.)

For students who score **below 85/100** on the Kit C Pre-assessment, start with **Kit C**.

Students who score **85/100 or above** on the Kit C Preassessment but still had some errors will benefit from using Kit C to review their phonics learning and practise applying comprehension strategies.



How to Group Students If Pre-assessment Results Vary

When forming your groups, use your judgment to decide what is most appropriate for the situation in your class. For guidance, see the examples below.

Pre-assessment Results	Suggested Approach
Three students need Kit A and five need Kit B.	Begin by teaching Kit A to the three students. After finishing those lessons, divide the eight students into two groups and teach Kit B to both groups.
Two students need Kit A, one needs Kit B, and one needs Kit C.	Teach Kit A to all students. Or, form two groups and teach Kit A to one group and Kit B to the other.
Three students need Kit B and one needs Kit C.	Include the student who needs Kit C in the group that is starting with Kit B instruction.

Using Literacy Success Foundations with the Whole Class

Whole-class phonics and comprehension support

While this resource was designed for use with a small group, you can use the kits with the whole class. Reviewing phonics learning will support all students in both decoding (reading words) and encoding (spelling words).

Whole-class support for just comprehension

A teacher-support video on the Literacy Success Foundations Companion Website models the following approach.

- Use Literacy Success Foundations lessons first with a small group of students who need phonics support. Lead them through Parts 1 and 2 of a lesson, then teach the comprehension portion (Part 3) to the whole class.
- The whole class could then complete the Comprehension activity on the student card.

Engaging, Age-Appropriate Texts!

All Literacy Success Foundations reading passages are age-appropriate for students in grades 4 and beyond. The highly decodable passages on page 2 of the student cards (for applying phonics learning) are accessible for striving readers. The page 3 passages (shared reading for comprehension practice) are a bit more challenging. Topics and visuals were carefully chosen to support student engagement.

For whole-class teaching, you can project the digital version of the student cards (provided on the Companion Website) or purchase additional copies of the student cards.

