

READING WEDDING CAKE

Comprehension

- Comprehension is understanding what we read
- Requires active, strategic thinking and basic reading skills: decoding, fluency, and vocabulary

Vocabulary

- Vocabulary refers to knowledge of word meanings
- *Oral* vocabulary are the words we use and understand in speaking and listening
- *Reading* vocabulary are the words we recognize and understand in print

Fluency

- 3 aspects: speed, accuracy, and expression
- Reading words rapidly and accurately with little effort allows the reader to focus on “meaning”

Decoding

- English uses letters to represent sounds in spoken words; written language is a sort of code (hence “decoding”)
- Beginning readers must break that code by matching letters with the sounds they represent
- Word identification skill involves using letter-sound correspondence to recognize words in print

Phonemic awareness

- A phoneme is the smallest unit of sound in a spoken language. The word “sat” is composed of three phonemes: /s/ /a/ /t/
- Phonemic awareness is the ability to detect individual speech sounds within a word.
“book” has 3 sounds: /b/ /o/ /k/
/t/ can replace /b/ to make “took”