




Read Write Inc.

Fresh Start




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Reading is the *one* ability that, once set in motion, has the capacity to feed itself, to grow exponentially, providing a base from which the possibilities are infinite.

Michael Morpurgo



All words are made up of individual **sounds**. These sounds are merged together to form words.

e.g. in 'mat' we have the sounds 'm', 'a', 't',

ship – 'sh', 'i', 'p'.

A **grapheme** is another name for the letters we use to write the sound. The spelling of that sound on the page.

Phonics is the method of teaching reading through the identification of sounds and graphemes.

There are 26 letters in the English alphabet.

But we use 44 sounds to make all the words in the English language.

We've got 44 sounds and only 26 letters!

The 26 letters work singly, in pairs (digraphs) and sometimes in threes (trigraphs) to represent one sound.

We have to group letters together to write some sounds e.g. 'igh', 'air'.

In English we have more than 150 ways to represent 44 sounds, using the 26 letters in the alphabet.

Speed Sounds Set 1 and Set 2

Using Fresh Start, we teach Set 1 sounds first - (sounds as far as a e i o u). and then Set 2.

Students need to know **sounds** – not letter names – to read words.

Consonant sounds – stretchy

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

Consonant sounds – bouncy

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

Vowel sounds – bouncy

a	e	i	o	u
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Vowel sounds – stretchy

ay	ee	igh	ow
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Vowel sounds – stretchy

oo	oo	ar	or	air	ir	ou	oy
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Speed Sounds Set 3

Once students know one way of reading and writing every sound, they start to learn spellings for each sound they already know.

For example, they know 'ay' and now learn a-e and ai as other spellings for the same sound.

Each box is a sound box showing different ways to read and write the sound.

Consonant sounds

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		se			
					ce					

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

Vowel sounds

a	e	i	o	u	ay	ee	igh	ow
	ea				<u>a</u> -e	<u>e</u> -e	<u>i</u> -e	<u>o</u> -e
					ai	y	ie	oa
						ea	i	o
						e	y	

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

Useful links

- ▶ [Read Write Inc. Fresh Start programme - what is it?](https://youtu.be/9cP_YcLqLEM)
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- ▶ [Parent video: How to say the sounds](https://youtu.be/TkXcabDUg7Q) <https://youtu.be/TkXcabDUg7Q>
- ▶ [An Introduction to Phonics](https://youtu.be/LAAyL1V0Qp8) <https://youtu.be/LAAyL1V0Qp8>
- ▶ [English Phonics - Sounds and Spelling Alternatives - Part 1 of 2](https://youtu.be/ZfPd0KQBzWY)
<https://youtu.be/ZfPd0KQBzWY>
- ▶ [English Phonics - Sounds and Spelling Alternatives - Part 2 of 2](https://youtu.be/_3A-tb2dZgw)
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