

Decodify™ Pathway- A Comprehensive Instructional Framework

The Decodify Pathway is a structured, sequential literacy framework that guides learners from foundational phonics to advanced word study. Each level builds systematically, ensuring explicit instruction, cumulative review, and meaningful skill transfer.

Product Overview

Decodify is a supplemental structured-literacy toolkit designed to enhance your district's existing curriculum and strengthen Tiers 1–3 instruction. Each kit includes 12 levels of multisensory, evidence-based practice supporting decoding, morphology, spelling, vocabulary, comprehension, and language development.

I. Sequential Structured Literacy Pathway (Levels 1–12)

Level 1 – Path of Discovery (CVC Words & Short Vowels)

Skill Focus: Read and segment CVC words with short vowels.

Examples: cat, sun, hop, bed

Sample Oral Prompt: “Segment the sounds in **cat**.”

Level 2 – Decoding Pioneers (Digraphs, Blends & Double Final Letters)

Skill Focus: Identify and decode digraphs (sh, ch, th, wh), blends (fl, st, pl), and double final letters.

Examples: ship, flag, buzz, sniff, chess

Sample Oral Prompt: “Point to the digraph in ship, and say its sound.”

Level 3 – Word Builders (Closed Multisyllable Words)

Skill Focus: Apply closed-syllable rules across multisyllabic words.

Examples: basket, napkin, puppet, pumpkin

Sample Oral Prompt: “Divide basket into syllables, and read each part.”

Level 4 – Vowel Voyagers (Vowel-Consonant-e Words & Exceptions)

Skill Focus: Decode VCe words and exceptions.

Examples: make, hope, complete, mistaken; have, give

Sample Oral Prompt: “Change hop to hope—what changed the vowel sound?”

Level 5 – Syllable Seekers (Open Syllables & Exceptions)

Skill Focus: Recognize open syllables and exceptions.

Examples: music, paper, robot, baby, lemon

Sample Oral Prompt: “Say the syllables in music; which one is open?”

Level 6 – Syllable Crafters (Consonant-le & Common Suffixes)

Skill Focus: Read consonant-le syllables and attach suffixes.

Examples: candle, bubble, little; helpful, kindness

Sample Oral Prompt: “Add -ful to help; read the new word, and explain the change.”

Level 7 – Sound Strategists (Advanced Spelling Options & Sound Choices)

Skill Focus: Compare alternative spellings for common sounds.

Examples: badge/cage, chin/catch, phone/graph

Sample Oral Prompt: “In badge and cage, how is the /j/ sound spelled differently?”

Level 8 – Rulers of Sound (R-Controlled Syllables)

Skill Focus: Decode r-controlled vowels (ar, er, ir, or, ur).

Examples: farmer, bird, stormy, current

Sample Oral Prompt: “Identify the r-controlled syllable in stormy.”

Level 9 – Vowel Champions (Vowel Teams, Diphthongs & Vowel Y)

Skill Focus: Read vowel teams, diphthongs, and y as vowel.

Examples: team, rain, boat, joy, boy, out, coin, happy

Sample Oral Prompt: “Give a word with oi and one with oy—what sound do they share?”

Level 10 – Word Guardians (Greek & Latin Roots)

Skill Focus: Use roots to infer meaning and decode longer words.

Examples: transport (port = carry), spectator (spect = see), telephone (tele = far), biology (bio = life)

Sample Oral Prompt: “What does port mean in transport?”

Level 11 – Vowel Conquerors (Spelling Patterns for I, E, & Y)

Skill Focus: Apply spelling patterns with i, e, y.

Examples: cities, receive, cycle, happiest

Sample Oral Prompt: “Make city plural, and explain the spelling change.”

Level 12 – Codebreakers (Advanced Spelling Rules & Morphology Structures)

Skill Focus: Apply doubling, drop-e, change y to i, and affix stacking.

Examples: run→running, make→making, happy→happier; unbelievable, misinformation

Sample Oral Prompt: “Add -ing to make, and explain the rule you used.”

II. Core Literacy Skills Strengthened Across All Levels

Phonological & Phonemic Awareness (PA)

- Segmenting, blending, manipulating phonemes
- Oral rehearsal, syllable division

Spelling & Word Pattern Mastery (SWP)

- Orthographic patterns, sound-spelling mapping
- Advanced spelling options (/j/, /k/, /f/, /s/, /ch/, /tch/)

Morphology & Word Structure (MWS)

- Base words, prefixes/suffixes, Greek & Latin roots
- Affix stacking, structural analysis

Vocabulary & Language Development (LD)

- Semantic connections, context, expressive language
- Multiple-meaning words, morphology-based meaning

Comprehension & Meaning Construction (CMC)

- Context confirmation, meaning checks, affix reasoning
- Sentence-level comprehension routines

Accuracy, Error Correction & Feedback Routines

- Self-correction, rule application, comparing spellings
- Verbalizing reasoning, strategic reading behaviors

III. Social-Emotional Learning & Executive Function Integration

Built-in SEL and EF support through structured, predictable gameplay

Key Cards that promote:

Flexible thinking
Perseverance
Positive error correction
Regulation and confidence

Strengthens Core EF Skills:

Working memory
Cognitive flexibility
Self-monitoring
Responsible decision-making

IV. Multisensory Structured-Literacy Instruction

Visual: color patterns, syllable division

Auditory: oral rehearsal, sound identification

Kinesthetic: tapping, pointing, card movement

Cognitive: strategy selection, metacognition, reasoning

Accessibility & UDL-Aligned Design

Decodify follows principles of accessible and universal design, so all students can participate meaningfully.

- Accessible visuals: High-contrast cards, consistent structure, and clean text support readability for students with dyslexia, ADHD, and processing challenges.
- Predictable scope and sequence: Levels progress gradually, reducing overwhelm and aligning with UDL principles of scaffolding and flexible entry points.
- Designed for diverse learners: Supports students with language-based learning disabilities, multilingual learners, and students who benefit from multi-sensory structured-literacy routines.
- Creates equitable participation: Clear routines, turn-taking, collaborative reasoning, and structured support ensure that all students can access the game successfully.

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