

Phonics in the classroom: The basics

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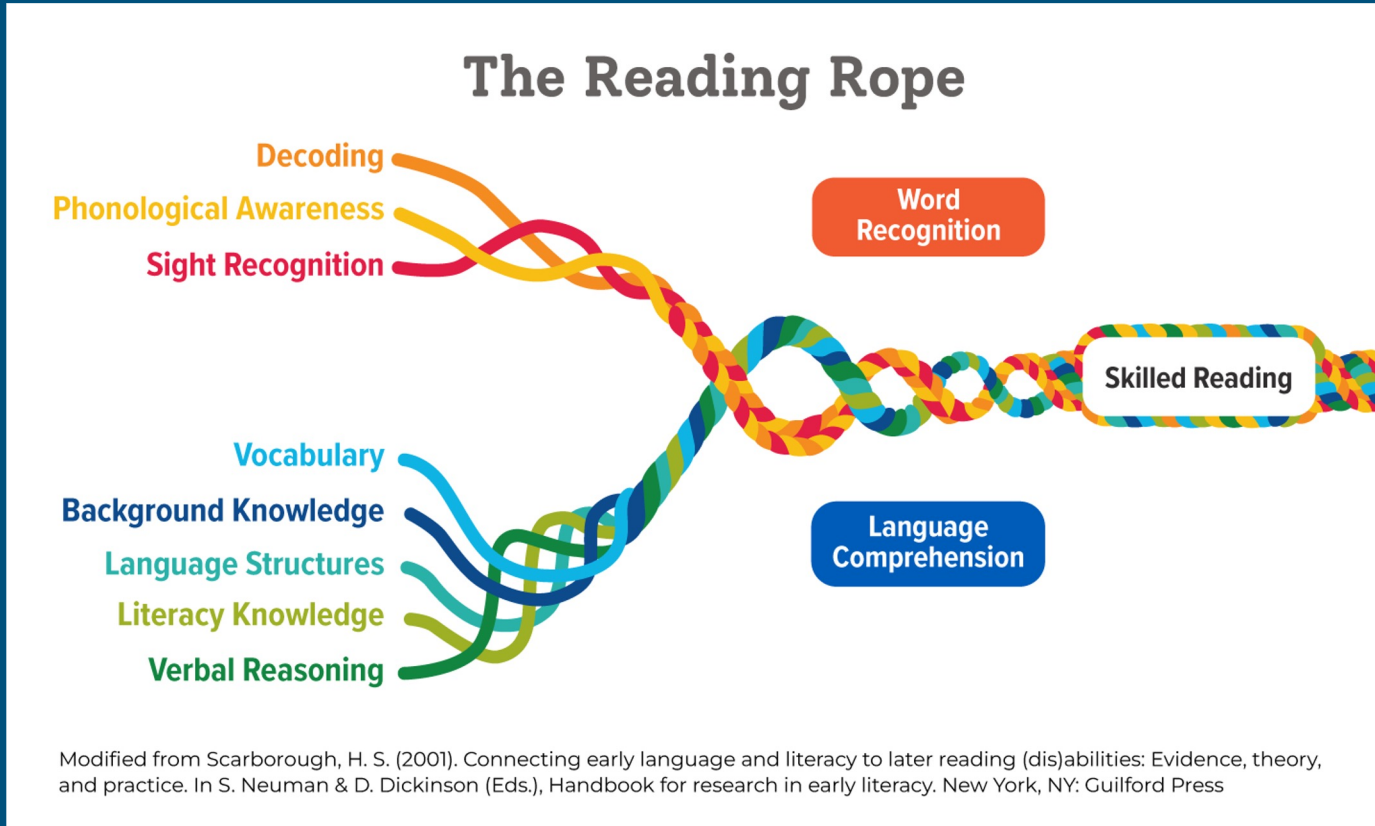
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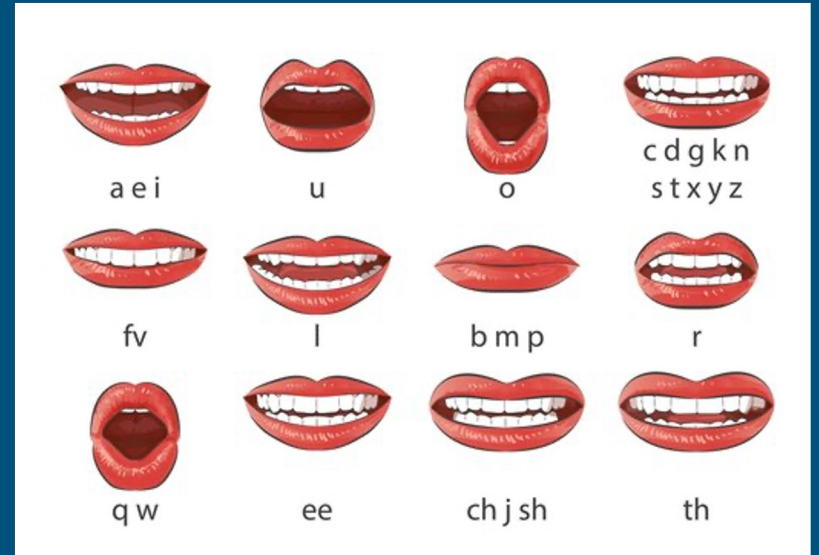
Phonics and reading



Phonemes

Single sounds, the smallest part of spoken language that combine to form words.

Phonemic awareness is the ability to hear individual sounds / phonemes in a word.



Grapheme

A written symbol that represents a sound (phoneme) in language.

What is a phoneme?

A **phoneme** is the smallest unit of sound in a word.

Example:
/k/



What is a grapheme?

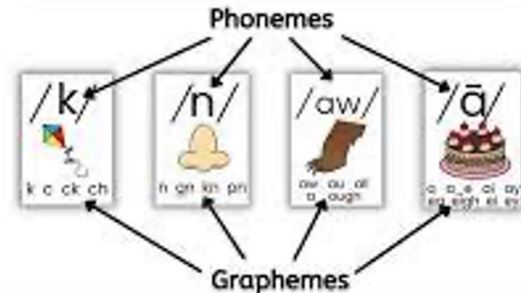
A **grapheme** is the way we write a phoneme.

Example:
/k/ can be written 5 ways
c k ck qu ch



WHAT IS A GRAPHEME?

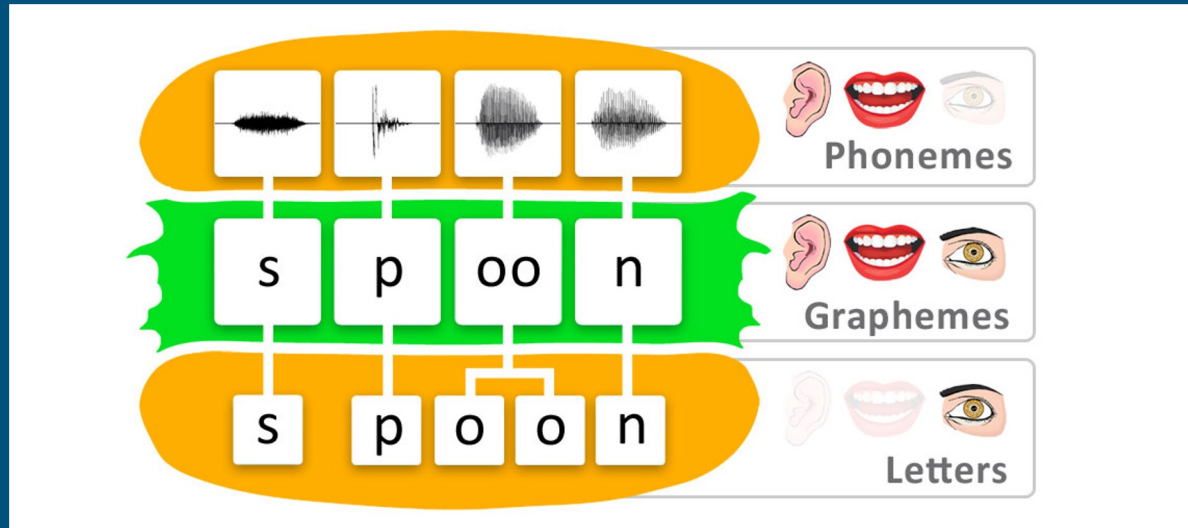
The written representation of phonemes. English has around 250 graphemes.



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Phonics

A method of teaching to read by connecting sounds (phonemes) with symbols (graphemes) in language.



The structured literacy approach

Scope and sequence

Scaffold children

m s f a p t c i

b h n o d g l v

y r e qu z

j u k x w

Cook Island alphabet

Aa Anu (cold)	Ee 'Ei (garland of flowers)	Ii 'Imene (song)	Oo Ora kanga (playtime)	Uu 'Ura (dance)
Ng/ng Ngūtupa (door)	Kk Kerekere (black)	Mm Ma'ata (big)	Nn Nira (needle)	Pp Pereue (coat)
Rr Rekareka (happy)	Tt Tāne (man)	Vv Vai (water)	A E I O U NG K M N P R T V [']	

Phonological awareness

Is the ability to hear and break words into syllables, rhymes, and individual sounds (phonemes).

/ C / a / t /

Play + ground = playground

Ha//ppy

SplashLearn

Rhyming Words Match

Circle the word that rhymes with the word in the box.

 tap	cap	tip	pot
 sun	sat	run	van
 cat	cot	but	mat
 pan	man	fun	pot
 hen	can	ten	ham
 pig	dig	pit	pet

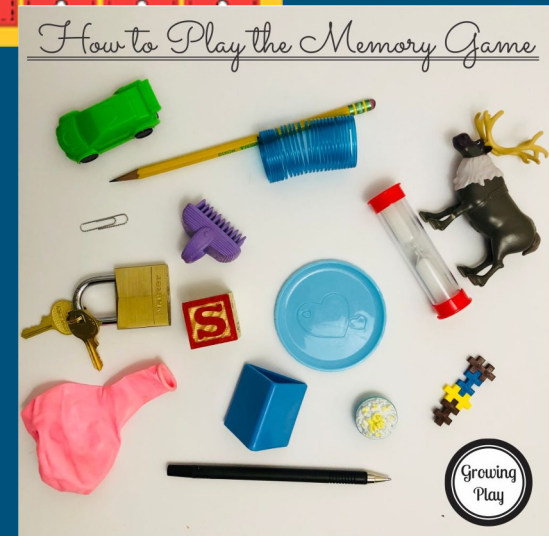
Pre literacy skills

Memory

Movement

Differentiating sounds

Oral language

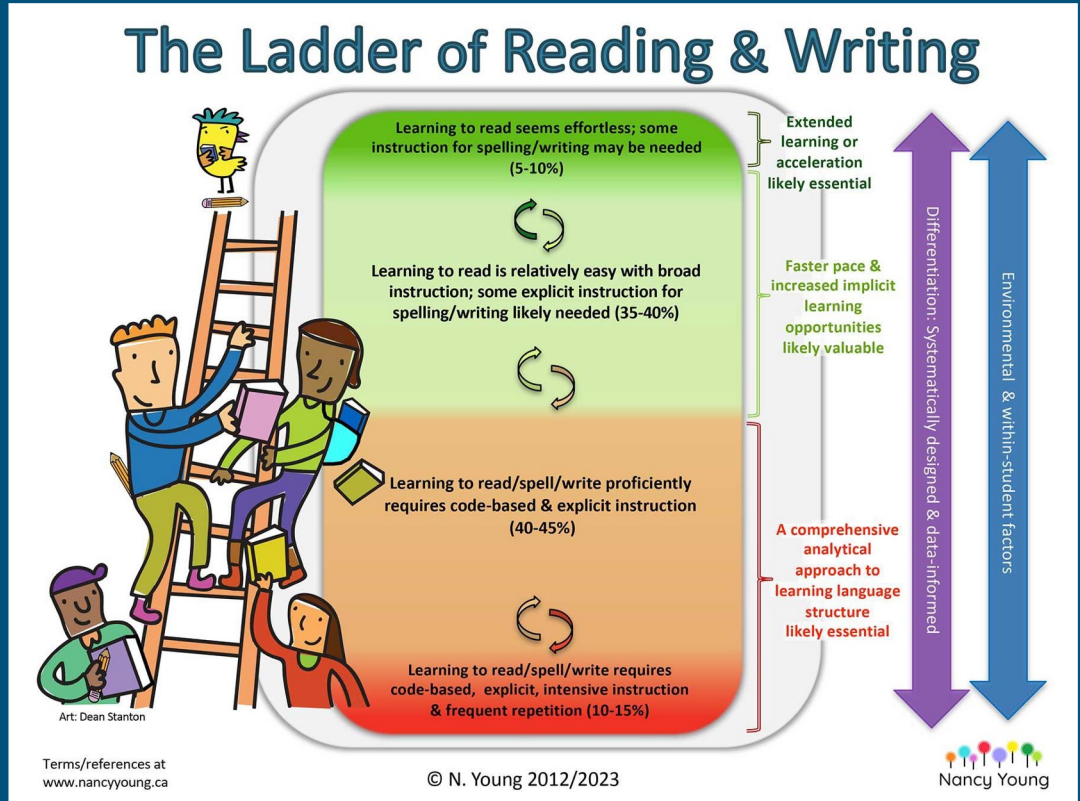


Explicit teaching

I do

We do

You do



VC and CVC words

Teaching vowels and consonants

Blending and segmenting

Vowels Letters of
the Alphabet

Aa Ee Ii Oo Uu

yy
Honorary
Vowel

Consonants Letters of
the Alphabet

Bb Cc Dd Ff Gg Hh
Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Pp
Qq Rr Ss Tt Vv Ww
Xx Yy Zz

Sight words - heart words - high frequency words

STAGE 1
2 Heart Words

I

The the

My my

A yellow card with a red banner at the top left containing 'STAGE 1' and '2'. The title 'Heart Words' is in orange. The words 'I', 'The', 'the', 'My', and 'my' are each inside a yellow heart outline.

STAGE 3 Heart Words

he she

we to

do was

A green card with a green banner at the top left containing 'STAGE 3'. The title 'Heart Words' is in green. The words 'he', 'she', 'we', 'to', 'do', and 'was' are each inside a green heart outline.

STAGE 4 Heart Words

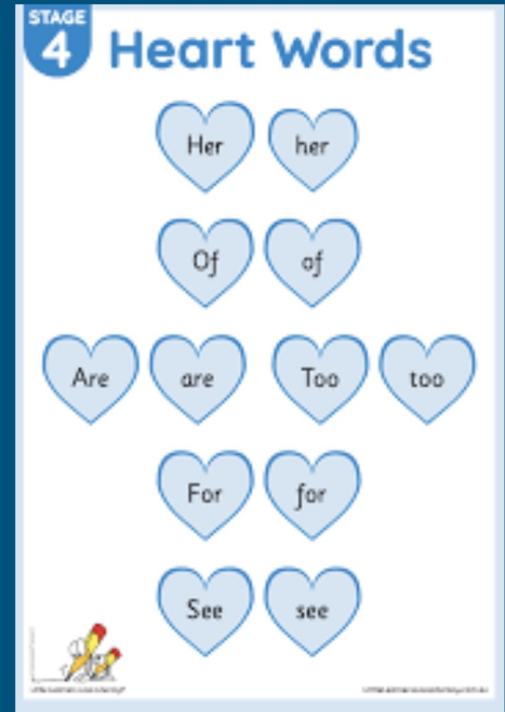
Her her

Of of

Are are Too too

For for

See see

A blue card with a blue banner at the top left containing 'STAGE 4'. The title 'Heart Words' is in blue. The words 'Her', 'her', 'Of', 'of', 'Are', 'are', 'Too', 'too', 'For', 'for', 'See', and 'see' are each inside a blue heart outline. There is a small cartoon character at the bottom left and a URL at the bottom right.

Digraphs and blends

Double consonant: ll ss ff

Consonant blends: br dr cr pl st spl str

Consonant digraphs: sh ch ph ng

Vowel digraphs: oo ee ai oa

's' morphology & Double consonants

ll ss ff

ck Consonant blends/adjacent consonants

sh ch th ng

.1 ph wh ai ay ee ea --y igh ie -y oa

.2 ar or aw ir ur er air

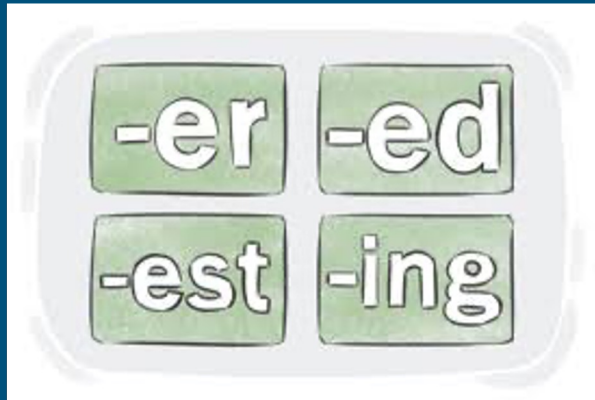
.3 oo ow ou oi oy oo

.4 a-e a i-e i o-e ow o u-e ew ue u e-e e

Word endings / suffix

Plurals (s, es)

ly, ing, ed



-able	-s	-less	
-ive	-ful	-ment	
-en	-y	-ity	-er
-est	-ed	-tion	

Let's play some games
