

# Reading at home

## Booklet 1

Your child is learning to read with **Read Write Inc. *Phonics***, a very popular and successful literacy programme. This **first booklet** shows you how you can get your child off to a quick start.

Your child will learn to read in a very simple way. He or she will learn to:

1. Read **letters** by their 'sounds'
2. Blend these sounds into **words**
3. Read the words in a **story**.



## How will my child learn to read?

First, your child will learn to read:

- Set 1 Speed Sounds: these are sounds written with one letter: **m a s d t i n p g o c k u b f e l h r j v y w z x** and sounds written with two letters (your child will call these 'special friends'): **sh th ch qu ng nk ck**
- Words containing these sounds, by sound-blending, e.g. m-a-t mat, c-a-t cat, g-o-t got, f-i-sh fish, s-p-o-t spot, b-e-s-t best, s-p-l-a-sh splash
- Blending Books and Red, Green and Purple Storybooks.

Second, he or she will learn to read:

- Set 2 Speed Sounds: **ay ee igh ow oo oo ar or air ir ou oy**
- Words containing these sounds
- Pink, Orange and Yellow Storybooks.

Third, he or she will learn to read:

- Set 3 Speed Sounds: **ea oi a-e i-e o-e u-e aw are ur er ow ai oa ew ire ear ure**
- Words containing these sounds
- Blue and Grey Storybooks.

Your child will be taught to say the sound for the letter and not the letter name, so 'm' as in 'mat', not 'em'; 's' as in 'sun' not 'es'.

## 1. Help your child read the Set 1 Speed Sounds

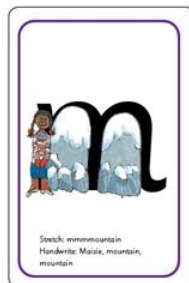
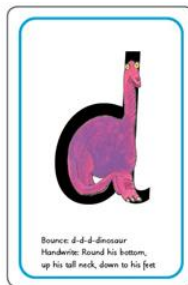
Before you get going, visit [www.ruthmiskin.com/parents](http://www.ruthmiskin.com/parents) to practise saying the sounds clearly. The more clearly *you* say the sounds, the more quickly your child will learn them.

**Important:** We say 'mmmm' not 'muh' and 'lllll' not 'luh' when teaching the sounds. This really helps children when they learn to blend sounds together to read words.















Your child will bring home the Set 1 Speed Sounds sheet. See p4.

You'll see that each sound is drawn in the shape of a picture. For example:

- 's' is in the shape of a snake
- 'd' is in the shape of a dinosaur
- 'a' is in the shape of an apple
- 'm' is in the shape of two mountains



# RWI phrases – Set 1

m 	mountain	l 	leg
a 	apple	h 	horse
s 	snake	sh 	shhhh!
d 	dinosaur	r 	robot
t 	tower	j 	jack-in-a-box
i 	insect	v 	vulture
p 	pirate	y 	yak
n 	net	w 	worm
g 	girl	z 	zip
o 	orange	ch 	ch-ch-choo!
c 	caterpillar	th 	thank-you
k 	kangaroo	qu 	queen
u 	umbrella	x 	X-x-x-exercise
b 	boot	ng 	Thing on a string.
f 	flower	nk 	I think I stink.
e 	egg		

## Speed Sounds Set 2

ay  may I play?	ee  what can you see?	igh  fly high	ow  blow the snow	oo  poo at the zoo
oo  look at a book	ar  start the car	or  shut the door	air  that's not fair	ir  whirl and twirl

## Speed Sounds Set 3

ea  cup of tea	oi  spoil the boy	ou  shout it out	oy  toy to enjoy	
ā-e  make a cake	ī-e  nice smile	ō-e  phone home	ū-e  huge brute	aw  yawn at dawn
are  care and share	ur  nurse with a purse	er  a better letter	ow  brown cow	ai  snail in the rain
oa  goat in a boat	ew  chew the stew	ire  fire, fire!	ear  hear with your ear	ure  sure it's pure

## 2. Help your child to read words

Once your child can read Set 1 Speed Sounds confidently, he or she can learn to read words. First, your child is introduced to a toy frog called Fred. Fred can *only* say the sounds in a word and needs your child to help him read the word. So, when you hear your child say 'Fred Talk', you'll know this means sounding out the word.

You can help your child to read words by following these steps:



Fred says the sounds and children work out the word.

1. Make up a word with three cards that your child can read quickly, e.g. c-a-t.

c

a

t

Point to and say the sounds, and then say the word. Ask your child to copy you.

Muddle up the cards. Ask your child to make the word again, and then point to and say the sounds.

Repeat with more 3-sound words, including some containing sounds made up of more than one letter, e.g. ch-a-t, sh-i-p.

2. Put out three cards. This time, ask your *child* to say the sounds.

Help him or her to blend the sounds into the words, until your child can do it without your help.

3. Repeat with some 4-sound words, e.g. b-l-i-p, f-r-o-g, g-r-i-n,

s-t-o-p, j-u-m-p, h-a-n-d, b-l-a-ck.

### ***3. Help your child read at home.***

#### ***How to read at home with your child.***



- Do not read the book aloud before your child reads it to you.
- Ask your child to read the sounds and words before he or she reads the story.
- When your child reads the story, ask him or her to sound out the words that he or she can't read automatically. Don't allow your child to struggle too much. Praise your child when he or she succeeds.
- Read back each sentence or page to keep the plot moving. (Your child's energy is going into reading the words not the story.)
- Do not ask your child to guess the word by using the pictures.
- Do it all with patience and love!

We use Read Write Inc storybooks to develop children's reading in school. Also, we have a storytime every day so children develop a love of stories. We hope that you will do the same by reading a bedtime story to your child every night.

## Glossary

**Fred Talk** – sounding out the word before reading (blending)

**sound-blending** – putting sounds together to make a word,  
e.g. c-a-t cat

**special friends** – sounds written with more than one letter,  
e.g.sh, ng, qu, ch

**Speed Sounds** – the individual sounds that make up word



**Read stories to your child with feeling! The more you love the story, the more your child will love reading.**

This booklet tells you how to help your child:

- read Set 1, 2,3 Speed Sounds
- blend sounds into words
- read with your child at home



[www.ruthmiskin.com/parents](http://www.ruthmiskin.com/parents) has many videos to help you help your child.

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