



**K-2 Teachers**  
**Session Redelivery Plan**  
**Session 8: The Importance of Background Knowledge**

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**Session Objectives:**

By the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- explain the importance of building a solid knowledge base among students - particularly K-2 students.
- explain how knowledge impacts comprehension.

- **Slides 1-3 - Introduction, Recap and Session Objectives**

- **Slides 4-5 -What is background knowledge and why is it important?**

- Read through the slides and explain the importance of background knowledge, particularly in terms of how it improves a student's ability to comprehend complex text.

- **Slides 6-8 - How do you incorporate instruction on background knowledge into your literacy instruction?**

- Read through the slides and lead teachers in a discussion of how you incorporate instruction on background knowledge into your daily literacy

- **Slides 9-10 - How do you address the Louisiana Student Standards while also building background knowledge with students??**

- Discuss the importance of explicit integration of skills instruction into texts that are geared at building background knowledge with students. Remind them that we are reorienting the focus - instead of beginning with the skill, we begin with the content and look for opportunities in which students demonstrate these skills in the context of this work.

- **Slides 11-12 - How do you determine what's important to teach?**

- Engage teachers in a discussion of what content is important to teach, how those decisions are made, and what are helpful resources if teachers are called upon to develop their own lessons.
- Engage: Share some ways that you work to build background knowledge among your students.



## Session 8

### Slide 1

Introduction

### Slide 2

Recap - Review the Recap

### Slide 3

So, we have one objective for today's session, and it's my goal that at the end of this session all of you are able to say, "yes, I can do that now!"

Read objectives.

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Ask question listed above.

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Ask Engage Question.