First Phonics
Book 2 – Writing Alphabet Sounds

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makes the link between the sounds of the alphabet and how we write them. This link provides the foundation for later spelling activities. The letters are introduced in groups which are written in a similar way: e.g. **c, o, a, d, g** and **q** all start with a 'c' shape. Instructions are given on each page to help you to explain how to write the letter shapes.

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 cut out the Alphabet Chart and colour it. Note the sounds that the letters make and, when practising the letter shapes, find that letter on the chart. This will familiarise the child with the sounds of the alphabet and alphabetical order. Also, this poster will help your child to connect lower-case letters with capital letters, as the capitals are included on this 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 each page to help with the activities. The letter shapes that are used match those which are taught in schools.

Teaching tips

- Use the sounds that letters make: **a** as in **a**pple; **b** as in **b**all; **c** as in **c**at and so on.

- When the child hesitates, help by providing the correct sound or word. It is important to maintain 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 the 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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