Language Systems and Literacy Learning

Reading and writing are language processes. Language plays a powerful role in children’s acquisition of literacy. The systems of language—phonology, syntax, and semantics—are all critical to literacy learning. In this section, we take an in-depth look at the complex range of information that all readers must acquire and orchestrate to effectively process texts. Readers must build systems for acquiring vocabulary and intuitive knowledge of the alphabetic system that is basic to reading and writing. In this section, we present three chapters that explore the language base for literacy.
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