



Information for Parents



Phonics

Who is it for?



- ❑ Children from 4 years who are starting school – Read Write Inc is a ‘start-up’ reading programme
- ❑ Older children who have found reading difficult Read Write Inc is a ‘catch-up’ programme

How does it work?

Decoding



Your child will:

- Learn 44 sounds and corresponding letters and letter groups
- Learn how to read words by blending
- Read lots of specially written books featuring all the words they have learned to sound out and blend

This is known as **decoding**

How does it work?

Comprehending



Your child will:

- Talk a lot about what they have read to show their own understanding
- Listen to and discuss other ideas to deepen understanding

This is known as **comprehending**



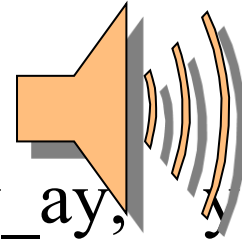
Sounds



All words are made up of sounds

In English there are 44

- “so i_f I t_al_k i_n th_i_s w_ay, you w_ill h_ear ea_ch s_ou_n_d .
- We use pure sounds (‘m’ not ‘muh’, ‘s’ not ‘suh’, etc.) so that your child will be able to blend the sounds into words more easily.
- ***New sound time***



About Fred...



- We use Fred to help the children to learn to read

Fred can *only* talk in sounds...

(Fred can only say *c_a_t*, he can't say **cat**)

We call this *Fred Talk*

More about Fred...



- If pupils can understand what Fred says they can blend orally

Blending is needed for reading

Green cards

Chart



- We use a chart showing the most usual ways the 44 sounds can be written down

Learning the code



We start off teaching your child a simple version of the code

Simple Speed Sounds chart

Consonants: stretchy

f	l	m	n	r	s	v	z	sh	th	ng
										nk

Consonants: bouncy

b	c	d	g	h	j	p	qu	t	w	x	y	ch
	k											

Vowels: bouncy

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Set 1 sounds

Set 2 sounds

Even more about Fred...



- We use Fred to help the children to learn to spell as well!

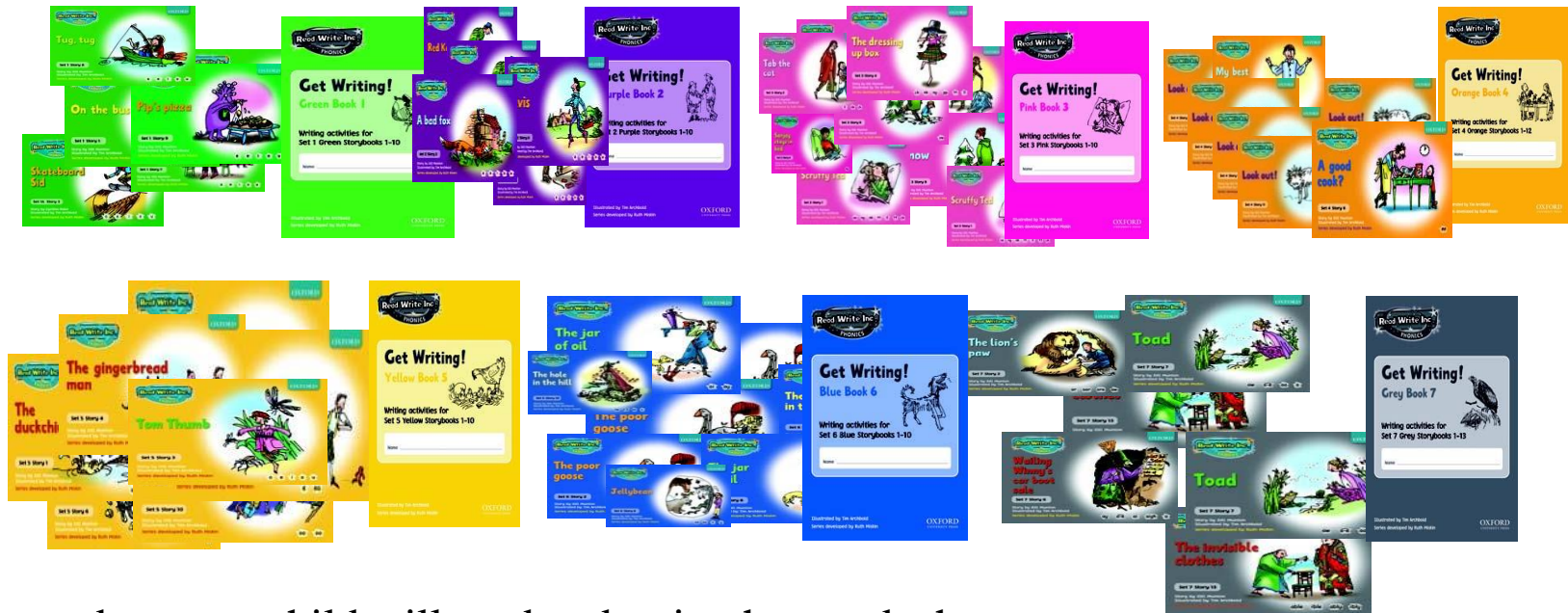
Children convert a whole word they hear into sounds

They put sounds they hear in a word on their fingers...

We call this *Fred Fingers*



Storybooks and Get Writing Books



Every day, your child will read and write the words that contain the sounds and graphemes they have learned so far, using lively, fun phonic storybooks and a Get Writing book.

So how can you help your child?



- By knowing the 44 sounds
And helping your child to learn them

Simple Speed Sounds

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- By knowing how to blend using Fred Talk for reading
m_a_t
- By knowing how to do Fred Fingers for spelling



So how can you help your child?



- By using Fred Talk sometimes at home with everyday words like these:

back, head, tum, leg, hand, foot, knee

coat, hat, scarf, zip, sock, glove

run, walk, skip, hop, fast, slow, stop, shop

red, blue, green, black,

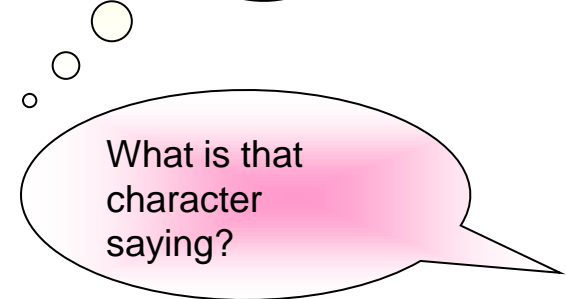
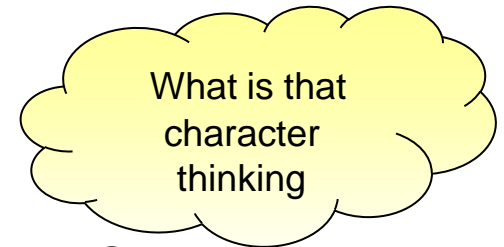
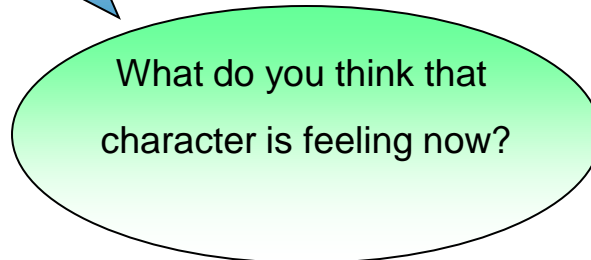
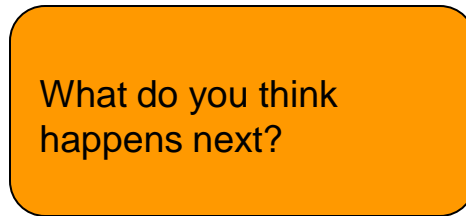
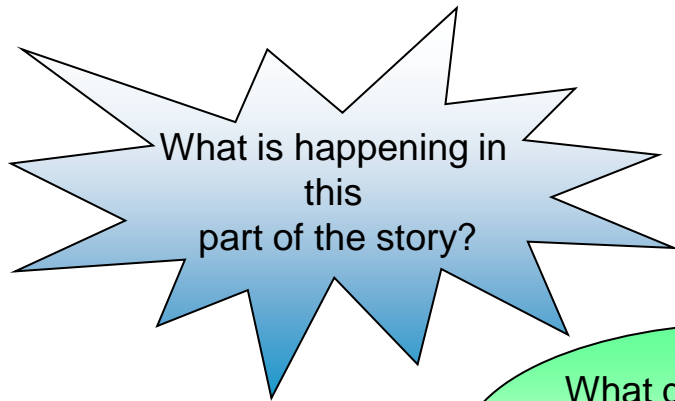
knife, fork, spoon, plate, bowl, pan

bread, cheese, meat, soup, jam, cake

So how can you help your child?



- By reading to your child lots of lovely stories that are at a higher level than your child can read and asking lots of questions!





And...

- By talking to your child as much as possible and 'feeding' them new and different words. The more words your child has in his/her head when they come to school each day, the quicker their understanding (comprehension) when they learn to read (decode) those words.

"Let's **eat** our lunch now."

"Let's **munch** our lunch now."

"Let's **devour** our lunch now."

"Wow that's a **big** slide!"

"Wow that's an **enormous** slide!"

"Wow that's a **massive** slide!"

So how can you help your child?



- By having a look at the Read Write Inc At Home pages on the web for tips and resources for supporting our child at home:

www.ruthmiskinliteracy.com

or

www.oup.com (RWI resources are published by Oxford University Press)

