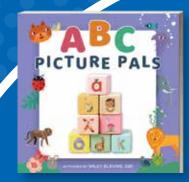
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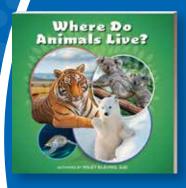
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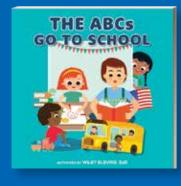




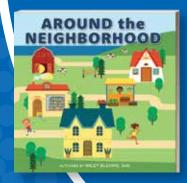




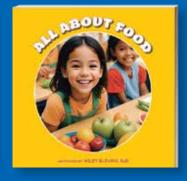
















## **Build Knowledge & Strengthen**

Introduce children to the world of letters and sounds while fostering knowledge with the Sadlier Early Literacy Library—a comprehensive collection of alphabet board books designed to develop foundational reading skills and spark children's curiosity. The Early Literacy Library is authored exclusively for Sadlier by Wiley Blevins—author, educator, and early literacy expert.

Each Alphabet Board Book provides knowledge-building information on every letter of the alphabet, A–Z, based on the knowledge-building instructional focus. Books are designed to be read aloud in whole group, small group, or individual settings, ensuring flexibility in early literacy instruction.

#### **Early Literacy Library Components:**

- 10 Alphabet Teacher Board Books (103/4" x 13") for active learning and early literacy development
- 1 Alpha Mnemonic Board Book to reinforce strong letter-sound associations
- 11 Softcover Student Picture Books (8" x 8") perfect for learning centers or as take-home resources
- Online Teacher Support for seamless literacy integration



BOOK TITLE	INSTRUCTIONAL FOCUS	
ABC Picture Pals	Letter-Sound Mnemonics	
The ABCs Go to School	Home and School Community	
Animals	Animal Parents and Their Babies	
Where Do Animals Live?	Animal Habitats	
Around the Neighborhood	Communities and Community Workers	
You Can Do It!	Physical Development and Movement, The Arts	
All About Food	Food and Nutrition, Colors, Shapes, Numbers	
Let's Explore	Social Studies and Science Investigations, Engaging Curiosity	
Seasons	Seasons and Weather	
Happy and Healthy	Monitoring Healthy Habits	
Let's Make Letters	Letter Formation (Handwriting)	

To learn more, visit

www.SadlierSchool.com/EarlyLitLibrary

## **Letter-Sound Recognition!**

#### **Teacher Support for Early Literacy Success!**

Comprehensive teacher support online at www.SadlierConnect.com equips educators with structured, knowledge-rich resources that seamlessly connect letters and sounds to build strong literacy foundations.

- Online Teacher Support: Step-by-step Letters and Sounds Routines for introducing letters, plus the Three-Reads Strategy guidance, builds knowledge, vocabulary, and comprehension.
- Suggested 5-Day Planner: A structured guide integrates knowledge-building books with letter-sound and letter-formation books over a three-week segment.

Transform your literacy block into an engaging and effective experience for every student with these tools at your fingertips.





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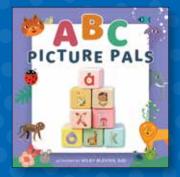






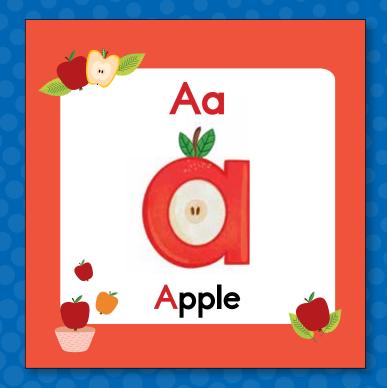


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## **Letter-Sound Mnemonics**









#### ABC Picture Pals Routines

#### Introduce Alphabet Letter Names and Letter Sounds

When introducing a new letter, turn to the letter's page and do the following:

- · Point to the letter (e.g., Ff).
- . Say the letter name and letter sound (Ff, /f/).
- · Point to the mnemonic picture (e.g., fish) and say
- · Have children repeat (e.g., Ff, /f/, fish).
- Highlight articulatory gestures to help children "see and feel" how the letter sound is formed (e.g., for the /f/ sound the top teeth sit on the bottom lip).
- · Say a series of words and ask children if they hear the sound in a specific place in the word, such as at the beginning (e.g., /f/: fish, fan, box, flower, dog, fun, feel).



As a daily warm-up or transition activity to the literacy block, do the following:

- Page through the book at a brisk pace.
- Say the letter name, letter sound, and mnemonic picture name (e.g., Ff, /f/, fish).
- · Have children echo.

#### Alphabet Review and Assessment

To cumulatively review and assess children's letter-na knowledge, do the following:

- · Flip through the book, stopping on the letters to rev
- . Say the letter name, letter sound, and mnemonic pict
- · Have children echo.
- Then point to the letters in random order, and ask c name, letter sound, and mnemonic picture name.
- During Center Time, meet with individual children. the book and state the letter name and letter sound Record your observations. Use the data to provide a tion and practice.





**Letters and Sounds** Routine online at SadlierConnect.com



#### Alphabet Pals Reference List

Research has shown the benefits of using alphabet mnemonics to accelerate children's learning of letter names and sounds.

Aa. /a/. apple

8b. /b/. bee

Cc./k/. cat Dd. /d/, dog

Ee, /e/, edge

Ff, /f/, fish

Gg. /g/, girl

Hh. /h/. house

Ii. /i/, insect

Jj./j/. jellyfish

Kk, /k/. kite

LI, /l/, ladder

Mm. /m/, mouse Nn. /n/, noodles

Oo. /o/. octopus

Pp. /p/. penguin

Qq. /kw/. quilt

Rr. /r/. road

Ss. /s/. snake

Tt. /t/. tiger

Uu, /u/, umbrella Vv. /v/. vegetables

Ww. /w/. worm

Xx. /ks/. fox

Yy. /y/. yarn

Zz, /z/, zipper

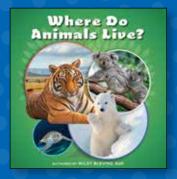


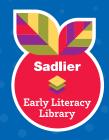




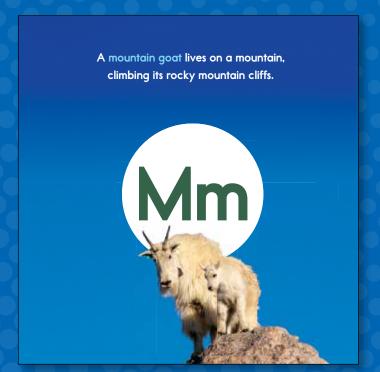
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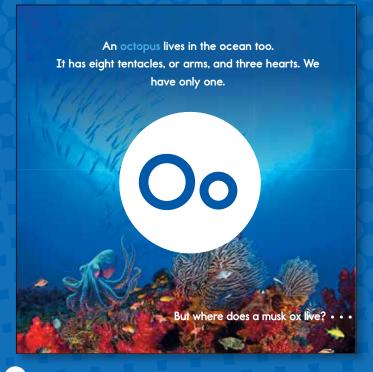


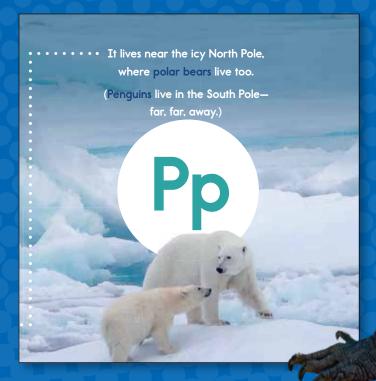


#### **Animal Habitats**







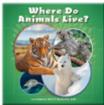




#### Where Do Animals Live?

#### Read #1: Read for Enjoyment

The first reading of Where Do Animals Live? is designed for enjoyment and to spark children's curiosity and natural wonderings. Provide a mostly uninterrupted reading, stopping only periodically to elicit children's responses. (Note: This book has a lot of content, so you might want to chunk it over the week, reading 4-6 pages per day.) Briefly revisit the book to address suggested instructional opportunities. Select one or more from the options below.



#### **Instructional Opportunities**

#### Concepts of Print

- · Point out the difference between uppercase (capital/big) and lowercase (small) letters. Guide children to match the uppercase and lowercase letters on the page (e.g., match g with geese, h with house, and I with Insects).
- Emphasize the spaces between words as you read a sentence. Hold up one finger for each word you read. Choose shorter sentences (5 or fewer words) to model (e.g., Hh page: It lives in a house.). Guide children to orally repeat the sentence. Have them push one counter or block forward for each word they say. Count the number of words with them.

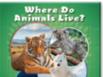
#### Phonological/Phonemic Awareness

Read words on the page, and have children make an animal sound (e.g., honk like a goose) or perform a movement (e.g., flap their

they hear a word with the target letter-sound in the page = gaggle, geese, grass, get, gobs, gulp, goldfish,

 Model and guide children to blend the syllables in: names (e.g., gold-fish: goldfish, in-sect: insect).

 Ask questions to focus children's attention, such as: What is this animal's name? Where does this animal live? What other animals live there, too?



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**Three-Reads Strategy** online at SadlierConnect.com



- Ask questions to engage children's wonderings, such as: What would you like to learn about a . Which animal habitat, or home, would you like to see? Why?
- Use nonverbal cues to engage all children. For example, reinforce that we use "quiet hands" when we want to share something to the class. After a child responds, teach hand signals for agree (e.g., thumbs up), disagree (shake finger), and add on (the ASL signal for "more"). Children respond to other classmates' responses using these nonverbal signals, which also alert the teacher to questions and understandings/misunderstandings.

- Highlight the words in and home. Read each word. Have children echo. Then guide children to echo spell the word after you. An echo spell supports children as they learn new letter names. Then highlight the beginning letter and sound of each word (e.g., We write the letter i for the /i/ sound at the beginning of the word in. What letter is this? What is its sound? We write the letter h for the /h/ sound at the beginning of the word home. What letter is this? What is its sound?).
- Teach the high-frequency word the. Write the word, pronounce it, and have children repeat. Then say the letter names as you point to each one, and have children echo. Count the number of letters with children. Finally, give children magnetic or foam letters and guide them to build the word.

- · Use the alphabet book Lot's Make Lotters to teach letter formation for one or more focus letters. Focus on touch and pull down and touch and push over strokes. (Handwriting)
- · Write the sentence frame on chart paper: The ... lives in the \_ . Conduct an interactive writing session in which you work with children to complete the frames with multiple animal names and their homes. Write one completed sentence on each child's paper and have them draw a picture to match the sentence.

· Explain that naming words tell us the name of a person, animal, place, or thing. Model with "the geese" (animal) and "the house" (place). Prompt children to orally replace geese with another animal name and house with another place name. Record the words they say and reread them (e.g., the goldfish, the grass).

#### Read #2: Read to Build Knowledge and Vocabulary

During the second reading of Where Do Animals Live?, focus on building children's content knowledge and academic vocabulary. This alphabet book focuses on a key science concept: animal habitats. Reread the entire book or use selected pages to highlight the new science knowledge.



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#### Instructional Opportunities

#### Science

- . Focus on sorting the animals into where they live: in the water, in the air, or on land. Create a sorting chart, using animal figurines or pictures.
- · Connect to children's knowledge of where they live and where animals in their neighborhood (or area) live. Discuss what things animals get where they live that helps them live (e.g., food, water).

#### Key Vocabulary

- · Introduce the animal names and homes throughout the book. If children speak a language other than English, have them share the animal names they know in their home language. Highlight any that are the same or similar, such as insect/insecto in English and Spanish.
- Use the Animal Habitats and Animal Homes pages at the end of the book to reinforce the names of places animals live and deepen children's understanding of what these places look like. Reinforce descriptive words (e.g., hot, cold, snowy, sandy). Connect the place names to places in or around the school, as applicable.
- . Teach and reinforce the following words when discussing the book: water, air, land, live, home, habitat, hot, cold, wet, dry. Use the words frequently and prompt children to use them. Recast their sentences to model (e.g., If a child says: "The bugs live in the grass," you can say: "Yes, the insects live in the grass. That is their habitat.").

#### Read #3: Read to Extend Learning

During the third reading of Where Do Animals Live?, focus on extending the learning to other areas of the curriculum, such as art, movement, socialemotional learning, and purposeful-play center activities. Reread the entire book or use selected pages to focus on targeted aspects of the book.

#### Instructional Opportunities

#### Approaches to Learning: Purposeful-Play Center

- Create a purposeful-play center using three sorting containers (water, air, land) and animal puppets, figurines, or photos to sort. Fill the center with animal books, especially those with clear, vivid photos of animal habitats and homes.
- Place a copy of Where Do Animals Live? in the center to spark further curiosity, interest, and engagement.
- As you visit the center, engage children in conversations using academic words related to animal homes and habitats, especially the main categories of water, land, and air. Recast children's utterings using the more academic and precise key vocabulary.

#### Where Do Animals Live?

#### Movement/Physical Development

- Turn to selected pages in the book, and prompt children in its habitat, such as waddle like a goose, hop like an in:
- Use the fun animal movements as you transition fro the classroom, take a movement break during a less transitions.

#### Social-Emotional Development

- · Focus on "Emotions," such as identifying emotions, ings, and managing big, bad feelings
- Reinforce that we use "quiet hands" when we want class (instead of blurting out or interrupting anothe responds, we use hand signals to show our respons be called on by the teacher to respond. This will help during conversations.
- · Connect emotions to animal behaviors. For example goose honking loudly at them, is the goose feeling some bad? Why do they think this? Why do we sometimes get loud when we feel sad or mad/anary?
- Model how to manage big, bad feelings, such as going to a designated "Safe Place" in the classroom where a child can calm down, be alone, and receive positive affirmations from the teacher. Reinforce any coping strategies you have shared with the children.

#### Visual/Performing Arts

· Have children select their favorite animal and finger picture of that animal in their habitat. Write a label picture that the child dictates. Use purposeful-play p this animal's name? Where does it live? What does the it needs to survive, or live?

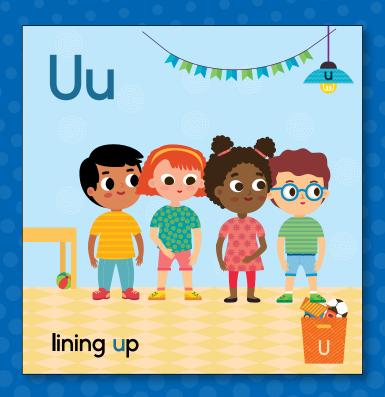
· Guide children to count the number of animals on e counting and numeracy by having children place a on each animal. Verbalize what they are doing (e.g., geese). Then have them point to each counter as the geese). Model as needed.

- Chunk the book (e.g., 4-6 letters per day) and revisit that portion of the book with children each day during small group time.
- Provide speaking frames when discussing the book to reinforce proper grammar and sentence construction, such as: I see a ... . It lives in the
- Many children are still developing their ability to form sounds up to the age of 7. Continue to reinforce proper articulation, acknowledging and appreciating children's regional dialects, accents, and sound development.
- . Use a translation app or device to share with children how to say the names of animal homes and habitats in their home language that they might not be able to identify (e.g., air Spanish = aire; water Spanish = aqua; land Spanish = tierra; desert Spanish = desierta; ocean Spanish = océano; forest Spanish = bosque).



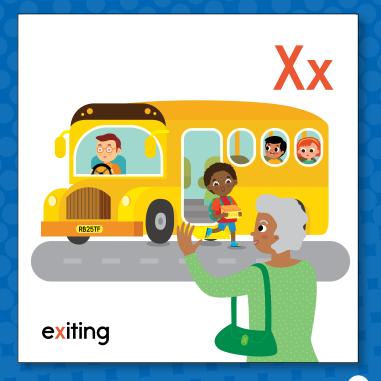


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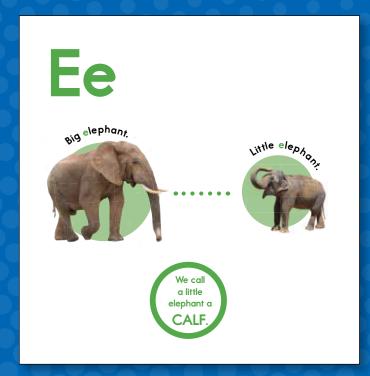


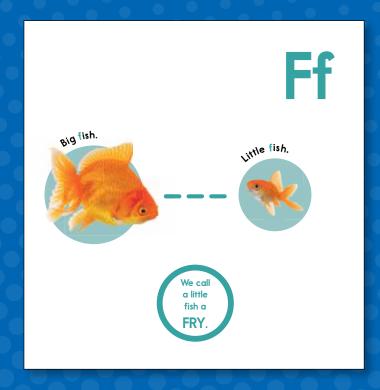


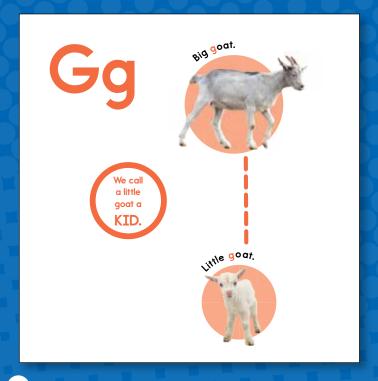


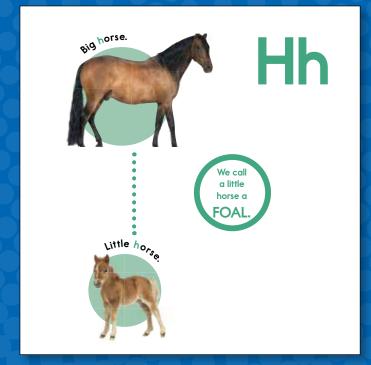


## **Animal Parents and Their Babies**













**Communities and Community Workers** 







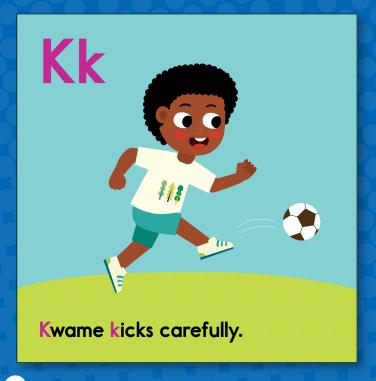




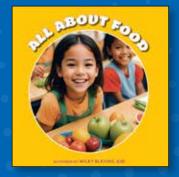
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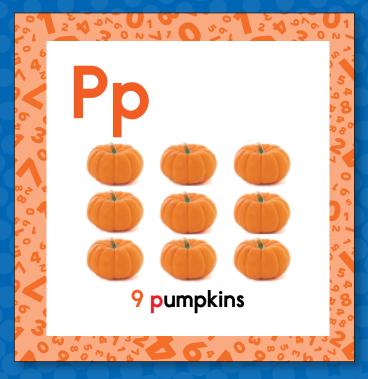


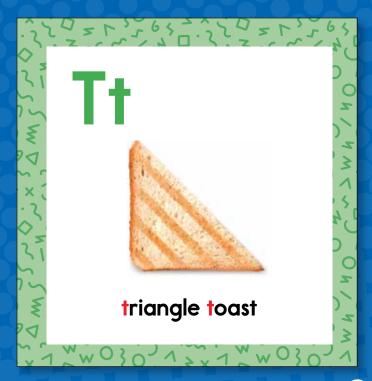


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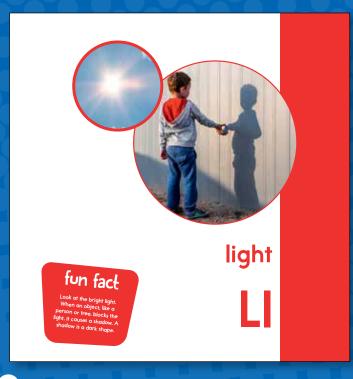
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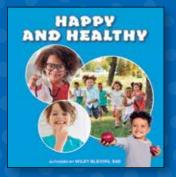
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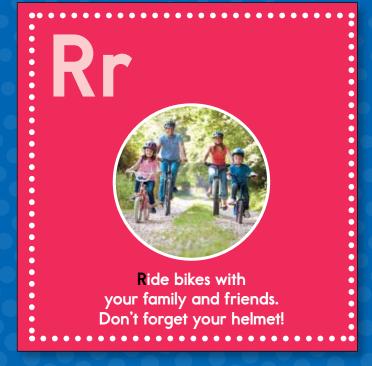




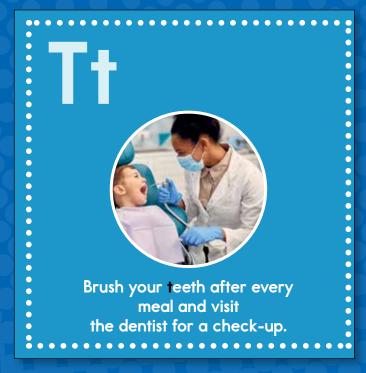


## **Monitoring Healthy Habits**

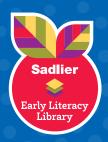




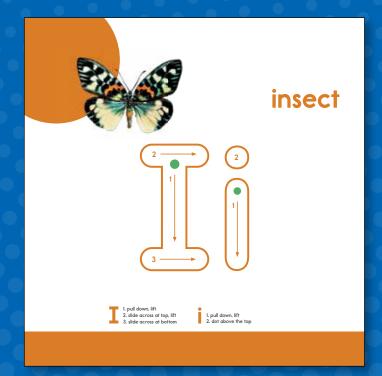


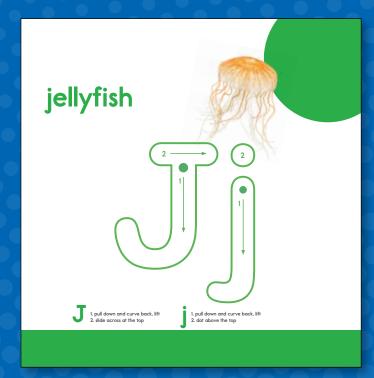




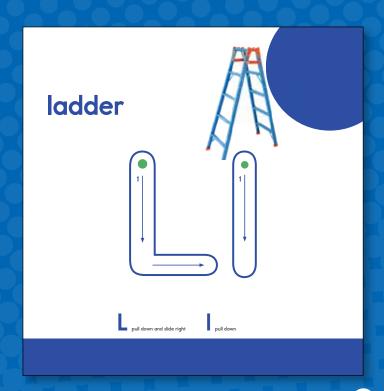


**Letter Formation (Handwriting)** 









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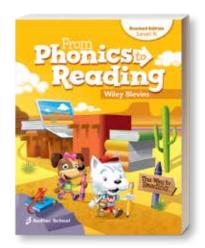
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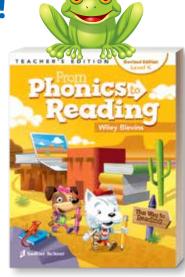
The Sadlier Early Literacy Library is the perfect companion to *From Phonics to Reading* for kindergarten, offering essential support at every stage of early reading development. With a carefully curated collection of books, young learners can explore letters, sounds, and words in meaningful contexts—reinforcing their phonics skills while building a love for reading.

#### **Examples of Use Cases**

- Introduce the alphabet for kindergarten students without preschool literacy experiences.
- Teach common letter sound relationships for students needing additional support and reinforcement.
- **Review letter names and letter sounds** for students needing extended practice to stay on track for meeting kindergarten expectations.
- Build oral language, vocabulary, and content knowledge
  of science and social studies topics during read-aloud time
  throughout the year while reinforcing basic literacy skills.

With engaging texts that align with phonics instruction, an early literacy library helps ensure all students develop the confidence and skills they need to become successful readers.









## Perfect Companion for Use with Building Reading Success!

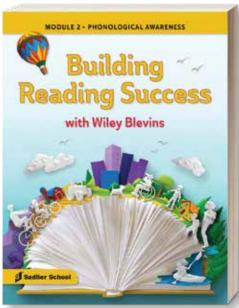
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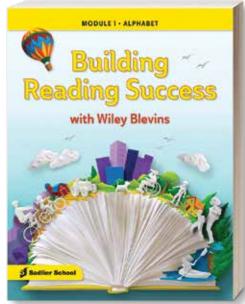
- Support for Module 1: Alphabet Recognition and Module 2: Phonemic Awareness helps students master early literacy fundamentals.
- Reinforce common letter-sound relationships, such as a for /a/ and b for /b/.
- Review letter names and letter sounds to promote letter-sound fluency.
- Build oral language, vocabulary, and content knowledge of science and social studies topics while reinforcing basic literacy skills.

By integrating these carefully selected books into foundational literacy skills intervention instruction, educators can provide students with the repetition, reinforcement, and engagement they need to make meaningful progress in their reading journey.











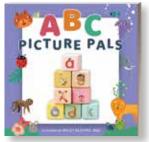




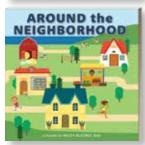
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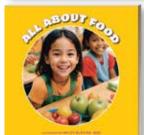


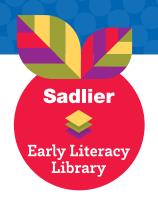




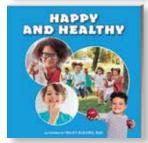












## **Bundle and Save!**

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Includes: 10 Teacher Board Books\* (10.75"  $\times$  13") centered around the 10 knowledge-building topics and 1 Alpha Mnemonic Board Book (10.75"  $\times$  13") .

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Animals	978-1-4217-9373-3	9373-3	978-1-4217-9466-2	9466-2
Where Do Animals Live?	978-1-4217-9374-0	9374-0	978-1-4217-9467-9	9467-9
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