



Where Knowledge and Skills Align for Lasting Literacy

K–5 literacy instruction grounded in the science of reading

Dragonfly™ is a knowledge-building, research-based literacy solution that combines content-rich lessons with explicit foundational skills instruction. Designed to support every aspect of skilled reading, the program equips students to think critically, communicate effectively, and understand the world around them.

But learning to read — and teaching reading — is a complex process that depends on multiple skill areas working together to build proficiency.

The science of reading highlights two essential components of strong literacy development:



Language Comprehension:

The background knowledge and reasoning that help students to understand and make meaning from text



Word Recognition:

The skills that allow students to decode, recognize, and read words automatically



How Dragonfly puts research into action

At the heart of Dragonfly is the understanding that comprehension begins with knowledge. That's why every unit immerses students in high-interest, cross-curricular topics, where purposeful reading, writing, and discussion develop the cognitive tools necessary for deep understanding.

This content-rich approach is paired with strong foundational skills instruction informed by Dr. Ehri's Phases of Word Reading Development. Daily lessons provide explicit, systematic skill instruction while empowering teachers with clear strategies to confidently guide students toward lasting comprehension.



Dragonfly strengthens language comprehension by developing:

Background knowledge through science- and content-aligned units

Vocabulary in context through rich, complex texts

Verbal reasoning through text-based discussions

Literacy knowledge through exposure to a variety of genres and text types

Language structures through frequent speaking and writing

Increasingly Strategic

Skilled Reading



Students build mastery in:

Phonological awareness through engaging media and manipulatives

Decoding (and spelling) through practice using custom-made decodables

Sight recognition through automatic word recognition strategies

Increasingly Automatic



Learn more about how Dragonfly supports K–5 students with knowledge-rich, research-aligned literacy instruction at imaginelearning.com/dragonfly

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