



What Does Scope Mean?

Scope refers to the skills and content that are taught.

What Does Sequence Mean?

Sequence refers to how these skills and content are ordered and presented to learners over time.

Why is Having a Scope and Sequence So Important?

A scope and sequence guides lessons based on a logical skill sequence, scaffolds previously learned skills and allows for the evaluation of gaps and redundancies across grade levels. For optimal benefit, a scope and sequence must be developmentally appropriate in order to highlight specific curriculum at the right time so learners will be able to take it in, understand it, and apply it. A scope and sequence is the roadmap for explicit, systematic literacy instruction.

Which Phonics Scope and Sequence to Use?

There is no universally agreed upon scope and sequence. We at Eyewords® focus on learning to sight read the high frequency words. Eyewords® Multisensory Sight Words fit into every phonics scope and sequence and we have also created our own. Pair with Eyewords® Multisensory Sight Words for greatest learning outcomes.

Alpha-Code Scope & Sequence

This set introduces all consonants, short vowels, common digraphs, and builds awareness of long vowel sounds. Learners master letter-sound connections and begin to recognize that vowels can represent more than one sound, setting the stage for future phonics instruction on spelling patterns.

1. Continuous Consonants

f, l, m, n, r, s, v, z

2. Other Consonants & Stops

b, c, d, g, h, j, k, p, q, t, w, x, y

3. Short Vowels

a, i, o, u, e

4. Digraphs

sh, ch, th (unvoiced), th (voiced), wh, ng, ck

5. Long Vowel Sounds (awareness only)

a, e, i, o, u

This progression builds strong letter-sound connections, phonemic awareness, and prepares learners for future instruction on spelling patterns (like silent e & vowel teams).

Phonics Pattern	Flash Words	Heart Words
Short vowels VC, CVC	at, big, can, in, it, not, red, run, up	as, his, is, of, was
VCC, CVCC	and, help, jump	find
Long vowels (silent e) VCe, CVCe	here, make	are, come, one, where
R-controlled vowels	for	
Single vowels	I	a
Vowel teams	blue, play, see, three	said, away
Open vowels	be, go, he, me, we	to, two
Digraphs	that, with	the
Diphthongs	down, yellow	you
Y as e or i	funny, my	
Consonant + le	little	
Short oo	look	