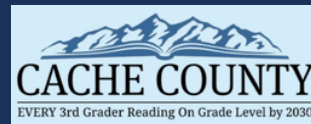


Supporting Advanced Decoding Skills

A guide to helping your child read longer and more complex words



WHAT IS ADVANCED DECODING?

Advanced decoding involves recognizing complex letter patterns, prefixes, suffixes, and multisyllabic word structures. Mastering these skills allows readers to smoothly break down and accurately read longer, more challenging words.

HOW WE TRACK PROGRESS

We use a few simple checks to see if your child needs extra help with big words:

- **Oral Reading Fluency - Accuracy (Acc):** We listen to your child read out loud. If they are making many mistakes, it often means they are struggling to break down longer words.
- **Phonics Checks:** We specifically test how well your child can read words with more than one syllable.

KEY STRATEGIES TO PRACTICE AT HOME

- **Break Words into Syllables:** Encourage your child to spot vowel patterns and split long words into smaller, manageable chunks.
- **Identify Prefixes and Suffixes:** Point out common word parts (like *un-*, *re-*, *-ful*, *-ing*) to help decode root words faster.
- **Look for Vowel Teams & Blends:** Highlight vowel combinations (e.g., *ea*, *ai*, *oa*) and consonant blends that stick together.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For more ideas on supporting your child with reading skills, visit our district literacy website:

<https://www.ccsdut.org/programs/literacy>

