

# Understanding prosodic awareness in school-age children's reading

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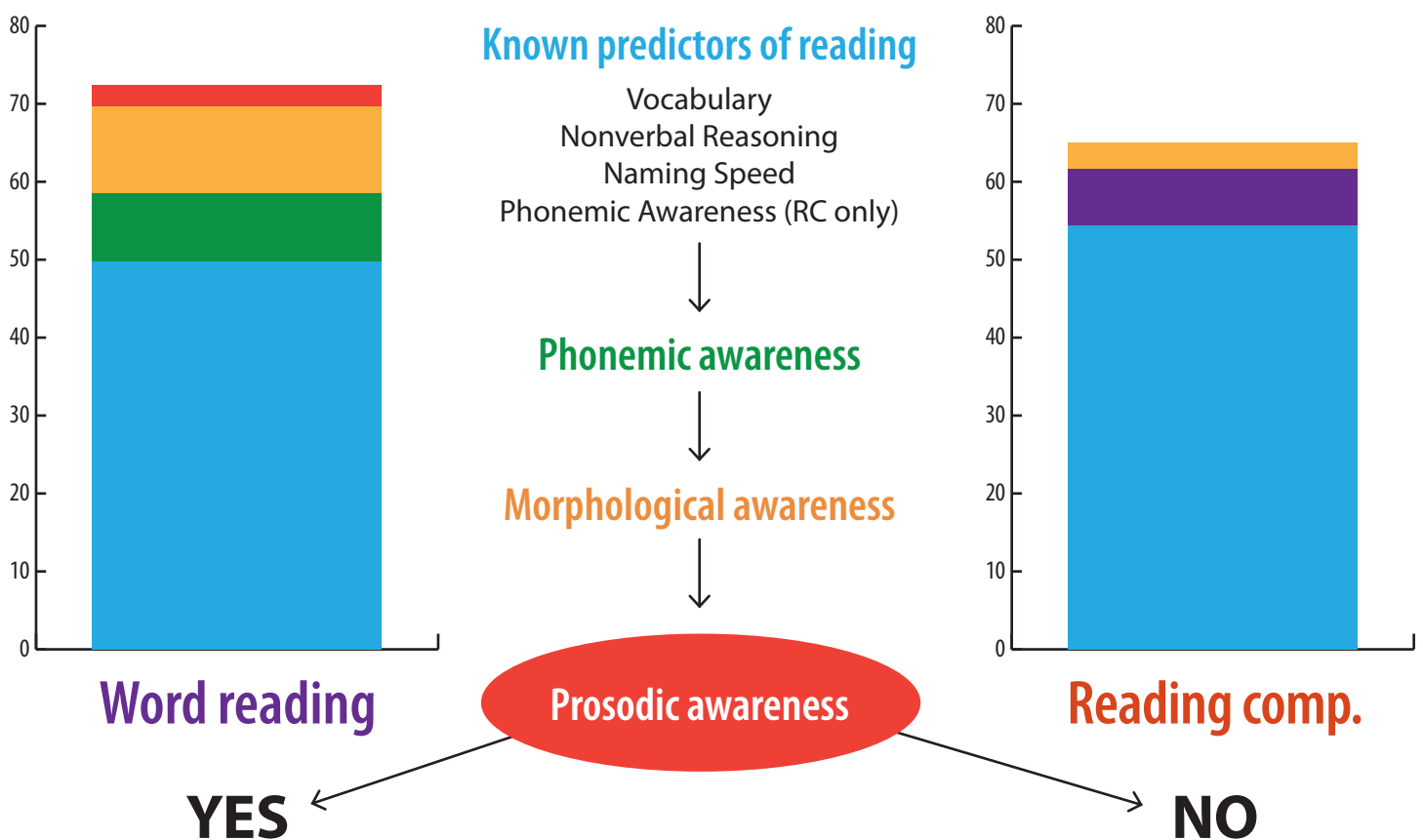
Prosody, or speech rhythm, includes word stress, pitch and intonation. **Prosodic awareness** is the ability to reflect on and manipulate the prosodic elements of spoken language.

Where do you hear the main beat in the word "solitary"?

**SOLitary!**

## Does prosodic awareness contribute to word reading and reading comprehension?

Building off studies that examined prosody and morphological awareness, Chan, Wade-Woolley, and Kirby explored the relationship between prosodic awareness and morphological awareness and the contributions made by prosodic awareness and morphological awareness to word reading and reading comprehension.



### What does this tell us?

**Prosodic awareness does contribute to word reading after known cognitive predictors, phonemic and morphological awareness have been accounted for, but does not make a significant unique contribution to reading comprehension.**

Prosody may also be a stronger predictor of reading among more experienced readers as they apply decoding strategies to lower frequency and longer multisyllabic words.