

## Reading



*"Reading is a complex system of deriving meaning from print that requires all of the following:*

- The skills and knowledge to understand how **phonemes**, or speech sounds, are connected to print.*
- The ability to **decode** unfamiliar words.*
- The ability to read **fluently**.*
- Sufficient background information and **vocabulary** to foster reading comprehension.*
- The development of appropriate active strategies to **construct meaning from print**.*

*The development and maintenance of a motivation to read" (Washington Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, 2009).*