

SEARCH FOR SOUNDS

Introduction

Series Description

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The lesson plans in this guide follow the scope and sequence of **The Decodables** and can be used as a supplement to any core phonics program. The lessons are designed using a phonics lesson plan template that requires explicit instruction. Following similar routines in each lesson allows the student to focus their energy on learning new phonic decoding skills. The lessons are systematic and cumulative, building new skills on skills that have been previously taught. They allow for a gradual release of responsibility (I do, We do, You do). The lessons provide opportunities to build spelling skills and increase vocabulary. The lessons are aligned with standards addressing foundational language and literacy skills. By following these lesson plans, teachers can ensure their students have the skills necessary to accurately, automatically, and fluently read the texts in **The Decodables** series.

Set Descriptions

Search for Sounds — In this set of lessons and texts, students will be introduced to all consonants and vowels that make up our alphabet. They will engage with the text by listening to the story read aloud, listening for words with target sounds in them and identifying the picture of the word that makes the target sound. Teachers and/or caregivers will support students in identifying the letter that makes the target sound. Afterwards, Reading Activities are provided to build vocabulary knowledge, work on comprehension skills and build early reader response skills.

Friends and Family Fun — In this set of lessons and decodable texts, students will be introduced to all five short vowel sounds. They will begin reading consonant-vowel-consonant (CVC) words and move towards reading CVC words containing consonant digraphs and suffix -s. Following an explicit phonics lesson plan, students will engage their phonological processor through a phonemic awareness warm-up. From there, they will practice decoding and encoding at the word level before moving to the sentence and story level. Students will apply their phonic knowledge as they fluently read **The Decodables**.

Things We Like to Do — In this set of lessons and decodable texts, students will be introduced to consonant blends as well the suffixes -ing and -ed. They will read words containing two and three letter blends found at both the beginning and ending of words. Students will continue to build their phonemic awareness skills through segmenting, blending and manipulating phonemes. They will decode and encode individual words before reading and spelling in sentences and stories. Students will apply their cumulative phonic knowledge as they read **The Decodables**.

Activities with Friends — In this set of lessons and decodable texts, students will be introduced to long vowel sounds spelled using a vowel-consonant-e (VCe) spelling pattern. Students will increase their phonemic awareness skills, focusing mostly on the advanced phonemic awareness skill: phoneme manipulation. Students will strengthen their reading and spelling skills at the word, sentence and story level. Students will build automaticity and fluency as they apply their knowledge while reading **The Decodables**.

Discover Plants and Animals — In this set of lessons and decodable texts, students will be introduced to the many vowel teams of the English language as well as the suffix -y. Students will strengthen their advanced phonemic awareness skills through phoneme manipulation tasks, but will remove all scaffolds. Students will continue to strengthen their reading and spelling skills in multi-syllabic words containing vowel teams, suffix -y and all previously taught phonics skills. Students will continue to apply their cumulative phonics skills as they read **The Decodables**.

Fables and Folktales — In the final set of lessons and decodable texts, students will learn about r-controlled vowels, diphthongs and complicated vowel teams. Students will continue to strengthen their phonemic awareness skills through blending, segmenting and manipulating phonemes within words without the use of scaffolds. Students will apply their increased phonic knowledge as they decode and encode multi-syllabic words, sentences and stories containing r-controlled vowels, diphthongs, complicated vowel teams and all previously taught skills. They will apply their skills in connected text while reading **The Decodables**.

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Decodable guide go to:



Lesson Components and Resources

This section provides an explanation of the instructional routines found in each component of the lesson plans designed specifically for the Search for Sounds texts.

Teacher Notes:

- This section describes the pre-teaching that should occur prior to reading the text.

Story Guide:

- Teachers will read from this section as students engage with the text.

Vocabulary Development:

- Students will learn new content-specific vocabulary as well as comprehension-specific vocabulary.
- Picture sorts are used to develop categorization skills.

Comprehension:

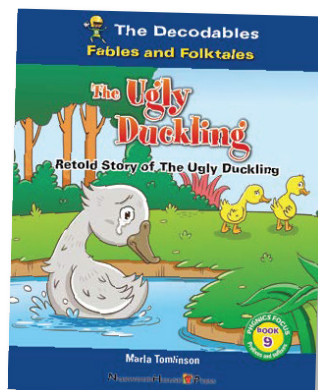
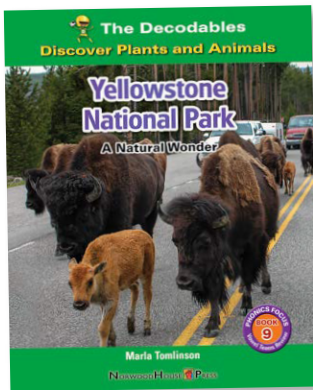
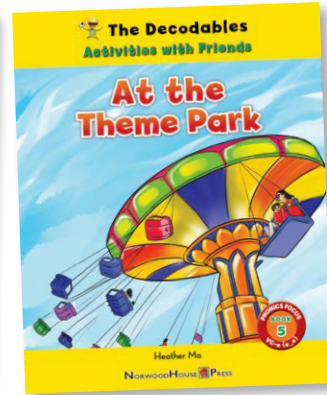
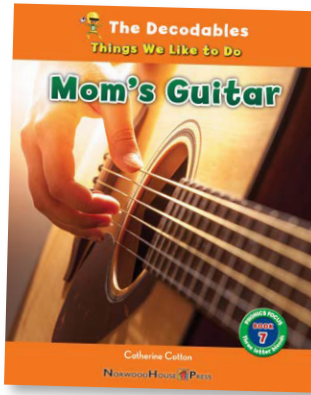
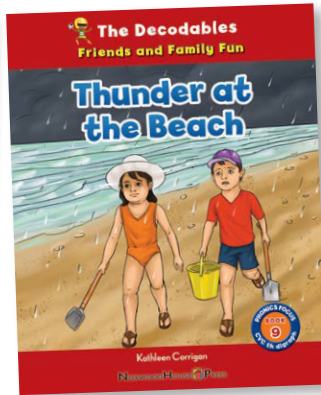
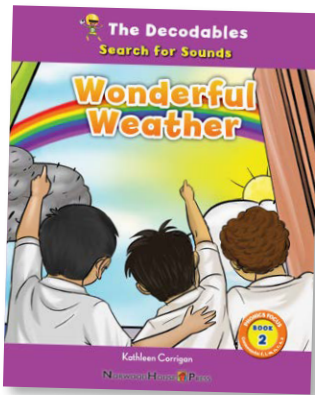
- Students practice sharing their understanding of the text by retelling narratives and identifying key ideas and details in informative texts.

Extension Activity:

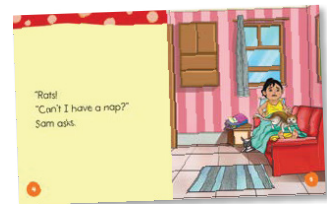
- Students extend their learning through reader response activities that require them to share their learning using a combination of drawing and writing.

The Decodables — Series Overview

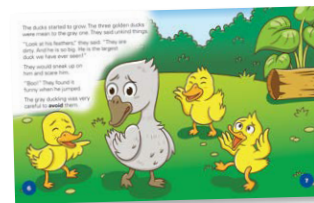
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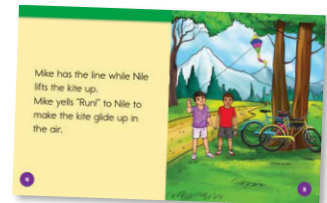
Search for Sounds



Friends and Family Fun



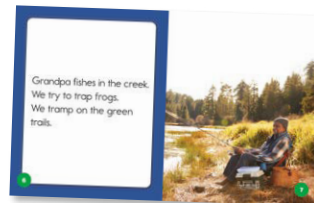
Fables and Folktales



Activities with Friends

The Decodables — Complete Series

Search for Sounds	Grade K	Set 1 (8 books)
Friends and Family Fun	Grade K-1	Set 2 (12 books)
Things We Like to Do	Grade 1	Set 3 (8 books)
Activities with Friends	Grade 1	Set 4 (6 books)
Discover Plants and Animals	Grade 2	Set 5 (9 books)
Fables and Folktales	Grade 2	Set 6 (9 books)



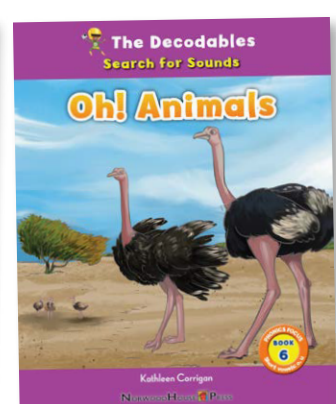
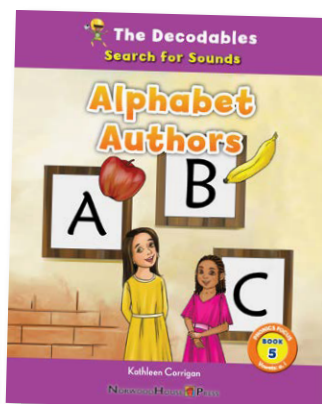
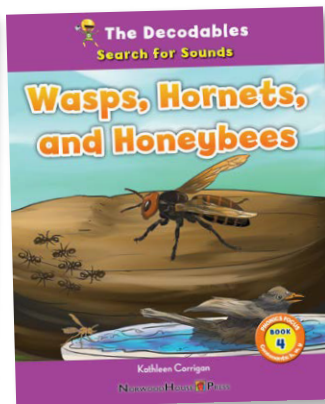
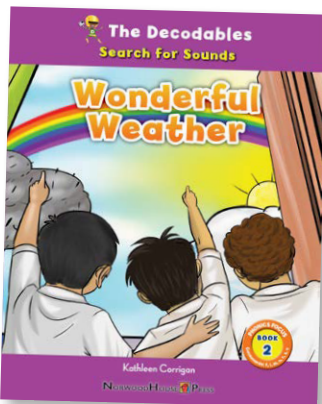
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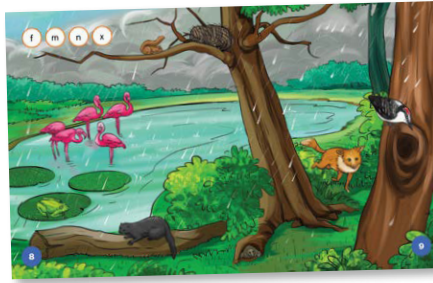
Discover Plants and Animals

Search for Sounds — Overview

The **Search for Sounds** series is designed to help students develop phonemic awareness within the context of story and picture. Students are presented with wordless books and have fun finding items in the pictures that highlight target sounds. Each sound's related letter is also on the page in a clear lowercase font. Cumulative read-aloud texts linked to the pictures are read by the teacher and present social studies and science concepts of interest to young children. Some of the books include recurring characters exploring the topics while others are more typical nonfiction. Interest will be generated as your students work to isolate, identify, and link the sounds to words. The books include lists of suggested words/sounds to search for as well as a note to the caregiver.



Wasps, Hornets, and Honey Bees



Wonderful Weather



Wonderful Weather

The Decodables — Search for Sounds (Set 1)

Terrific Transportation
 Wonderful Weather
 Come to the Farm
 Wasps, Hornets, and Honeybees
 Alphabet Authors
 Oh! Animals
 Enchanting Nature
 A Zany Zoo Visit

Phonics Focus

Consonants with sound in initial position of letter name
 Consonants with sound in the final position of letter name
 Consonants with sounds that overlap another letter
 Consonants with a name with no sound
 Short Vowels
 Short Vowels
 Short Vowels
 Review