READING CONTENT STANDARD LEVEL 1 Adult learners will begin to read the written word.

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1.3.1 Understand the alphabetic principles.	 Be able to say the alphabet letters in order. Identify letters by name. Recognize letters out of sequence. Associate sounds with the letters. Decode words by applying sounds to the letters. 			
1.3.2 Demonstrate phonemic awareness.	 Name and associate the sounds of consonants. Name and associate the sounds of vowels. Identify and distinguish beginning and ending consonant sounds. Identify and distinguish beginning and middle short vowel sounds. Determine the number of sounds in a word. Blend sounds to read words. 			
1.3.3 Track eye movement from top-to-bottom and left-to-right.	Identify the beginning and end of a sentence.Follow the page format.			
1.3.4 Read basic sight words.	 Recognize frequently encountered words. Begin to recognize the 220 Dolch Basic Word list. Begin to recognize the 95 Dolch Common Nouns list. Read a simple sentence. 			
1.3.5 Recognize and understand isolated words, phrases or sentences.	 Identify word families. Recognize words from blending sounds. Point to a rhyming match. Use structural cues to recognize sound units. Read and understand a simple sentence. 			
1.3.6 Demonstrate com- prehension skills.	 Answer questions after reading a simple phrase or sentence silently. Read silently to answer yes/no questions. Read silently to answer "wh" questions. 			

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1.3.7 Discriminate between innate basic punctua- tion marks, such as the period, comma, apostrophe, question mark, and exclama- tion point.	 Identify the ending of a sentence. Identify simple contractions. Read orally observing appropriate punctuation. 					
1.3.8 Demonstrate the ability to read and identify real life text.	 Read and follow a map. Identify information on a chart. Read and understand survival signs such as "One way" and "Don't walk". 					