

Spelling and Pronunciation

Before viewing Video Segment A, discuss in groups and write in the space provided:

A.	the functions of the 26 letters
B.	the problems you had with spelling and pronunciation when you were learning English



Phonics and Phonetics

A. The following table summarizes the differences between phonics and phonetics. Discuss with a partner and complete the table by using the 4 expressions in the shaded ovals.

Phonics	Phonetics
e.g. c a sh	e.g. /k æ∫/
Studying the basic letter-sound relationships	
	Ways of writing down pronunciation
Cutting up words into pronunciation units	
	Used by older learners and teachers as a reference to pronunciation

Used by young learners in their reading and spelling

Using phonetic symbols
(e.g. the International Phonetic
Alphabet) to represent the
pronunciation units

Comparing the 44 different sound units that make a difference to meanings of words

Ways of teaching young learners how to pronounce words

B. Discuss in groups why primary pupils should be taught phonics instead of phonetics.







Phonics

While you are viewing Video Segment B, note and record the explanation related to the following questions.

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Limitations of Phonics

A. Read aloud the 3 words in each row. Circle the words which have the same pronunciation for the underlined parts. What do you notice? Can your pupils pronounce these words correctly? If not, how do they pronounce them? Why?

1.	p <u>ear</u>	b <u>ear</u>	d <u>ear</u>
2.	<u>s</u> ugar	<u>s</u> ure	<u>S</u> usan
3.	<u>ch</u> ange	<u>ch</u> aracter	<u>ch</u> emistry
4.	clim <u>b</u> ing	ru <u>bb</u> ing	bom <u>b</u> ing
5.	singer	hanger	ginger
6.	<u>k</u> nock	<u>k</u> ing	<u>k</u> now
7.	tom <u>b</u>	Bo <u>b</u>	ta <u>b</u>

В.	Discuss and write down what teachers should phonics.	l be aware of when they teach
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Read the following poem once in groups. Listen to the Audio CD and pay special attention to the words in bold. What do you notice?

Unpredictable Pronunciation and Spelling

I take it you already know
Of tough and bough and cough and dough?
Others may stumble, but not you,
On hiccough, thorough, enough and through?
Well done! And now you wish, perhaps,
To learn of less familiar traps?

Beware of heard, a dreadful word,
That looks like beard and sounds like bird,
And dead, it's said like bed, not bead For goodness sake don't call it "deed"!
Watch out for meat and great and threat
(They rhyme with suite and straight and debt.)

A moth is not a moth in mother
Nor both in bother, broth in brother,
And here is not a match for there,
Nor dear and fear for bear and pear,
And then there's dose and rose and lose Just look them up - and goose and choose,
And cork and work, and card and ward,
And font and front and word and sword,
And do and go, and thwart and cart But that's not all, so don't lose heart!
There's come and home and crumb and hum
As well as comb, bomb, tomb and numb.

You **live** in a house, but you're **alive**, (I'd learned it all when I was **five**.)



Significant Groups of Letter Sounds

A. Work in groups and read aloud the underlined part in each word in the boxes below. Put them under the right group of letter sounds.

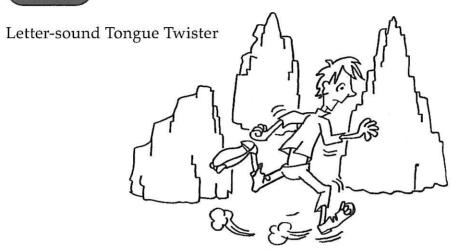
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h <u>i</u> ll	t <u>al</u> l	dr <u>i</u> v <u>e</u>	b <u>oa</u> t	ju <u>mp</u>	<u>sl</u> ow	sai <u>d</u>
mi <u>lk</u>	f <u>ar</u> m	<u>tw</u> enty	pl <u>ay</u>	c <u>u</u> p	dr <u>ew</u>	egg
<u>ph</u> one	<u>sch</u> ool	<u>s</u> ee	<u>o</u> ff	c <u>ow</u>	s <u>oi</u> l	fir <u>st</u>

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	Short vowels	
e.g. <u>a</u> m		
	Long vowels	
e.g. cl <u>ea</u> n		
	Other vowels	
e.g. <u>ar</u> m		
	Initial consonants	
e.g. <u>k</u> eep		
	Ending consonants	
e.g. ha <u>m</u>		

B. Find a few more examples for each group of letter sounds. Use the 'English Letter Sounds' card to help you.



Initial r

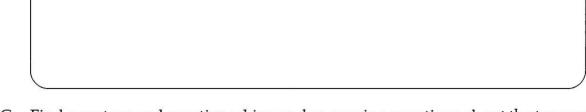


Round the Ragged Rocks

Round and round the ragged rocks the ragged rascal ran.

- A. Read aloud the tongue twister. Circle all the 'initial r' sounds.
- B. How many questions can you think of to ask about the tongue twister? Write them here.

Example: Who ran round the ragged rocks?



- C. Find a partner and practise asking and answering questions about the tongue twister.
- D. Get into groups and compete by reading the tongue twister as fast as you can. Choose one member to be the timekeeper.





Letter-sound Riddle

A. Read the following riddle aloud. Do you know the answer to this riddle?

You can eat cakes and drink coffee in me. I am not a classroom but you can find me in some schools. My name begins with the same letter as 'certificate', 'cinema' and 'century'.

The answer is	

Write the beginning letter of the answer here: _____

- C. Circle all the words beginning with the letter 'c' in the riddle.
- D. Read the riddle again. Is 'c' pronounced the same in all these words? Put them under two columns according to the pronunciation of the letter 'c'. Then think of more examples.

Column A	Column B
e.g. <u>c</u> akes	e.g. <u>c</u> ertificate

- E. Circle the appropriate answers in the shaded parts.

 - \Rightarrow 'c' is pronounced k / s in the words in Column B. It is called hard c / soft c . It precedes letters a / e / i / o / u .



Initial Consonants, Consonant Digraphs and Consonant Blends

A. Fill in the blanks with suitable words from the shaded ovals:

letters	sounds				
There are 21 consonar	nt and				
24 consonant	in English.				
Consonant are represented by a single of					
a combination of the 21	consonant				

B. Match the descriptions with the examples of letter sounds.

Initial consonant digraphs (single consonant sounds c, g written with two letters) Initial consonant blends (2 or more individual b, d, f, h, k, l, m, n, consonant sounds blended p, r, s, t, w together and written with two letters or more) Letters with soft and ch, ph, sh, th, wh hard sounds Initial consonants bl, cl, fl, pl, sl, br, cr, (consonant sounds written dr, fr, gr, tr, sk, sl, sn, with one letter) sp, st, str, spr, chr

C. Refer to the 'Useful Groups of Letter Sounds' word list to find words containing the letter sounds listed in Part B. Then find more examples for each group of letter sounds.



Initial Consonants

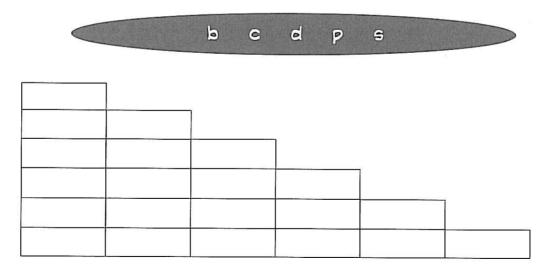
Letter-sound Word Steps

A. Read the following word steps describing 'a tiger'.

tiger				
thin	tiger			
the	thin	tiger		

Work in groups and think of more words beginning with the letter 't' to fill in the word steps. You can also use consonant digraphs (e.g. th) and consonant blends (e.g. tw) beginning with t.

B. Work in groups and choose another consonant letter from the list in the shaded oval below. Think of words beginning with this letter to make new word steps. Also use consonant digraphs and consonant blends beginning with the same letter.



C. Compare the initial letter sounds of the words in the word steps and discuss how to group them in a phonics book.



Short Vowels

While you are viewing Video Segment D, note and record the explanation related to the following questions.

A. What is the main difference between vowel and consonant sounds?						
Wha	at are the 5 sl	nort vowels? (Can you read	them aloud?		
Writ 5 sh	e down the k	ey words which	ch help you rei	nember the p tter sound.	ronunciation	of the
Look vow	c at the pictu els. Underlir	re of the sick the letter(s)	elephant and representing	find more wo	ords with the und in each v	short
	Short a	Short e	Short i	Short o	Short u	
	Write 5 sho	Write down the k 5 short vowels. T Look at the pictu vowels. Underlin	Write down the key words which is short vowels. Then underlined the letter (s)	Write down the key words which help you read to short vowels. Then underline the target lead to be at the picture of the sick elephant and vowels. Underline the letter(s) representing	Look at the picture of the sick elephant and find more wo	Write down the key words which help you remember the pronunciation 5 short vowels. Then underline the target letter sound. Look at the picture of the sick elephant and find more words with the vowels. Underline the letter(s) representing the vowel sound in each words.

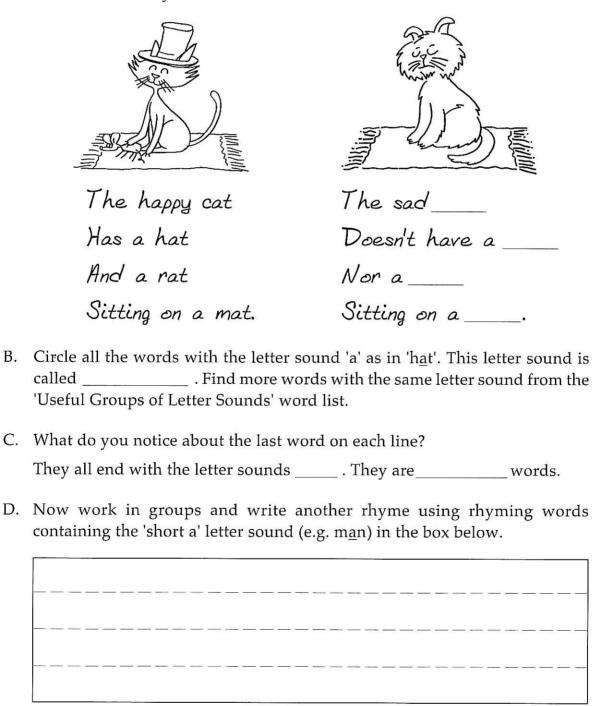
E. Refer to the 'English Letter Sounds' card and find more words with short vowels. Underline the letter(s) representing the vowel sound in each word and read it aloud. Discuss in groups how you would group them when you teach phonics and why.



Short a

The Happy Cat and the Sad Cat

A. Look at the 2 pictures. Fill in the missing words for the second rhyme. Then read aloud the rhymes.

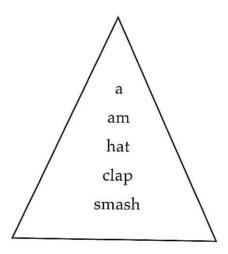




Short Vowels

Word Pyramid

A. Read aloud the words in the following word pyramid on 'short a' from top to bottom. Circle the 'short a' letter sound in each word and then read aloud the letter sound only. Do they have the same pronunciation?



B. Now select another short vowel letter sound and create your word pyramid. Begin with the short vowel letter sound you select. Then working from top to bottom, write a new word containing the same short vowel letter sound plus one more letter on the following lines.



Esa tree

Ending Consonants

Word Maze

A. Read the following word maze on classroom objects. Circle 9 words hidden in it. The words may appear horizontally or vertically.

W	С	h	a	1	k	d
a	b	S	h	е	1	f
n	b	m	у	W	С	j
С	0	W	a	1	1	r
S	a	n	S	f	a	n
i	r	u	a	b	i	n
n	d	e	S	k	r	p
k	b	р	b	О	О	k

B. Write the words you circled in the box below. Identify the initial consonant, vowel and ending consonant letter sounds in each word. Then underline all the ending consonant letter sounds.



C. Read aloud the words in Part B and then the ending consonants. Discuss which may be difficult for your pupils to pronounce and why.



Ending Consonants, Consonant Digraphs and Consonant Blends

A. Match th	e descriptions	with the	examples	of letter	sounds
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Ending consonants (consonant sounds written with one letter)

ft, ld, lk, lt, mp, nd, nt, sk, st

Ending consonant digraphs (single consonant sounds written with two letters)

b, c, d, f, g, k, l, m, n, p, s, t

Ending consonant blends (2 individual consonant sounds blended together and written with two letters)

autum<u>n</u>, clim<u>b</u>, colum<u>n</u>, com<u>b</u>, hig<u>h</u>, sigh, tom<u>b</u>

Silent letters (letter(s) that will not be pronounced in a word)

j, qu, wh

Consonants which cannot be found at the end of words.

ch, ck, gh, ng, nk, ph, sh, th

Find other examples for each group of letter sounds. Write the answers in the boxes above. You may refer to the 'Useful Groups of Letter Sounds' word list.

 $B. \quad \text{Discuss in groups why it is necessary to teach ending consonants to the pupils.} \\$





Take a Look at my Cook Book



A. Rick has made a cake but it is stuck to the cake tin. Now he is asking his friend, Mike, for help. Complete the following dialogue using words with ending consonant letter sounds of k, e.g. Rick, Mike, pink.

Rick:	Oh no! Look, Mike! What bad! Myhas gotin the tin!
Mike:	Didn't you use butter to make it not, Rick? Use this brush next time. I've learnt about it from a book.
Rick:	Which one? Can I read it?
Mike:	Yes, of course. Take a at this It shows you how to make a better cake. You can also learn how to cookies and shakes.
Rick:	Thank you, Mike.

B. Put words with the same ending consonant letter sounds of k in the word cakes below.



C. Work in pairs. Practise reading the dialogue and pay special attention to the ending consonant letter sounds of words in the blanks. Does it cause difficulty in pronunciation for your pupils? Why? Should the 4 letter sounds in Part B be taught at the same time to primary pupils? Why?



Long Vowels

Eve Played an Old Tune

A. Read aloud the following sentence and then the underlined letter sounds.

On Friday, Eve played an old tune to a cat sitting in a cup on a bed.



Complete the following table using words with long or short vowels from the sentence above:

Long/Short	Short Vowels	Long Vowels
a	c <u>a</u> t	
e		
i		
О		
u		

There are	short vowels and	long vowels.
The long yow	els say their own	

B. Long vowels may have 2 or 3 different spelling patterns, usually consisting of more than one letter. Refer to the 'English Letter Sounds' card and write down possible spellings of each long vowel sound.

Vowel	Letter	Example	Letter	Example	Letter	Example
Sound	sound		sound		sound	
Long a	ai	tr <u>ai</u> n				
Long e						
Long i						
Long o						
Long u						

C. Discuss how phonics helps young learners with spelling.



Magic e

Careless Pete and Puzzled Grace

A. Pete has written a letter to his wife, Grace, from summer camp. However he is very careless and has made some spelling mistakes. Grace feels very puzzled when she receives the letter. Help Grace understand the letter by finding out Pete's spelling mistakes, circling them and writing down the correct words.

My dear wif,

How are you? I hop you're well.

I'm having a very good tim at summer camp.

The weather here is very fin every day.

I have mad a nic kit in the shap of a cut bird.

I'll fly it with you when I com hom.

Love

Pet

В.	What is 'Magic e' ? What may the 'Magic e' do to a vowel sound?
	The addition of 'e' after a vowel followed by a consonant changes the vowel
	sound from avowel sound to avowel sound.
	It also makes the letters 'a, e, i, o, u' say their own

C. Find other examples of words with 'Magic e'.



Other Vowels

Myrtle the Turtle

A. Listen and complete the poem 'Myrtle the Turtle' on Myrtle's back.

,	Myrtle the Turtle
	Five weeks, I saw Myrtle the
	in my father's
	legs are so she's not very tall. I her in the long wavy
136	Then I see her at !
	see her at!
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B. Identify words from the poem 'Myrtle the Turtle' with the following vowel sounds and put them in the appropriate boxes. Then refer to the 'English Letter Sounds' card or the 'Useful Groups of Letter Sounds' word list and find more spellings of these vowel letter sounds.

Vowel	Letter	Example	Letter	Example	Letter	Example	Letter	Example
sound	sound		sound		sound		sound	
ar	ar	f <u>ar</u>						
ir	ir	b <u>ir</u> d						
or	or	sh <u>or</u> t						
oi	oi	b <u>oi</u> l						
ou	ow	d <u>ow</u> n						
Long oo	00	m <u>oo</u> n						
Short oo	u	p <u>u</u> t						
Schwa	a	<u>a</u> way						



Schwa

A. What is the difference between the pronunciation of the articles 'a', 'an', 'the' when you read them in isolation and in the following proverb? Then underline all the schwa sounds you find.

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	An apple a day keeps the doctor away.	
	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday	

В.	What do you notice about the identified schwa sounds in the proverb? Put						
	ticks in the following sentences which describe what you have discovered						
	i.	The schwa is the most frequently occurring vowel sound.					
	ii.	Schwa often appears in weak syllables, e.g. ago, postman					
	iii.	In connected speech, the schwa is often used in unstressed					
		words, e.g. He bought <u>a</u> book f <u>or</u> Tom.					

C. Read the following dialogue aloud. Find the weak syllables and unstressed words containing the schwa sounds.

Victor: Hello, Doctor Wong's clinic. Peter: Hello, this is Peter Chan speaking. Is Doctor Wong in? Victor: I'm sorry he went out five minutes ago. He'll be back in an hour. He has a meeting with a policeman and a postman at the Summer Coffee Shop. Peter: Can I leave a message? Tell him that I'd like to invite him for dinner this evening at the Winter Restaurant. Ask him to bring along his wife and daughter. Victor: Alright. I'll write that down. Peter: Thank you! Bye! Peter: Bye.

Discuss how you should teach the schwa sound to primary pupils.



Onsets & Rimes

My Mad Cat

A. Complete the poem 'My Mad Cat' with the help of the picture prompts.

B. Monosyllabic words can be divided into 2 phonological units. The opening unit is called the 'onset' and the ending unit the 'rime'.

e.g. mad

onset	rime
m	ad

Read the poem again. Find words with the same onset or rime and put them in the appropriate column in the grid below.

Words with the same rime:

m	ad
b	ad
	b

Words with the same onset:

	onset	rime
<u>m</u> ad	m	ad
<u>m</u> an	m	an
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Write down more words with the same onset or rime.



Rimes & Rhyme

Spiders Spin

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A.	Complete the following senter	nces which explain onsets and rimes:	
		t of a word or syllable that comes sameare alliterative.	the
	——————————————————————————————————————	a word or syllable that includes the . Words with the same rime	
В.	Find a list of rhyming words them and practise reading the	you can see in the following poem. Unce poem in pairs.	lerline
		Spiders Spin	
		By Mike Murphy	_/
	Spiders spin	Sunbeams shine	
	Crocodiles grin	Puppy dogs whine	
	Farmers sow	Small lambs bleat	
	Flowers grow	Pandas eat	
	Church bells ring	Guard-dogs growl	
	Bluebirds sing	Tigers prowl	
	Donkeys bray	Eagles fly	
	Horses neigh	Babies cry	
	Swallows glide	Cobras hiss	
	Kittens hide	Love-birds kiss	
	Raindrops fall	Cuckoos call	
	Turtles crawl	And that is all!	
	Dolphins leap		
	Koalas sleep		

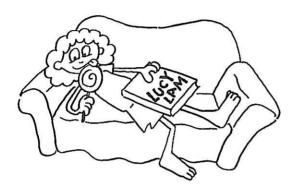
C. Discuss how knowledge about rimes can help your pupils with reading aloud and spelling.



Onsets & Alliteration

Tongue Twisters

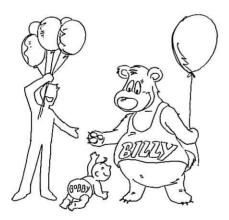
A. Practise the following tongue twister.

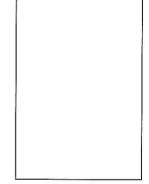


Lazy Lucy Lam licked a lemon lollipop.

B. Look at the picture below and find 2 animals/objects that begin with the letter sound 'b'. Write the words in the box on the right and use them to make up a tongue twister about the picture. Add more words beginning with the letter sound 'b' to the tongue twister.

Can you use words beginning with 'bl' or 'br'? Why?





Write the tongue twister here:

C. Work in groups and create a new tongue twister for another onset.

Discuss how you should create tongue twisters to help your pupils with learning phonics.





Spiders Spin

A. Listen to the poem 'Spiders Spin' by Mike Murphy again. Focus on the following words below. How many syllables do they have? Draw a line between the syllables.

e.g. Spi/ders	Flowers	Bluebirds	Swallows	Turtles
Puppy	Pandas	Tigers	Cobras	Cuckoos

B. How did you break the word 'Puppy' up into syllables? Tick the box and compare it with other group members' answers.

Pup/py	Pu/ppy		Pupp/y
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How should we teach pupils to break up multisyllabic words? Why?

C.	Read aloud the following words from the poem 'Spiders Spin'. Draw a line
	between the syllables.

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e.g. Spi/ders	Crocodiles	Farmers	Flowers	Church bells
Bluebirds	Donkeys	Horses	Swallows	Kittens
Raindrops	Turtles	Dolphins	Koalas	Sunbeams
Puppy	Small lambs	Pandas	Guard-dogs	Tigers
Eagles	Babies	Cobras	Love-birds	Cuckoos

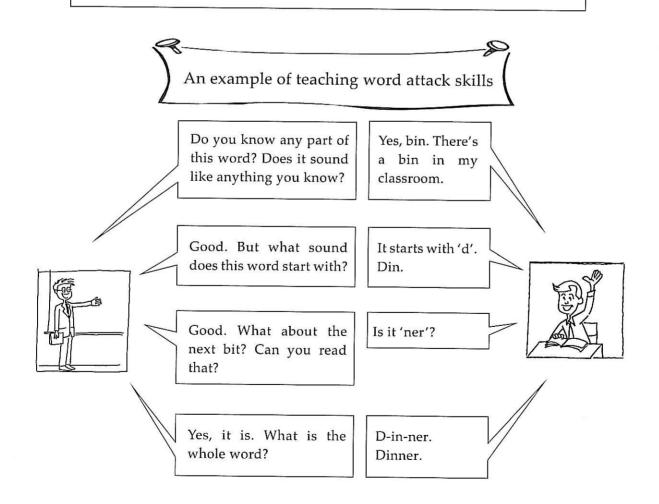


Use these notes while you are viewing Video Segment J.

Why is phonics taught?

To help pupils:

- Discriminate between words
- Pronounce known words correctly
- Work out sounds of unfamiliar words
- Develop their confidence and proficiency in reading aloud
- Improve their spelling
- Develop their word attack skills





When is phonics taught?

- At an early age
- When learners can recognize some words through listening or sight reading
- When learners need enabling skills
- © When learners need to achieve accuracy in spelling

How is phonics taught?

- Select one or two letter sounds for each phonics mini lesson from the learning/teaching resources, e.g. textbooks, storybooks
- Frame the target letter sound in context to introduce it to the learners
- Make visual representation (e.g. word tree, word wall) of the target letter sound to help learners make a collection of words with the same letter sound
- Use short phonics learning activities to help learners practise the target letter sound, e.g. making flipbooks, reading funny sentences and rhymes



What are the steps in conducting a phonics mini lesson?

- Introduce and model read the target letter sound
- Develop

 awareness of

 onsets and rimes
- Develop

 awareness of

 syllables, if

 necessary
- Conduct practice activities

- Frame and model read the target letter sound
- Uncover other letters and model read the rime and/or onset
- Develop a class word tree/ train/wall for visual representation
- Collect more words with the same letter sound, onset and/or rime
- Circle small words and use analogy
- Read funny sentences, rhymes and jazz chants
- Sing songs
- Play phonics games

What do you think of the explanation and suggestions in Video Segment J?





Developing an Overall Plan for Phonics Mini Lessons

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Exemplar Overall Plans for Phonics Mini Lessons

The following 2 exemplar overall plans suggest the number of letter sounds to teach at each level:

Exemplar Overall Plan 1

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	9)	Consonant Letter Sounds	ınds		vowel Letter Sounds	S	Iotal
Letter Sounds	Consonants (with a single letter)	Consonant Digraphs	Consonant Blends	Short Vowels	Long Vowels	Other Vowels	
Primary 1	10	0	0	гO	Ŋ	0	20
Primary 2	5	3	2		2	8	20
Primary 3	0	2	13		īC		20

Exemplar Overall Plan 2

		Co	nsonant I	Consonant Letter Sound	spu			Vowel Letter Sounds	ls	Total
Letter Sounds	Consc (with a sir	Consonants (with a single letter)	Consonant Digraphs	onant aphs	Consonant Blends	nant ids	Short Vowels	Long Vowels	Other Vowels	
	Initial	Initial Ending Initial Ending	Initial	Ending	Initial	Ending				
Primary 1	5	5	0	0	0	0	5	S	0	20
Primary 2	2	3	2	1	2	0		2	8	20
Primary 3	0	0	1	П	7	9		rv		20

Note:

- (a) Choose the letter sounds which occur frequently in the learning/teaching resources. It is not necessary to cover all the letter sounds in any group, e.g. P1 pupils may learn any 5 out of the 10 short vowel letter sounds.
- Teach the letter sounds as they appear in the learning/teaching resources. It is not necessary to teach all consonant letter sounds and then vowel letter sounds, or vice versa. (p)



group and at each level. Then identify which letter sounds to teach and illustrate them with examples. Explain your choice Discuss in groups and develop an overall plan for phonics mini lessons. Work out the number of letter sounds to teach in each to the other groups when you finish. ن

Overall Plan for Phonics Mini Lessons

		Co	nsonant L	Consonant Letter Sounds	spu			Vowel Letter Sounds	ls	Total
1	Consc	Consonants	Consonant	mant	Consonant	onant	Short	Long	Other	
Letter Sounds	(with a sin	(with a single letter)	Digraphs	shqe	Bleı	Blends	Vowels	Vowels	Vowels	
	Initial	Ending	Initial	Ending	Initial	Ending				
Primary 1										
Primary 2									,	
Primary 3										

D. Discuss and suggest how you would introduce the letter sounds not covered in the phonics mini lessons.



Designing Activities for a Phonics Mini Lesson

Based on the overall plan developed by your group, select <u>ONE</u> letter sound to teach in a phonics mini lesson. Design appropriate activities for your pupils to learn and practise the letter sound. Write down the steps in the following box.

Phonics Mini Lesson
Target Letter Sound:
Class:
Duration:
Steps: