



Ruth Miskin
Training



Read Write Inc. Phonics Parents' Meeting

Reading changes everything

Teach a child to read and keep that child reading and we will change everything.

And I mean everything.

Jeanette Winterson

What is phonics?

Sounds

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'.

Graphemes

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

English alphabetic code

- We use 44 sounds to make all the words in the English language.
This means we've got a problem.

- We've got 44 sounds and only 26 letters.
- The 26 letters work singly, in pairs and sometimes in threes to represent one sound.
- We have to group letters together to write some sounds e.g. 'igh', 'air'.

English alphabetic code

- In English we have more than 150 ways to represent 44 sounds, using the 26 letters in the alphabet.
- This makes our language one of the most complex in the world!

Speed Sounds Set 1

Consonant sounds – stretchy

f	l	m	n	r	s	v	z	sh	th	ng
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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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Pure Sounds (ruthmiskin.com)

We teach using pure sounds.

We pronounce the sounds clearly, using pure sounds ('m' not 'muh', 's' not 'suh', etc.) so that your child will be able to blend the sounds together to make words more easily.

Sound pronunciation guide



Name the pictures

We give children a hook to learn the sounds by using pictures in the same shape as the letter.

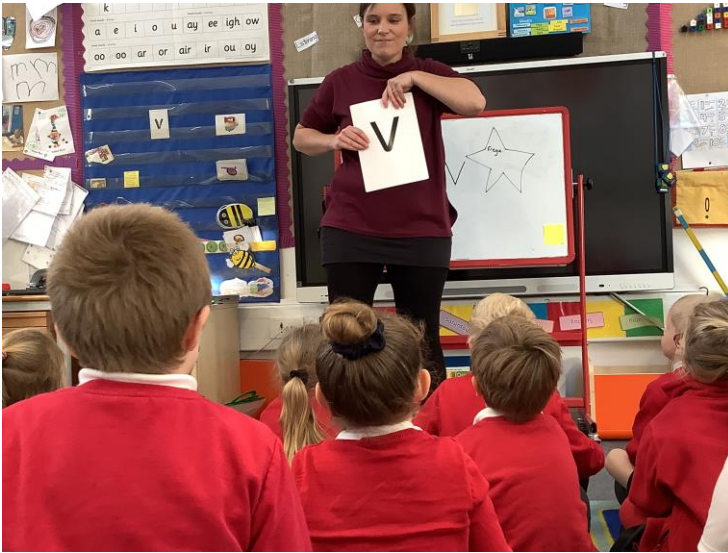
's' looks like a snake.

'd' looks like a dinosaur.

'm' looks like a mountain.

'a' looks like an apple.

We teach the children to name the mnemonic pictures before they learn the sound. This means that children learn to read and write the sounds really easily.



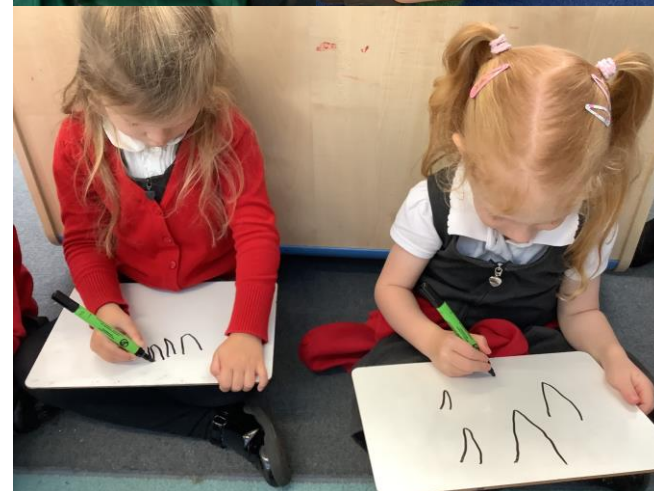
Teaching letter formation

Handwriting phrases for helping your child to form letters

This works best if your child practises for a short time every day.

1. Show the picture side and air-write as you say the phrase.
2. Ask your child to practise in the air with you.
3. Using a sharp pencil and sat at a table, encourage your child to have a go.
4. Praise your child for their efforts.

m Maisie, mountain, mountain
a round the apple, down the leaf
s slither down the snake
d round his bottom, up his tall neck and down to his feet
t down the tower, across the tower
i down the body, dot for the head
n down Nobby, over his net
p down the plait and over the pirate's face
g round her face, down her hair and give her a curl



Fred – Let me introduce Fred!

Fred can only speak in sounds.
He says d-o-g, h-a-t etc.



- Speaking like Fred helps children to understand that words are made up of sounds.
- Fred helps children practise blending sounds together because he needs the children to say the words for him. Fred says d-o-g, children tell him the word is dog.
- This is how we quickly teach all of our children to blend.

Sounds + blending

Alongside teaching children sounds, we teach them to blend sounds to read words
e.g. s-a-t, sat.

We use Fred Talk to help children read.



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Fred Talk routine

1. Say the word in sounds as Fred e.g. c-a-t.
2. Ask your child to repeat. Can they 'jump-in' with the whole word?
3. Say the word in sounds followed by the whole word e.g. c-a-t, cat
4. Ask your child to repeat



Fred games and Fred talk throughout the day

Shall we have some **l-u-n-ch**?

What would you like to **p-l-ay**?

Let's put on your **c-o-a-t**.



Word time

We teach children to read words using Fred Talk to blend together the sounds they know e.g. m-a-t, mat. We say 'Fred Talk, read the word'.

m a t

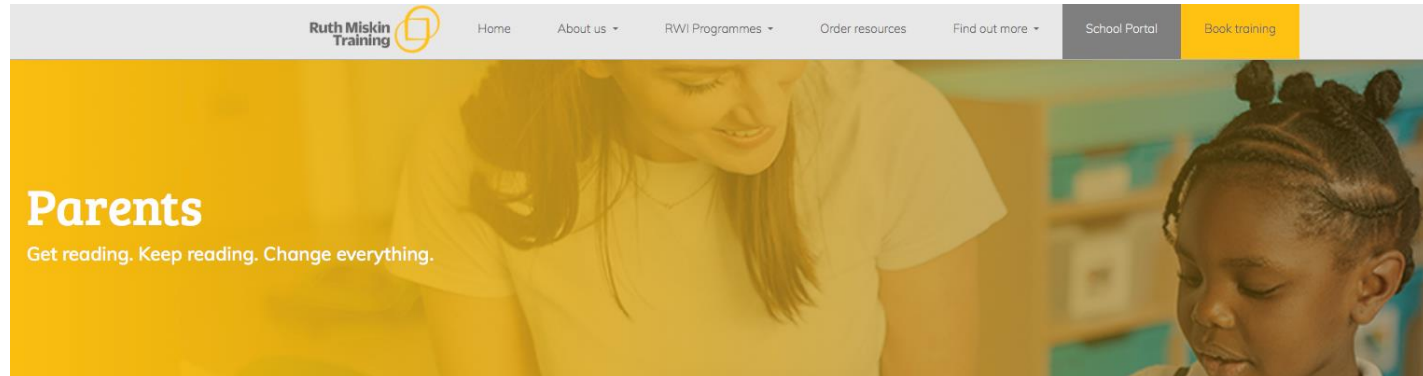
mat



What can I do?

1. Use pure sounds, not letter names
2. Teach the picture names
3. Practise reading sounds speedily -
'review, review, review'
4. Use the handwriting phrases for writing only
5. Speak like Fred throughout the day
6. Play Fred games
7. Use 'Fred Talk, read the word' to read words

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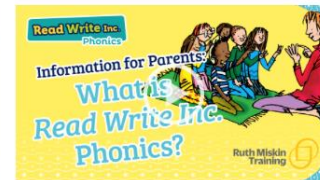
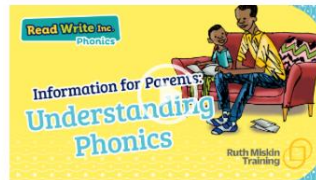
Read Write Inc. Phonics – information for parents

Our films show how we teach children to read and write with Read Write Inc. Phonics.

If your child is in a Read Write Inc. school or if you have bought a parent pack, the films will help you and your child practise together at home.

If you have a question for us, please get in touch via our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

Watch these video tutorials on the Ruth Miskin website to help you to practise reading and writing with your child at home:



Online resources available

Ruth Miskin Parents' Page:

<http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/parents/>

Ruth Miskin Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/miskin.education>

Free e-books for home reading:

<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/Reading/>

Reading feeds the imagination, it expands horizons and offers new and exciting ways of seeing and making sense of our lives and of the world around us.

Michael Morpurgo