



WHAT IS SCIENCE-BASED READING RESEARCH?

Science-based reading instruction is based on research from many different fields



- Research identifies important content and teaching methods.
- Science-based reading research leads to science-based reading instruction.

SCIENCE-BASED READING RESEARCH:

- ✓ ...recognizes that learning to read doesn't happen naturally, so it must be taught
- ✓ ...focuses on decoding (sounding out) words AND understanding what they mean
- ✓ ...identifies explicit instruction as an effective and efficient method for teaching reading skills

SCIENCE-BASED READING RESEARCH DOES NOT:

- ✗ ...endorse a specific literacy program or curriculum
- ✗ ...focus only on students with dyslexia or reading difficulties
- ✗ ...recommend a one-size-fits-all approach

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