

Phonics Parents' Information

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"We need our children to get onto the reading ladder: Anything that they enjoy reading will move them up, rung by rung, into literacy."

Neil Gaiman



10 Benefits of Reading Aloud to Children

builds vocabulary

improves reading comprehension

promotes empathy

reduces stress

boosts brain development

exposes children to different experiences

increases chances of later success

helps develop communication skills

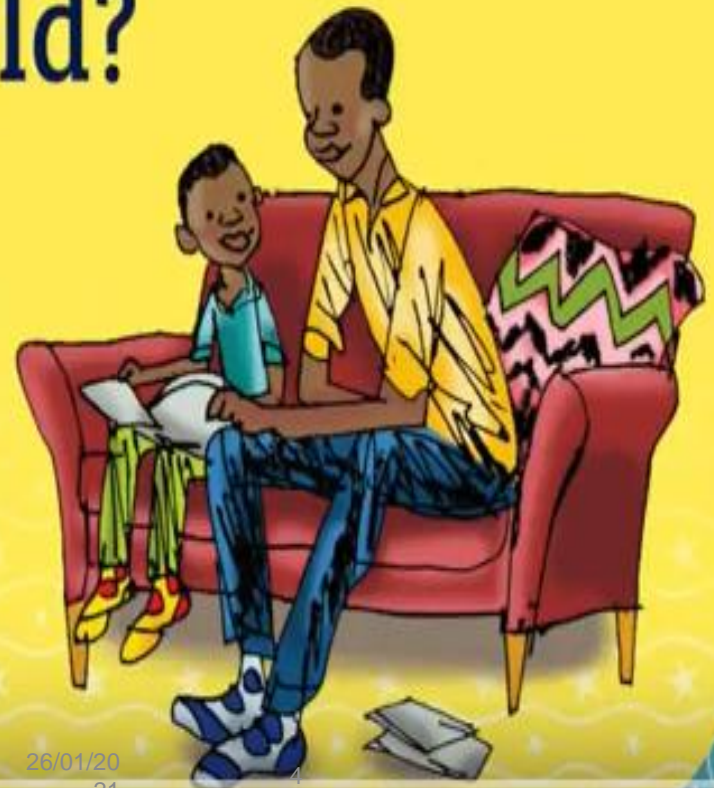
builds self-esteem

deepens family connections

Why read to your child?

Commission on Inequality in Education, June 2017 found that:

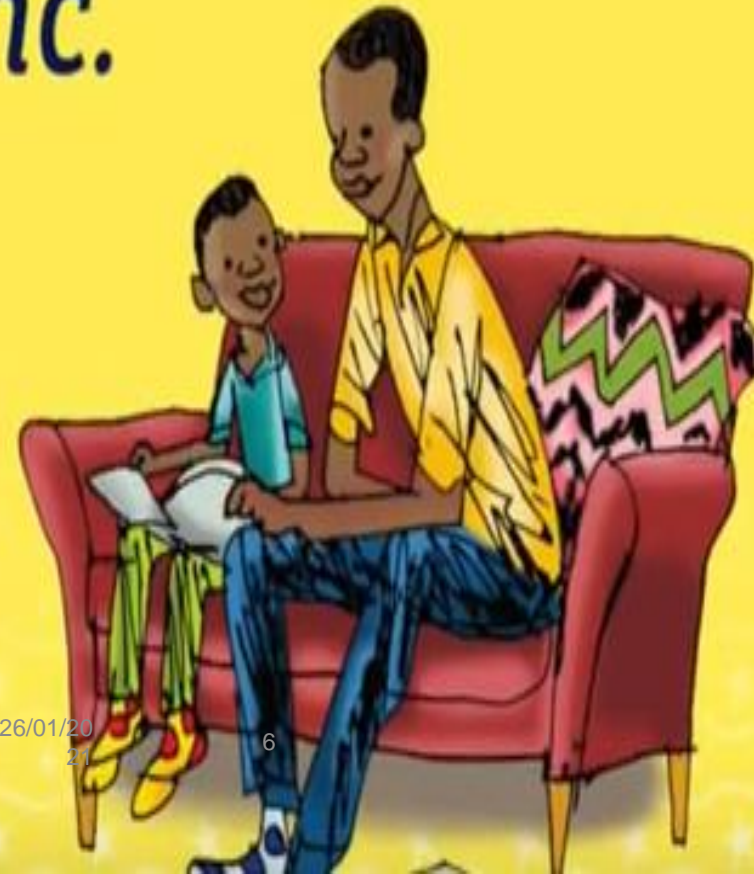
- 5-year-olds who aren't read to at home attain less in Year 6 assessments



Understanding Phonics



What is *Read Write Inc.* Phonics?



Who is it for?

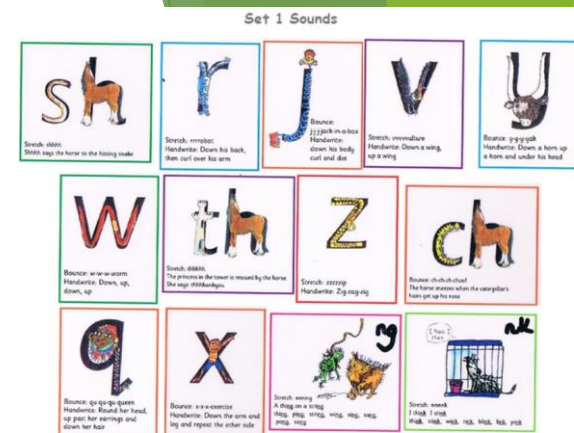
- ▶ Four-year-olds plus
- ▶ Older children who need to 'catch-up'
- ▶ Children new to English

How does it work?

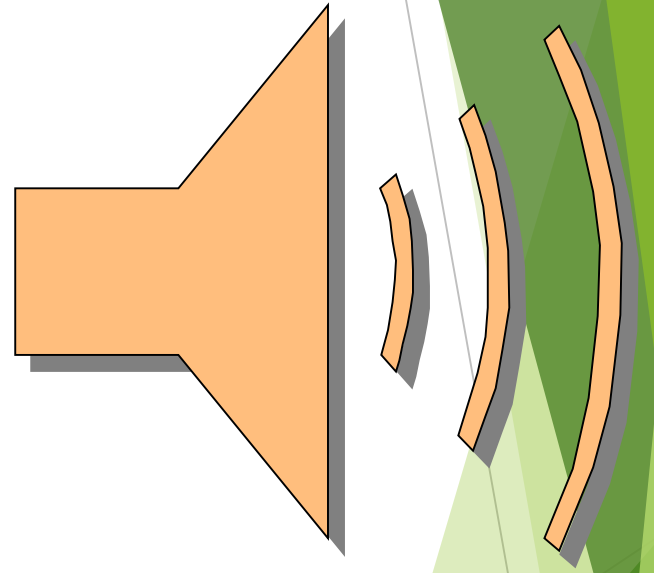
Children:

- ▶ Learn 44 sounds and matching letters
- ▶ Learn to blend sounds to read words
- ▶ Read lots of specially written books

This is decoding



Sounds



Graphemes

A grapheme is a sound written down

English has more than 150 ways of writing the 44 sounds using our 26 letters (groups of letters as well as single letters)

We teach the 100 most commonly used graphemes systematically and thoroughly.

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A complex code!

Consonants: stretchy

f	l	m	n	r	s	v	z	sh	th	ng
										nk

Consonants: bouncy

b	c	d	g	h	j	p	qu	t	w	x	y	ch
	k											

Vowels: bouncy

a	e	i	o	u	ay	ee	igh	ow
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Vowels: stretchy

oo	oo	ar	or	air	ir	ou	oy
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Set 1 sounds

Set 2 sounds

f	l	m	n	r	s	v	z	sh	th	ng nk
ff ph	ll le	mm mb	nn kn	rr wr	ss se c ce	ve	zz s	ti ci		

b	c k	d	g	h	j	p	qu	t	w	x	y	ch
bb	ck ch	dd	gg		g ge dge	pp		tt	wh			tch

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Fred...



- Fred helps children learn to read

Fred can *only* talk in sounds...

(Fred can only say c_a_t, he can't say cat)

We call this *Fred Talk*(you could use a toy to do this).

Fred...



- ▶ If children understand Fred
- ▶ they can *blend* orally

Blending is needed for reading

Fred...



- Fred helps children learn to spell too!

Children convert words into sounds

They press the sounds on to their fingers...

We call this *Fred Fingers*



Reading levels

- ▶ *Set 1 sounds and blending*
- ▶ Fiction and non fiction texts Green, Purple, September Y1
- ▶ *Set 1 & 2 sounds*
- ▶ Fiction and non fiction texts Pink, Orange: December Y1
- ▶ Fiction and non fiction texts Yellow: April Y1

- ▶ *Set 1, 2, 3 sounds*
- ▶ Fiction and non fiction texts Blue, July Y1

Grey: December Y2

What Is The Phonics Screening Check?

Children in Year 1 throughout the country will all be taking part in a phonics screening check during the same week in June. Children in Year 2 will also take the check if they did not achieve the required result when in Year 1, or they have not taken the test before. Head teachers should decide whether it is appropriate for each of their pupils to take the phonics screening check.

The phonics screening check is designed to confirm whether individual children have learnt sufficient phonic decoding and blending skills to an appropriate standard.

What Happens During The Test?



The test contains 40 words.

Each child will sit one to one and read each word aloud to a teacher.

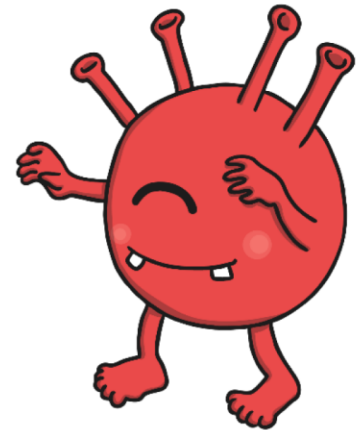
The test will take approximately 10 minutes per child; although all children are different and will complete the check at their own pace.

The list of words the children read is a combination of 20 real words and 20 pseudo words (nonsense words).

Pseudo Words (Nonsense Words)

The pseudo words will be shown to your child with a picture of an alien. This provides the children with a context for the pseudo word which is independent from any existing vocabulary they may have.

Pseudo words are included because they will be new to all pupils; they do not favour children with a good vocabulary knowledge or visual memory of words.



Example Of The Check

Practice sheet: Real Words

beg

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at

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sum

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in

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Example Of The Check

Practice sheet: Pseudo Words

vap



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osk



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ot



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ect



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How Can I Help My Child At Home?

- Play lots of sound and listening games with your child.
- Read as much as possible to and with your child.
- Encourage and praise – get them to have a 'good guess'.



How Can I Help My Child At Home?

- If your child is struggling to decode a word, help them by encouraging them to say each sound in the word from left to right.
- Blend the sounds by pointing to each letter, e.g. /c/ in cat, or the letter group, e.g. /ng/ in sing. Next move your finger under the whole word as you say it.
- Discuss the meaning of words if your child does not know what they have read.

How can you help your child?

By...

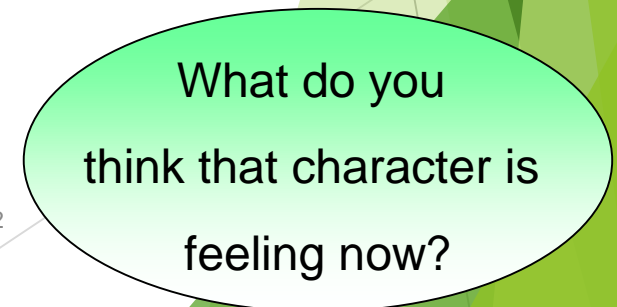
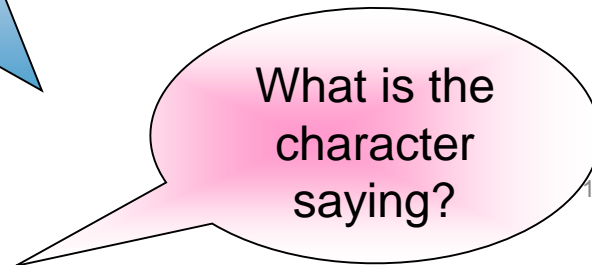
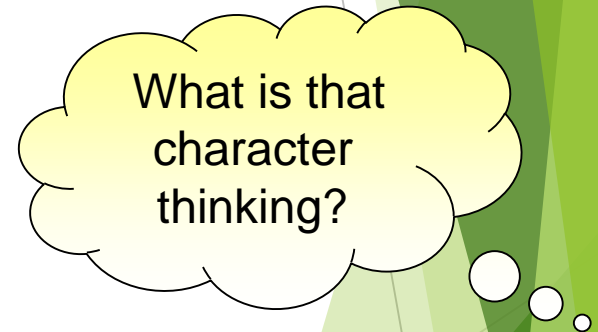
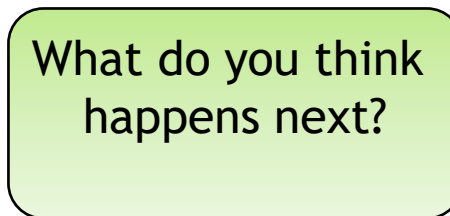
- ▶ using pure sounds
- ▶ knowing the graphemes
- ▶ understanding how 'Fred' helps with reading and spelling



And...

- By reading your child lots of lovely stories and asking lots of questions!

Use these prompts to help you:



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And...

- ▶ By having a look at the parents' information for tips and resources for supporting your child at home:
- ▶ <https://global.oup.com/education/content/primary/series/rwi/parents/>



(RWI resources are published by Oxford University Press)

Thank you...



Happy reading!



Ruth Miskin

— creator of Read Write Inc., as seen on Channel 4



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Run run run! Hb £2.99



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Flashcards Set 1 Box £5.99



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Hb £2.99

Ruth Miskin is the creator of the hugely successful *Read Write Inc.* synthetic phonics programme — featured on Channel 4's 'Lost for Words' season of literacy programming.

A former Head Teacher, Ruth Miskin advises the National Primary Strategy for literacy, and is widely recognised as an expert in this field.

Read Write Inc. is extensively used in schools, and has achieved great results. Ruth Miskin has now developed a range of storybooks, flashcards and a parent's handbook, specially designed for parents to use with their children at home to help develop their reading skills.

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