



4 End with leaves in the **PURPLE** level.

multisyllabic words

Student Focus

- Analyzing patterns of vowels and consonants to break words into syllables
- Segmenting and blending multisyllabic words
- Oral language and vocabulary
- Text comprehension
- Reading fluency

Examples

Purple Level 1: 2 syllables *funny*
 Purple Level 2: 3 syllables *difficult*
 Purple Level 3: 4 syllables *watermelon*

3 Build branches in the **GREEN** level.

long-vowel words, r-controlled, diphthongs

Student Focus

- One sound (e.g. /ō/) may be represented by multiple letter patterns (e.g. oa, oe, ow, o, o_e) (Phonics knowledge)
- Segmenting and blending words containing diphthongs, r-controlled vowels and/or long vowel patterns
- Text comprehension
- Reading fluency

Examples

Green Level 1: long vowel patterns *boat*
 Green Level 2: r-controlled vowels *farm*
 Green Level 3: diphthongs *brown*

2 Grow like the trunk in the **BLUE** level.

4- 5- and 6- sound words, short vowels, blends, digraphs

Student Focus

- Alphabetic principle
- Phonics knowledge
- Segmenting and blending words with initial and final blends (phonemic awareness)
- Oral language and vocabulary
- Text comprehension
- Reading fluency

Examples

Blue Level 1: 4 sounds with beginning blends *stop*
 Blue Level 2: 4 sounds with ending blends *desk*
 Blue Level 3: 4 sounds with digraphs, blends, *block*
 double consonants
 Blue Level 4: beginning and ending blends *plant*

1 Start with the roots in the **PINK** level.

2- and 3- sound words, short vowels, digraphs

Student Focus

- Letters represent sounds (alphabetic principle)
- Letter-sound knowledge (phonics)
- Blending and segmenting (phonemic awareness)
- Oral language and vocabulary
- Text comprehension

Examples

Pink Level 1: a, o, b, s, m, l, f, r, t *sat*
 Pink Level 2: i, u, c, d, g, h, p, n *cup*
 Pink Level 3: e, k, j, v, w, x, y *wet*
 Pink Level 4: qu, ll, ss, ff, tt, zz *hill*
 Pink Level 5: th, wh, sh, ch, ck, ng *shut*