

Read Write Inc. Speed Sounds

At the heart of Read Write Inc. Phonics is the systematic teaching of all the common sounds in the English language (RWI calls these the Speed Sounds). Children are taught to recognise the sounds and to put them together ('sound blend' them) into words for reading.

Children are taught one way of representing the 44 main sounds of English first, and then go on to learn the alternative spellings later on.

When teaching the letter sounds, it is important to remember to keep them very 'pure' and distinct, to help with sound-blending later on. To enable your child to gain confidence in reading, they should only be asked to read words containing letter sounds they know securely.

Read Write Inc. introduces the simple Speed Sounds (one sound, one grapheme) with Speed Sounds Set 1 and Set 2. They then learn more ways of writing the same sounds with the complex Speed Sounds Set 3. Children are taught letter **names** before moving on to Speed Sounds Set 3.

Once children know the first set of Speed Sounds, they are ready to read the first Storybooks.

Speed Sounds Set 1

(RWI Home Phonics Flashcards Set 1 - Green Box)

m - a - s - d - t - i - n - p - g - o - c - k - u - b - f - e - l - h - sh - r - j - v - y - w -
th - z - ch - qu - x - ng - nk

School Books – Red Ditty Books, Green Set 1, Purple Set 2
Home Books – Red Level 1, Green Level 2, Purple Level 3

Speed Sounds Set 2

(RWI More Home Phonics Flashcards Set 2 - Yellow Box)

ay – ee – igh – ow – oo – oo – ar – or – air – ir – ou – oy

School Books – Pink Set 3, Orange Set 4
Home books – Pink Level 4

Speed Sounds Set 3

(RWI More Home Phonics Flashcards Set 2 - Yellow Box)

a-e – ea – i-e – o-e – u-e – aw – are – ur – er – ow – ai – oa – ew – ire – ear –
ure – tious – tion

School Books – Yellow Set 5, Blue Set 6, Grey Set 7

This record sheet can enable you to keep track of your child's progress as they are introduced to the sounds in the Read Write Inc. Phonics programme.

Mark with a tick when your child is shown the letter (or group of letters e.g. 'sh' or 'igh') and mark with another tick when they can accurately give the correct letter sound when shown the letter(s).

Speed Sounds Set 1

m	a	s	d
t	i	n	p
g	o	c	k
u	b	f	e
l	h	sh	r
j	v	y	w
th	z	ch	qu
x	ng	nk	

Speed Sounds Set 2

ay	say	ee	meet
igh	night	ow	snow
oo	moon	oo	look
ar	park	or	worn
air	pair	ir	first
ou	count	oy	toys

Speed Sounds Set 3 (common alternative spellings for sounds)

Speed Sound 1 / 2 (Already introduced)	Speed Sound 3 (Alternative spelling)	Example word
ee	ea	seat
oy	oi	join
ay	a-e	name
igh	i-e	time
ow	o-e	home
oo	u-e	tune

or	aw	saw
air	are	share
ir	er	after
ir	ur	turn
ou	ow	town
ay / a-e	ai	snail
ow / o-e	oa	boat
oo / u-e	ew	chew
	ire	hire
	ear	hear
	ure	sure
	tion	tradition
	cious	delicious
	tious	scrumptious