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Background

Our Scope and Sequence provides a map of where concepts and skills are included in the app. On the Duolingo ABC home screen, each Level is represented by a building. For example, the Level 1 lessons are found inside “The School.”

Within each building, lessons are represented by steps on a learning path. Learners begin with the lessons in Unit 1 at the “bottom” of each building and proceed up the path. When they go through a “doorway,” they cross into the next unit.

Pre-K / Kindergarten

This grade level provides a strong foundation in phonemic awareness, phonics, and decoding. Learners practice rhyming, segmenting, and blending. They learn the primary sounds of letters and practice decoding CVC words. Along the way, they identify lowercase and capital letter shapes and the most common sight words like “a” and “the.” Narrated interactive stories invite learners to notice targeted letters and words in context while building fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary.



LEVEL 1: THE SCHOOL

Intro to rhyming, blending sounds, and decoding (*sounding out*) CVC (*consonant vowel consonant*) words.

Unit	Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, & Word Recognition			Fluency, Comprehension, & Vocabulary	
	Letter sound	Decoding	Sight words	Stories featuring target letters	Character-driven stories
1	m	CVC words with Level 1 letters	—	Mad Monkeys	Fresh Lemonade The Snack Museum Bad Morning Hat Hair Playing Pretend Need a Hug? New Shoes
2	a		—	Three Apples	
3	t		—	Hello, Turtles	
4	s		see	What Do You See?	
5	i		—	What Is It?	
6	f		is	Five Fish	
7	d		a	Dex the Duck	
8	r		the	Read, Read, Read	



LEVEL 2: THE APARTMENT

Decoding CVC words with common letters.

Unit	Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, & Word Recognition			Fluency, Comprehension, & Vocabulary	
	Letter sound	Decoding	Sight words	Stories featuring target letters	Character-driven stories
1	g	CVC words with letters from Levels 1-2	go	Go, Goats, Go	Hide and Seek
2	o		I	Am I On?	Shadow Puppets Sandcastles
3	l		look		The Perfect Barrette

				Lost Lion	
4	h		have	Hats	
5	u		one	Under the Umbrella	
6	c		come	Cat Car	
7	b		to	Bats	
8	n		am	A Nice Home	



LEVEL 3: THE GROCERY STORE

Decoding CVC words with less common letters.

Unit	Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, & Word Recognition			Fluency, Comprehension, & Vocabulary	
	Letter sound	Decoding	Sight words	Stories featuring target letters	Character-driven stories
1	k	CVC words with letters from Levels 1-3	no	Kicks	Picture Day I Spy Eddy's First Catch Hold that Pose! Piece of Cake Where's the Water?
2	v		are	My Vest	
3	e		do	Do You Ever?	
4	p		my	Pink Pets	
5	w		we	A Walk in the Woods	
6	j		of	Jem eats Jam!	
7	y		you	Yo-Yo Anywhere	

8	x		all	—	
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LEVEL 4: THE BURGER JOINT

Decoding 1-syllable words with digraphs and consonant blends.

Unit	Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, & Word Recognition			Fluency, Comprehension, & Vocabulary	
	Letter sound	Decoding	Sight words	Stories featuring target letters	Character-driven stories
1	q	1-syllable words with digraphs & blends	be	Be Quiet!	Rainy Day Runaway Race Car Bedtime Story The Big Sandwich Problem
2	sh		she	Shelia the Shy Sheep	
3	ch		was	Choose One	
4	th		they	What's a Thermos?	
5	Consonant blends		now	—	
			said	—	

1st Grade

This grade level continues building a strong foundation in phonics and decoding. Learners practice decoding and encoding 1- and 2-syllable words with the most common spelling patterns: vowel teams, tricky blends, and common verb inflections. Learners also gain knowledge of very common sight words like “what” and “some.” Narrated interactive stories invite learners to notice targeted letters and words in context while building fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary.



LEVEL 5: THE POST OFFICE

Decoding & encoding 1-syllable words with digraphs, tricky blends, and plural -s.

Unit	Phonics & Word Recognition		Fluency, Comprehension, & Vocabulary	
	Spelling Pattern / Affix	Sight words	Stories featuring target patterns	Character-driven stories
1	bell	what	What Do You Hear?	Buried Treasure Spotless The Fascinating Hat Extreme Spin 3000 Summertime Snowman Where's My Cupcake? Cookie Climb Left Out
2	puff	there	Biff and the Coffee	
3	grass	her	Time for Class	
4	frizz	he	Fuzz or Buzz	
5	duck	his	Lucky Socks?	
6	cups	for	Snacks!	
7	truck	how	Let's Take a Trip	
8	drum	so	Drumming Dream	



LEVEL 6: THE MUSEUM

Decoding and encoding 1- and 2- syllable words with silent “e” and common suffixes.

Unit	Phonics & Word Recognition		Fluency, Comprehension, & Vocabulary	
	Spelling Pattern / Affix	Sight words	Stories featuring target patterns	Character-driven stories
1	swing	some	Ping Can Swing	Best Dance in the World

2	boxes	has	Sox's Boxes	X Marks the Spot Bike Fright
3	cake	about	Let's Make a Cake	
4	bike	me	You Can Ride!	
5	rope	your	The Rose	
6	flute	were	Tune Time?	
7	teeth	down	FoFo Peels a Banana	
8	sleeps	out	Zig and Sox	



LEVEL 7: THE ICE CREAM PARLOR

Decoding and encoding 1- and 2- syllable words with vowel teams and common suffixes.

Unit	Phonics & Word Recognition		Fluency, Comprehension, & Vocabulary	
	Spelling Pattern / Affix	Sight words	Stories featuring target patterns	Character-driven stories
1	whale	or	What's a Narwhal?	The List The Golden Lamp The Handwashing Song Box of Wonders Draw the Line Stomp Artists A Cookie for Zari
2	leaf	water	To the Peak	
3	puppy	very	Hungry Puppy	
4	mixes	first	Oscar Style	
5	train	put	At the Fair	
6	hay	more	Hay Day	

7	light	want	Night Light	
8	pie	who	Three Fried Apple Pies	
9	fly	over	Spying on a Spy	



LEVEL 8: THE AMUSEMENT PARK

Decoding and encoding 1- and 2- syllable words with tricky spelling patterns (foot vs boot) and common suffixes.

Unit	Phonics & Word Recognition		Fluency, Comprehension, & Vocabulary
	Spelling Pattern / Affix	Sight words	Stories featuring target patterns
1	eating	only	Zari and the Giganto-Pop
2	boat	little	Does It Float?
3	snow	know	Snow Day
4	toasted	think	The Perfect Sandwich
5	spoon	find	Zari Goes to the Moon!
6	stew	kind	Bubble Gum Stew
7	glue	small	The Blue House
8	bread	after	Bread Heaven
9	book	from	The Cookbook
10	Tricky spelling patterns (foot vs boot)	should, because	—

2nd Grade

This grade level focuses on advanced phonics and fluency building. Learners get lots of practice reading leveled text with our skill-building stories. As in earlier grade levels, story activities encourage learners to monitor their comprehension, make predictions, sequence events, and infer the meaning of target vocabulary items. Learners build their grade-level spelling skills and word-reading speed with mini-games.



LEVEL 9: BEA'S WORLD

Decoding and encoding (*spelling*) 1- and 2-syllable words with r-controlled vowels and building fluency.

Unit	Phonics & Word Recognition		Fluency, Comprehension, & Vocabulary
	Spelling Pattern / Affix	Sight words	Character-driven stories
1	star	part, far, car, hard, start	Llama Online Snake Rescue
2	bird	first, girl, birds	Mess vs. Machine Midnight Music
3	for	or, for	Fenced In Night of the Living Doll
4	score	more, before	Bea's Super Sticky Story Volcano Face

More levels and content coming soon!