The 3 Categories of Print Awareness

Print Awareness Categories	Print Awareness Skills
Book Conventions	 Identifying the front cover, back cover, pages, and spine of a book Understanding the roles of the author and the illustrator Locating the title of a book Knowing how to hold a book Knowing how to turn the pages in a book Knowing how to take care of a book
Print Conventions	 Tracking print from left to right Tracking print from top to bottom Knowing the difference between letters and words Knowing that words are made up of letters Knowing that sentences are made up of words Understanding the purpose of spacing between words Knowing that sentences start with capital letters Understanding the purpose of punctuation Understanding the relationship between print and pictures
Print Functions	 Understanding that print carries meaning Knowing that print can be used for different purposes