Students should begin with the Essentials Placement Test. Then use this guide to plan lessons with Essentials print, Essentials Online, or both in conjunction. See the legend to find activities designed for all students or divided by levels of application. Please note: Part 5 Check Your Understanding is found only in the printed materials; however, PDFs of this portion of the print curriculum are included in the online course.

### UNITS 1-7

#### Essentials Online Planning Guide

**FORMAT**

- **Required**: Available in the printed materials as well as online. Users may choose to complete the content with the printed materials or online activity or both options.
- **Required**: Available in the printed materials only; instructions found within the scripted lessons inside the Teacher’s Guide.
- **Optional**: Available in the printed materials only; instructions found within the scripted lessons inside the Teacher’s Guide.
- **Optional**: Available in the online course only.

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#### Part 2 Building Words

- **73**: Review: Phonograms
- **74**: Spelling Journal /ɔ/
- **75**: Spelling Analysis

**BONUS/OPTIONAL**

- Phonogram Practice
- Essentials Reader Unit 6

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### Pre-Lesson Overview

Introduce key phonemic awareness concepts, preteach the A-Z phonograms, and incorporate additional handwriting instruction across 10 pre-lessons.

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*Use the Rhythm of Handwriting curriculum and follow the handwriting style of your choice.

**If following the online course, the A-Z phonograms are introduced by Pre-Lesson E.
### UNIT 1 Essentials

#### Part 1: Essential Concepts
1. **Phonograms:**
   - Introducing the Logic of English
   - New Phonograms: A-Z
   - Phonogram Flash Cards

2. **Exploring Sounds:**
   - Consonants and Vowels

3. **Spelling Rule 11**

#### Part 2: Building Words
1. **Phonograms:**
   - Review: Phonogram Game
   - Exploring Sounds: Consonants and Vowels

2. **Introduction to Spelling Analysis**
   - Spelling Analysis

3. **Phonogram Practice** (Cursive)
   - Phonogram Practice (Manuscript)

#### Part 3: Words in Context
1. **Grammar:**
   - Nouns
   - Plurals
   - Spelling List Grammar Review

2. **Dictation**

3. **Writing Strong Sentences**

#### Part 4: Words in Action
1. **Review:**
   - Phonograms
   - Spelling Rules
   - Spelling Game

2. **Vocabulary**

3. **Dictation**

4. **Reading**

#### Part 5: Check Your Understanding
1. **Review:**
   - Grammar
   - Vocabulary

2. **Check Your Understanding**

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## UNIT 2

### Part 1: Essential Concepts

- Phonograms: CK, EE, NG, TH
- Advanced Phonogram EE
- Phonogram Flash Cards

### Part 2: Building Words

- Review: Phonograms
- Review: Spelling Rule
- Review: Vocabulary

### Part 3: Words in Context

- Spelling Journal /k/
- Spelling Analysis Review
- Spelling Analysis

### Part 4: Words in Action

- Grammar Review
- Adjectives
- Spelling List Grammar Review
- Identifying Parts of Speech
- Dictation
- Reading
- Writing Strong Sentences

### Part 5: Check Your Understanding

- Review: Grammar
- Review: Vocabulary

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### BONUS/OPTIONAL

- Phonogram Practice (Cursive)
- Phonogram Practice (Manuscript)
- Essentials Reader Unit 1
### Unit 4 Essentials Planning Guide

#### Part 1: Essential Concepts
- Review: Phonograms
- Review: Exploring Sounds
- Review: Spelling Rules
- Phonogram Flash Cards
- Advanced Phonogram OI
- Phonogram Practice (Cursive)
- Phonogram Practice (Manuscript)
- Essentials Reader Unit 3

#### Part 2: Building Words
- Review: Phonograms
- Review: Exploring Sounds
- Review: Spelling Rules
- Phonogram Flash Cards
- Advanced Phonogram OI
- Phonogram Practice (Cursive)
- Phonogram Practice (Manuscript)
- Essentials Reader Unit 3

#### Part 3: Words in Context
- Review: Phonograms
- Review: Spelling
- Review: Spelling Rules
- Grammar Review
- Plurals
- Article Adjectives
- Spelling List Grammar Review
- Identifying Parts of Speech
- Phonogram Practice
- Essentials Reader Unit 3

#### Part 4: Words in Action
- Review: Phonogram Practice
- Review: Vocabulary
- Plurals
- Article Adjectives
- Spelling List Grammar Review
- Identifying Parts of Speech
- Writing Strong Sentences
- Phonogram Practice
- Essentials Reader Unit 3

#### Part 5: Check Your Understanding
- Review: Grammar
- Review: Vocabulary
- Plurals
- Article Adjectives
- Spelling List Grammar Review
- Identifying Parts of Speech
- Writing Strong Sentences
- Phonogram Practice
- Essentials Reader Unit 3

*Individual leveled online activities*
### UNIT 5

#### Part 1: Essential Concepts
- 5.1 Phonograms: AI, AY
- Advanced Phonogram AI
- Phonogram Flash Cards
- 5.2 Exploring Sounds: Broad Vowel Sounds
- 5.3 Spelling Rule 10

#### Part 2: Building Words
- 5.4 Review: Phonogram Game
- Review: Spelling Rules
- Review: Morphemes
- 5.5 Spelling Journal /ā/
- 5.6 Spelling Analysis

#### BONUS/OPTIONAL
- Phonogram Practice Essentials Reader Unit 4

#### Part 3: Words in Context
- 5.7 Review: Phonograms
- Review: Spelling Rules
- Review: Spelling
- Spelling of Long /a/
- Review: Spelling
- 5.8 Grammar Review
- Irregular Plurals
- Spelling List Grammar Review
- Identifying Parts of Speech
- 5.9 Dictation

#### BONUS/OPTIONAL
- Phonogram Practice Essentials Reader Unit 4

#### Part 4: Words in Action
- 5.10 Review: Phonograms
- Review: Spelling Rules
- Review: Spelling
- 5.11 Vocabulary
- 5.12 Dictation
- 5.13 Writing Strong Sentences
- 5.14 Reading

#### BONUS/OPTIONAL
- Phonogram Practice (Cursive)
- Phonogram Practice (Manuscript)
- Essentials Reader Unit 4

#### Part 5: Check Your Understanding
- 5.15 Review: Grammar
- Review: Vocabulary
- 5.16 Check Your Understanding

### Notes

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### UNIT 6 Essentials

#### Part 1: Essential Concepts
- 6.1 Phonograms: AR, CH, OO
- 6.2 Advanced Phonogram BT
- 6.3 Phonogram Flash Cards
- 6.4 Exploring Sounds: Schwa
- 6.5 Spelling Journal /ə/
- 6.6 Spelling Analysis

#### Part 2: Building Words
- 6.4 Review: Phonograms
- 6.5 Review: Exploring Sounds
- 6.6 Review: Spelling Rules
- 6.7 Review: Morphemes
- 6.8 Spelling Journal /ə/
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- 6.7 Review: Phonograms
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#### Part 4: Words in Action
- 6.10 Review: Phonograms
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- 6.12 Review: Vocabulary
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#### Part 5: Check Your Understanding
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