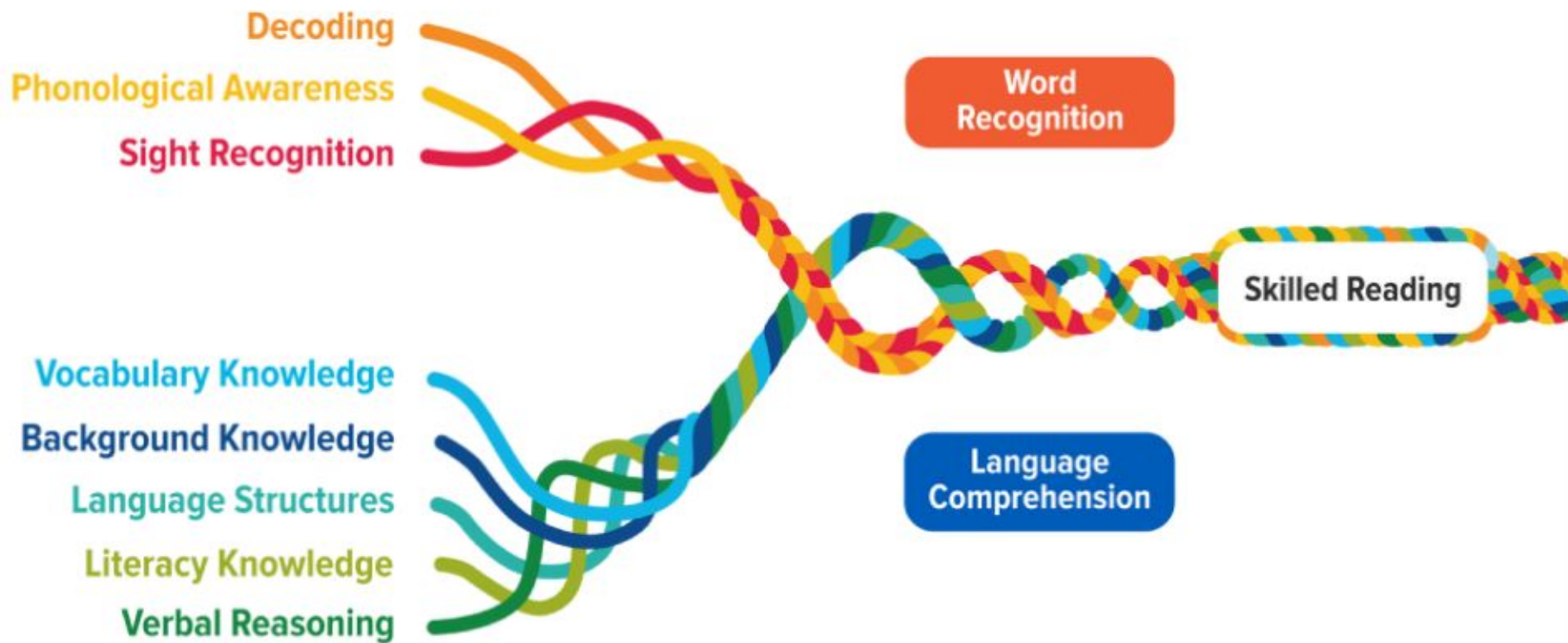


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Introduction to the Science of Reading

# SCARBOROUGH'S READING ROPE



# Science of Reading (SoR) Major Instructional Shifts

- 1) **Stop using 3 cueing system**
  - a) This is when you are asking students to figure out a word by looking at the picture, the first letter of the word, skipping the word and then figuring it out by using context, etc. These are guessing strategies not reading strategies.
- 2) **Shift from guided reading and leveled text to decodable texts for younger readers**
  - a) Leveled texts A-D should be replaced with decodable readers
- 3) **Systematic phonics instruction to build knowledge of language structure**
  - a) Phonics lessons in development (University of Florida Literacy Institute aka UFLI)
  - b) Morphology and Phonics Units for grades 3-8 use *Logic of English Essentials*
  - c) Sound walls vs. word walls
  - d) Lessons follow I do, we do, you do format
  - e) Routines written into units
- 4) **Systematic grammar and mechanics instruction to build knowledge of language structure**
  - a) Grammar and mechanics worked into writing units under *Language Focus*
  - b) Routines written into written units
- 5) **Build phonemic awareness**
  - a) Addition of *Heggerty* in phonics block
- 6) **Intentional vocabulary and background knowledge to build comprehension**
  - a) *Structured Reads* approach in reading units
- 7) **Use of formal and informal data including diagnostics to inform gaps in knowledge and enrichment opportunities**
  - a) Assessment calendar aligns to subtopics in reading and Math (see staircase) and helps drive intervention supports for students
  - b) Assessment overviews and in lessons in written units

Resource for more information: <https://journal.imse.com/what-is-the-science-of-reading/> ; Parent Blogs for SoR-  
<https://www.wrightchildpsychology.com/the-science-of-reading-a-primer-for-parents/> or  
<https://teacherblog.evan-moor.com/2022/05/02/what-parents-need-to-know-about-the-science-of-reading/>

## Instructional Focus Areas

