

# Frequently Asked Questions

## What are Decodable Readers?

Decodable Readers are specially designed books that contain words your students can "sound out" using the phonics skills they've already learned. Unlike regular books that might have many tricky words students need to analyze, Decodable Readers focus on words that follow predictable phonics patterns - so students can practice reading with confidence and success.

## Why are Decodable Readers important for my students?

When students read text they can actually decode (sound out), they:

- Build reading confidence through success
- Develop fluency and reading speed
- Free up "brain space" to focus on understanding the story
- Practice applying their phonics knowledge in real reading
- Strengthen the connection between letter sounds and reading

Research shows there's a short but critical window when readers benefit most from decodable texts - and Ignite Reading provides these exactly when your students need them.

## How are Decodable Readers different from regular books?

- **Decodable Readers** are carefully controlled to match your students' current phonics knowledge - most words can be sounded out using skills they've already learned.
- **Leveled texts** (like library books at different reading levels) serve a different purpose - they help students practice with all types of words but aren't designed to practice specific phonics skills and concepts.
- **Both types of books are valuable**, but Decodable Readers are especially powerful when students are first learning to read and building their phonics skills.

## How will my students use Ignite Reading's Decodable Readers?

Students will explore and read the Decodable Readers and complete the extension activities:

- Practice reading it multiple times to build fluency
- Take it home to share their reading success with you

- Use it for independent reading practice

### When will my students use Ignite Reading's Decodable Readers ?

- Students can explore and read the Decodable Readers and complete the extension activities during any time of your daily school schedule.

### Why did Ignite Reading create these Decodable Readers?

We created Decodable Readers to give students more skill-aligned fluency practice of previously taught skills & concepts - bridging that gap between knowing phonics and reading fluently.

### What makes Ignite Reading's Decodable Readers special?

Our Decodable Readers are:

- **Skill-aligned** - Matched precisely to what your child is learning in their Ignite tutoring sessions
- **Engaging** - Real stories with interesting characters (not just lists of words!)
- **Systematic** - Carefully sequenced from simple to more complex as your child grows
- **Research-based** - Built on reading science that shows what works for struggling readers

### How can parents support their child with Decodable Readers at home?

- **Celebrate their reading success** - decodables let students read "real books" independently!
- **Encourage re-reading** - multiple readings of the same text builds fluency
- **Be patient with sounding out** - it's okay if they need to decode words slowly at first
- **Ask about the story** - "What happened in the story?" helps with comprehension