



# Phonics

**PHONICS** is the study of the connections between letters and sounds.

Understanding letter-sound connections will help your child begin to read!

Some letters make just **ONE** sound: *B*, /b/ *banana*

Other letters can make **MORE THAN ONE** sound:

- *C*, /k/ *coat*
- *C*, /s/ *cereal*

Sometimes, **TWO** letters make **ONE** sound: *P-H*, /f/ *phone*

*Try these fun activities at home or on the go!*

**ALPHABET I SPY** This game can be played almost anywhere! Look for letters, and practice their sounds. For example:

**ADULT** “I spy with my little eye the letter *s*—/s/!”

**CHILD** On the stop sign!

**ADULT** What does *s* say?

**CHILD** /s/

**ADULT** Yes! *s* says /s/—*stop*.

**SOUND IT OUT!** Once your child knows the sounds of individual letters, they can begin blending them together to read words. When you’re reading a book with your child, choose some simple words. Model for your child how to sound out the words.

**ADULT** /t/ /u/ /b/ *tub*

When your child is ready, they can try!

**CHILD** /t/ /u/ /b/ *tub*



Children begin reading words as soon as they have learned the first group of letters and sounds.



As children learn more letters and sounds, they can read more complex words.



After learning syllable types, children can read and spell words with many syllables.

Visit <http://bit.ly/3YO1cYH> to view these example activities.