



Course Follow-up Activities

Phonics: The Building Blocks of Early Reading (K-5)

Note: It is recommended that participants in the video course complete follow-up activities to deepen their knowledge and skills. When these activities are completed in accordance with local staff development guidelines, participants may be able to earn additional professional development credit. Contact your local staff development office for determining how you might receive credit for completing the video program and additional credit for completing follow-up activities.

Activity 1 Core Reading Program

Obtain a copy of the Teacher's Manual for the reading program you are using. Examine the manual and answer the following questions:

- A. Do the lessons in the program provide for systematic, not random phonics instruction? Describe the features of the program that support your answer.

- B. Do the lessons direct the teacher to teach explicitly rather than implicitly? Describe the features of the program that support your answer.

- C. Identify areas of the program that need additional strategies to ensure that instruction is systematic and explicit. Provide three examples of those strategies here.

Activity 2 Designing a Lesson

Design and teach an appropriate lesson based on an aspect of the video program. For example, you might develop a lesson on blending syllables or you might revise an existing lesson to reflect more explicit instruction. Outline the lesson below and comment on the results of your teaching the lesson.

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Activity 3 Identify and Share Resources

At the website identified below, search for resources that will enhance your teaching of reading. Explore the resources and list at least three with a description of how each will assist you in teaching. Develop a handout describing these resources that can be shared with your colleagues.

<http://www.itrc.ucf.edu/forpd/resources/>

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