

PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS CONTINUUM WITH LETTERS ALIVE®

Letters alive integrates foundational literacy instruction into a zoo-themed experience, helping develop rich oral language and background knowledge. Its multisensory, cross-curricular lessons encourage collaboration and verbal reasoning. Here are some ways Letters alive supports the phonological awareness continuum.



LISTENING	RHYME AND ALLITERATION	WORDS	SYLLABLES	ONSET AND RIME	PHONEMES
Identify, compare, and replicate spoken and environmental sounds.	Recognize and produce words with the same initial sound or ending pattern.	Distinguish and count the number of individual words in a sentence	Identify syllables in words and segment compound words.	Blend, segment, and manipulate onsets and rimes to form new words.	Combine, isolate, delete, add, or substitute phonemes to form new words.
SIMPLE			COMPLEX		
With the Letters alive, students are introduced to letters, words, animals, habitats, and environmental sounds every week to develop listening skills. - Explore real animals and their sounds using 3D augmented reality animals and habitat videos. - Listen to informational texts about animals and habitats, demonstrating comprehension through discussion. - Acquire rich vocabulary while learning about animals and their habitats. - Listen to short stories to identify voiced sounds and onomatopoeias.	Beginning sounds and rhyming words can be identified and created in various ways using the Building Words module, short rhyming stories, and lessons and activities within Letters alive. - Build rhyming words using blend, digraph, and rime cards reinforced with auditory, visual, and kinesthetic cues. - Each week read a short story, identifying and generating rhyming words and alliteration. - Use Circle Charts to identify beginning sounds and brainstorm words with the same initial sound.	Sentences and phrases can be broken down into individual words with the Letters and Building Sentences module. Auditory, visual, and kinesthetic cues support the understanding that language consists of distinct words, each with meaning, that can be recognized and counted. - Build three and four word sentences using animal/letter cards and PK/K Dolch sight word cards to learn about animals. Then, tap each word to hear and count. - Build sentences with a word missing. Students determine how many words are needed and add the missing word.	ABC Boot Camp and Animal a Week Lesson Plans introduce the animals, the animal's names, and the beginning phoneme(s) for each name. Multi-sensory activities within Letters alive make this purposeful and targeted. - Students count the syllables in the animal's name, and compare them to the syllables in their own names. - Explore syllables in the words within Alive Studios Zoo's 26 rhyming short stories. - Using the Building Words module, students can build one and two syllable words. Then they can tap to listen to the word and count the syllables.	The Building Words module utilizes 38 onsets (letters, digraphs, and blends) and 53 rime cards for word building activities with visual, auditory, and kinesthetic cues. - Add or delete onset and rime cards to isolate phonemes. - Blend, segment, and manipulate onset and rime cards to reinforce phonological flexibility.	Utilizing the Building Words module, individual phonemes can be manipulated to reinforce foundational phonemic awareness. - Introduce and isolate beginning phonemes of thousands of words. - Build CVC and nonsense words by manipulating phonemes orally. - Practice phoneme segmentation and blending with interactive phoneme cards.

Letters alive® helps students bridge phonological awareness and phonics by connecting 26 animals to their phonemes, making it easier to link sounds to letters.

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