

The Literacy Coach's Toolkit

Coaching at Home and at School



Developing Coaching Partnerships for Proven Student Success:

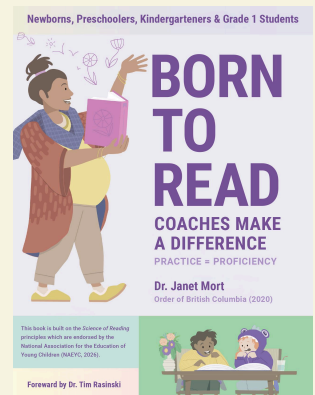
- Practice Skills for Grade Level Mastery
- Prepare Preschoolers for K Success
- Prevent Summer Reading Loss (K to 3)

Tips and Tools for Literacy Coaches | Fun Filled Games for Children Learning

What is the highlight of this Resource?

This Resource is designed to complement the book *Born to Read: Coaches Make a Difference*. Each section of this Resource includes the relevant Chapter from Janet's book which can also be downloaded free from the website in its entirety.

[Download the Book ↗](#)



Who is the creator behind the Resource?

Dr. Janet Mort was honoured with the Order of BC in 2020 for her exceptional service to children and their literacy success - her lifelong passion as teacher, principal and superintendent. The collection highlights the expertise of teaching members of her Joyful Literacy Team. Visit joyfulliteracyonline.com for more details.



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Why is the involvement of literacy coaches so important?

The involvement of parents and other coaches is one of the top predictors of literacy success.

- Teachers value **parent support** especially when children are challenged.
- Children thrive when coaches and teachers **work in harmony**.
- This Resource is designed by **literacy experts**.
- It is research-based featuring the **most essential foundational skills**:
 - the alphabet;
 - phonological awareness;
 - word study;
 - comprehension;
 - fluency; and
 - writing

This Resource is created especially home and school coaching to promote and support a love of reading and therefore reading success for children in their homes.

How will the Resource benefit children at home? Many ways!

1. Summer Reading Boost

Fact: Early Learners lose about 20% of their literacy gains during the summer break. Regular playful practice of foundational skills and daily reading experiences will maintain hard-earned reading success.

2. Home and School Coaching for Grade Level Success

Fact: Over 30% of Early Learners do not read at grade level by the end of grade three; however, over 90% are capable of reading at grade level. Extra practice has proven to be the solution. Teachers do all they can in classrooms; a partnership with parents will make all the difference.

3. Preschool Readiness for Kindergarten

Children who enter kindergarten knowing the alphabet and loving books are well on their way to reading at grade level. Parents, grandparents and older siblings will be perfect literacy practice-partners given the right tools.

4. Home-schooling for Online Families

This Resource provides a sequential literacy curriculum and all the literacy resources needed for a dynamic literacy experience in a home environment.

5. Hundreds of Fun-Filled Games and Activities

Children who are challenged with reading need something that is very simple - extra playful practice. Teachers teach the necessary skills at school every day but some children just need extra practice to master the skills. When parents, siblings or other family members practice with them at home. Other offerings in the Resource provide:

- Hundreds of fun games and activities using simple 'kitchen' and outdoor activities children love,
- Links to recommended family-friendly web sites,
- Daily read-aloud suggestions,
- Checklists to track successes, and
- Helpful videos that support family coaching activities.

Have questions about this Resource?
Janet would be happy to talk with
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Mastering Essential Literacy Skills

Children, Coaches and Teachers Working Together

Which skills do we want to practice at home?

Student's name: _____

Skills	My Teacher suggests I work on:	Comments
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All Chapter and Page numbers are references to Dr. Janet Mort's book *Born to Read*.

Born to Read

[Born to Read Digital Book](#)

This is a link to the whole digital book *Born to Read*. For each skill listed below there are links to excerpts of the book for easier navigation inside this Resource.

Alphabet Resources

[Basic Introduction to the Alphabetic Principle](#)

Definitions; order for alphabet introduction; assessment criteria

[Born to Read Digital Book: Chapter 2 \(How to teach and games\)](#)

How coaches teach the alphabet, practice with play and games, assess and track

[Video: Alphabet Crazy Fun Part 1](#)

Designed for parents: Lesson examples and coaching with kitchen fun activities

[Video: Alphabet Crazy Fun Part 2](#)

Designed for coaches: Learning through play; proven games and practice activities

[Video: Alphabet Video Workshop \(How to teach\)](#)

Teacher presentation: How to teach, practice, assess and track

[Games: Alphabet Crazy Fun Handouts \(Great Games | Online Resources\)](#)

Hundreds of easy, fun games designed for parent coaches

[Link Library: The Alphabetic Principle](#)

Links to further proven websites and resources

[Tracking: X-Charts for Tracking Letter/Sound Knowledge](#)

Checklists to ensure skill mastery for each child

Phonological and Phonemic Awareness Resources

[Basic Introduction to Phonemic Awareness](#)

Definitions; Phonemic Awareness (PA) techniques; assessment criteria

[Born to Read Digital Book: Chapter 3 \(How to teach and activities\)](#)

Literacy coaches teach PA skills; practice with play and games, assess and track

[Video: Phonemic Play Part 1](#)

PA skills: how to play and teach with poetry, and word ladders

[Video: Phonemic Play Part 2](#)

Practicing PA skills for mastery: Parents and coaches play

[Games: Phonological Awareness Games from Born to Read](#)

Twenty playful PA games

[Link Library: Phonological and Phonemic Awareness](#)

Recommended websites to explore

[X-Charts for Phonological and Phonemic Awareness](#)

Checklists to ensure skill mastery for each child

[Tracking: Phonemic Awareness Assessment Tables](#)

Additional checklists to monitor sound and word knowledge

Word Study Strategies Resources

[Basic Introduction to Word Strategy](#)

Decoding; spelling patterns; vocabulary development; writing skills

[Born to Read Digital Book: Chapter 4 \(How to teach, tips for coaches and games\)](#)

How to teach; tips for coaches; playful games

[Video: Superpower Word Play Workshop](#)

Integrate phonics, decoding, spelling and word play

🔗 [Video: Superpower Sight Words Part 1](#)

Sight words jumpstart reading with fluency

🔗 [Video: Superpower Sight Words Part 2](#)

Sight words vault spelling, printing and writing forward

📋 [Dolch High Frequency Word Lists](#)

Checklists of hundreds of K to 3 sight words and word phrases

😊 [Games: High Frequency Words and Consonant-Vowel-Consonant](#)

Collection of games, handouts and printable worksheets

😊 [Games: Map It Mat Through the Year \(with video tutorial to teach how to use\)](#)

Video tutorial to teach how to use the Map It Mat

🔗 [Link Library: Word Study](#)

Forty links to fabulous websites

📋 [Tracking: X-Charts for Word Study](#)

Checklists to ensure skill mastery for each child

Read Aloud and Comprehension Resources

📋 [Basic Introduction to Read Alouds and Comprehension \(Checklist of essential skills\)](#)

Explanation of and checklist of essential skills

📋 [Born to Read Digital Book: Chapter 1, Part 2 \(Shared reading, strategies\)](#)

How to have conversations about books through shared reading

🔗 [Video: Ramped-Up Read Aloud with Maria Walther](#)

International expert makes reading aloud so much fun!

🔗 [Video: Literacy Interventions: Explicit Comprehension Skills](#)

Detailed description of how to integrate comprehension skills (Grade 2/3)

🔗 [Video: Come-alive Reading from Joyful Literacy's Summer Literacy Boost](#)

Special videos for parents and coaches make reading aloud exciting

🎥 [Video: Echo and Repeated Reading from Joyful Literacy's Summer Literacy Boost](#)

Special videos for parents and coaches make reading aloud exciting

📋 [Tracking: X Charts for Comprehension Skills](#)

Detailed breakdown of comprehension skills (Grade 2/3)

📋 [Tracking: Comprehension Rubrics for Assessment](#)

Checklists to ensure skill mastery for each child

Fluency Resources

📋 [Basic Introduction to Fluency](#)

Definition and weekly plan for five-day fun fluency event

📋 [Born to Read Digital Book: Chapter 1, Part 3 \(What is fluency, practicing with your child\)](#)

What is fluency and how to practice with your child?

😊 [Games: Fun Games to Use for Fluency Practice](#)

A collection of great games ready to use

😊 [A Variety of Songs and Poems for Fluency Practice](#)

An assortment of thematic poems and songs

😊 [Strategy: Three Playful Ways to Read Together with Your Child](#)

1. Echo Reading, 2. Paired Reading, and 3. Dramatized Reading

🎥 [Video: Reading Fluency Workshop](#)

The importance of everyday read alouds

🎥 [Video: Come Alive Reading from Joyful Literacy's Summer Literacy Boost](#)

Reading together in new and interactive ways

📋 [Tracking: X-Charts for Fluency](#)

Checklists to ensure skill mastery for each child

Writing Resources

 [Born to Read Digital Book: Chapter 1, Part 1 \(How to do shared writing at home\)](#)

How to do shared writing at home

 [What is Inspired Writing by Dr. Ruth Culham](#)

Purpose of teaching writing by international expert Dr. Ruth Culham

 [Inspiring Young Writers \(Resources and ideas from Maria Walther\)](#)

Resources and ideas from Maria Walther

 [Video: Literacy Interventions: Shared Writing Part 1](#)

Reading and writing: Holding pencils and writing together

 [Video: Literacy Interventions: Writing Traits Part 2](#)

The seven writing skills K to 3 children must master

 [Video: Shared Writing from Joyful Literacy's Summer Literacy Boost](#)

Make writing part of their everyday lives in their homes