THE READING JOURNEY

ROUTE TO READING

HOW LITERACY SKILLS DEVELOP

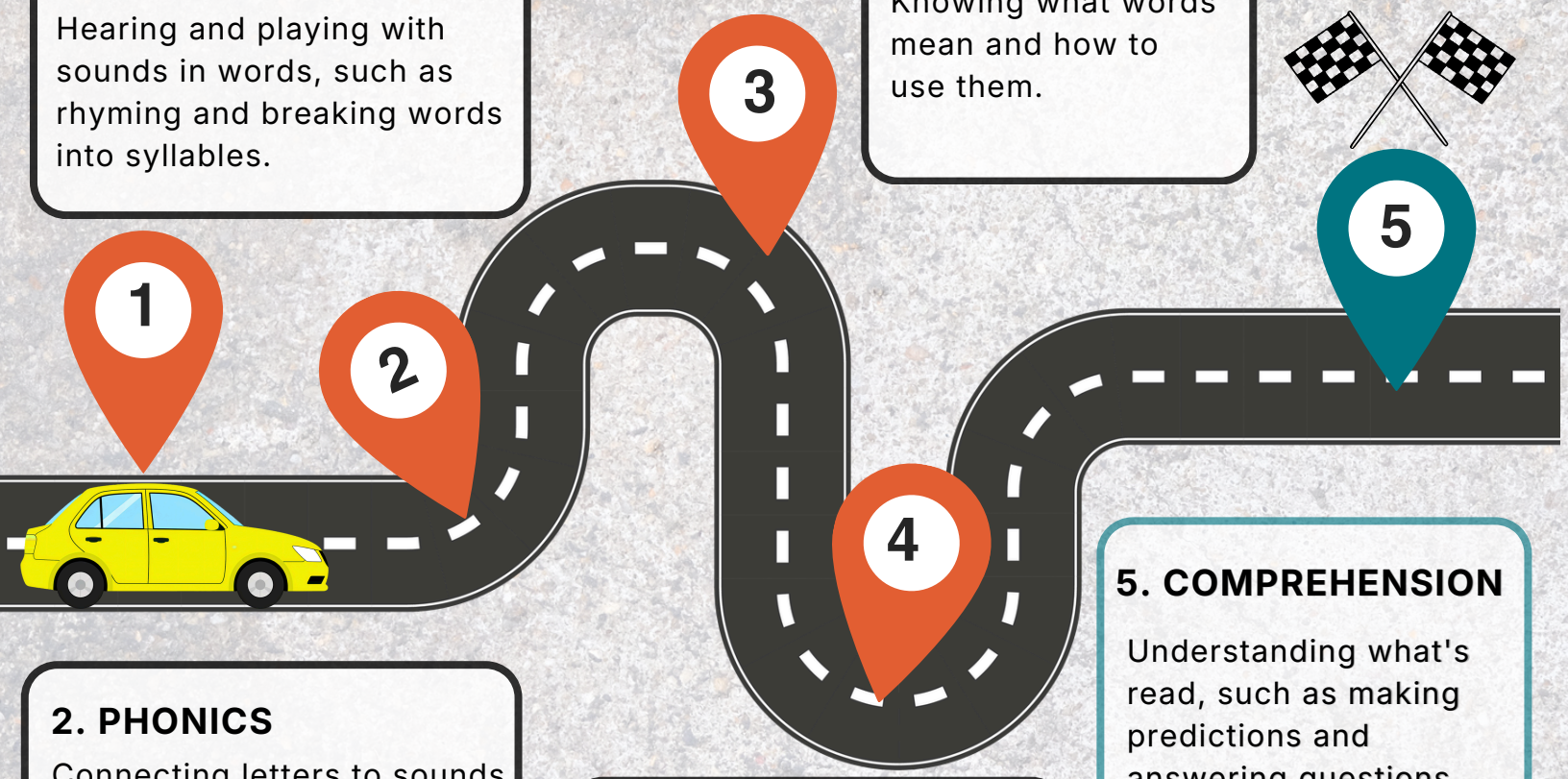
Understanding how reading skills develop is like understanding a journey with important stops along the way. Each milestone builds on the one before it.

1. PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

Hearing and playing with sounds in words, such as rhyming and breaking words into syllables.

3. VOCABULARY

Knowing what words mean and how to use them.



2. PHONICS

Connecting letters to sounds to read words, such as blending sounds together (/m/ /a/ /n/ = "man").

4. FLUENCY

Reading words, phrases, and sentences accurately, with enough speed, and expression.

5. COMPREHENSION

Understanding what's read, such as making predictions and answering questions about the text.

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