



Top Tips to Support Phonics at Home



Below you will find out top tips to support your child at home.

Sounds are Everywhere

- Sounds are all around us - point them out to your children. From listening to the birds tweeting and cars honking to identifying sounds on road signs and in shops.
- Using phonics in everyday life is the best way to help children remember them!

Make Yourself Aware

- Your child will be learning the letter sounds as well as phonemes in school. There are useful videos on Youtube which have been created by MonsterPhonics to support parents whilst reading at home.

<https://www.youtube.com/@monsterphonics5741>

- The MonsterPhonics website also has a parent section which has tutorial videos as well as helpful tips.

<https://monsterphonics.com/monster-phonics-for-parents/>

Segmenting & Blending

- Segmenting involves identifying the individual sounds (phonemes) in a word e.g. dog - d-o-g
- Blending is a method used to help children learn how to read by combining different sounds, also known as phonemes, to form words.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ovJIxTQpsU>

- Encourage your child to segment as they read if they come across a word they are unfamiliar with. Initially, they may only recognize a few sounds but soon they will know many more. Once they have segmented, help them to blend the work in order to read.

Actions and Visuals

- Get to know the MonsterPhonics actions. Using these with your child whilst reading will reinforce what they are learning at school and help them to remember the sounds they have learnt.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eQ-QDMduJgE>

<p>a</p>  <p>Around the apple and down the leaf.</p>	<p>b</p>  <p>Down the laces to the heel and around the toe.</p>	<p>c</p>  <p>Curl around the caterpillar.</p>	<p>d</p>  <p>Around the dinosaurs bottom, up his tall neck & down to his toes.</p>	<p>e</p>  <p>Lift off the top and scoop out the egg.</p>	<p>f</p>  <p>Down the stem and draw the leaves.</p>
<p>g</p>  <p>Around the girls face, down her hair and give her a curl.</p>	<p>h</p>  <p>Down the head, to his hooves and over his back.</p>	<p>i</p>  <p>Down the body and dot for the head.</p>	<p>j</p>  <p>Down his body, curl, dot for his head.</p>	<p>k</p>  <p>Down the kangaroo's body tail and leg.</p>	<p>l</p>  <p>Down the long leg.</p>
<p>m</p>  <p>Down Maisie, mountain, mountain.</p>	<p>n</p>  <p>Down Nobby and over his net.</p>	<p>o</p>  <p>All around the orange.</p>	<p>p</p>  <p>Down the pirates plait and around his face.</p>	<p>qu</p>  <p>Round her head, up past her earring, down her hair, and flick.</p>	<p>r</p>  <p>Down the robots back and curl over his arm.</p>
<p>s</p>  <p>Slither down the snake.</p>	<p>t</p>  <p>Down the tower, across the tower.</p>	<p>u</p>  <p>Down and under, up to the top and draw the puddle.</p>	<p>v</p>  <p>Down a wing, up a wing.</p>	<p>w</p>  <p>Down, up, down, up.</p>	<p>x</p>  <p>Down the arm and leg, repeat the other side.</p>
<p>y</p>  <p>Down a horn, up a horn and under head.</p>	<p>z</p>  <p>Zig-zag-zig.</p>				



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Play

- Making phonics fun is the best way to encourage your children to learn phonics at home and help them to remember what they learn. There are a wealth of fun games and activities that you can use online, from writing sounds with chalk outside to fishing for sounds in a bath tub. If you require some ideas, please contact your child's teacher who can help you with this.

Remember

- Be patient - it takes a long time to learn to read and write but once they learn, they will never forget!
- Always use sounds, not letter names.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mRoFpxCOyn0>
- Praise, praise, praise your children for their use of phonics. The more encouragement they get, the more they will want to read and write.