



Scholastic Phonics Booster Books™ Product Overview

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Scholastic Phonics Booster Books are sound-controlled readers that allow second and third graders to practice and reinforce their developing phonics skills. These short, age-appropriate stories present a sequence of sounds and high-frequency words that increase in difficulty throughout the series. Children build fluency, experience early reading success, and increase their reading confidence.

Skills Practice

Phonics Booster Books can supplement any comprehensive reading program. The 36 books in Level A and 24 books in Level B provide beginning readers with many independent reading opportunities.

Phonics

- The series emphasizes high-utility vowels, consonants, and phonograms.
- Students read words with consonant blends, short vowels, digraphs, diphthongs, inflectional endings, and multiple spellings of the long vowels.
- Each book focuses on a new phonic element and incorporates elements and words that have been previously read.

Fluency

- The gradual introduction of new sounds and words, with constant repetition and practice, helps children read successfully and fluently.
- *Phonics Booster Books* contain short, natural-sounding text that supports fluent reading.
- Students reread books throughout the week to help them increase their reading rate.

Vocabulary

- The high-frequency words found in the *Phonics Booster Books* represent the most commonly found words in first- through third-grade reading materials.
- Each book presents new story words that help children develop their vocabulary in context.
- Independent reading of a variety of texts increases students' vocabulary.

Comprehension

- The books expose children to a variety of genres and subject matter.

Motivation and Engagement

Children enjoy reading the colorful *Phonics Booster Books*, which contain interesting, age-appropriate themes and have the look of popular trade books. Expressive, text-related illustrations help students identify words and motivate them to continue reading. Because the books gradually increase in difficulty throughout the series and words are frequently reviewed, children read successfully and confidently.

Intervention Strategies

Struggling readers benefit from the frequent skills practice and review they experience by reading **Phonics Booster Books**. Children can begin the series at the most appropriate level in their reading development. The strong, visual clues provided in the illustrations and the slow, steady introduction of new vocabulary are particularly helpful to children acquiring English as a second language.

Home-School Connection

Students take the books home for continued reading practice and skills reinforcement. Parents model fluent reading while their children listen to the story. By displaying the books during family events, teachers encourage caregivers to promote reading at home and participate in their children's reading development.

Professional Development

The *Scholastic Red* facilitated, online course, "Putting Reading First in Your Classroom," supports **Phonics Booster Books**. The course lessons cover strategies for teaching the five essential elements of reading: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. This professional development solution provides:

- Instant access to research and theory
- Video modeling of research-based practices
- Interactive simulations that allow for practice of skills and strategies
- Structured feedback, collaboration, and ongoing support
- Materials that can be immediately used in the classroom