

# Science of Reading principles

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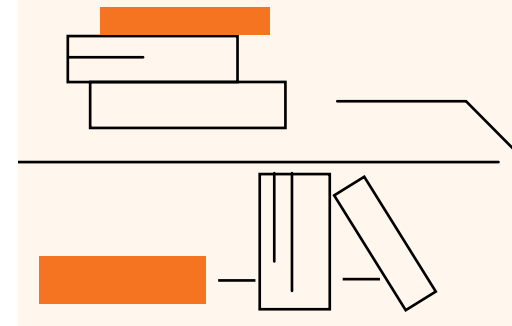
Science-based reading instruction is a matter of equity.

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Learning to read proficiently in any language requires both word recognition and language comprehension.

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Literacy instruction in each language must reflect its unique elements.

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Reading in any language is not natural and must be taught systematically and explicitly.

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Background knowledge and vocabulary are as critical to comprehension as decoding skills.

**6**

Foundational skills instruction must be systematic, explicit, and engaging, using multiple modes and senses.

**7**

Universal screening and progress monitoring are critical to ensure all students receive the right instruction.

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Science-based reading instruction reduces the need for intervention and allows children to move forward as capable, confident readers.