

Grade One | Alberta Education and Childcare Literacy Screener

Supplementary Parent / Legal Guardian Resource



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Your child has been assessed on Letter Names & Sounds, Phonological Awareness, and Rapid Automated Naming. These activities can help your child practice early reading skills at home. Keep practice short, playful, and positive.

Note: / / is the symbol for a letter sound.

Skill	What to look for	What families can do	Visual example
Letter Name-Sounds Test (LeNS)	Can your child read the names and sounds of letters in the alphabet?	- Use letter magnets, blocks, or puzzles to explore letter names and sounds. - Sing the ABC song. Point to each letter. - Play "I Spy": "I spy the letter D." - Start with a few letters, such as the letters in your child's name.	 Find the letters in your child's name.
Phonological Awareness Screening Test	How well can your child hear, identify, and play with individual sounds in spoken words?	- Say a word and clap for the syllables in a word (e.g., sunshine – sun/shine). - Say a word slowly and tap your fingers for each sound: /c/ /a/ /t/ (3 taps) then ask: what is the word (cat)? - Ask your child to break a word into its sounds: "What sounds do you hear in 'map'?" → /m/ /a/ /p/	 Clap the syllables in sunshine. sun / shine  What sounds do you hear in 'map'? /m/ /a/ /p/
Rapid Automated Naming <i>Note Rapid Automated Naming should not be taught or practiced.</i>	Can your child recognize familiar items quickly?	Rapid Automated Naming is a measure of possible future reading fluency. To support reading fluency, families can: - Practice the letter names, letter sounds, and word games listed above. - Enjoy books, poems, and songs together. - Revisit favourite books and rhymes, inviting your child to join in with familiar words and phrase	 Enjoy books, poems, and songs together.

Tip: You can also do these activities in the language your family uses at home. Talking, singing, and playing with words all support literacy.

If Your Child Requires Additional Support

If the screening shows that your child requires additional support, the school will provide extra help with the skills your child is learning.

- ✓ Review screening results along with other information about your child's learning.
- ✓ Identify the skills that need additional support.
- ✓ Provide additional teaching and support based on your child's learning needs.
- ✓ Continue to monitor your child's learning and progress.
- ✓ Adjust supports as needed based on how your child responds.