



## Connections to the Alberta English Language and Literature (ELAL) Curriculum

Bug Club Morphology (BCM) supports the teaching of many outcomes in the Alberta Language Arts and Literature Curriculum. BCM supports the ELAL curriculum as a whole by

- providing a detailed explanation and related research about the concept of morphology
- using terminology (morphemes, prefixes, suffixes, affixes, bases, word origins, etc.) addressed in the curriculum
- increasing students' overall morphological knowledge

### Organizing Idea: Text Forms and Structures

BCM supports this strand of the curriculum by

- including a variety of text forms/structures/features in the reading passages
- offering prompts and suggestions for discussing these text forms/structures/features in the lesson
- exposing students to diverse Canadian content in culturally responsive and relevant texts, including current Indigenous content and ways of knowing in every kit

### Organizing Idea: Oral Language

BCM supports this strand of the curriculum by

- embedding opportunities for students to talk and listen to each other during every lesson (Activating Prior Knowledge, Time to Talk)
- enabling students to connect to their prior knowledge, articulate opinions, and construct meaning about the content of the reading passage
- providing time for collaborative work during word study activities and investigations

### Organizing Idea: Vocabulary

BCM supports this strand of the curriculum by

- analyzing the meanings of words and word parts (morphemes)
- including the specific affixes referenced in the ELAL curriculum in grades 3–6
- teaching roots with Greek and Latin origins
- providing students with opportunities to engage with vocabulary with the focus morphemes in authentic text
- supporting students in predicting meanings of unfamiliar words using morphological cues
- providing text and prompts through which students can develop vocabulary when reading, writing, listening, and speaking
- providing opportunities to integrate knowledge of vocabulary and word study across multiple literacy contexts
- supporting students in developing morphological knowledge to analyze and understand new words in context
- addressing many Tier 2 and 3 vocabulary words



### **Organizing Idea: Phonics**

BCM supports this strand of the curriculum by

- building on and reinforcing phonics knowledge

### **Organizing Idea: Comprehension**

BCM supports this strand of the curriculum by

- providing authentic opportunities for students to apply their language knowledge and skills to read cross-curricular content
- providing prompts for students to connect to their own experiences and make predictions and/or inferences about the text
- providing teacher script in the lessons to ensure teachers can support their students with comprehension of the reading passage

### **Organizing Idea: Writing**

BCM supports this strand of the curriculum by

- providing students with the opportunity to write in every lesson
- including reading passages that can be used both as a mentor text for student writing and as a springboard for generating ideas
- incorporating writing activities that focus on a variety of qualities, including purpose, audience, point of view, word choice, etc.
- encouraging students to use vocabulary with the morphemes being taught in their writing

### **Organizing Idea: Conventions**

BCM supports this strand of the curriculum by

- including the specific morphemes referenced in the ELAL curriculum in grades 3–6
- embedding the review and teaching of parts of speech in the lessons
- regularly demonstrating how morphemes change the part of speech and often the function of a word
- supporting teachers in their discussion about morphemes and the many related spelling conventions and patterns
- addressing inflectional suffixes, tense, and compound words

**Note:** In addition to the ELAL Curriculum, teachers will find many connections to outcomes in other subject areas, in particular, Mathematics and Science.