

<u>BECC</u>	<u>Kindergarten Words</u>	<u>Language Arts Vocabulary Definitions</u>
1	Author	a person who writes a story for others to read.
2	Illustrator	the person who draws the pictures in a story.
3	Setting	where a story takes place.
4	Compare/Similarities	shows how stories are similar.
5	Contrast/Differences	shows how stories are different.
6	Plot	sequence of events or actions in a story.
7	Retell	use your own words to explain what a story is about.
8	Key Details	What do you think is important?
9	Event	the things that happen in a story.
10	Characters	who the story is about.
11	Sequence	to understand and talk about the order of events in the story (beginning, middle, end).
12	Decode	sound out a word.
13	Syllable	breaking a word apart by chunks (syllables). (e.g. but-ter-fly)
14	Onset and Rime	The "onset" is the initial phonological unit of any word (e.g. c in cat) and the term "rime" refers to the string of letters that follow, usually a vowel and final consonants (e.g. at in cat). Not all words have onsets.
15	CVC	consonant-vowel-consonant (e.g. cat, ran, fun, wig)
16	Initial, Medial, Final Sounds	sound at the beginning of the word (dog), sound in the middle of the word (dog), sound at the end of the word (dog).
17	Substitute	given a written and spoken word, the student can substitute a sound to form another word (mat = "mat", replace letter m with c -> "cat").
18	High Frequency Words	are a list of words that readers are encouraged to recognize without having to "figure them out." (the, said, we, she, like)
19	Blend	to merge individual sounds together to pronounce a word, e.g. /s/-/n/-/a/-/p/, blended together, reads snap.

20 Phonemes	basic sound unit of speech (individual sounds).
21 Rhyming	words that end in the same sound.
22 Segment	break a word into sounds.
23 Verb	action word.
24 Noun	person, place, or thing.
25 Capitalization	when students write a sentence, the first letter of the sentence needs to be capitalized. Other words that need to be capitalized include names, months, and days of the week. (Mark has a
26 Punctuation	symbols used at the end of a sentence (e.g. !, ?, .).
27 Explanatory Text	non-fiction writing; gives FACTS.
28 Informative Text	writing used to EXPLAIN or DESCRIBE something.
29 Topic	the subject or theme being written about.
30 Fluency	the ability to read words or larger language units in a limited time interval.