

Phonics



WHAT DOES 'PHONICS' MEAN?



'Phonics' is a method of teaching people to read by training them to associate letters with their sounds.

What are we doing?

What do you need to be doing?

Sounds



All words are made up of sounds

In English there are 44.

These sounds should be pure – no ‘uh’

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkXcabDUg7Q>

Graphemes



A grapheme is a sound written down

English has more than 150 graphemes

A complex code!

The complex English alphabetic code



Consonants: stretch

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

Consonants: bounce

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

Vowels

a	e	i	o	u	ay	ee	igh	ow
	ea				ā-e	y	ī-e	ō-e
					ai	ea	ie	oa
						e	i	o

oo	oo	ar	or	air	ir	ou	oy	ire	ear	ure
ū-e			oor	are	ur	ow	oi			
ue			ore		er					
ew			aw							
			au							

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*

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*



At home...



Have fun with Fred Talk at home!

“What a tidy r-oo-m!”

“Where’s your c-oa-t?”

“Time for b-e-d!”

back, head, tum, leg, hand, foot, knee

coat, hat, scarf, zip, sock, glove

run, walk, skip, hop, fast, slow, stop, shop

red, blue, green, black,

knife, fork, spoon, plate, bowl, pan

bread, cheese, meat, soup, jam, cake