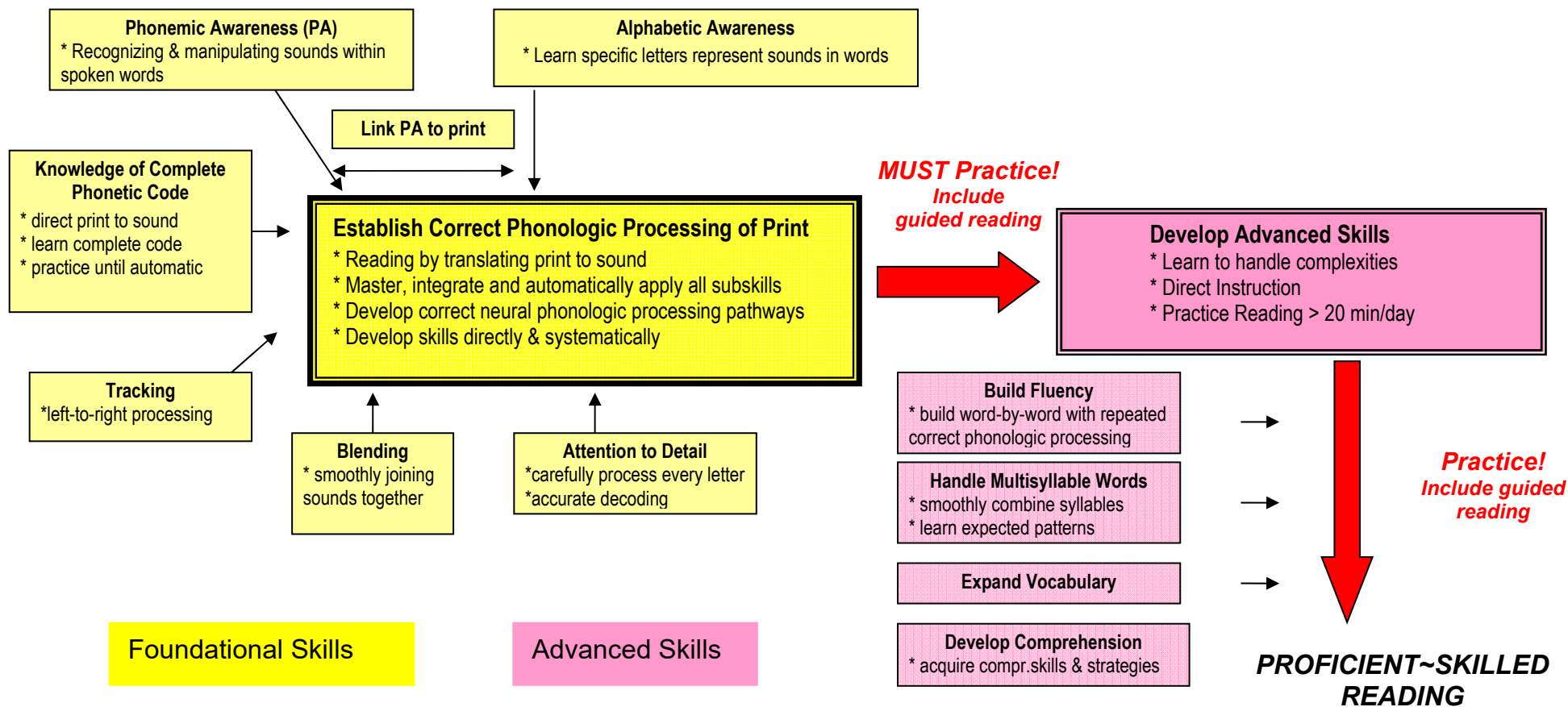


# Overview and Visual Representation of Overall Processes Required for Proficient Reading

Proficient reading is a complex learned skill requiring the mastery, integration and application of numerous sub-skills and knowledge. Skilled reading involves both 1) establishing a foundation of phonologic processing of print and then 2) developing higher level or advanced skills. To become a skilled reader, the student must first convert print to sound and establish 'proficient reader' neural processing pathways. To correctly process print phonologically, the student needs to master, integrate and apply skills and knowledge in phonemic awareness, knowledge of the complete phonemic code, smooth blending, proper directional tracking and attention to detail. After the essential foundation of phonologic processing is established, it is equally important for the student develop advanced or higher-level skills including handling multisyllable word, building fluency, expanding vocabulary and developing comprehension skills and strategies. The complex process of proficient reading outlining the multiple interrelated necessary skills is shown in a flow chart diagram. While this visual representation provides a beneficial overview of proficient reading, in reality, these necessary skills are not isolated tasks that fit into rectangles. These interrelated skills required for proficient reading must be acquired, mastered, integrated, applied and PRACTICED for the student to become a skilled reader!

The most effective and efficient method of ensuring your student becomes a proficient reader is to intentionally and directly teach all necessary skills in a complete and systematic manner. Parents and teachers can use targeted activities to directly teach necessary skills, intentionally build correct phonologic processing pathways, and develop higher level advanced skills. Informative articles and resources on teaching students to read proficiently and details on individual skills are located on the **Free Reading Information** page of the Right Track Reading website [www.righttrackreading.com](http://www.righttrackreading.com)



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