

Phonics Scope and Sequence

The Reading & Writing Project at Mossflower's decodable text series systematically introduces beginning readers to new letter-sound correspondences and high-frequency words. The books also feature engaging characters, adventurous plots, and key elements of literary fiction. While all series generally follow the same phonics scope and sequence, some variations exist. The following phonics scope and sequence outlines the alignment and explains any deviations.



SET A

	<i>Jump Rope Readers</i>		<i>Moonlit Mountain Readers</i>	
Set A Series 1	Book 1	m, t, n, s, ss, short a	Book 1	m, t, tt, n, nn, s, ss, p, d, dd, g, c, k, r, short a
	Book 2	p	Book 2	m, t, tt, n, nn, s, ss, p, d, dd, g, c, k, r, short a
	Book 3	short i	Book 3	m, t, tt, n, nn, s, ss, p, d, dd, g, c, k, r, short a
	Book 4	d, g	Book 4	m, t, tt, n, nn, s, ss, p, d, dd, g, c, k, r, short a
	Book 5	short o	Book 5	h, b, f, ff, l, ll, z, zz, short i
			Book 6	h, b, f, ff, l, ll, z, zz, short i
			Book 7	h, b, f, ff, l, ll, z, zz, short i
			Book 8	h, b, f, ff, l, ll, z, zz, short i
Set A Series 2	Book 1	c	Book 1	j, v, w, y, x, qu, ck, short o
	Book 2	k, ck	Book 2	j, v, w, y, x, qu, ck, short o
	Book 3	r	Book 3	j, v, w, y, x, qu, ck, short o
	Book 4	short u	Book 4	j, v, w, y, x, qu, ck, short o
	Book 5	h	Book 5	short u
			Book 6	short u
			Book 7	short u
			Book 8	short u
Set A Series 3	Book 1	b	Book 1	short e
	Book 2	short e	Book 2	short e
	Book 3	f, ff	Book 3	short e
	Book 4	l, ll	Book 4	short e
	Book 5	z, zz	Book 5	short vowel review
			Book 6	short vowel review
			Book 7	short vowel review
			Book 8	short vowel review

For the first four series, both the *Moonlit Mountain Readers* and the *Jump Rope Readers* invite readers to exercise the most beginning phonics topic: alphabet knowledge.

The *Jump Rope Readers* does this by featuring one to two letter-sound correspondences per book (with the exception of Book 1). The words these letters appear in might have two-five sounds in them--words like "at," "nap," "snap." *Jump Rope Readers* ensures practice with every letter sound across Series 1-5.

The *Moonlit Mountain Readers* emphasizes extended practice with the short vowel sounds, and includes consonants in batches. The words the short vowels appear in are two- and three-sound words (CVC), like "at" and "nap" until Series 4 Blends, where four-six sound-words like "snap" and "past" and "blast" are featured.

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	<i>Jump Rope Readers</i>		<i>Moonlit Mountain Readers</i>	
Set A Series 4	Book 1	j	Book 1	initial blends
	Book 2	v	Book 2	initial blends
	Book 3	w	Book 3	final blends
	Book 4	y	Book 4	final blends
	Book 5	x	Book 5	initial and final blends
			Book 6	blends review
			Book 7	blends review
			Book 8	blends review
Set A Series 5	Book 1	qu	Book 1	ch
	Book 2	CV words with -e	Book 2	th (unvoiced)
	Book 3	CV words with -o	Book 3	th (voiced)
	Book 4	CV words with -y	Book 4	sh
	Book 5	ch	Book 5	wh
			Book 6	nh, n(k)
			Book 7	digraphs review
			Book 8	digraphs review
Set A Series 6	Book 1	sh	Book 1	CV (-e, -i, -o)
	Book 2	th (unvoiced)	Book 2	CV (-y)
	Book 3	th (voiced)	Book 3	CV (-e, -i, -o, -y)
	Book 4	ng	Book 4	CV (-e, -i, -o, -y)
	Book 5	wh	Book 5	cumulative review
			Book 6	cumulative review
			Book 7	cumulative review
			Book 8	cumulative review

This is a place where the phonics sequence diverges. In *Jump Rope Readers*, the Blue Series primarily features CV words and the Purple Series primarily features digraphs, in that order. *Moonlit Mountain Readers* features digraphs first, then CV words, which more closely matches the timing that digraphs are taught in the RUOS. We tried to keep colors matched to content. We kept the CV-focused series in blue and the digraphs-focused series in purple and imagined that readers of *Jump Rope Readers* Purple could access *Moonlit Mountain Readers* Purple and then move on to *Moonlit Mountain Readers* Blue.

SET B

	<i>Jump Rope Readers</i>		<i>Moonlit Mountain Readers</i>	
Set B Series 1	Book 1	Set A review	Book 1	Set A review
	Book 2	Set A review	Book 2	Set A review
	Book 3	Set A review	Book 3	Set A review
	Book 4	n(k)	Book 4	tch
	Book 5	tch	Book 5	a(l, ll)
	Book 6	a(l, ll)	Book 6	compound words
Set B Series 2	Book 1	compound words	Book 1	a_e
	Book 2	a_e	Book 2	i_e
	Book 3	i_e	Book 3	o_e
	Book 4	o_e	Book 4	u_e
	Book 5	u_e	Book 5	e_e
	Book 6	e_e	Book 6	multisyllabic words with silent E
Set B Series 3	Book 1	possessives, -es, -ing	Book 1	-es, -ing
	Book 2	-ed	Book 2	-ed
	Book 3	contractions w/ is, not	Book 3	-es, -ing, -ed
	Book 4	contractions w/ am, has	Book 4	contractions
	Book 5	closed syllable exceptions	Book 5	closed syllable exceptions
	Book 6	-y	Book 6	-y
Set B Series 4	Book 1	ea, ee drop E rule	Book 1	Set B review drop e rule
	Book 2	ai, ay	Book 2	Set B review including drop e rule
	Book 3	oa, ow	Book 3	Set B review including drop e rule
	Book 4	igh	Book 4	Set B review including drop e rule
	Book 5	ew, oo	Book 5	Set B review including drop e rule
	Book 6	consonant LE	Book 6	Set B review including drop e rule

The *Moonlit Mountain Readers* includes an additional series that serves as a pause for cumulative review here.

SET B

	<i>Jump Rope Readers</i>		<i>Moonlit Mountain Readers</i>	
Set B Series 5	Book 1	ar ea=ě and ā	Book 1	ee, ea
	Book 2	or	Book 2	oa, ow
	Book 3	er -er, -est	Book 3	ai, ay
	Book 4	ir, ur	Book 4	igh
	Book 5	soft g, -dge, Y=ĭ	Book 5	consonant LE with closed first syllable
	Book 6	soft c	Book 6	consonant LE with closed first syllable
Set B Series 6	Book 1	ou, ow change Y to I rule	Book 1	ar EA=ě and ā
	Book 2	oi, oy	Book 2	or
	Book 3	au, aw	Book 3	er -er, est
	Book 4	multisyllabic words with closed syllables	Book 4	ir, ur
	Book 5	multisyllabic words with closed and open syllables	Book 5	soft g, -dge
	Book 6	multisyllabic words with schwa	Book 6	soft c
Set B Series 7			Book 1	ou, ow
			Book 2	oo
			Book 3	oi, oy
			Book 4	ew, ue
			Book 5	au, aw
			Book 6	multisyllabic words with schwa, mixed closed and open syllable words

