

Barksdale Reading Institute
Concepts of Print (Print Awareness)

Students need to know how books work and have a strong understanding that print has meaning and words are represented by print.

Basic Book Parts	Directionality	Print Structure	Text Features
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Front and back cover• Title• Author• Illustrator• Spine• Title page	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read top to bottom• Read left to right• Identify first/last word• Tracking• Return sweep	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify letter, word, and sentences• Spaces between words• Capitalization• Punctuation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Page numbers• Table of Contents• Illustrations/photographs• Chapter titles• Headings• Captions• Labels• Diagrams