



This alignment provides an at-a-glance picture of how decodable each Geodes® book is when paired with the *Benchmark Advance* instructional sequence.

For books with lower decodability scores, consider previewing the book and preteaching the included phonics concepts that students have not yet encountered. For example, patterns that would increase decodability are as follows:

- Level K Module 4—the digraphs *ch*, *sh*, *th*, and *wh*
- Level 1 Module 1—the digraphs *ch*, *sh*, *th*, and *wh*
- Level 2 Module 2—the suffixes *-ed* and *-ing*

In addition, words that occur repeatedly may be provided to students as support. For example, preteaching or providing the following words would aid students reading the books from these modules:

- Level 1 Module 1—*by*, *he*, *they*, and *we*
- Level 2 Module 1—*from*, *our*, *out*, and *works*

LEVEL K: Benchmark Advance + Geodes

Modules 1 and 2 of Geodes Level K include Wordless Picture Books to boost students’ knowledge of story structure and vocabulary and Sound Search Books to grow students’ letter-sound awareness. Since students are not yet decoding words in these Geodes books, the alignment for these modules has been omitted.

GRADE

Kindergarten

PROGRAM

Benchmark Advance

GEODES BOOK SET

Level K Module 3:
America, Then and Now

PHONICS CONCEPTS

- CVCs

Geodes Title		Decodability % (Student text only on Duet Books)
SET 1	Build a Log Cabin	97%
	Three Sisters	97%
	Bath Night	95%
	Ice Harvest	85%
SET 2	Call a Cab	95%
	The First Car to Get That Far	98%
	The Golden Gate	93%
	Fly, Amelia, Fly	92%
SET 3	Lightning Ben	93%
	Frank’s Ice Pops	90%
	Ella Sang Back	96%
	Scraping the Sky	93%
SET 4	The Flag Is Up	97%
	Statue of Liberty	93%
	Sea to Shining Sea	88%
	Washington Crossing the Delaware	90%

LEVEL K: Benchmark Advance + Geodes (continued)

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Kindergarten

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GEODES BOOK SET

Level K Module 4:
The Continents

PHONICS CONCEPTS

- digraph: ck
- initial qu-
- long vowels: a_e, e_e, i_e, o_e, u_e
- Open syllables:
 - _o (e.g., go, no, so)
 - _e (e.g., be, me, he, we, she)

Geodes Title

Decodability %
(Student text only on Duet Books)

SET 1

Land of Wonder 83%

Jack, Jill, and Joey 92%

The Great Reef 53%

Hop Around Sydney 87%

Is That a Cat? 78%

SET 2

Ladi's Pots 88%

Made of Mud 86%

Anansi and His Legs 84%

SET 3

One-Dot 86%

Brush & Ink 83%

Floating Market 75%

Night Climb 91%

Map to the Past 92%

SET 4

Sit and Paint 86%

Tap-Tap to Tuk-Tuk 87%

Sky Laps 85%

LEVEL 1: Benchmark Advance + Geodes

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1st

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Benchmark Advance

GEODES BOOK SET

Level 1 Module 1:
A World of Books

PHONICS CONCEPTS

- CVCs
- digraph: ck
- suffix: -s
- double final consonants: ll, ss, ff, zz
- consonant blends

Geodes Title

Decodability %

SET 1

Anansi and the Pot of Beans 82%

The Story in the Cave 73%

The Magical Stack 83%

The Brothers Grimm 70%

Library Cat 72%

SET 2

The Story Ship 69%

A Library of Our Own 65%

The Library of Fez 66%

SET 3

Just in Time 75%

Fed by Art: The Work of Leo Lionni 62%

Jerry Draws 67%

An Illustrator at Work 67%

SET 4

How to Make Paper 65%

The Printing Press 69%

The Story of Louis Braille 75%

A Library to Go 68%

LEVEL 1: Benchmark Advance + Geodes (continued)

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1st

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Benchmark Advance

GEODES BOOK SET

Level 1 Module 2:
Creature Features

PHONICS CONCEPTS

- suffixes: -ed, -es, -ing
- glued sounds: -ng, -nk
- digraphs: th, ch, sh, wh, tch
- long vowels: a_e, o_e
- soft c and g
- two-syllable words with Closed syllables "rabbit words"

Geodes Title

Decodability %

SET 1

Vervet Monkey Alarm

80%

Smell Tells

88%

Bee Waggle

77%

Elephant Talk

76%

Super Spiny Mouse

83%

SET 2

Thorny Devil

71%

The Crab and the Urchin

86%

Stick with Us

79%

SET 3

Small Wonders

78%

A Wish to Fly

83%

One Look

76%

Slug Study

83%

Rabbit or Hare?

79%

SET 4

Draw a Rabbit

76%

The Hares and the Frogs

82%

Young Hare

70%

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1st

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GEODES BOOK SET

Level 1 Module 3:
Powerful Forces

PHONICS CONCEPTS

- long vowels: i_e, e_e, u_e
- VCe combined with suffixes: -ed, -ing
- long a: ai, ay
- long e: e, ee, ea, ie
- long i: igh, i, y
- long o: o, oa, ow, oe
- R-controlled: or, ar
- Closed syllable exceptions: -old
- prefixes: un-, re-
- Open syllables

Geodes Title

Decodability %

SET 1

Seed Scatter

97%

In Motion

88%

Crafted by the Wind

91%

A Growing Wind

90%

Soaring

88%

SET 2

Kite Messengers

92%

Full Sail Ahead: A Viking Story

92%

The Wright Brothers

85%

SET 3

Wind Giants

89%

Towers of Nashtifan

86%

Fire at the Mill

87%

Mondrian

78%

SET 4

Measure the Wind

91%

The Great Storm of Galveston

88%

The Dust Bowl

87%

Ride the Storm

83%

Level 1: Benchmark Advance + Geodes (continued)

GRADE

1st

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GEODES BOOK SET

Level 1 Module 4:

Cinderella Stories

PHONICS CONCEPTS

- R-controlled: er, ur, ir
- vowel teams: aw, au, augh, ou, ow (e.g., house, clown), oi, oy, oo (e.g., book, tool, broom, soon)
- long e: e, y, ey
- -al /aw/ (e.g. walk, talk)
- suffixes: -ly, -ful, -less
- silent letters: wr, kn, gn
- consonant -le
- two-syllable words

Geodes Title

Decodability %

SET 1

Cinderella	93%
Old Tale, New Twist	91%
World Traveler: Eiffel Tower	87%
First Steps	92%

SET 2

The King and the Sandal	95%
One Sign at a Time	93%
World Traveler: The Sphinx	91%
Shoes Tell a Tale	90%

SET 3

Billy Beg and His Bull	93%
Book of Kells	90%
World Traveler: Hook Lighthouse	93%
Castles	95%

SET 4

Cinderella on Stage	90%
A Musical Life: The Work of Sergei Prokofiev	89%
World Traveler: St. Basil's Cathedral	87%
All the World's a Stage	91%

Level 2: Benchmark Advance + Geodes

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2nd

PROGRAM

Benchmark Advance

GEODES BOOK SET

Level 2 Module 1:

A Season of Change

PHONICS CONCEPTS

- CVCs
- consonant digraphs: ch, th, sh, wh, tch, ck
- consonant blends
- double final consonants: ll, ff, ss, zz
- one-syllable words with Open or Closed syllables
- long a: a, ai, ay, ea, a_e
- long e: e, ee, ea, ey, ie, e_e
- long i: i, ie, y, igh, i_e
- long o: o, oa, ow, oe, o_e
- long u: u, ew, ue, u_e

Geodes Title

Decodability %

SET 1

Seed Stash	88%
Cranberry Crop	74%
Leaves	77%
Born to Fly	80%

SET 2

Winters USA	73%
Arctic Caterpillar	76%
The Evergreen Tale	80%
Daytime Darkness	77%

SET 3

Spring Fever	69%
Sap to Syrup	72%
Finch Study	79%
Blossom	70%

SET 4

Road Trip	71%
Bathers	74%
Nature's Thermometer	80%
Summer Snow	65%

Level 2: Benchmark Advance + Geodes (continued)

GRADE

2nd

PROGRAM

Benchmark Advance

GEODES BOOK SET

Level 2 Module 2:
The American West

PHONICS CONCEPTS

- R-controlled:
 - ar, er, ir, or (e.g., oar, ore)
 - ear, eer, ere (/ir/)
 - air, are, ear, ere (/ar/)
- suffixes (excluding VCe words): -ed, -ing
- suffix (including changing y to i): -es
- consonant -le
- vowel teams:
 - ou, ow (/ou/)
 - oi, oy (/oi/)
- two-syllable words

Geodes Title

Decodability %

SET 1

The West Is...	92%
The Lakota and the Buffalo	83%
Mesa Village	89%
Nez Percé: The People	91%
Wagon Tracks	87%

SET 2

Pony Express	85%
East Meets West	90%
We Must Try	91%

SET 3

Eagle Eye	89%
Among the Sierra Nevada	89%
More than Gold	91%
The Legend of El Capitan: A Miwok Story	84%
Wagons and Yokes	90%

SET 4

Horizons	86%
Esther Hobart Morris	86%
Walking with the President	84%

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GEODES BOOK SET

Level 2 Module 3:
Civil Rights Heroes

PHONICS CONCEPTS

- vowel teams: oo, ui, ew, ue, u, ou, ow, u_e (/oo/)
- /o/: wa (e.g., water), al (e.g., talk), aw, au
- compound words
- silent letters: wr, kn, gn
- VCe words with suffixes, dropping the final e
- suffixes: -er, -or

Geodes Title

Decodability %

SET 1

Brown v. Board of Education	87%
And the Winner Is...	86%
Bring a Chair	90%
Free to Move	88%

SET 2

Sampson's Disguise	89%
Robinson and Rickey	96%
Zaha Hadid	88%
Stop. Wait. Start.	93%

SET 3

Just Like Jane	93%
Gordon Parks	89%
We Will Ride	90%
The Paralympics	90%

SET 4

A Vote is a Voice	94%
Expanding the Right to Vote	89%
Susan Adds Her Name	88%
My Freedom Story	92%

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GEODES BOOK SET

Level 2 Module 4:
Good Eating

PHONICS CONCEPTS

- suffixes: -est, -ly, -y, -ful, -less
- schwa
- silent letter: mb
- prefixes: un-, re-, dis-
- multisyllabic words

	Geodes Title	Decodability %
SET 1	The Inside Scoop	92%
	Stomach vs. Tongue	95%
	How Do You Chew?	96%
	Body of Water	94%
SET 2	Sick at Sea	96%
	Bone Builder	93%
	Space Menu	93%
	Please Pass the Bugs	93%
SET 3	Garden Study	96%
	Milk to Mozzarella	93%
	Thank You, Mr. Peanut Man	95%
	Rice Staircase	95%
SET 4	Mooncakes	95%
	Lū'au	93%
	Matzo Meal	93%
	Cakes	94%

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