

# Parent Guide to Grade 5 Standards



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## READING

### What should my child learn in Grade 5?

#### Decoding

- Read words that are more than one syllable.
- Use knowledge of all letter-sound correspondences, syllable patterns, and roots, prefixes, and suffixes to read unfamiliar multisyllabic words.

#### Fluency

- Read multisyllable words.
- Read poetry orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression.
- Use context to self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.

#### Vocabulary

- Learn and use new words, including words related to specific subjects (such as science words).

#### Comprehension

- Determine the theme of a story, play, or poem, including how characters respond to challenges.
- Compare and contrast stories that deal with similar themes or topics.
- Explain how authors use reason and evidence to support their points or idea.
- Draw on information from multiple books, articles, or online sources to locate an answer or to solve a problem quickly.

### How Can I Help My Child Learn at Home?



- 1 Make sure your child is reading every day for at least 20 minutes.
- 2 Note what kinds of reading materials he or she likes (books, magazines, newspaper articles, the Internet, etc.). Then look for additional materials that would encourage your child to read more.
- 3 Discuss what your child has read. Ask your child probing questions about the book, and connect the events to his or her own life.
- 4 Help your child go back to the text to support his or her answers.
- 5 Discuss the meanings of unknown words, both those your child reads and those he or she hears.



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