



St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School

Communication/Reading Workshop 2021

"What you can say today...you can
write tomorrow"

Ruth Miskin

The aim of this workshop is to create confident talkers, fluent readers and independent writers.

Importance of talk.

The importance of talk for writing

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When **learning to communicate**, children need **someone to talk to and something to talk about**.

Provide practical experiences, such as taking them to the park, museums, the shops and cooking together for example.

These provides opportunities for new vocabulary development and a chance to use existing vocabulary in a shared context.

“Young children whose parents read them five books a day enter Reception having heard about 1.4 million more words than children who were never read to”, a new study found.

This 'million word gap' could be one key in explaining differences in vocabulary and reading development.

Family Photos

Looking at photos together is a great way to get conversation flowing. Your child will be fascinated by pictures of themselves when they were little and old family albums from before they were born.

Practice makes perfect

Encourage your child to talk to 'safe' adults when you're out and about, for example greeting friends' parents, paying for something in a shop, or asking for something at the supermarket.

Play back

Use a phone or a tablet to enable your child to record and listen to their voice.

Discussions

When you read a story or watch a TV programme, ask them how the characters are feeling, and why.

Puppet play

Try some puppet play. Speaking to or through a hand puppet can encourage children to voice ideas.

Picture books

Picture books that is particularly good for promoting discussion.

Puzzles

Encourage your child to describe the puzzle. Can they create their own story/discussion based on that puzzle.

Libraries

Take your child to the libraries. Let them chose their own books of their interests.

Talking together

At the end of the day, encourage your child to talk about what they've done and perhaps to recount it back to someone – mum or dad coming in from work or grandma on the phone, for instance.

Coping with “why?”

If your child's favourite word is “why”, turn it back at them with: “Well, why do you think?”

Help at home:

<http://theconversation.com/how-to-encourage-literacy-in-young-children-and-beyond-80459>

Talking

Talk to your child as much as possible and ‘feed’ them new and ambitious vocabulary.

“Let’s **eat** our lunch now.”

“Let’s **munch** our lunch now.”

“Let’s **scoff** our lunch now.”

“Let’s **devour** our lunch now!”

Vocabulary

Enrich conversations through description:

“Look at that rain. It looks like little diamonds sparkling on the window pane!”

Have fun with words and language.

“I’m as hot as a spud in a cooking pot!”

Praise your child for using new words or interesting phrases.

Importance of reading

Teach a child to read and keep that child reading and talking and we will change everything.

And I mean everything.

Jeanette Winterson

Reading is the key that unlocks the door to a world of opportunity, information and even adventure.

Importance of reading

Literacy and numeracy are the key to getting as much out of life as you possibly can. Without them, you simply can't live the kind of life we all want.

Experts say reading aloud to children, is key to fostering reading for pleasure.

A 2018 National Literacy Trust study found that children who enjoyed reading were significantly less likely to have mental health problems, while the Centre for Longitudinal Studies found that reading for pleasure has a four times greater impact on academic success than one parent having a degree.

Story time

- Read *to* your children
- Ask lots of questions and share opinions

You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child.

Dr Seuss

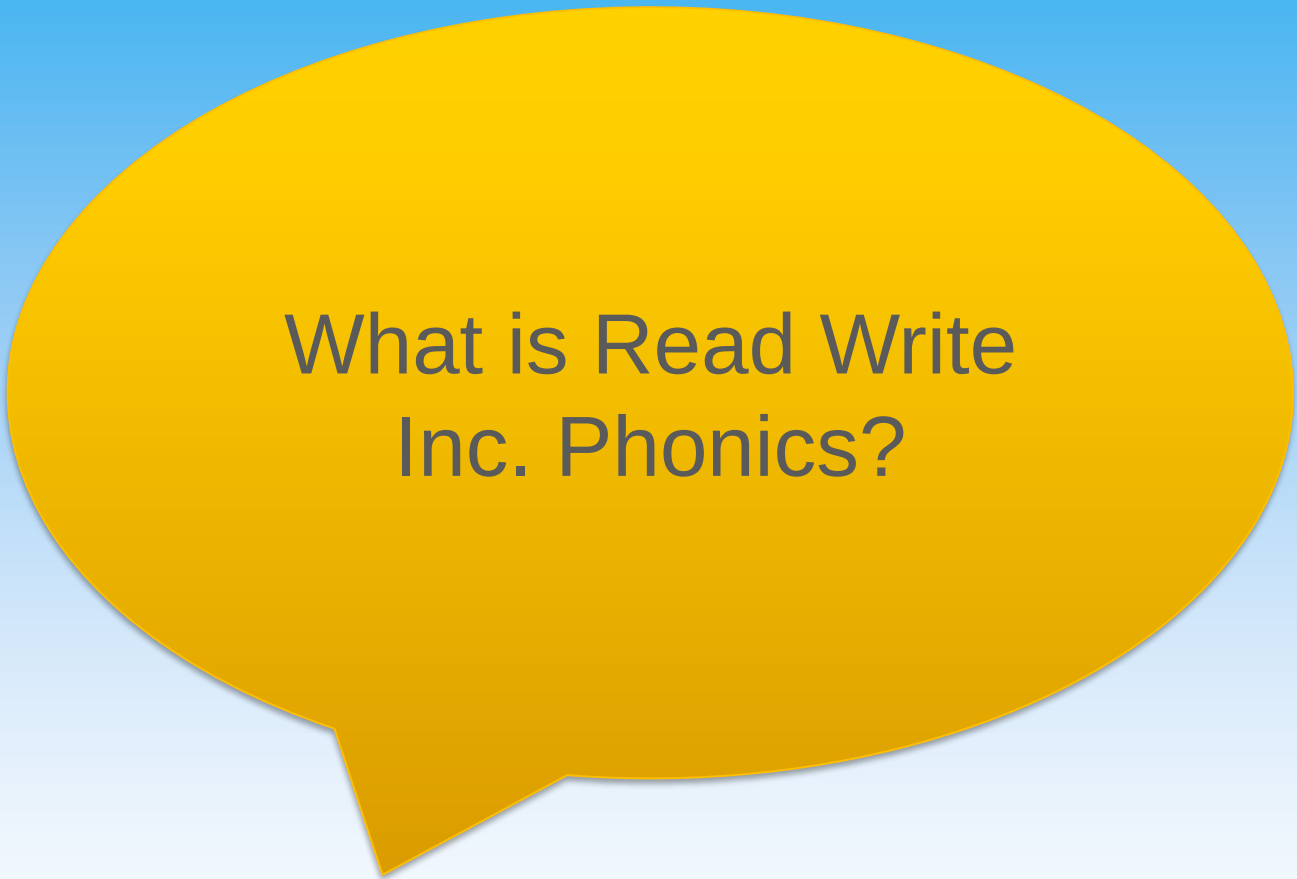
Importance of reading

Sit down with your child for 10 minutes every day – and share a story.

We all know how important it is to our children's health to give them their 'five a day'. It's just as important for their wellbeing to read with them for 10 a day.

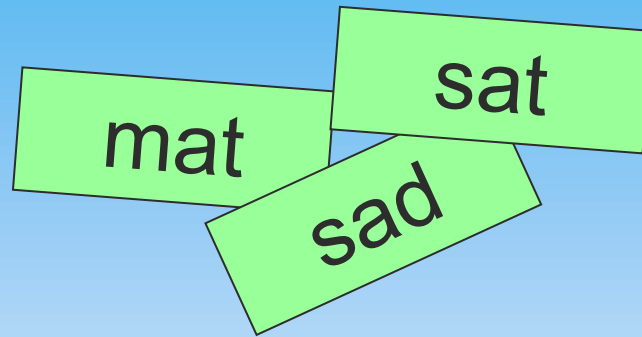
Help at home:

<https://www.alea.edu.au/publicresources/resources-for-parents-and-community/little-peoples-literacy-learning>



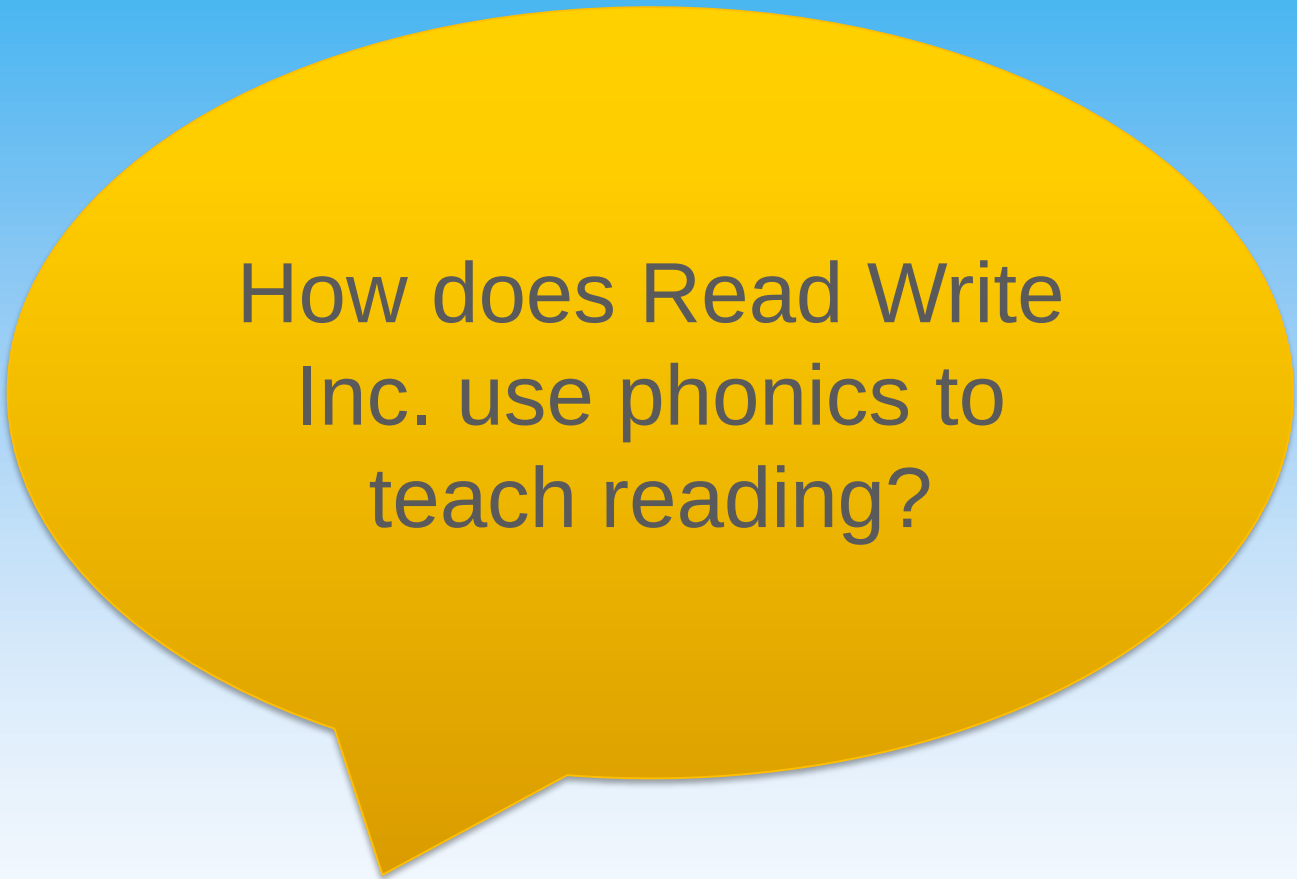
What is Read Write
Inc. Phonics?

Systematic approach



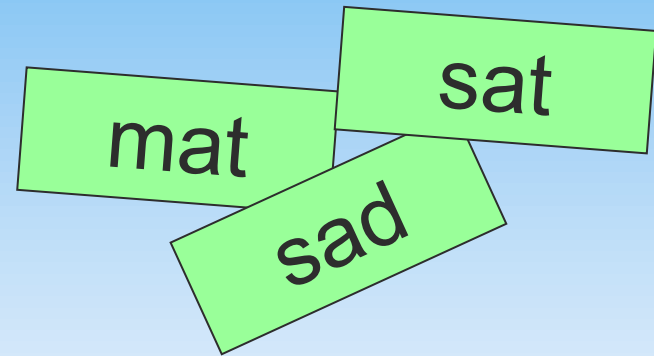
Speed Sounds Set 1

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How does Read Write
Inc. use phonics to
teach reading?

Blending using Fred Talk



Storybooks



How to say the sounds

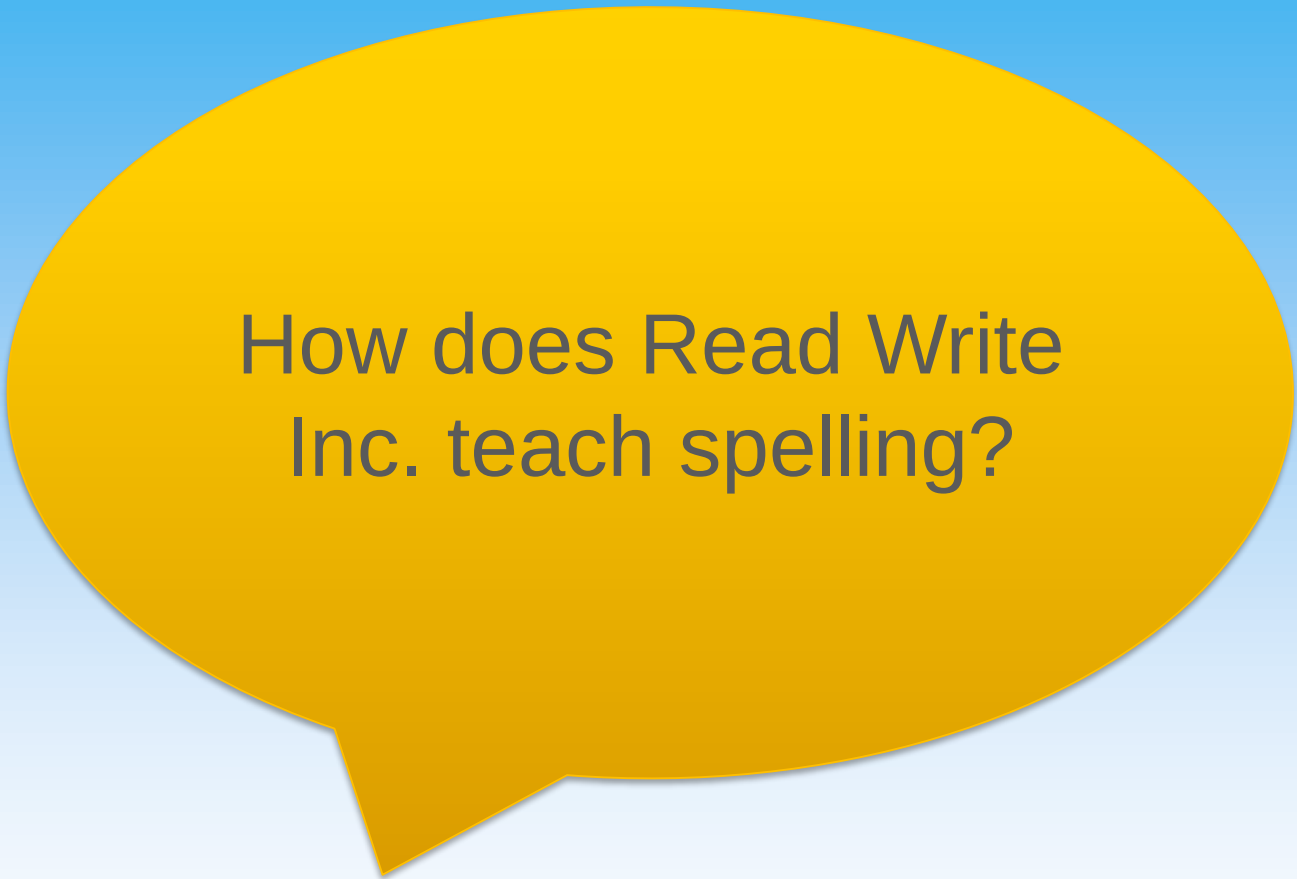
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How to blend

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How to teach your child to read the red ditty.

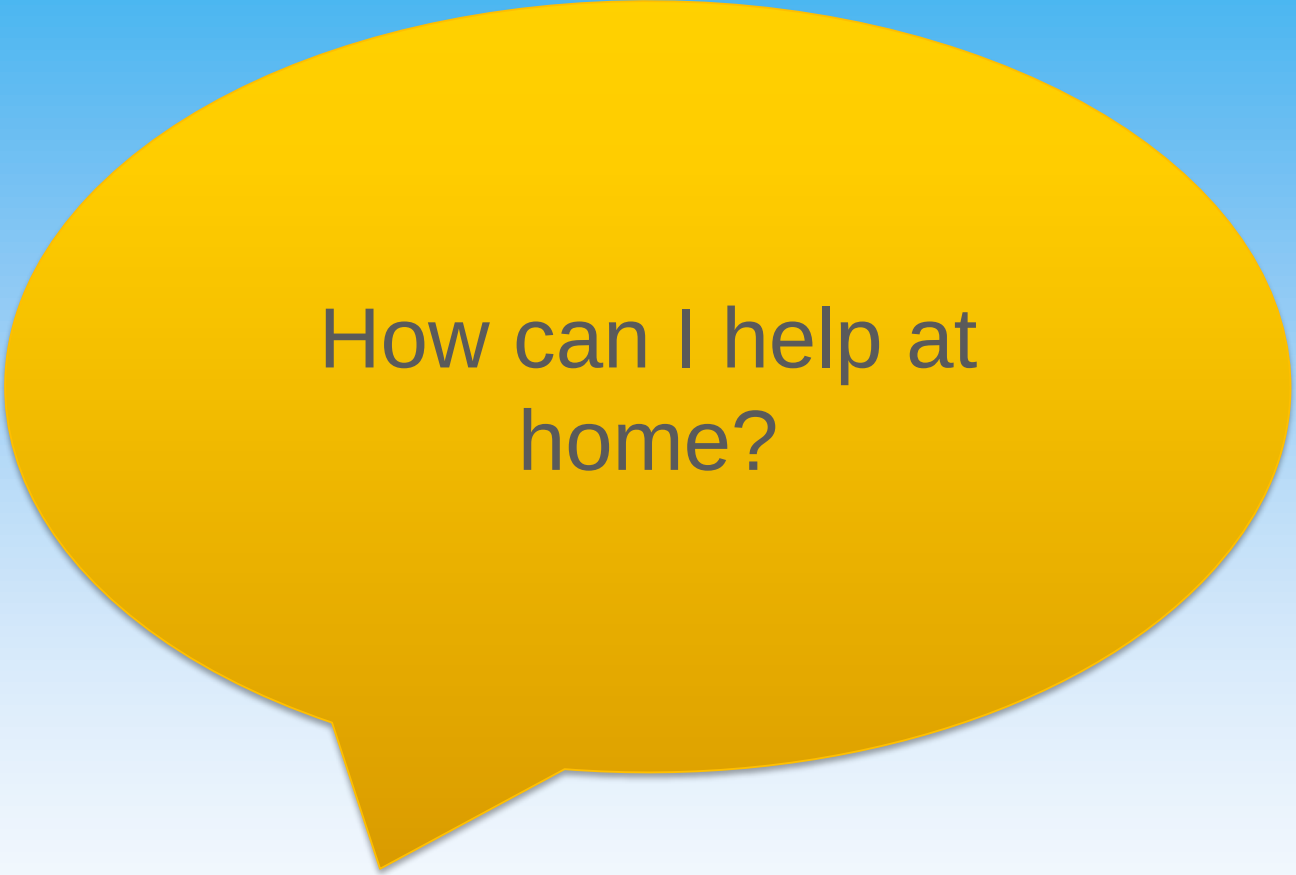
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How does Read Write
Inc. teach spelling?

Fred Fingers





How can I help at
home?

Read Write Inc. at home

Support how your child is learning to read and spell in school.

- Pure sounds
- Fred Talk
- Fred Fingers

Any other questions



