

# SMART™ Lesson

## Introduction to Reading

Reading is the process of interpreting written or printed language, and is an essential skill for learning and communicating. In order to learn how to read, you need to understand the basics of the English language, such as the alphabet, phonics, and sight words.

### The Alphabet

The English alphabet consists of 26 letters, each with a unique sound or combination of sounds. It is important to learn the letters of the alphabet in order to recognize words and understand their meanings.

### Phonics

Phonics is the relationship between letters and the sounds they make. By learning phonics, you can recognize patterns in words and quickly sound out new words on your own. It is important to practice phonics regularly to improve your reading skills.

### Sight Words

Sight words are commonly used words that you should recognize quickly and easily, without having to sound them out. Some examples of sight words include "the," "and," and "to." By learning sight words, you can increase your reading speed and comprehension.

### Practice Questions

1. What is reading?
2. How many letters are in the English alphabet?
3. What is phonics?
4. What are sight words?
5. Why is it important to learn sight words?