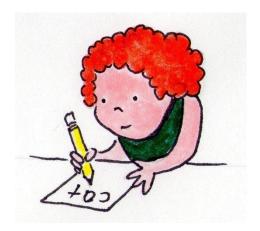


Practical activities to support reading, spelling and writing

EA Literacy Service 2019-2020





Objectives



- To provide a brief overview of the aim of additional support and the role of a classroom assistant
- A overview of dyslexia type difficulties
- What is reading
- The alphabet
- Supporting reading
- Supporting spelling and writing



The aim of extra support:

- Give children access to the mainstream curriculum (what is being taught in the classroom). Act as a "bridge" for the child.
- Develop children's independence and problem solving abilities. Let the child take responsibility for their learning. Avoid doing it for them.

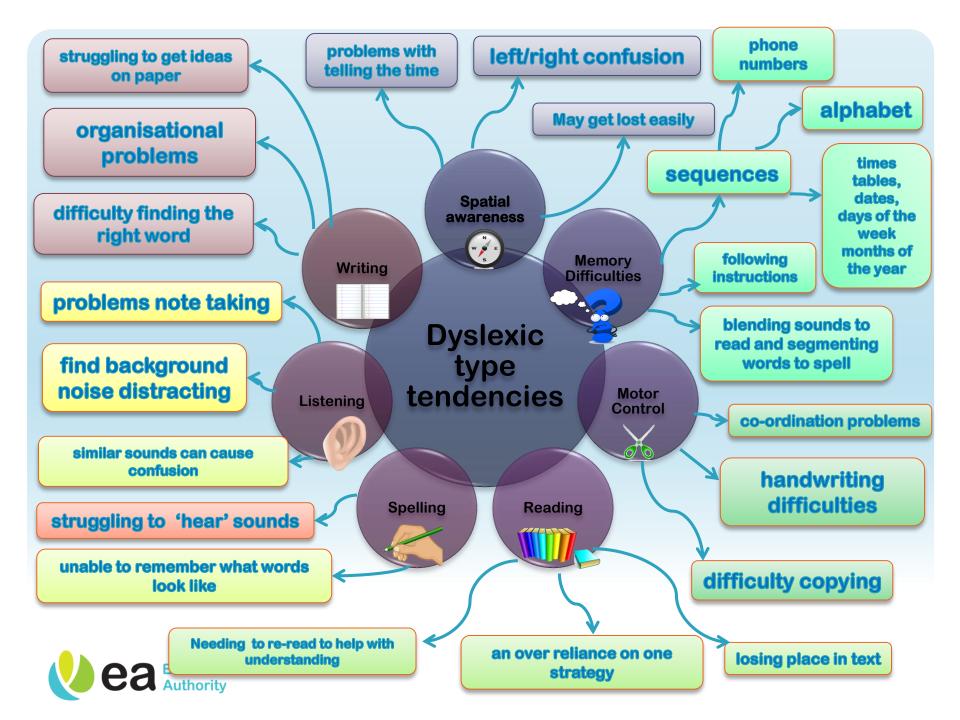
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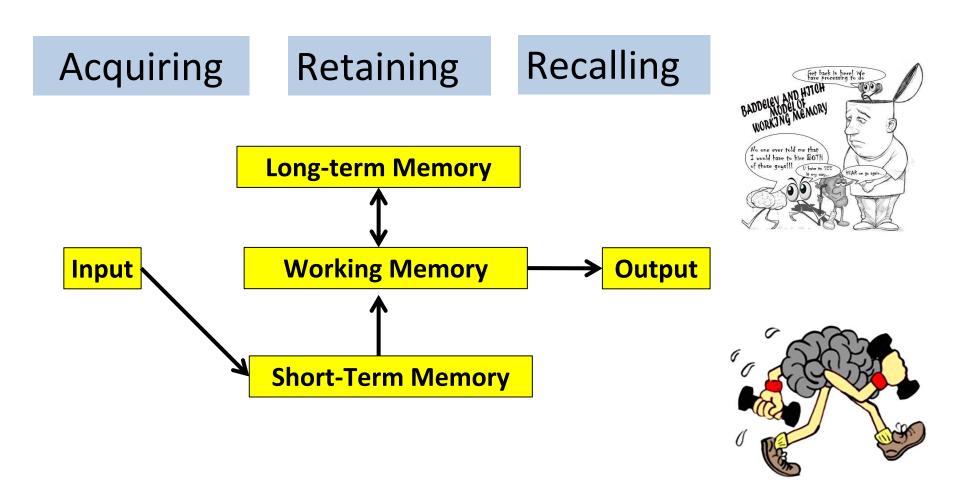
The role of the classroom/learning support assistant

- 'A good learning support assistant will offer the tools to help the child to succeed.'
- Work alongside the teacher either supporting the whole class or assigned to individual children with special needs.
- May be involved with record keeping, assessment, modification of, or provision of, teaching and learning materials.





Memory





How do we support a weak working memory?

- Small chunks of information
- Making it memorable
- Engaging two or more senses simultaneously
- Connect it to something they already know
- Ask the questions to support understanding
- 'Self talk'
- Rehearsal
- Repeat

Working Memory

Working Memory is the ability to work with information

A strong Working Memory is paramount for success in our daily lives

A strong Working Memory is imperative in our fast paced world.

Working Memory is the number 1 indicator of learning ability, far greater than IQ.



Memory capacity in primary school

Average P4 Class



Loose attention Problems with reading Problems with spelling Disruptive 10% Bored Often finished first Disruptive 10%



Using multisensory methods to support reading: engaging the senses simultaneously



Sight, touch and sound to connect letters with sounds



Using two fingers air writing: motor memory on sand paper sight and sound



Tactile touch memory



Word building using colour coded tiles



Read it, Build it, Write it



Tap it out



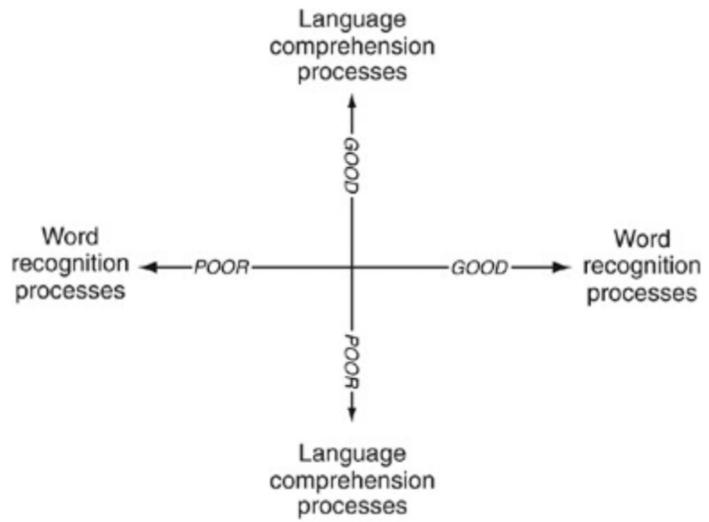
Words on a story stick



Word in a shared story



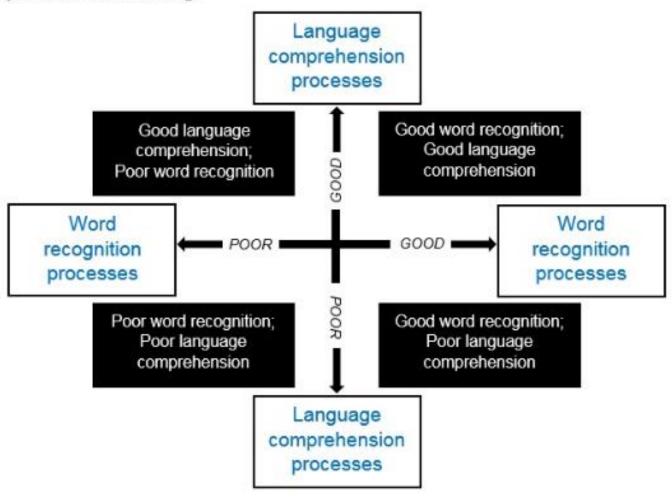
What is reading?





What is reading?

The Simple View of Reading



How is phonological awareness and phonics taught in schools?

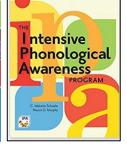
- Jolly phonic
- Letterland (Story based approach)
- Letters and Sounds (UK national curriculum)
- Linguistic Phonics
- The CSP (Complete spelling programme)
- THRASS (Teaching handwriting reading and spelling skills)
- Sound Linkage

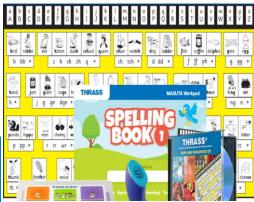
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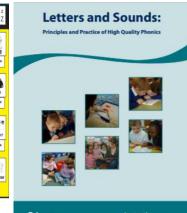












Learning to read is a complex process

Early intervention is critical especially when there is evidence that phonological awareness been slow to develop in the early years

Reading consists of Word Recognition:

- ✓ Phonemic awareness
- ✓ Phonics
- ✓ Fluency (Sight vocab)

Language Comprehension

- ✓ Vocabulary
- Comprehension





Fostered in an environment of love of books, words and stories



Readers draw on four cueing systems to make sense and understand what they are reading

Semantic Cues: Using the pupil's existing background knowledge and experiences. e.g. The monkey ate a what is the pupil most likely to predict from their own understanding?

Grapho-phonemic Cues: Ability to match a letter/letters to particular sound

Syntactic Cues: Knowledge of the grammatical structure, rules and patterns of language. The cat has five kitten. 'this does not make sense and should be kittens. Does the text sound right.

Pragmatic Cues: Awareness of the social/cultural purpose of the words e.g. She turned on the as it was cold outside (likely to be heating.... as this is our cultural norm)

Reading Cue Cards to support reading strategies

Reading Strategy

I can use the punctuation to help me.

?!"....",

Reading Strategy

I can go back and read the word or sentence again.

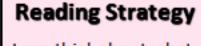
Rewind

Reading Strategy

I can chop the word up into syllables.

un der stand

'Understand'



I can think about what is happening and make a picture in my head.

Reading Strategy

I can read on to see if the word makes sense in the sentence.

Fast forward

Reading Strategy

I can listen to what I have read to see if it makes sense.

Reading Strategy

I can think about what might happen in the book.

Reading Strategy I can use words around

me to help me out.











Reading Strategy

I can use the pictures to

help me.



Reading Strategy

I can sound out and blend the letters in the word together.

'c', 'a', 't'..... cat

Reading Strategy

I can look for smaller words I might know.



teacher

Reading Strategy

I can ask questions to help with my reading if I don't understand.



Alphabetical knowledge

- English is based on an alphabetic principle (26 letters of the alphabet, approximately 44 sounds).
- Children with literacy difficulties often have difficulties with remembering sequences.
- Alphabet Arc



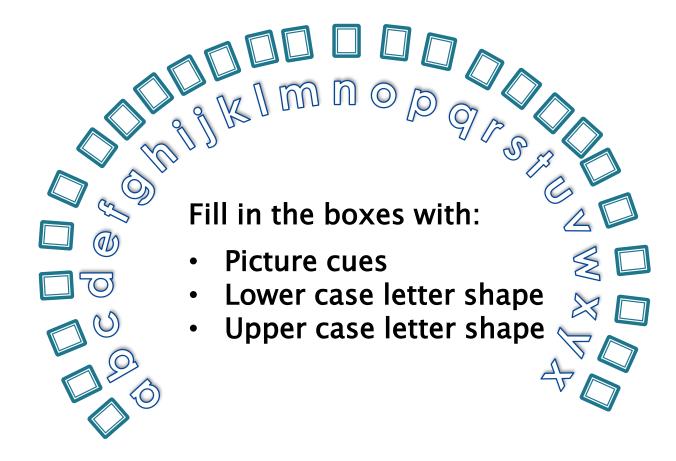


What activities could you do with the alphabet arc? Work in pairs.



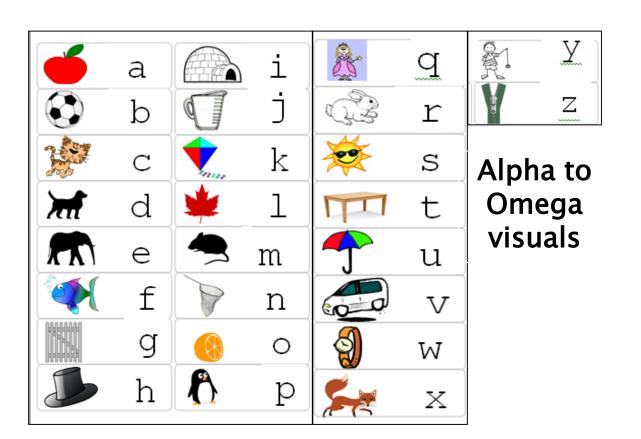
The alphabet arc Begin with matching wooden or plastic letters to letter shapes, and saying name while placing the letter. Every letter has a name, sound, shape (to see) and a shape (to feel).







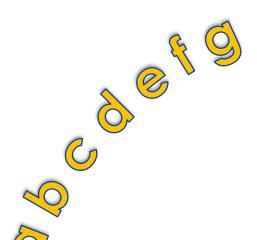
Picture cues for the alphabet





Using flash cards to support initial sounds and beginning blends





Start with a-g











then add h-n, o-u and finally v-z.





Lay out:
a beginning
z ending
m middle



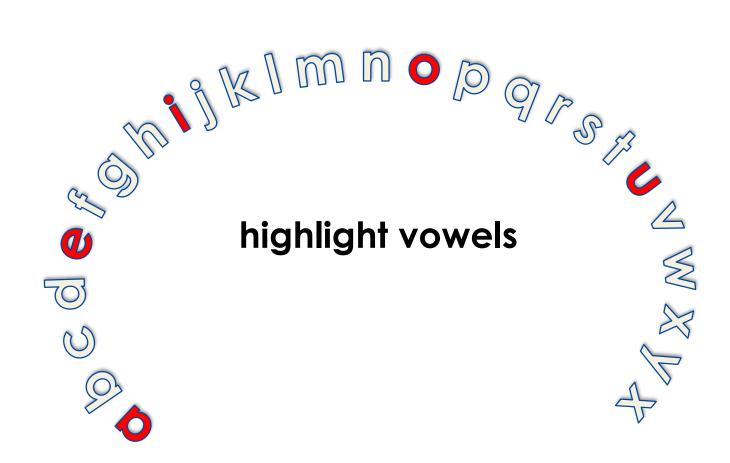




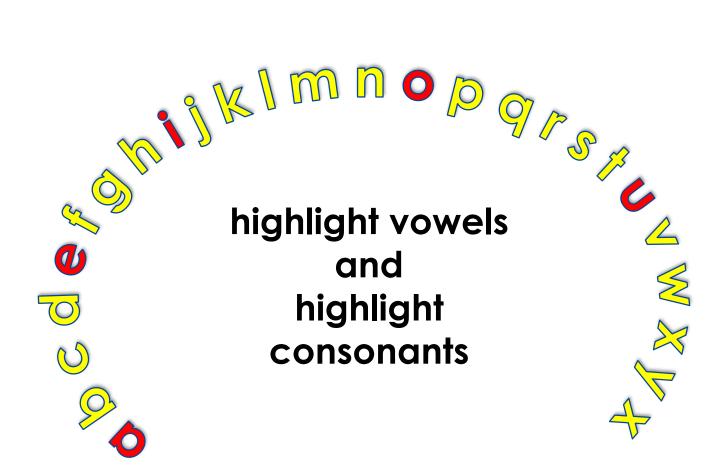


Lay out only m



















MI SK Remove one letter (leave a space)



Pamove one letter (No space)



M noppy Remove two **letters** (leave spaces)



Tomove two **letters** (No spaces)











Other alphabet activities

- Block fitting
- Free writing in sand
- Dot to dots
- Jigsaw
- Tracking: s a concept f



(marked) Missing letter: a b c d f g h I j k l n o p q r s t v u w x y z (unmarked)

- Using lower and upper case letters
- What next cards
- Wordshark games





Visual support displayed in class, on desk or pocket prompt

a b c d e f q h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z



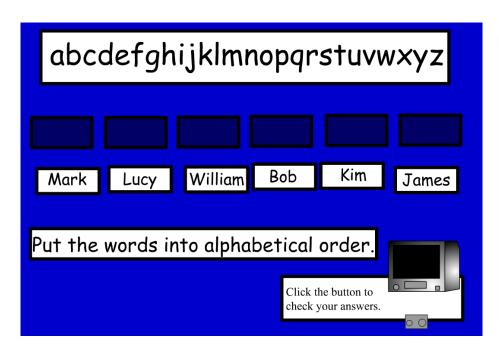
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Alphabetical Order

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Alphabetical Order 1

This Alphabetical order activity is a simple to use word ordering exercise. Words are simply dragged from the left hand side of the screen to their correct place in the word order list on the right hand side. When all words have been placed in the list the user clicks on the check button to get feedback on their selected order.

Games available on the internet from Googling 'Alphabet Games'



Developing a sight vocabulary for reading

- High Frequency Words: First 100 HFWs make up 50% of words we read.
- Children often get stuck on many of these words such as "of", "to", "her", "she", "when".
- These words often affect the meaning of a sentence.
- Knowing these words helps to make a child a faster and more fluent reader.
- They help to build a child's confidence when reading.
- Some words are commonly confused e.g. was/saw...of/for/from...no/on...there/them/then.





Activities to build a sight vocabulary

Individualized flash cards for building sight word recognition

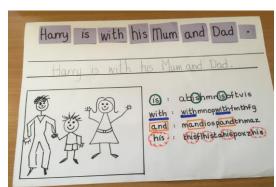


Activities for sight word recognition: including matching, sentence building, reading and writing









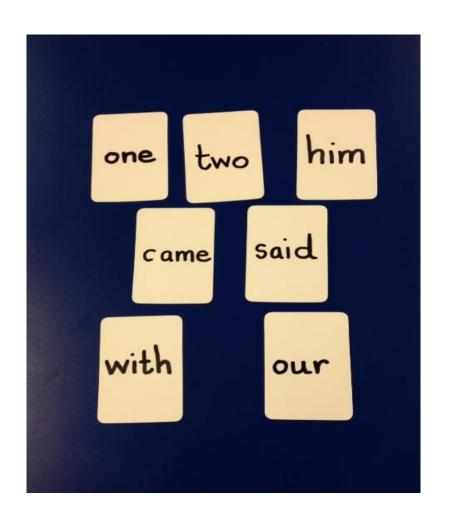
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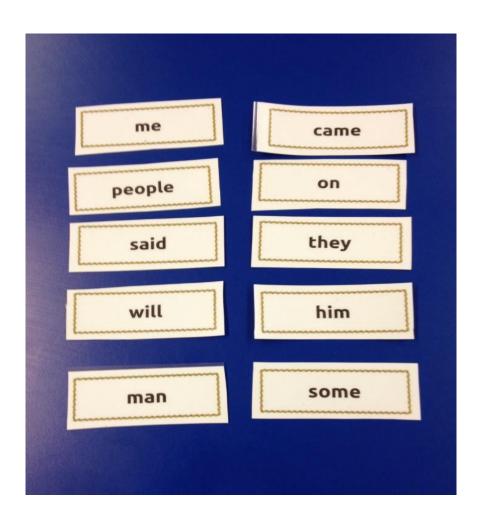


3. Ask pupil to place each word. Repeat reading each word until placed.

4. Sequence words into sentence. Copy and write. Read, illustrate.

Flashcards to support building key word fluency







Word mats

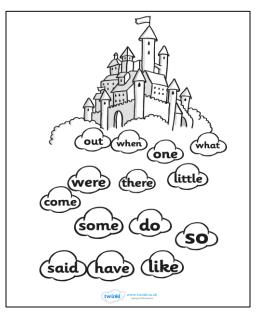
My word mat they get all to on at my mum me cat yes he said is for look day come see big went she going this are you am dog dad no High frequency words as



Subject specific words with visuals

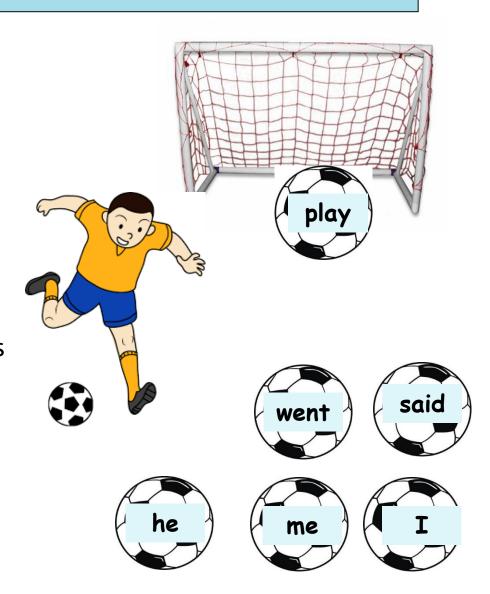


Practical activities



- Put on stickers to the know words
- Tick the words known
- Race to the castle
- Timed race to the castle door





1	2	3	v - Board 1	5	6
a	it	to	see	I	is
i†	the	and	in	5 i †	see
in	a	he	see	to	in
he	2	is	the	and	he
i i†	to	see	in	5 a	the
is	the	and	4 it	5 I	6 See

1	2	3	4	5	6
inside	upset	handbag	whiplash	sunset	hillsic
1	2	3	4	5	6.
bedtime	pancake	maybe	sandbox	shotgun	campfi
1	2	3	4	5	6
		homesick	No. of the last of		
snowball	2 bathtub	armchair	4 railway	5 handset	firepla
1	2	3	4	5	6
upstairs	upon	into	armband	kidnap	herse
1	2	3	4	5	6
handcuff	popcorn	playtime	robin	outfit	passwo

Four in a row word games Templates from:

www.printablereadinggames.com

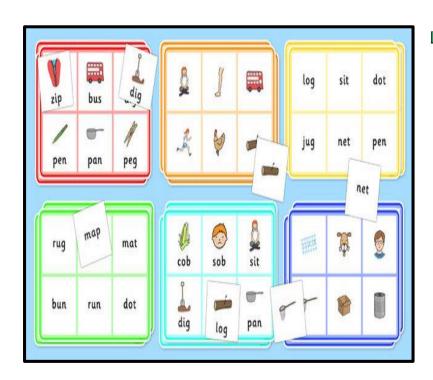
High Frequency Compound Time

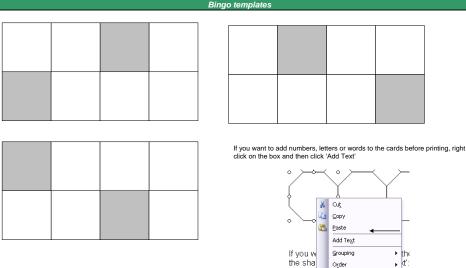




1	2		(days, months etc)		
Monday	June	year	fifth	5 February	ninth
first	December	seventh	4 October	hour	6 Thursday
July	Saturday	3 January	tenth	August	fourth
day	twelfth	second	4 Tuesday	minute	Sunday
sixth	April	month	4 May	eleventh	March
1 Wednesday	third	November 3	eighth	Friday	5 September

Games: BINGO Template from the Inclusion and Diversity service toolkit



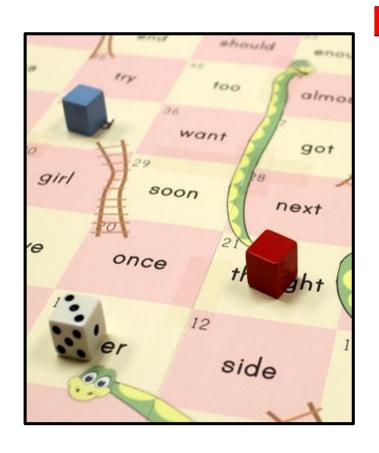


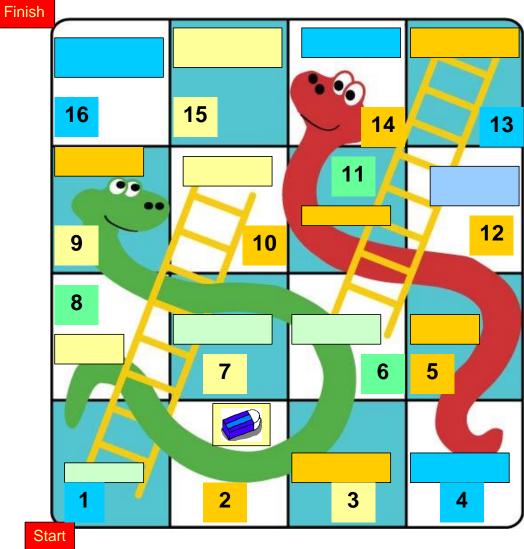
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Games: Snakes and ladders

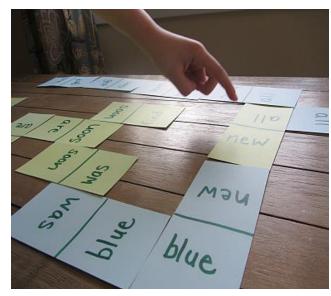
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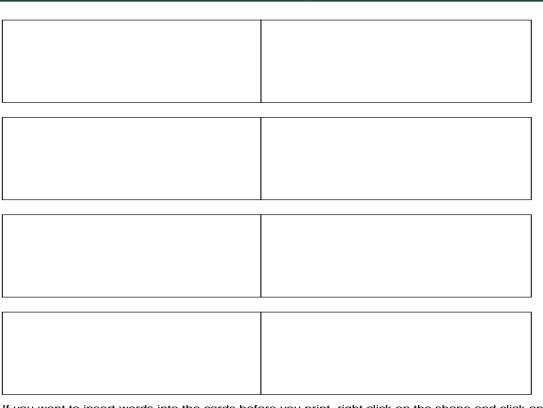


Games: Dominoes



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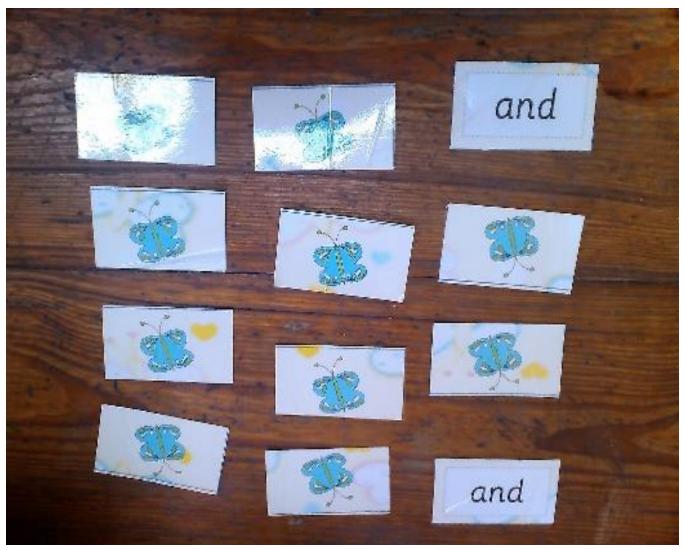




Dominoes templates

If you want to insert words into the cards before you print, right click on the shape and click on 'Add Text':

Games: Pairs





Phonics to support word reading

Strategies:

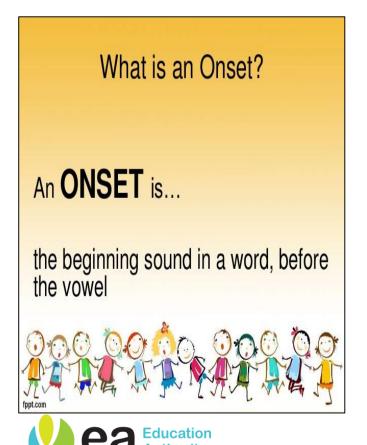
Break words into their individual sounds e.g. f...r...o...g

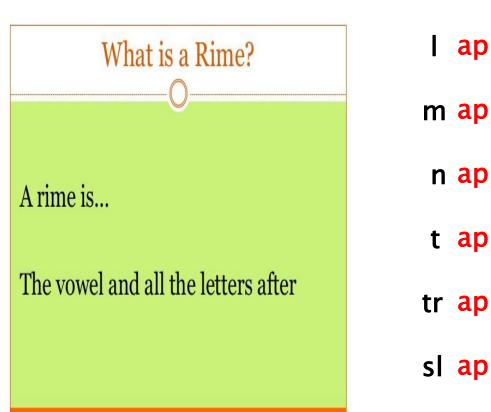
Can you suggest any drawbacks of relying on this approach alone?



Supporting word reading: looking for pattern

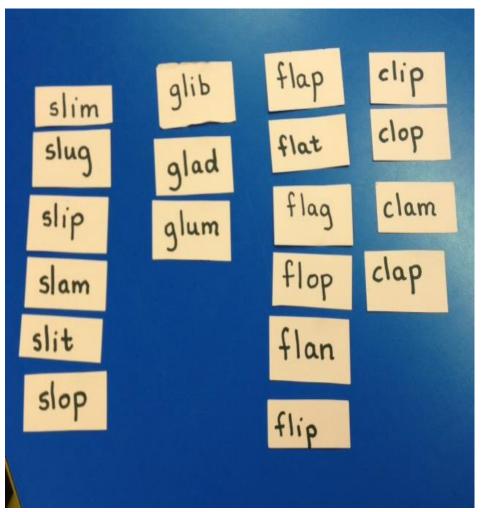
> Break into onset and end rime e.g. c ap c ap





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Flashcards to support building fluency, focusing on initial blends and rime endings

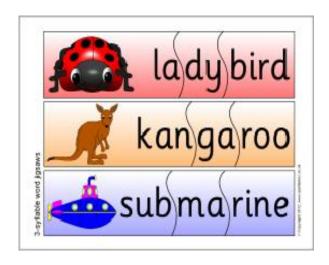






Activities: Word jigsaws

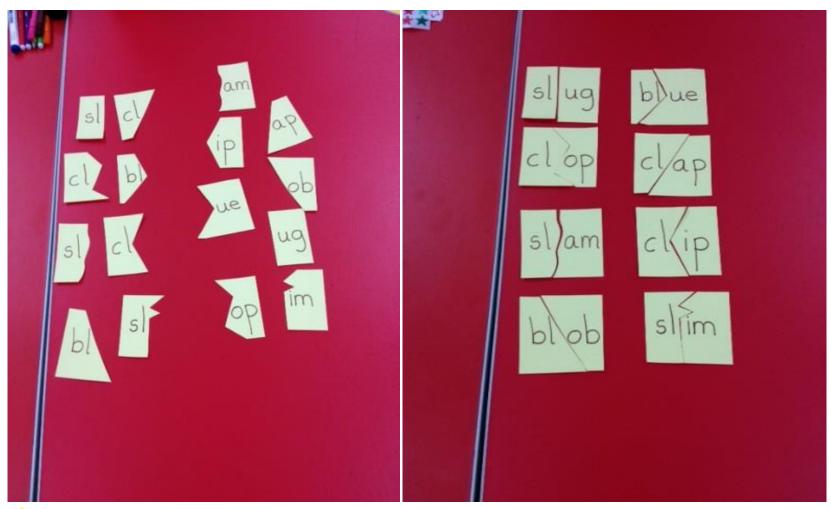
- Cut the words up and put them back together again
 - ✓ blends and end rimes
 - ✓ individual letters
 - ✓ syllables







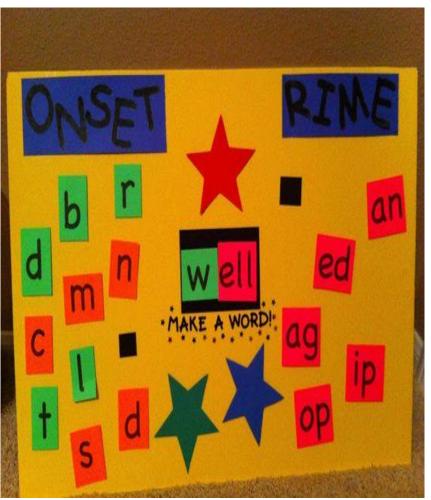
Activities: Word jigsaws





Supporting word reading







Supporting word reading

Chunk syllables e.g. fan tas tic

Look for a small word e.g. his carpet

Is there a word you know which has the same ending? e.g. you know "day" now can you read... "say".



Supporting passage reading

If you are trying to encourage confidence and flow you can adopt the paired reading approach...5 second rule, tell the child the word if he/she hasn't worked it out after 5 seconds.

Shared reading (you share the reading. It also provides an opportunity to model reading).





Developing understanding

- Check that children understand what they are reading
- Extend their vocabulary. Check that they understand the meanings of words. "Do you know what is?"
- Ask questions about their reading.



Write down 3 questions you could ask a child before you read a book.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Write down 3 questions you could ask a child during the reading of a book?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3

Write down 3 questions you could ask a child after reading.

- Ι.
- 2.
- 3.



Question prompts for reading (1)

What sort of books do you like?

What is this book about?

What does the cover tell us? How do we find out who wrote this book and who drew the pictures? What do pictures in books help us do?

What sort of people can you find in story books?

What do we do at a full stop?

Who do you think is telling the story?

What do you think might happen next? Is this book fiction or non-fiction?

Why does the author use pictures in this story?

Can you break down a tricky word?

What happened in the story?

Find a page in the story you really liked, why did you like it? Find a page in the story you really disliked, why did you dislike it?

Is this book funny, why?

Would you share this book with your friends?

Why do authors include pictures?

Did you learn anything from this book? What often happens to baddies in a story?



Was this story like any other story you have read?

Would you read this book again?

Question prompts for reading (2)

What sort of books do you like? What made you choose this book?

What sort of book is it? How can you tell? Based on the cover what do you think the story is about? What would you like this story to be about?

Have you read a book by this author before?

How do you know someone is talking in the story? How does punctuation help us to make sense of what we are reading? Where and when do you think the story is set?

Who is the main character in the story? Has the author put any words in bold or italics? Why?

Can you find any amazing adjectives?

What happened in the story?

What was the most exciting part of the story? Which character in the story interested you most?

What is the main event in the story?

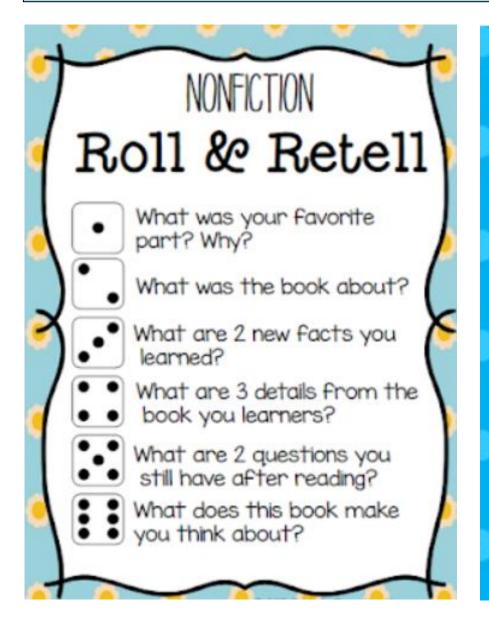
Can you think of another way to begin this story? Where you surprised by the ending of the story?

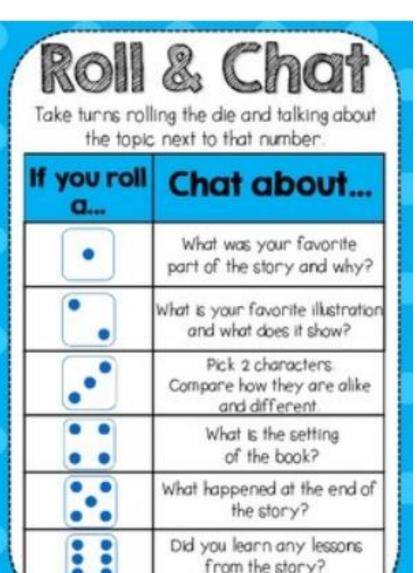
Can you think of another way to end this story? Was there any part of the story you did not like? Do you think the illustrations add to the story?

Did you enjoy reading the book? What makes a good story? What features of the text tell you that this story is fact/fiction?



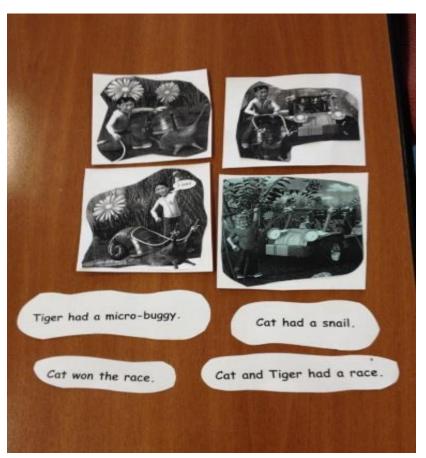
Dice Games to support comprehension





Further Reading activities

- Sequence pictures from their reading into the correct order.
- Match words to pictures.
- Match phrases/sentences to pictures.





- To improve fluency you can get the child to record a page of their reading on the i-pad and play it back.
- Select a sentence from their reading, cut it up and have the child put it together again. You can cut it up into individual words or phrases.
- Listen to audio books (NI Libraries)
- Use software to read text (Immersive reader Windows 365, Texthelp)



General points about spelling

- Spelling is a different skill from reading.
- You must be able to read the word before you can spell it.



- You need to understand how to use the word...link to meaning.
- Encourage children to say letter names. Letter names are consistent.
- Be encouraging. Point out the positives.
- Try not to let a child get into the habit of writing a word incorrectly. Consistent incorrect spelling will be established in memory.



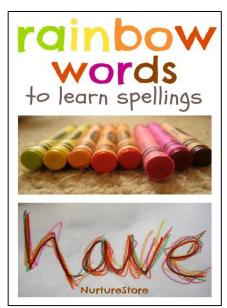
Supporting spelling

- Assistive technology: Use of computers, laptops, ipads, and tablets using software such as Wordshark, clicker, Texthelp Read&Write and accessibility tools built within the hardware
- Hand held Spell-checkers
- Help mats (similar to those used for single word reading) can be used to support spelling.
- High frequency words or topic words can be put on the desk or visibly close for reference in the class.
- Rules and tricky words can be displayed on the desk or visibly close for reference in class
- Provide on a post-it note quickly, avoid asking them to sound it out in front of peers

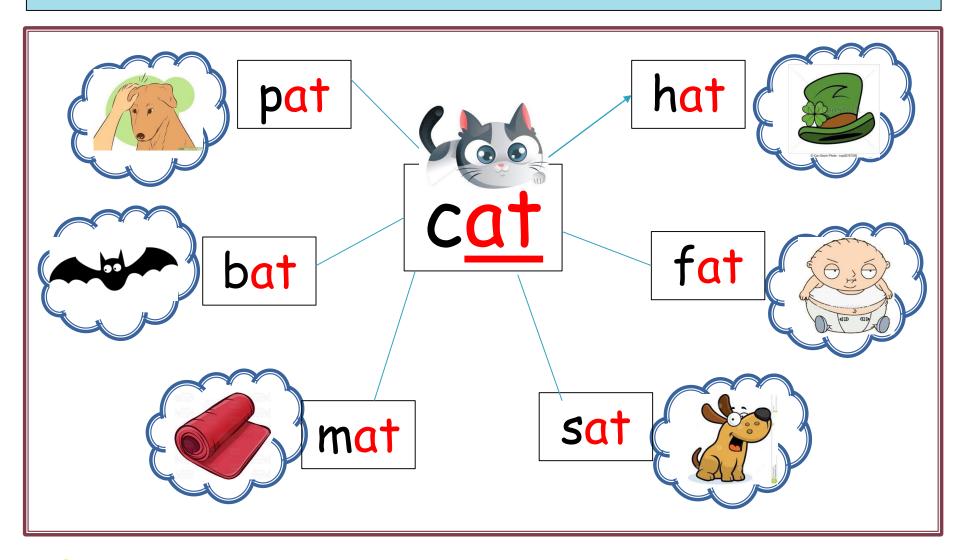
Supporting Spelling

- Practise Look Say Cover Write Check or Read, Trace over, Copy and Spell
- Practise writing in different mediums if available saying the letters as they write them (sand/salt/flour).
- Practise rainbow writing (tracing over in different colours) saying the letters.
- Find a known word with the same end rime and use as an "anchor" word. e.g. day now spell stay play way
- Wordsearch (use horizontal only)





Using 'anchor' words: cat

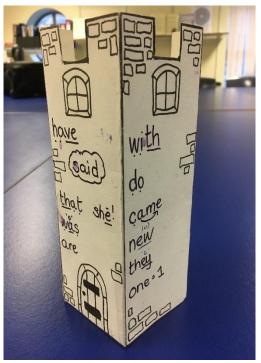


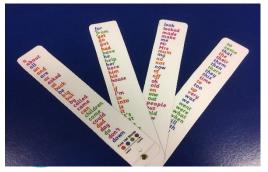


Examples of word mats, fans and towers to support spelling





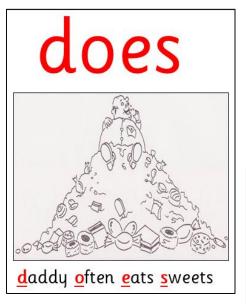




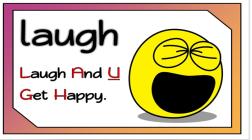


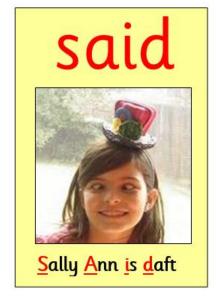


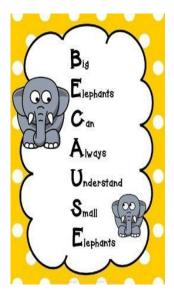
Examples of some mnemonics used to remember tricky words

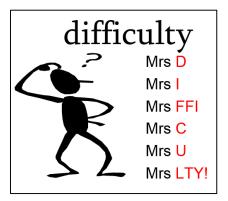


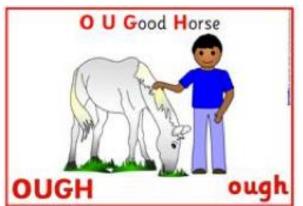
















Making a mnemonic memorable



Choose a word that you find difficult to spell.



Think of a cartoon or story to make this word memorable. Funny, silly or cheeky ideas can be easier to remember.



Open up your mind and let your imagination run loose.



Think of the story behind each spelling mnemonic. Make sure you understand the connection.



Own your story; modify it so that it makes sense to you. Link your spelling to your own experiences.



Use the mnemonic on the same day as we tend to forget most of what we have leant within 24 hours.



The best way to learn is to teach, so show your mnemonic to someone else and tell them how it works for you.



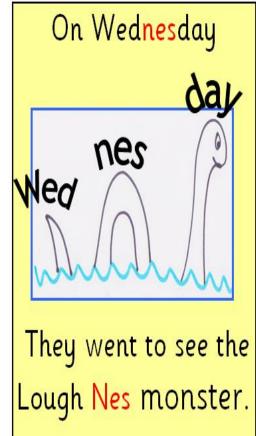
Be practical: MULTISENSORY Make a poster or other artwork and display in the classroom and at home

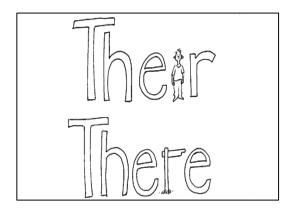


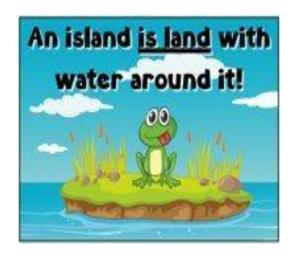
Print out your mnemonic in black and white and have others colour it in

Examples of some visual prompts to support spelling rules, word meaning and unusual spellings









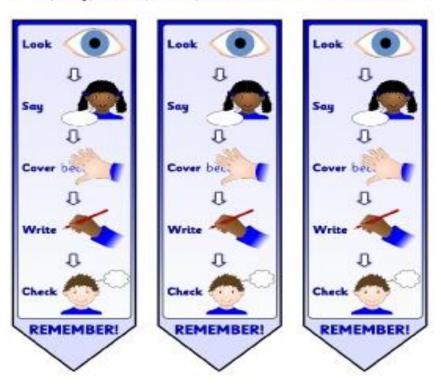


- Stretch out the word. What sounds do you hear?
- Does it sound like a word you know?

e.g.: look – cook

- Leave out the hard bit- then fill in the details later e.g. bec—s
- Use syllables -try to spell each little bit e.g.: fan / tas / tic
- Try the word out pick the one that looks right e.g. sno / snoe / snow

Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check Reminder Bookmarks







Supporting Writing

 Give children prompt questions to help them structure their writing

When?	Who?	Where?	What	Why?	How
			happened?		does it end?



I am going to think about all the things I want to say and draw some pictures to help me remember them. I am not going to write a whole sentence yet. I'm just going to put some pictures and words to remind me what to say.

I am going to think about some interesting words to use to describe how I feel.

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When?	Who?	Where?	What?	Why?
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Last Tuesday I ran home when the siren rang at school. At home I was playing on my skateboard on the driveway outside my house. My driveway is greyand it is long and the skateboard is pink the weather was windy. No one was with me, and I had fun because I was going fast.



Write a story





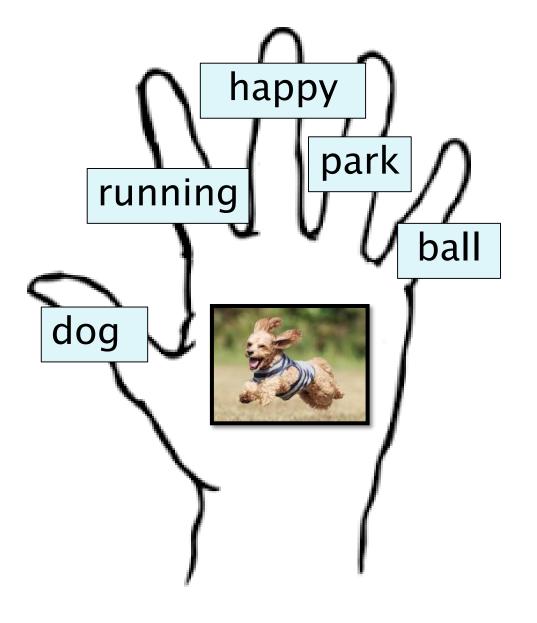












The dog is running.

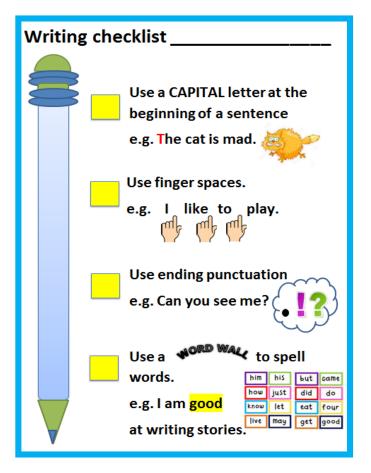
He is happy.

He is in the park.

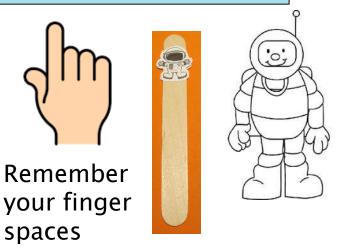
The dog runs after the ball.

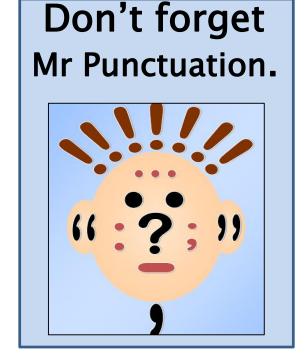


Checklists and prompts



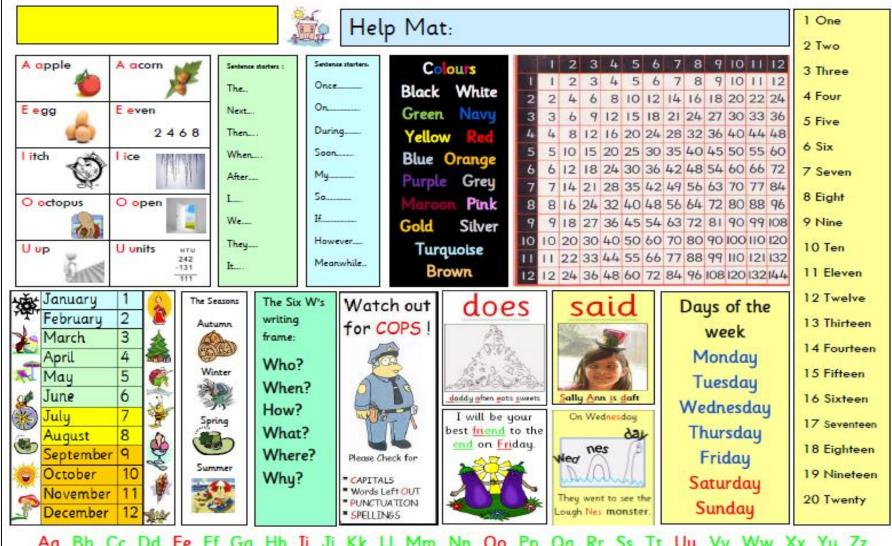








Help mat to support independence

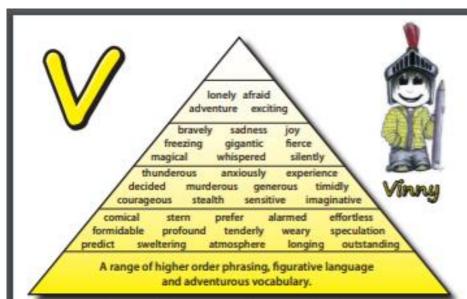


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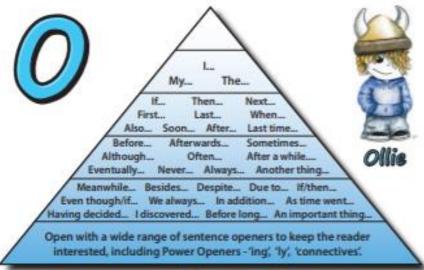
We have 26 letters in the alphabet, 5 vowels and 21 consonants. We use 44 sounds to make our words.

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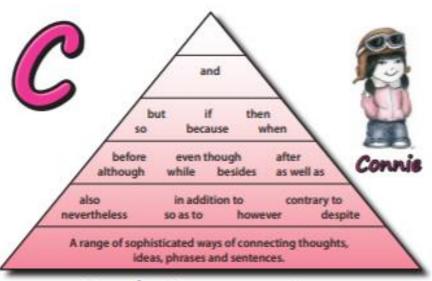
No word ever ends in 'v' always always add an e ! have shove give glove gave heave live leave move prove		nouns naming words	verbs doing words	adjectives describing nouns	adverbs describing verbs
Where are my shoes? The children were looking out of the window.	would could should o u lucky duck				
I want to wear my big hat to the party. Where, wear and were	island An island is land with sea around it.				
Big elephants ean always understand small elephants.	My house is over there. The children play with their toys. There're (there are) too many dishes to carry!				



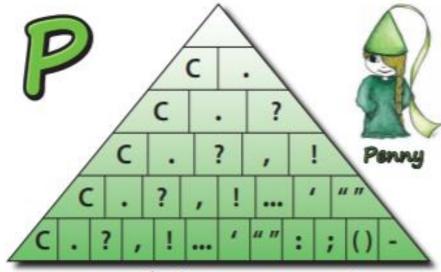




Outstanding Openers

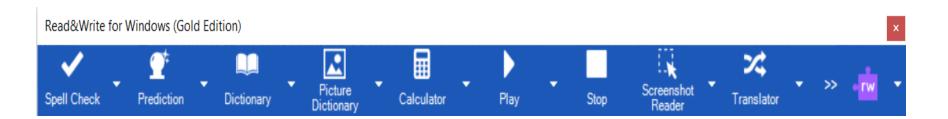


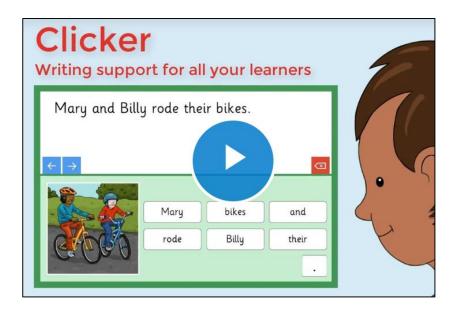
Cool Connectives

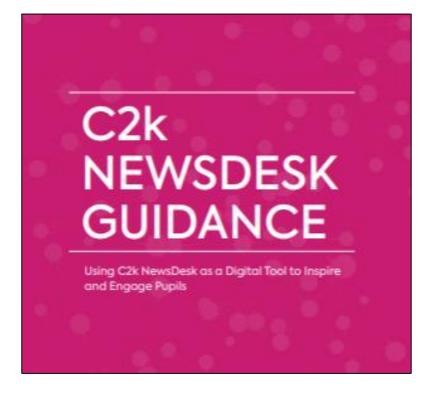


Powerful Punctuation

Assistive Technology to support writing



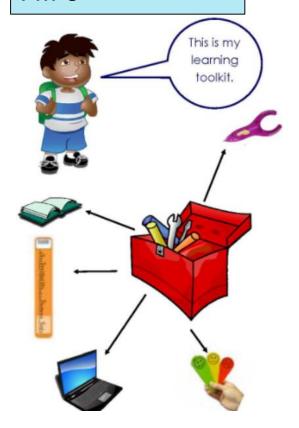




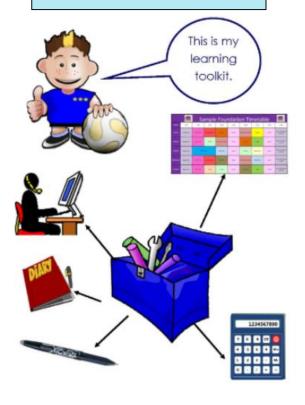


Not all pupils need the same thing

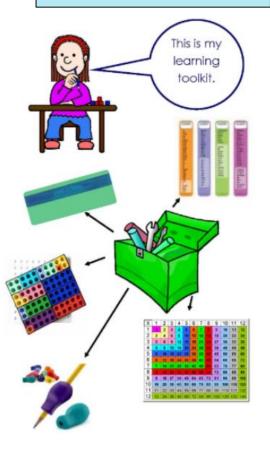
Hi... I'm Ben and I'm 8



Hi... I'm Jake and I'm 13



Hi... I'm Emma and I'm 10





Summing up

Three significant areas which contribute to literacy difficulties

- Working memory
- Speed of processing speed
- Phonological awareness and processing

How to support sight vocabulary recognition

How to support sound/letter recognition

How to support reading comprehension

How to support spelling and writing activities





