

BEYOND THE BASICS

FREE DECODABLE BOOK



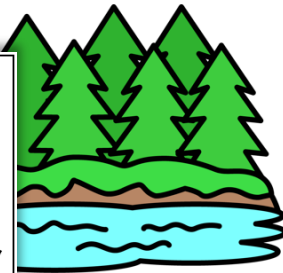
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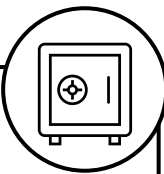


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Welcome to the **Beyond the Basics** decodable books collection, a comprehensive resource designed to build strong foundational reading skills through the science of reading (SOR) principles. These books are part of the **Lifetime Decodable Vault**, ensuring timeless access to effective literacy instruction.

Watch First: Instructional Video: Before diving into the materials, you are encouraged to begin with the included instructional video. This video provides an overview of how to implement the **Beyond the Basics** decodable books and instructional routines effectively in your learning environment.

Get Started Here

Aligned with Science of Reading Research: The **Beyond the Basics** series is rooted in the latest findings in the science of reading, supporting evidence-based practices to develop phonemic awareness, phonics skills, fluency, and vocabulary. This resource integrates seamlessly with **Guided Phonics + Beyond by Tara West**, offering a structured, explicit approach to literacy instruction.

- **Decodable text** ensures that students are reading material aligned with their current phonics knowledge.
- **Explicit and systematic instruction** supports progressive mastery of phonemes and graphemes.
- **Repetition and fluency-building activities** help students gain confidence and automaticity

Instructional Flexibility: These books are designed to meet diverse instructional needs and can be used in many settings:

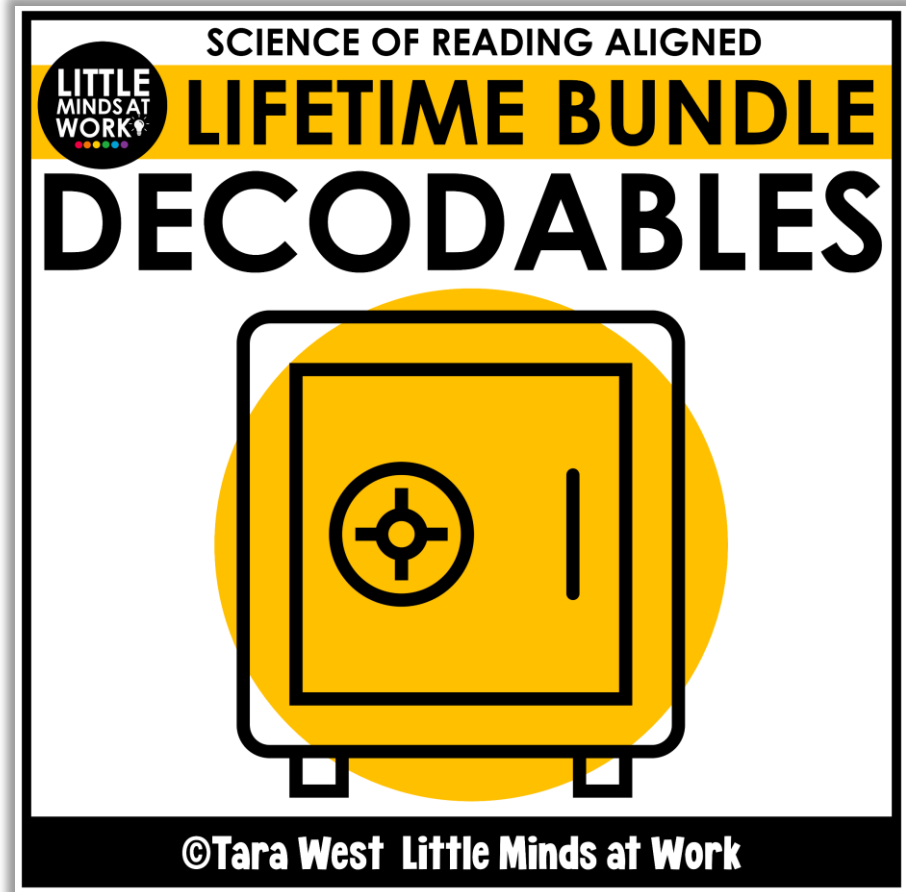
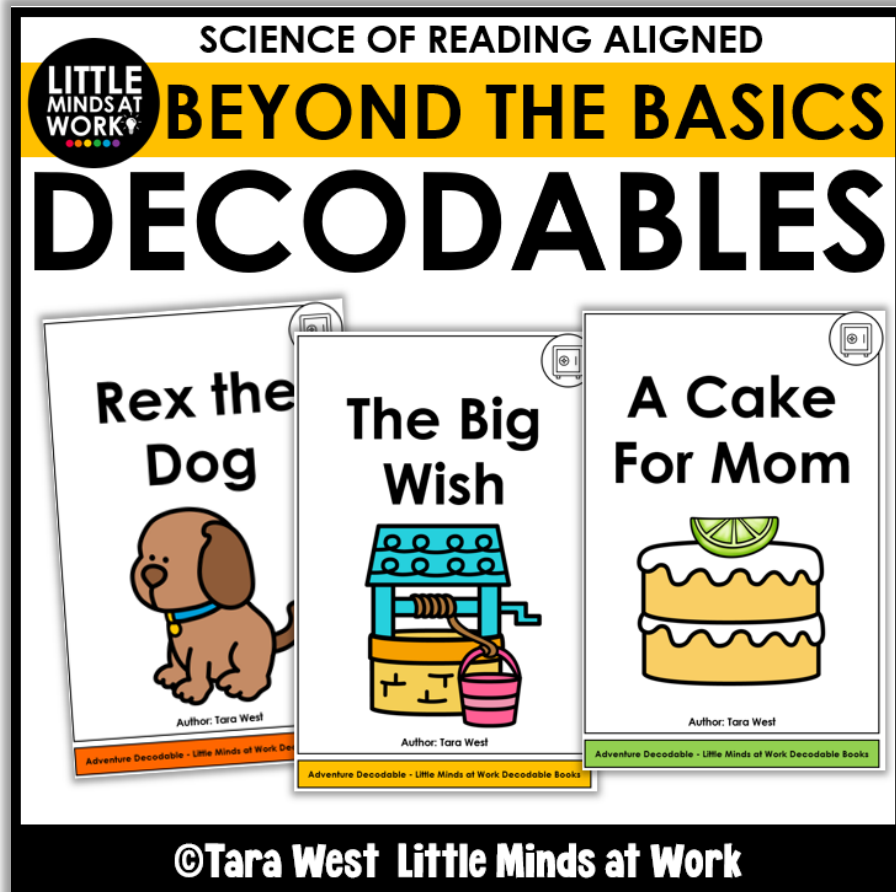
- **Whole-Group Phonics:** Reinforce key phonics concepts with all students, using the books as shared reading resources.
- **Small-Group Phonics Instruction:** Provide targeted support to students at similar learning stages.
- **Intervention:** Address gaps in phonics knowledge for students needing additional practice.
- **Take-Home Practice:** Empower families to support their child's reading development at home.

Comprehensive Formats To maximize ease of use, the **Beyond the Basics** decodable books are offered in four formats: color fold and staple, ink-saving fold and staple, ink-saving mini books, and color 1-page books.

• **Included Lesson Plan Sheet and Instructional Routines:** This resource is accompanied by a detailed lesson plan sheet with routines, ensuring structured implementation. These instructional routines include:

1. **Fluency and Accuracy:** Students build fluency and accuracy by practicing readings of passages.
2. **Text Reading Practice:** Students read their decodables, applying decoding strategies and discussing vocabulary.
3. **Comprehension Question Review:** Students read the decodables, then answer comprehension questions included at the back of the book.

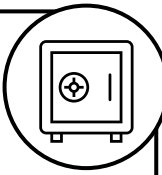
This free sampler follows the same formatting as the full Beyond the Basics Decodables.



Let's Review

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drip	moss	stuck	grip
pile	grass	smile	thick

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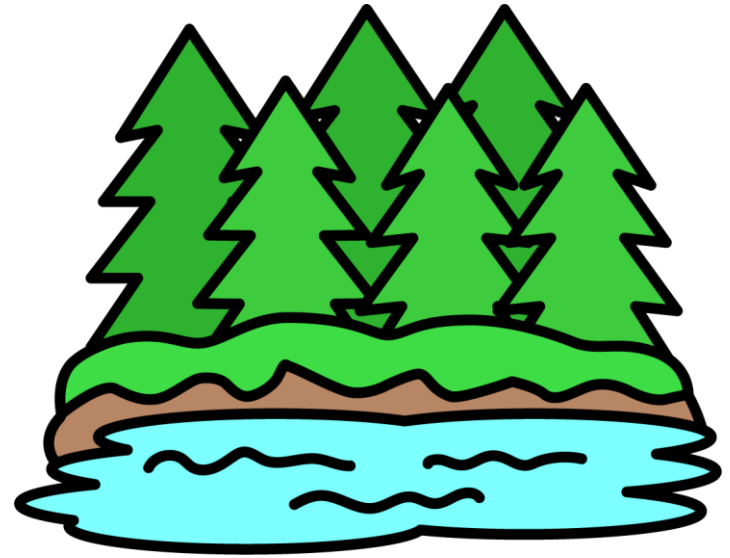
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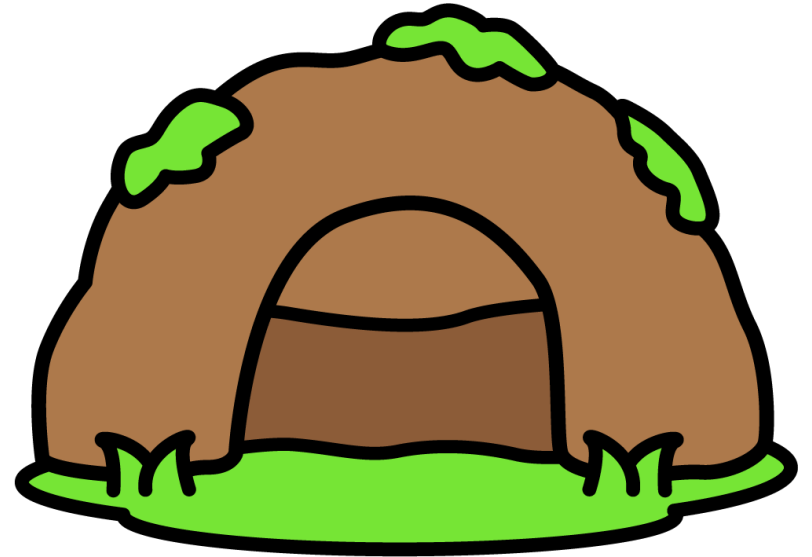
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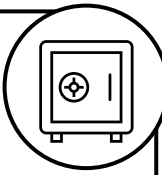


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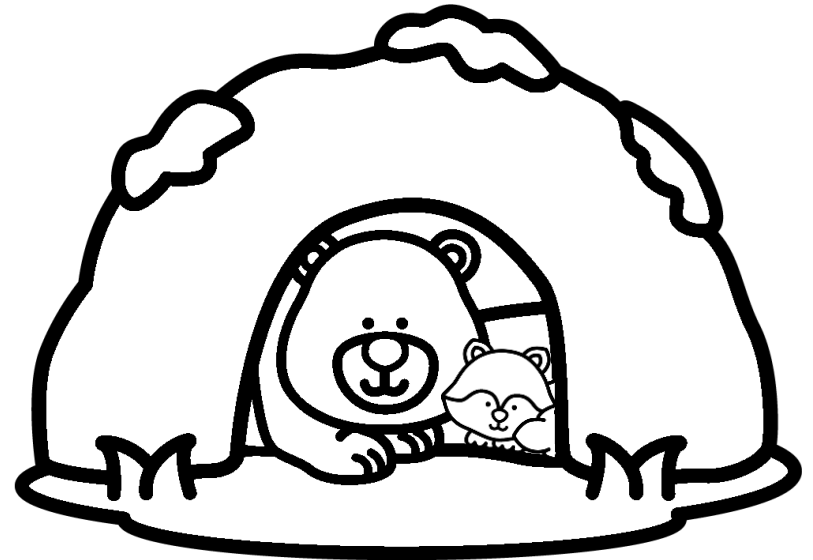
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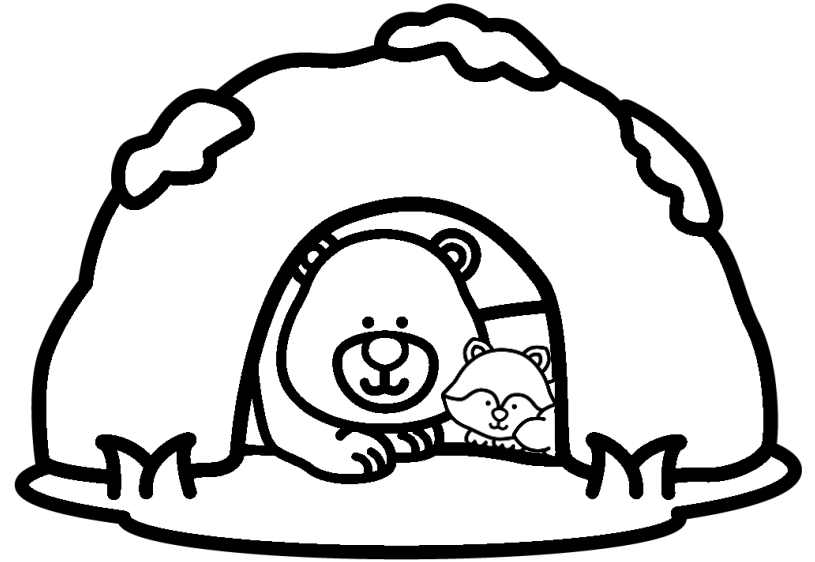


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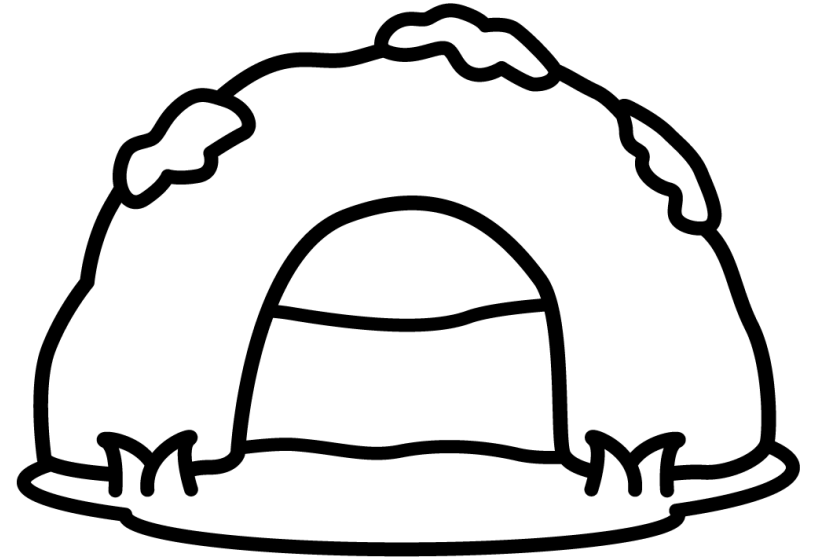
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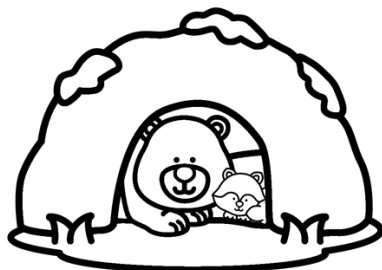
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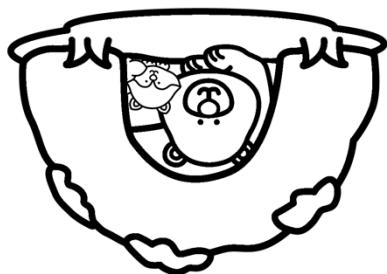


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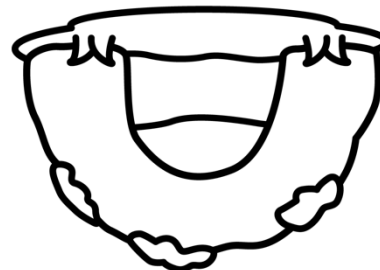


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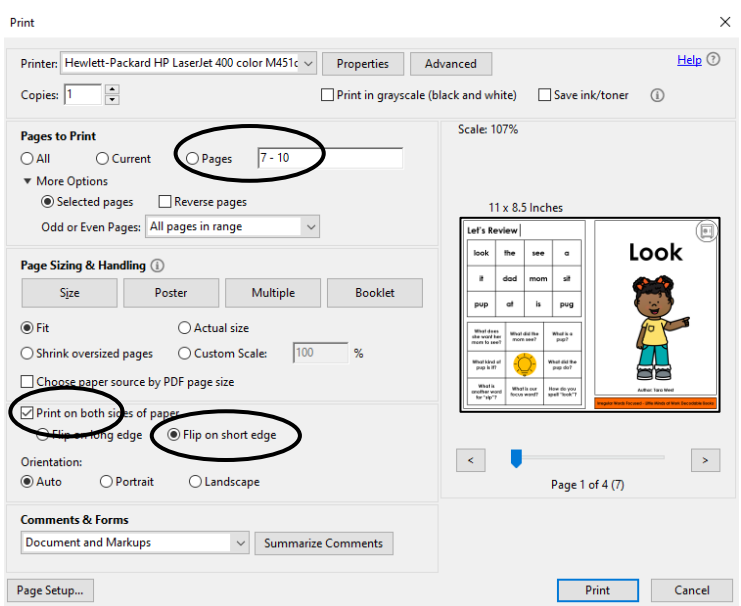
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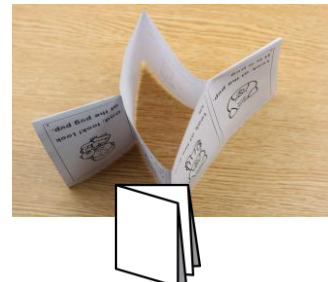
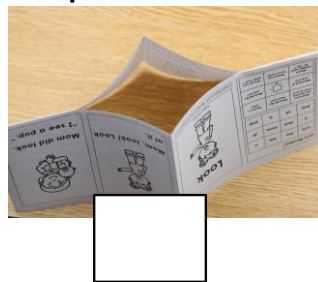
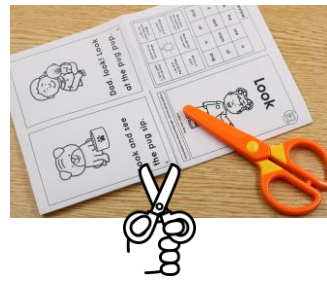
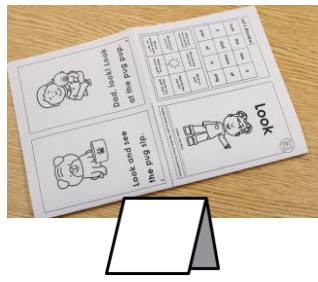
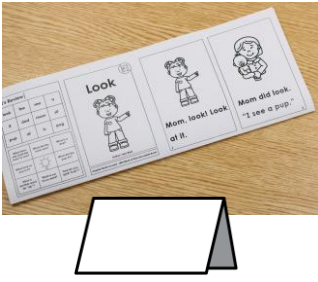
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Printing MINI Readers: Follow the steps below to prep the mini readers. You can view a tutorial video [HERE!](#)

- Fold landscape.
- Fold portrait.
- Cut along the line.
- Unopen the sheet.
- Quarter Fold.





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