



Sounds-Write

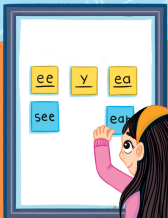
FIRST RATE PHONICS



WHAT IS SOUNDS-WRITE?

Sounds-Write is a proven Systematic Synthetic Phonics program based on the science of reading that provides a structured, cumulative, and code-oriented approach to teaching reading and spelling.

Sounds-Write is a linguistic phonics approach with a speech to print orientation. We start with what children learn naturally, the sounds of their own language, and teach them to represent those sounds in writing. Sounds-Write utilizes a mediated learning process, where teachers model the learning and children participate with the teacher until they become independent themselves. Sounds-Write offers a complete phonics curriculum that teaches the skills, concepts, and code knowledge necessary for children to read and write.



OUR MISSION

Our mission is to **improve the life chances of children by ensuring that they become proficient readers and writers.** We strongly believe that **teachers' knowledge**, rather than gimmicky resources or costly subscriptions, is at the heart of achieving this mission; and that **top-quality, evidence-informed training for educators is the key to teaching reading and spelling effectively.**

OUR TRAINERS

Our **highly qualified** trainers have backgrounds in school education, educational psychology, or speech pathology and have successfully delivered Sounds-Write in their own settings for several years, before undergoing a year-long training process to be accredited as Sounds-Write trainers. We have ongoing monitoring processes to ensure the quality of the training, and we deliver continuous professional learning sessions for our trainers.



SOUNDS-WRITE PRACTITIONERS ONLINE TRAINING (SWPOT)

Sounds-Write has been providing high-quality professional development for over 20 years and has trained thousands of educational professionals in the UK, Australia, USA, Canada, and International Schools across Europe, Asia, and the Middle East.

Our flagship training is the Sounds-Write Practitioners' Online Training. This is a 6-week course for teachers and other education professionals. The course has been designed by John Walker, the author of the Sounds-Write Program, together with experts in online learning. The course is made up of asynchronous mini-lectures, lesson demonstrations, classroom videos, online discussions, and weekly Zoom meetings. The Sounds-Write manual provided in the training offers everything you need to implement the program with students, there are no additional materials that must be purchased. Typical classrooms already have all the needed materials on hand (think whiteboards, pens, and sticky notes!)

Sounds-Write also provides decodable passages in the training manual, as well as initial code and extended code decodable readers that can be downloaded from Sounds-Write for free. On completion of the course, participants have access to the Sounds-Write portal where they can access a whole range of additional resources and documents.



Sounds-Write is, first and foremost, a training program that delivers high-quality professional development so that **educational professionals are empowered to do one of the most important jobs: teach children to read and write.**

DON'T JUST TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT!

*When I teach Sounds-Write lessons I am confident all our students will learn to decode - I never felt this way with any other phonics approach. There is a **simplicity and directness, engagement, and joyfulness** to the lessons. Students are eager to participate and "get it." **It is a real pleasure to teach daily Sounds-Write lessons** and see student improvement in reading, spelling, and writing! Young non-blenders become confident blenders in a short amount of time. Sounds-Write in the upper grades focuses on vocabulary, morphology, and etymology in a logical way which **sparks student interest** and **builds student confidence.** - Kathy Gilbert, Johnson STEAM Academy Magnet School, Iowa, USA*



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