

Spotlight

on
Comprehension

Grades 1-6

**Scope and
Sequence**



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Grade 1: Scope and Sequence Chart

The Scope and Sequence charts for the Big Book and the Student Books provide the teacher with further opportunities to assist reading comprehension using phonics and vocabulary activities.

Big Book - Identifying Detail, Main Idea, Sequencing, Compare and Contrast

Title	Comprehension Skill	Text Type	
Diary of a Park Ranger	Identifying Detail	Recount	
Did You See a Grizzly Bear?	Identifying Detail	Information Report	
Creature Feature	Main Idea	Factual Description	
Healthy Veggies	Main Idea	Information Report	
Happy Birthday, Dad!	Sequencing	Literary Recount	
New Crayons from Old	Sequencing	Procedure	
Two Big Cats	Compare and Contrast	Information Report	
Animal Sports Day	Compare and Contrast	Narrative	

	Word Count	Vocabulary
	119	Animals and their young
	117	Seasons of the year
	119	Synonyms – children/kids, correct/true, frightened/scared, left/gone, odd/strange, visitor/guest
	118	Small words inside big words
	115	Signal words for sequencing – after that, at last, first, next, then
	113	Antonyms – cool/warm, new/old, out/in, shallow/deep
	120	Animal categories
	116	Action words to show how animals move

Grade 1: Scope and Sequence Chart

Spotlight on Comprehension I Student Books: Levels G, H

Level	Comprehension Skill	Title	Text Type	Word Count	High-Frequency Word Focus	
G	Identifying Detail	Always Late	Literary Recount	220	how, new	
G	Main Idea	Park Life	Information Report	226	many, near	
G	Sequencing	Storm!	Literary Recount	238	from, then	
G	Compare and Contrast	T-Rex and Apatosaurus	Factual Description	240	very	
G	Identifying Detail	Doctors Help	Information Report	271	boy, girl, help	
G	Main Idea	Playing by the Rules	Narrative	254	good	
G	Sequencing	Fruit Feast	Procedure	269	first	
G	Compare and Contrast	Grandparents' Day	Narrative	269	school, today	
H	Identifying Detail	Animal Antics	Literary Recount	290	away, run	
H	Main Idea	Places on Earth	Information Report	297	water	
H	Sequencing	Super Saver!	Narrative	296	find, me	
H	Compare and Contrast	Kestrels and Kakapos	Information Report	300	all, need	

	Phonics	Word Study and Vocabulary	Focus Words
	Consonant digraphs – tch	Syllabication – butter, happen, lesson, really, swimming	wrong
	Letter patterns – ear	Synonyms – close/near, infant/baby, lots/many, work/jobs	guests
	Vowel diphthongs – ou	Homophones – blew/blue, break/brake, hail/hale	windshield
	Initial consonant blends – str	Word endings – ed, s	through
	Vowel digraphs – oa	Adjectives of quantity – few, more, some	overnight
	Double vowels	Word ending ed – climbed, growled, hissed, laughed, pulled, wanted	break
	Letter patterns – our	Word building using the pattern ir – dirty, first, girl, third, thirsty, thirty, swirl	mixture
	Long a	Antonyms – didn't/did, doesn't/does, like/unlike, same/different, smile/frown	chalkboards
	r-controlled vowels – ur	Alliteration – Mara the meerkat, Max the monkey, Tom the tiger	grabbed
	Vowel digraphs – oo	Dictionary use – definitions	surface
	Consonant blends – old	Simple past tense – bump/bumped, laugh/laughed, look/looked, save/saved	enough
	Vowel patterns – a-e	Word building with ight – might, night	ledges

Grade 1: Scope and Sequence Chart

Spotlight on Comprehension I Student Books: Levels H, I

Level	Comprehension Skill	Title	Text Type	Word Count	High-Frequency Word Focus	
H	Identifying Detail	Our Moon	Information Report	322	know	
H	Main Idea	Animal Armor	Information Report	324	why	
H	Sequencing	Yum, Yum!	Literary Recount	330	father, mother	
H	Compare and Contrast	Winter and Spring	Narrative	325	could	
I	Identifying Detail	The Moon and the Sundogs	Narrative	338	just, would	
I	Main Idea	Which Animal?	Information Report	356	which	
I	Sequencing	Lost or Found?	Narrative	340	each, home	
I	Compare and Contrast	Talk about Teeth	Factual Description	360	them	
I	Identifying Detail	Rhino Helps Out	Literary Recount	381	again	
I	Main Idea	Lost in the City!	Narrative	388	ever, people	
I	Sequencing	A Bee's Life	Explanation	361	small	
I	Compare and Contrast	Every Drop Counts	Information Report	386	children, sometimes	

	Phonics	Word Study and Vocabulary	Focus Words
	Vowel digraphs – ow	Antonyms – cold/hot, day/night, dull/bright, empty/full, future/past, freezing/boiling, hills/valleys, old/new	craters
	Final e changing short vowel to long vowel	Simple plurals – beaks, bushes, claws, shells, skunks, snails, spines, thorns, turtles, ways	protection
	Consonant digraphs – ch	Syllabication – carrot, lettuce	compost
	Silent letters – w	Prefix un – unlike	powerful
	Consonant blends – nch	Small words inside bigger words	reflections
	Vowel digraphs – ew	Categories – birds, cats, dogs	groomer
	Final e changing short vowel to long vowel	Compound words – blueberry, butterfly, classrooms	blueberries
	Vowel sound – y	Animals and their young – horse/foal, lion/cub	prey
	Vowel digraphs – ee	Compound words	squawked
	Word endings – ed	Comparatives and superlatives	frowned
	Vowel digraphs – ea	Nouns – bees, eggs, grub, hive, queen, tree	guard
	Consonant digraphs – ck	Word building using the pattern th – than, thank, that, their, them, then, they, this, those	machines

Grade 2: Scope and Sequence Chart

The Scope and Sequence charts for the Big Books and the Student Books provide the teacher with further opportunities to assist reading comprehension using phonics and vocabulary activities.

Big Book — Identifying Detail, Main Idea, Sequencing

Title	Comprehension Skill	Text Type	
Sam's Sunflower	Identifying Detail	Narrative	
How Animals Live in the Desert	Identifying Detail	Factual Description	
Dying for Their Horns	Main Idea	Information Report	
Lizards That Change Color	Main Idea	Factual Description	
A Hole in the Canoe	Sequencing	Narrative (Realistic Fiction)	
Want to Make a Yummy Roll-Up Sandwich?	Sequencing	Procedure	

Big Book — Compare and Contrast, Fact and Opinion, Cause and Effect

Title	Comprehension Skill	Text Type	
Is It a Turtle or Is It a Tortoise?	Compare and Contrast	Information Report	
What's for Dinner?	Compare and Contrast	Literary Recount	
What's Happening at the Zoo?	Fact and Opinion	Narrative (Realistic Fiction)	
What Kind of Pet?	Fact and Opinion	Literary Recount	
A Walk in the Park	Cause and Effect	Narrative (Realistic Fiction)	
The Day the Flood Came	Cause and Effect	Literary Recount	

	Word Count	Vocabulary
	127	Comparative/Superlative adjectives – taller/tallest; bigger/biggest, older/oldest, warmer/warmest
	127	Plurals – mice, bilbies
	103	Verbs – show, happen, protect
	112	Compound words – sometimes
	122	Nouns – canoe, pool, bubble, glue
	121	Antonyms – last/first, salty/sweet, before/after, big/small

	Word Count	Vocabulary
	119	Homonyms – live
	113	Verbs – put, mix, roll
	115	Compound words – newspaper, someone
	120	Contractions – she'd, don't, he's, can't
	121	Silent letters – walk, island, listen, wrap
	111	Syllables – be-gan, mor-ning, wa-ter, be-cause

Grade 2: Scope and Sequence Chart

Spotlight on Comprehension Levels J-N

Level	Comprehension Skill	Title	Text Type	Word Count	High-Frequency Word Focus
J	Identifying Detail	Camels	Factual Description	420	use, work
J	Main Idea	The Perfect Pie	Narrative (Realistic Fiction)	420	back, best, fast
J	Sequencing	The Mystery of the Green Parakeet	Narrative (Realistic Fiction)	419	green, through
J	Compare and Contrast	Toads and Frogs	Information Report	419	both, cold
J	Fact and Opinion	Butterflies	Factual Description	414	called
J	Cause and Effect	Fire at the House	Narrative (Realistic Fiction)	416	because, should
K	Identifying Detail	Giant Squid	Factual Description	447	grow
K	Main Idea	The Honey Bird and the Badger	Narrative (Fable)	442	friend, laugh
K	Sequencing	Sushi	Explanation	448	around, food, into, time
K	Compare and Contrast	Crocodiles and Alligators	Information Report	450	different, strong
K	Fact and Opinion	My Mom's Passport	Literary Recount	450	ask, think, together
K	Cause and Effect	Elephants Walk for Water	Narrative (Fantasy Animals)	443	were
L	Identifying Detail	17 Years Underground	Literary Recount	464	nothing, nowhere
L	Main Idea	Rhino's Bad Manners	Narrative (Fantasy Animals)	480	enough
L	Sequencing	Making a Bird-Friendly Yard	Procedure	490	another, build, place, way
L	Compare and Contrast	What Lives in a Burrow?	Information Report	466	mostly
L	Fact and Opinion	Through the Storm	Narrative (Realistic Fiction)	478	don't, never
L	Cause and Effect	Plants That Eat Meat	Factual Description	462	once
M	Identifying Detail	Sunflowers	Factual Description	497	sun, yellow
M	Main Idea	The Jungle Story	Narrative (Fantasy Animals)	496	something
M	Sequencing	Hawks in the City	Narrative (Fantasy Animals)	486	building, nest, twigs, city, watching

Phonics	Vocabulary	Focus Words
Vowel digraphs – ee cheese, feet, knee; Y as vowel – body, carry, dromedary, heavy	Synonyms – not wet/dry, weighs a lot/heavy, become smaller/shrink, bushes/shrubs; Comparatives/ Superlatives: dry/drier/driest; big/bigger/biggest; heavy/heavier/heaviest	suited
Vowel digraphs – ie cried, pie, tried; Consonant digraphs – ck back, black, kicking, yuck	Regular past – asked, needed, filled, opened	beamed
Short vowels – i Bill, still, thinking, this; Long vowels – i Mike, like, lions, nice	Antonyms – answered/asked; started/stopped; up/down; yelled/whispered; ugly/lovely	toward
Consonant digraphs – ch catch, each, hatch, much	Word meanings – dry, pests, insects, nocturnal	endangered
Y as vowel – beauty, carry, many, nasty, only, salty, tiny, butterfly, by, fly	Plurals y to ies – butterflies, flies, enemies	sheds
Short vowel i – engine, hills, wind, with Long vowel i – find, fire, lights, like, outside, smiled	Regular past – caused, scared, huddled	stay tuned
Variant vowels – ow how, now; ou about, mouthpart	Compound words – mouthpart, sometimes; Word meanings – pitch-black, huge	pitch-black
Silent consonants – l could, walking	Silent b – climbed; Word meanings – greedy, puffed, cross	nectar
Consonant digraphs – sh fish, fresh, shiny, sushi	Syllables – 1. have, you; 2. sushi, tasty; 3. vinegar; Compound words – seaweed, seafood; Synonyms/Antonyms – fast, sour	wrapping
Short vowels – i animals, eyelid, live, relatives, skin; Long vowels – i hide, like, reptile	Syllabication – 1. and, are; 2. scaly, biggest; 3. crocodiles, relatives, animals, different; 4. alligators	squeaking
Vowel digraphs – ow know, own; Vowel diphthongs – ow tower, wow	Word endings – slows/slowed/slowing, smells/smelled/smelling, trains/trained/training, dresses/dressed/dressing	awful
Vowel digraphs – ai afraid, rain R-controlled vowels – birds, thirsty	Antonyms – big, lost, afraid, fast, tall, safe	distance
Consonant digraphs – wh what, white; Vowel diphthongs – ou outside, underground	Compound words – everyone, website, nowhere; raincoat	website, blog
R-controlled vowels – forgotten, learn, thirsty, turn	Contractions – I'm, we're, don't, I've, that's, can't	slimy
R-controlled vowels – are, bark, garden, large	Verbs – build, make, push, pour, grow, eat	naturally
Vowel digraphs – ow burrows, know, own, shows	Homophones – for/four, there/their, pray/prey, two/too	chambers
Silent consonants – gh bright, lightning, thought, tonight, climbed, castle	Word meanings – incredible, scooping up	halt
Consonant blends – pl places, plants	Compound words – flytrap, rainfall, armpit	attract, attracted
Silent consonants – gh bright, brought, straight, light	Word endings – cooks/cooked/cooking; flowers/flowered/flowering; presses/pressed/pressing	mixture
Consonant + le – chuckled, jungle, terrible, people, toppled	Words instead of <i>said</i> : whispered, muttered, breathed, bellowed, yelled, called, shouted, grunted, shrieked	chuckled
Consonant blends nt – mountains, plants	Irregular past – thought, found, drove, chose, built, laid	jammed

Grade 2: Scope and Sequence Chart

Level	Comprehension Skill	Title	Text Type	Word Count	High-Frequency Word Focus
M	Compare and Contrast	Hummingbirds of North America	Factual Description	503	flap/flapping, wings, fly
M	Fact and Opinion	No Eggs Today	Narrative (Realistic Fiction)	506	maybe, sure
M	Cause and Effect	Disguises	Factual Description	506	keep
M	Identifying Detail	Slam-Dunk!	Explanation	527	throw
M	Main Idea	Inside Your Mouth	Factual Description	533	last
M	Sequencing	Sunken Treasure	Explanation	530	old
M	Compare and Contrast	Allie Alligator Tries Something New	Narrative (Fantasy Animals)	528	great
M	Fact and Opinion	Saving the Little Penguins	Narrative (Realistic Fiction)	540	remember
M	Cause and Effect	Dear Rosie	Literary Recount	528	dear, line, six, tomorrow
N	Identifying Detail	Chameleons	Factual Description	569	side
N	Main Idea	The Old Scrapbook	Literary Recount	569	more
N	Sequencing	In the Deep, Dark Ocean	Narrative (Fantasy Animals)	556	dark, deep, ocean, week
N	Compare and Contrast	Lola's New Life	Literary Recount	570	morning
N	Fact and Opinion	Flash and Rumble!	Explanation	565	outside
N	Cause and Effect	Cities of the Desert	Factual Description	567	city, famous
N	Identifying Detail	Cockroaches	Information Report	579	Earth
N	Main Idea	Trading In	Narrative (Realistic Fiction)	600	family
N	Sequencing	Blue Corn Maiden	Narrative (Myth)	571	year, soil
N	Compare and Contrast	Big-Nosed Monkeys	Factual Description	585	across, swim
N	Fact and Opinion	The Best Soup in Town	Literary Recount	599	every, ready
N	Cause and Effect	Bending Metal	Explanation	597	hard, hot

Phonics	Vocabulary	Focus Words
Consonant blend fl – fly, flowers, flapping, fluid	Antonyms – forward, backward; up, down; north, south; east, west; fast, slow; faster, slower, small, big; bigger, smaller; warm, cool; long, short	hover
Consonant digraphs – ch check, chicken, each, hatch, ouch, patch, watched; ck back, check, clucking, pecked, sick	Past tense – looked, opened, tried, waited, pecked, watched	coop
Vowel digraphs – ea easier, eat, leaf, real, seaweed, year; Double e sound beetle, deep, feeding, keep, seaweed, tree, see	Compound words – background, grasshopper, cannot	disguises
Consonant blends – mp important, jump, Olympic	Compound words – outside, basketball, wheelchair, streetball, mouthguard; football	opposing
Vowel digraphs – ea clean, least, reach, speak, weak; ee between, cheese, keep, see, teeth	Syllabication – swal–low; den–tist	colorless
Consonant blends – tr trade, travel, try, treasure	Syllables – so–nar, ar–ti–facts, mag–ne–tom–e–ter	valuable
Consonant blends – sc screamed, scared, scary; sk skated, skillfully	Synonyms – fast, quickly; brake, stop; clumsy, awkward; walking, strolling; enormous, huge	soared
Vowel diphthongs – oi oily, pointed, poisonous; Consonant blends – cl classes, clean, clothes, club	Syllables – In–ter–net, a–ma–zing	poisonous
Variant vowels – ow how, now, yow; ou mountain, out, mouth, outdoors	Words instead of <i>said</i> – asked, yelled; Contractions – I've, it's	muttered
Consonant digraphs – ck back, black, crickets, sticky	Comparatives/Superlatives – warm/warmer/warmest; sticky/stickier/stickiest; special/more special/most special	prey
Variant vowels – ou found, proud; ow town	Crossword – dad, door, prize, salmon, kneel, last, had	cancel
Consonant digraphs – wh whale, when, while, white	Past tense – lived, joined, swam, dived; Contractions – don't, wasn't, can't, it's	surface
Variant vowels – au because; Consonant blends – tr trees, traditions	Synonyms – large, big; like, same; starts, begins; anxious, nervous; Antonyms – near, far; rainy, dry; hot, cold	equator
Consonant digraphs – th both, things, think, thunder, with	Verb tenses – saw, will see	vibrates, vibration
Soft c – city, cities, places; Hard c – called, because	Word meanings – opal, water, desert, dugout	recycle
Consonant digraphs – sh bush, shed, shell, Spanish; th thorax, Earth, things	Word meanings – nocturnal, antennae, cerci, nymphs	burrowing
Vowel digraphs – ow blowing, show, tomorrow; Y as vowel – by, hybrid, why	Compound words – breakfast, raincoat, shoelace, notebook, football	admitted
Double o – looked, took, door, doorway, firewood	Pronouns – she, they, his, her, he	mesas
Vowel digraphs – ai mainly, rain, tails; Double o – Cameroon, food, looking, troops	Comparatives/Superlatives – closer/closest, darker/darkest, longer/longest, hotter/hottest, better/best	destroy
Hard c – carrots, cleaned, cold, come, cook, crunchiest; Soft c – bicycle, celery, juicy, pieces, places	Adjectives – best, fresh, small, chopped, old, hot	recipe
Vowel digraphs – ai fingernail, nail, pain, railings, waiting	Antonyms – out/in, cold/hot, easy/hard	common

Grade 3: Scope and Sequence Chart

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Big Book — Identifying Detail, Main Idea, Sequencing

Title	Comprehension Skill	Text Type	
The Art of Brian Jungen	Identifying Detail	Factual Description	
Camp Catastrophe	Identifying Detail	Literary Recount	
Earth Shake!	Main Idea	Information Report	
Saving Water	Main Idea	Persuasion	
Where Does Rubber Come From?	Sequencing	Factual Description	
Shiny Shoes	Sequencing	Factual Description	

Big Book — Compare and Contrast, Fact and Opinion, Cause and Effect

Title	Comprehension Skill	Text Type	
How Do You Like Your Music?	Compare and Contrast	Literary Recount	
E-Mails between Friends	Compare and Contrast	Literary Recount	
Who Should Be Captain?	Fact and Opinion	Narrative	
Now, It's Time to Pick the Veggie!	Fact and Opinion	Narrative	
The Blackout	Cause and Effect	Literary Recount	
All about Plastic Bags	Cause and Effect	Persuasion	

	Word Count	Word Study and Vocabulary
	158	Plural form of words ending in y – families, cities, ladies, armies, mysteries, babies
	180	Suffixes – just add ing: joining, playing, worrying, helping; double the last consonant: snapping, swimming, getting, digging; take away e: freezing, tickling, exciting, loving
	159	Synonyms – large/big, tiny/small, edge/rim, blaze/fire, likes/enjoys, shift/move
	148	Compound words – rainwater, watertank, earthquake, honeycomb
	174	Syllabication rules VC/CV – rub/ber, com/mon, col/lect, drip/ping, fin/al/ly
	158	Suffixes – polishing, including, shining, brushing, packing, melting, earning, coming, squeezing

	Word Count	Word Study and Vocabulary
	161	Syllabication rules – C/V a/maz/ing, clean/ing, fa/vo/rite, how/ev/er, rec/ord, treas/ures
	229	Homophones – their/there, wear/where, hole/whole, threw/through, knot/not, knights/nights, hear/here, scene/seen, meat/meet
	152	Suffix ly – absolutely, definitely, properly, exactly
	155	Adjectives: awful, delicious, healthy, green, tender, soft, slushy, yummy
	158	Regular and irregular verbs – arrived, came, held, made, said, went, were, whispered
	159	Conjunctions – because, if, or, when

Grade 3: Scope and Sequence Chart

Spotlight on Comprehension Levels N-P

Level	Comprehension Skill	Title	Text Type	Word Count	High-Frequency Word Focus
N	Identifying Detail	The Prince and the Lion	Narrative	687	tree, warm
N	Main Idea	Storm Chaser	Literary Recount	682	those
N	Sequencing	The Long Life of Plastic	Procedure	700	begin, mix
N	Compare and Contrast	Dinosaurs – Big Brains, Little Brains	Factual Description	699	move, other, same
N	Fact and Opinion	Hot Potatoes	Information Report	689	color, part
N	Cause and Effect	The Roof Gardener	Narrative	663	answer
N	Identifying Detail	There's No Time Like the Present	Narrative	750	five, sound
N	Main Idea	Shaping the Earth	Explanation	750	above, below, land
N	Sequencing	Patty's Polar Bear Diary	Narrative	746	cliff, climb, mother, cub, helicopter, zoo, crate
N	Compare and Contrast	Cricket vs. Baseball	Factual Description	748	stop
N	Fact and Opinion	Saving the Reef	Literary Recount	745	even, might, story
N	Cause and Effect	Two Rivers	Explanation	747	animal, plant
O	Identifying Detail	No Ducks in the Water	Narrative	800	form
O	Main Idea	Pharaohs	Information Report	778	large, live
O	Sequencing	The Ice Age and the Woolly Mammoth	Recount	798	any, been
O	Compare and Contrast	Salt and Silk	Information Report	795	follow
O	Fact and Opinion	Carly and the Glass Sneaker	Narrative	797	found
O	Cause and Effect	The Garbage Monster	Narrative	769	drink, only
O	Identifying Detail	Finding Father	Narrative	822	brother
O	Main Idea	Are You There?	Information Report	837	brought
O	Sequencing	How Photography Changed the World	Recount	819	done, world

Phonics	Word Study and Vocabulary	Focus Words
Hard and soft c – call, calmed, captain, colors, crown, welcome; city, once, place, face, prince	Hard c – call, calmed, captain, colors, crown, welcome; Soft c – city, once, place, prince	guard
R-controlled vowels – storm, tornado, forget	Similes – as dark as night, like a billowing black tower, like a jet engine, as black as night, as loud as thunder, like dice in a shaker	earsplitting
Consonant digraphs – th this, teeth, toothbrushes, clothes	Prefixes – re reuse, reboot, replace, return; re means again	filter
Initial consonant blends – sm smart, smartest, small, smarter	Suffixes le – people, little, paddle, castle	prey
Short o – potatoes, popular, Pontiac, gold	Plurals – o to oes – potatoes, tomatoes, echoes, torpedoes, cargoes, heroes	processed
Vowel digraphs – ea leaves, sneakily, eating, beans	Antonyms: thin/fat; remembered/forgot; rich/poor; alive/dead; Synonyms: saw/noticed, answered/replied	source
R-controlled vowels – ar carpet, party, courtyards	Conjunctions – and, then, but	historian
Soft c – process, forces, ice, acid	Compound words – coastline, rainwater, floodplains, riverbanks, underground, limestone, downhill, sandpaper, meltwater, landslide	debris
Initial consonant blends – sl slide, sleepy, sling	Suffixes – ing jumping, catching, talking, drawing, playing, floating, singing, reaching, coloring	tranquilizer
Letter combinations – ie fielder, crosspieces	Antonyms – wide/narrow, new/old, start/stop, in/out, before/after, same/different	overarm
Short e – stepped, exclaimed, incredible, excitement	Adjectives – beautiful, incredible, awesome, spiky, scary, short, crazy, new	guide
Consonant digraphs – ch machine, changes, reaches, checking	Antonyms: cause/result, upriver/downriver, freezing/melting, sicker/healthier; Synonyms: effect/result, barrier/dam, water/hydro, additional/another	enough
Consonant blends – pr practice, improve, improved, problem	Homophones – hour/our, grate/great, ewe/you, whole/hole, two/to/too, red/read, one/won	entire
Vowel diphthongs – ow crown, allowed, powerful, power	Irregular verbs – grow/grew, think/thought, has/had, wear/wore, become/became, build/built, fly/flew, buy/bought, tear/tore, stand/stood	chamber
Hard g: ago, grow, again, begin Soft g: age, change	Hard g – ago, again, begin, get, green, grow; soft g – age, change, gem, geometry, gerbil, giraffe	at-risk
y producing long e sound – history, necessity, luxury, monopoly	Nouns/Adjectives – Austria/Austrian, China/Chinese, Greece/Greek, India/Indian, United Kingdom/British	valued
Vowel/consonant digraphs – ay day, away, play, Saturday	Colloquialisms – a waste of time, beside themselves, fabulous news, house was in an uproar, just my luck, such a dump, whoa	whined
Consonant blends – st plastic, disgusting, strange	Alliteration – strange snuffling and scratching sounds, grunts and groans, licked its lips	whined
Initial consonant blends – st storms, steps, stood, stopped	Similes – like a toy boat, like distant thunder, as dark as a coal mine	clamber
Long i sound produced by i consonant e – liked, device, wire	Homophones – hole/whole, team/team, new/knew, reads/reeds, ewe/you, herd/heard; board/bored, flower/flour, toad/towed, dear/deer, night/knight, I/eye	laboratory
Consonant digraphs – ch changed, channel, Frenchman, which	Homophones – knot/not, maid/made, peace/piece, ewes/use, role/roll, reel/real	image/s

Grade 3: Scope and Sequence Chart

Level	Comprehension Skill	Title	Text Type	Word Count	High-Frequency Word Focus
O	Compare and Contrast	Leading the Way	Factual Description	845	year
O	Fact and Opinion	Pet Club	Literary Recount	850	cage, lunch, draw, head, room
O	Cause and Effect	Big Ted and the Mystery of the Black Barn	Narrative	846	must, our, thought
P	Identifying Detail	Interview with an Astronomer	Interview	873	always, thing
P	Main Idea	Water, Water Everywhere	Information Report	861	hold
P	Sequencing	The Yellow Turban	Literary Recount	878	also, pick
P	Compare and Contrast	Marvelous Medicine!	Factual Description	894	during, learn
P	Fact and Opinion	Allie Alligator's Art Exhibition	Narrative	866	point, show
P	Cause and Effect	Red Cross	Narrative	898	anything, hurt
P	Identifying Detail	The Old Woman and the Polar Bear	Narrative	932	children, friends, son, villagers, catch
P	Main Idea	Show Some Backbone	Information Report	904	able
P	Sequencing	Piñata	Narrative	936	shapes, newspaper, candy, balloon, strips
P	Compare and Contrast	Communities of the Desert	Factual Description	931	country, summer, winter
P	Fact and Opinion	The Birds at Waders Flat	Narrative	924	read, write
P	Cause and Effect	Global Changes	Explanation	904	near, tell
P	Identifying Detail	Feather-Woman and the Morning Star	Narrative	990	family, people, sky, star, lodge, beautiful
P	Main Idea	I Need You and You Need Me	Information Report	954	bring
P	Sequencing	The Fantastic Flying Machine	Literary Recount	960	add
P	Compare and Contrast	Festivals of the World	Factual Description	988	fire, light, than
P	Fact and Opinion	Great Explorations	Information Report	996	right
P	Cause and Effect	A Bad Day at Cherry Farm	Explanation	953	gave, or

Phonics	Word Study and Vocabulary	Focus Words
Long u – united, constitution, unified	Irregular verbs – keep/kept, win/won, know/knew, drive/drove, write/wrote, become/became	rebels
Consonant blends – sc scary, scuttling, scared, rescued, screamed	Alternatives to said – called, asked, cried, stammered, spluttered, squawked, replied	veterinarian
R-controlled vowels – ar sharp, alarm, farm	Suffixes – ly finally, badly, excitedly, exactly	embers
Vowel diphthongs – ou out, about, cloudy, around	Irregular past tense – find/found, make/made, understand/understood, buy/bought, teach/taught, is/was, take/took, can/could, think/thought	devices
Vowel digraphs – ee freeze, need, between, degrees	Prefixes un – unsafe, unfortunately, uneven, unknown, unhealthy; not	detergents
R-controlled vowels – ur turban, returned, surprise	Words that mean said – shouted, instructed, asked/explained, sighed, cried, whispered	triumphantly
Vowel diphthongs – ou found, round, sour, mouth	Suffixes ing – discovering, heating, spreading; getting, running, hitting; giving, living, vaccinating	instruments
Vowel digraphs – ai paint, painted, portrait, painting	Alliteration – Seth Squirrel, Boggleton Bugle, Allie Alligator, Crispin Cockatoo, Monty Mole, passion for paint, watercolor wizardry	capture
long a sound produced by a consonant e – safe, brave, name, saved	Nouns/Adjectives – Swiss, Italian, Spanish, Chinese, Indian, Greek	treaty
Vowel digraphs – ea bear, years, learned, seals, please	Collocation – harsh conditions, hunting and fishing, friends and neighbors, catch fish	persuade
R-controlled vowels – er vertebrates, water, either, smaller	Antonyms: invertebrates/vertebrates, large/small, last/first, less/more, male/female, safety/danger, stupid/smart	internal
Double l – sells, will, small, fell, full	Contractions – can't, should've, there's, they're; we are, she had, is not, you are	custom
Vowel diphthongs – ow bow, arrow, grow, snow	Compound words – waterless, homelands, suitable, sidewalk	suitable
Consonant digraphs – ck rocks, trucks, back	Compound words – something, overlooking, mudflat, wetlands, anymore	migration
Letter combination ing – getting, warming, burning, thing	Syllabication rules – VC/CV fos/sil, hap/pen, prob/lems; large, change, worse	ruined
Letter combinations – ight night, light, bright, frightened	Irregular past-tense verbs – fell, woke, saw, fell, got, told, sat, caught, had, found, grew, brought	shimmering
o producing short u sound – some, honey	Conjunctions – if, but, when	swollen
Consonant blends – pl replace, plastic, plenty	Idioms – bitten off more than I could chew (tried to do too much, or something that is too difficult)	furiously
Letter combinations – ight bright, light	Synonyms – unlike/different, like/similar, occur/happen, rich/wealthy, bad/evil, wishes/hopes	ocher
y producing short i sound – Egypt, Egyptian, mystery, Polynesian	Syllabication rules – VC/CV bet/ter, col/lec/ted, crow/ded, jour/neys, moun/tains, pic/tures, won/der/ful	warriors
o producing short u sound – covered, worried, money, company	Adjectives (Comparatives/Superlatives) – great, bright, early, hot, good, bad, beautiful, famous, popular	puree/pureed

Grade 4: Scope and Sequence Chart

The Scope and Sequence charts for the Big Books and the Student Books provide the teacher with further opportunities to assist reading comprehension using phonics and vocabulary activities.

Big Book 1 - Main Idea, Sequencing, Compare and Contrast

Title	Comprehension Skill	Text Type
What Happened to Pluto?	Main Idea	Information Report
Eco Island	Main Idea	Description
Biofuels – The New Fuels	Sequencing	Explanation
Recycle Your Phone	Sequencing	Explanation
Contact 500 vs. Safehome 200	Compare and Contrast	Literary Recount
It Came from Planet Zorg . . .	Compare and Contrast	Narrative (Science Fiction)

Big Book 2 - Fact and Opinion, Cause and Effect, Bias and Prejudice

Title	Comprehension Skill	Text Type
Restaurant News – Tummies Still Rumbling	Fact and Opinion	Response
Planning a Mural	Fact and Opinion	Literary Recount
How to Cope with a Heat Wave	Cause and Effect	Explanation
Saving the American Chestnut	Cause and Effect	Explanation
Space – The Latest Travel Hotspot	Bias and Prejudice	Exposition – Persuasion, Response
Chocolate Taster Training	Bias and Prejudice	Exposition – Persuasion

	Word count	Vocabulary
	211	Base words – excite, orbit, science, system
	200	Greek prefix – <i>eco</i> , ecotourism
	186	Latin suffix – <i>able</i> , nonrenewable, renewable
	182	Abbreviations – phone
	202	Compound words – download, ringtone, Safehome, something
	175	Contractions – door's, that's, thing's, what's, won't, you're

	Word count	Word Study and Vocabulary
	189	Hyperbole – fit for kings, mouth-watering dinner
	162	Adjectives – amazing, beautiful, big, great, new
	247	Greek prefixes – <i>hydro/hydr</i> , dehydration
	218	Synonyms – arrived/came
	205	Antonyms – booked/canceled, better, rich, selfish
	206	Latin prefix – <i>bene</i> , benefit

Grade 4: Scope and Sequence Chart

Spotlight on Comprehension 4 Student Books: Levels Q, R, S

Level	Comprehension Skill	Title	Text Type
Q	Main Idea	A Place in Outer Space	Information Report
R	Main Idea	Fossil Fuels	Information Report
Q	Sequencing	Black Rock	Narrative (Realistic Fiction)
Q	Sequencing	The Best Vacation Ever	Narrative (with elements of Procedure)
Q	Compare and Contrast	From Me to You	Literary Recount
Q	Compare and Contrast	Your Choice!	Description
R	Main Idea	Religions	Information Report
S	Main Idea	Green All Around	Information Report
R	Sequencing	Camp Cavendish	Literary Recount
S	Sequencing	Leading the Field in Green	Recount (Biography)
R	Compare and Contrast	Crying Wolf	Narrative (Fable)
S	Compare and Contrast	Sun Tales	Narrative (Myth)

	Word Count	Vocabulary
	1,800-2,100	Conjunctions – because, if, once, since, when, while
	1,800-2,100	Adjectives/nouns – crude oil, dark ooze, fossil fuels, natural gas, sophisticated equipment, steel pipelines, strip mining, underground mining
	1,800-2,100	Similes – like black glass, as hungry as a bear, like a chain saw, like stars in the darkness, as harmless as a pussycat, as big as a dinner plate
	1,800-2,100	Latin prefix – re, resurface, return
	1,800-2,100	Compound and complex sentences – I know Minnesota is called “land of 10,000 lakes” because there are so many lakes
	1,800-2,100	Synonyms – concave/curved, edition/issue
	2,100-2,400	Antonyms – bad/good, darkness/light, future/past, generosity/greed, right/wrong, selfishness/unselfishness
	2,100-2,400	Suffix – ic, electronic, organic, plastic, scientific, synthetic, toxic
	2,100-2,400	Colloquialisms – awesome, back on track, blown away, I figured, loads of ideas, no picnic, put into action, so cool, something else, stick around, the look on his face, worth a shot
	2,100-2,400	Suffix – ist, chemist, scientist
	2,100-2,400	Multiple meanings – alarm, mind, top
	2,100-2,400	Definitions – fable, legend, myth

Grade 4: Scope and Sequence Chart

Spotlight on Comprehension 4 Student Books: Levels Q, R, S

Level	Comprehension Skill	Title	Text Type
Q	Fact and Opinion	Community Views	Discussion
Q	Fact and Opinion	The Daily News	Recount
Q	Cause and Effect	Natural Disasters	Factual Description
R	Cause and Effect	The Invaders	Explanation
Q	Bias and Prejudice	Have Your Say!	Discussion
Q	Bias and Prejudice	Save Our Skate Park	Discussion
R	Fact and Opinion	What Really Happened?	Narrative (Realistic Fiction)
S	Fact and Opinion	This Ad's for You	Information Report
S	Cause and Effect	Water and Food Programs around the World	Factual Description
S	Cause and Effect	Inventions and Discoveries That Changed the World	Explanation
R	Bias and Prejudice	Graffiti	Discussion
S	Bias and Prejudice	Diamonds Forever	Discussion

	Word Count	Vocabulary
	1,800-2,100	Alliteration – fast food, food fanatics, food is full of fat, fresh fruit
	1,800-2,100	Idioms – crawl their way back, eyes popped out of my head, I've got news for him, scorching sunshine
	1,800-2,100	Nouns/verbs – affect/effect, floods
	1,800-2,100	Antonyms – catch/release, closed, damage, native, problem, stable
	1,800-2,100	Apostrophes – mayor's car, owner's expense, parents' peace of mind, students' safety, people's traditions, whales' lives
	1,800-2,100	Multiple meanings – center, live, park
	2,100-2,400	Adjectives – confused babble, frozen peas, hot summer day, smoke-reddened eyes, smoldering grill, wild-eyed man, wooden fence
	2,100-2,400	Hyperbole – it's so good, your grandma will wish she made it herself; massive savings; personal slice of paradise; sacrificed at once-in-a-lifetime prices
	2,100-2,400	Latin prefix – <i>mal</i> , malnourished, malnutrition
	2,100-2,400	Greek prefix – auto, automobile
	2,100-2,400	Idioms – give them a piece of my mind, red-handed, throw the book at them
	2,100-2,400	Greek prefix – geo, geological, geologist, geometric

Grade 5: Scope and Sequence Chart

The Scope and Sequence charts for the Big Books and the Student Books provide the teacher with further opportunities to assist reading comprehension using phonics and vocabulary activities.

Big Book 1 - Main Idea, Compare and Contrast, Fact and Opinion

Title	Comprehension Skill	Text Type
Cats in the Night	Main Idea	Exposition
Predator X	Main Idea	Description
The Paralympic Games	Compare and Contrast	Information Report
Casey Island Animal Rescue	Compare and Contrast	Explanation
Zoo Week	Fact and Opinion	Response
Skate Park Chat Room	Fact and Opinion	Discussion

Big Book 2 - Cause and Effect, Bias and Prejudice, Figurative Language

Title	Comprehension Skill	Text Type
Parasitic Plants	Cause and Effect	Information Report
Lake Peigneur's Changed Environment	Cause and Effect	Explanation
Wild River Ride Sparks Protest	Bias and Prejudice	Discussion
Hailey Island	Bias and Prejudice	Exposition
Sailing Solo	Figurative Language	Literary Recount
Forest Fire	Figurative Language	Poem

	Word count	Vocabulary
	228	Homophones – prey/pray
	213	Dictionary meanings
	211	Prefixes – dis, disability
	239	Definitions – beaching, island, pod, rescue, volunteers
	198	Compound sentences
	259	Idioms – check it out, doing a nosedive

	Word count	Vocabulary
	207	Word elements
	230	Sentence structure
	207	Emotive phrases
	206	Commas after introductory phrases
	210	Origin of words
	218	Verbs and adjectives

Grade 5: Scope and Sequence Chart

Spotlight on Comprehension 5 Student Books: Levels T, U, V

Level	Comprehension Skill	Title	Text Type
T	Main Idea	Bukit Timah Nature Reserve	Factual Description
U	Main Idea	The Nelson Mandela Story	Recount (Biography)
T	Compare and Contrast	Animals under Threat	Information Report
T	Compare and Contrast	Soccer vs. Ballet	Information Report
T	Fact and Opinion	The Smith Family Diaries	Literary Recount
U	Fact and Opinion	The Great Rainbow Hill Debate	Argument
V	Main Idea	Plagues	Information Report
V	Main Idea	Coral Reefs	Information Report
U	Compare and Contrast	Air, Land, and Water Transportation – Then and Now	Information Report
V	Compare and Contrast	Olympic Game Technology	Factual Description
U	Fact and Opinion	The Cackleberry Creek Foghorn	Literary Recount
V	Fact and Opinion	Defying Gravity	Narrative

	Word Count	Vocabulary
	2,400–2,700	Possessive apostrophes – fern’s roots, infant’s life, mother’s belly, pangolin’s body
	2,400–2,700	Idioms – cemented his status, from the public eye, get behind their team, stepped down, stood up for his beliefs
	2,400–2,700	Commas following an introductory word or phrase
	2,400–2,700	Conventions - finding word meanings from context
	2,400–2,700	Similes – laughed like a hyena, leaped over the fence like something out of the Guinness Book of Records, jumped out of the yard like some kind of super dog, sleeping like the lazybones he is
	2,400–2,700	Latin root cultura meaning cultivate – agriculture
	2,700–3,000	Greek root demos – endemic, epidemic, pandemic
	2,700–3,000	Hyphenated adjectives – no-take zones, single-celled organisms, tube-like body, wide-scale reef dieback, win-win solution
	2,700–3,000	Apostrophes for possession – ship’s captain
	2,700–3,000	Compound sentences – two complete sentences joined by a conjunction and separated by a comma
	2,700–3,000	Alliteration – beautiful baby, caesar salad, crunchy crust, friends and families, Kindergarten Kopters, termite takeover
	2,700–3,000	Punctuating direct speech

Grade 5: Scope and Sequence Chart

Spotlight on Comprehension 5 Student Books: Levels T, U, V

Level	Comprehension Skill	Title	Text Type
U	Cause and Effect	Save Our Planet!	Information Report
T	Cause and Effect	It's Just Not Right	Explanation
T	Bias and Prejudice	What's Up?	Persuasive Text
U	Bias and Prejudice	Changing Times	Information Report
T	Figurative Language	Sports Mad Magazine	Description
U	Figurative Language	Paul Revere's Ride	Narrative Poem
V	Cause and Effect	Animal Adaptations	Explanation
V	Cause and Effect	Severe Weather	Information Report
U	Bias and Prejudice	Houdini – Man of Magic or Deceit?	Description
V	Bias and Prejudice	Prejudice on the Goldfields	Information Report
V	Figurative Language	The Mighty Casey	Narrative Poem
U	Figurative Language	The Big Campaign	Description

	Word Count	Vocabulary
	2,400–2,700	Auxiliary verbs – have caused, is caused, has been, is called, are causing, is struggling
	2,400–2,700	Latin prefix deca – decade, decagon, decathlon
	2,400–2,700	Using dashes in place of commas
	2,400–2,700	Prefix – pre, prejudice
	2,400–2,700	Rhetorical questions
	NA	Homographs
	2,700–3,000	Word building – adapt, behave
	2,700–3,000	Affect – effect
	2,700–3,000	Hyphenated adjectives – death-defying, escape-proof, first-class, open-mouthed, oversized
	2,700–3,000	Summarizing – providing headlines
	NA	Irregular past tense verbs
	2,700–3,000	Technical terms – marketing, medium, print ads

Grade 6: Scope and Sequence Chart

The Scope and Sequence charts for the Big Books and the Student Books provide the teacher with further opportunities to assist reading comprehension using phonics and vocabulary activities.

Big Book 1 - Main Idea, Compare and Contrast, Fact and Opinion

Title	Comprehension Skill	Text Type
The Red Sea – The WWF’s Newest Ecoregion	Main Idea	Information Report
Mystery in Antarctica	Main Idea	Information Report
Jenna’s Family History Report	Compare and Contrast	Information Report
Wearable Art Fashion Show Finals	Compare and Contrast	Description (Fictional)
Textile Factory Closure?	Fact and Opinion	Discussion
Tayla’s Art Report	Fact and Opinion	Description (Fictional)

Big Book 2 - Cause and Effect, Bias and Prejudice, Figurative Language

Title	Comprehension Skill	Text Type
Worth Its Weight	Cause and Effect	Information Report
The Quagga Project	Cause and Effect	Explanation
Excellent News for Oil Investors!	Bias and Prejudice	Discussion
What’s the Issue?	Bias and Prejudice	Discussion
In Flanders Fields	Figurative Language	Poem
Deluxe Pups	Figurative Language	Exposition – Persuasion

	Word Count	Vocabulary
	251	Comparatives and superlatives
	241	Plurals – <i>es</i> endings
	262	Linking words – in the same way, although, unlike
	275	Acronyms
	261	Apostrophe for plurals
	220	Adjectives

	Word Count	Vocabulary
	228	Collective nouns – team, swarm, army, gang, crew, crowd, audience, clan, faculty, staff
	258	Apostrophe use – <i>it's</i> and <i>its</i>
	253	Pronouns – <i>who</i> and <i>that</i>
	258	Plurals – adding <i>s</i> , <i>es</i> , and <i>ies</i>
	NA	Punctuation – semicolon
	238	Hyphenated adjectives

Grade 6: Scope and Sequence Chart

Spotlight on Comprehension 6 Student Books: Levels W, X, Y

Level	Comprehension Skill	Title	Text Type
W	Main Idea	15 Orchard Street	Narrative
X	Main Idea	Piracy in the Modern Age	Information Report
W	Compare and Contrast	Back from the Brink	Explanation
X	Compare and Contrast	Two Dying Seas	Information Report
W	Fact and Opinion	What's the Real Story?	Literary Recount
W	Fact and Opinion	On the Ball	Literary Recount
X	Main Idea	Letters from the Frontier	Literary Recount
Y	Main Idea	The History of Looking Cool	Information Report
Y	Compare and Contrast	In the Public Eye	Information Report
Y	Compare and Contrast	Two States, Two Histories	Information Report
X	Fact and Opinion	Let There Be Rock!	Literary Recount
X	Fact and Opinion	Snake on the Loose	Literary Recount

	Word Count	Vocabulary
	3,000–3,300	Indefinite pronouns – everybody, someone
	3,000–3,300	Past and present tense – attack/attacked; respond/responded; give/gave; retreat/retreated; try/tried; pay/paid; release/released
	3,000–3,300	Technical words and phrases
	3,000–3,300	Word meanings – buoyancy, salinity, sewage, artificially
	3,000–3,300	Comparatives and superlatives – older/oldest, younger
	3,000–3,300	Tag questions – didn't it?/don't we?
	3,300+	Synonyms – fierce/intense; launched/leaped; headway/progress
	3,300+	Difference between past (noun) and passed (verb)
	3,300+	Hyphenated adjectives and nouns
	3,300+	Difference between brought and bought
	3,300+	Relative clauses – that, who
	3,300+	Direct speech punctuation

Grade 6: Scope and Sequence Chart

Spotlight on Comprehension 6 Student Books: Levels W, X, Y

Level	Comprehension Skill	Title	Text Type
W	Cause and Effect	Inventions by Women	Explanation
W	Cause and Effect	Use It, Wear It	Explanation
W	Bias and Prejudice	My Way or the Highway?	Discussion
X	Bias and Prejudice	Whaling	Argument
W	Figurative Language	Poetry on TV	Poetry
W	Figurative Language	Gold in the Hills	Narrative
Y	Cause and Effect	Rain Forests at Risk	Explanation
Y	Cause and Effect	Toxic Soup	Explanation
Y	Bias and Prejudice	Women's Rights	Recount
Y	Bias and Prejudice	Animal Issues	Discussion
Y	Figurative Language	Your Health	Description
X	Figurative Language	Smith's Department Store	Description (Fictional)

	Word Count	Vocabulary
	3,000–3,300	Subject-related vocabulary – therapy
	3,000–3,300	Visual pattern <i>ough</i>
	3,000–3,300	Personal pronouns – they, you, we, I, my
	3,000–3,300	Subject/verb agreement – were, was, have, is
	NA	Rhyming words
	3,000–3,300	Changing direct speech into indirect speech
	3,300+	Changing adjectives to adverbs with <i>ly</i>
	3,300+	Word families
	3,300+	Apostrophes for plurals
	3,300+	Compound nouns – bathroom, website, supermarket, wildlife, landowners
	3,300+	Figurative language
	3,300+	Suffixes – <i>ible, able</i>

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