

First Phonics

Book 1 – Alphabet Sounds

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First Phonics – Alphabet Sounds focuses on the sounds that the letters of the alphabet make. This is the first stage in helping a child to connect spoken sounds with written letters.

About the author

Anne Evans has been teaching infants for over 20 years. This series of four **First Phonics** books has been developed during this time. As a teacher at a school which has been trialling the **National Literacy Hour** since 1997, she has taken great care to ensure that these workbooks fit within the framework for the Hour.

How to use this book

The Alphabet Chart

- Carefully remove the Alphabet Chart from the middle of the book.
- Each letter has a picture to help the child remember its sound.
- Ask the child to colour each picture, saying the word and its beginning sound:
“**apple** begins with **a**; **ball** begins with **b**”.
This will help to reinforce and personalise learning: each child will have his/her unique Alphabet Chart.
- Put the Alphabet Chart where the child can see it when doing the exercises.

Completing the activities

Guidance is given at the foot of the first page of each section to help with the activities. Use the Alphabet Chart to help your child find the correct answers in the earlier exercises.

The child may colour the pictures either before or after doing each exercise.

Teaching tips

- Use the sounds that letters make:
a as in **apple**; **b** as in **ball**; **c** as in **cat** and so on.
- When the child hesitates, help by providing the correct sound or word. It is important to keep the flow of learning.
- Don't spend too long on any one thing. If the child struggles, note this for later revision and move on to the next page.
- Recognise that some sessions will be better than others. One page per session should be enough and not too much for a child at this stage of learning.
- The book is carefully paced through repetition, consolidation and progression. Pages need not be mastered completely before moving on.
- Always be prepared to go over pages again on separate sheets of paper. The illustrations are designed to make copying easy for the child. Tracing paper or thin paper will help those who are not confident with drawing.
- Colouring in the illustrations brings extra consolidation and lots of fun! Encourage the child to colour the pictures carefully. Good presentation will develop confidence and a sense of achievement.
- As you work through each page, start by taking the lead and guiding the child so he or she becomes familiar with what is expected. As he or she becomes more confident, gradually reduce your participation so that the child is leading the activity. Be ready to help when the child is uncertain or makes a mistake.

First Phonics is a series of four books:

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Alphabet Sounds

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Writing Alphabet Sounds

First Phonics Book 3 978 07217 0827 0
Building Words from Sounds

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