



# Read Write Inc



How letter sounds are  
taught

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- Phonic sounds and their pronunciation
- How we teach the letter sounds
- How to support the learning of letter sounds at home
- Handwriting

In this session

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- Sounds (phonemes)
- Graphemes
- Digraph e.g *ay, ee*
- Trigraph e.g. *igh*

# Phonics

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- 44 sounds
- Over 150 graphemes
- One of the most complex alphabetic codes in the world



# English alphabetic code

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Complex Speed Sounds											
Consonant sounds											
f	l	m	n	r	s	v	z	sh	th	ng	
ff	ll	mm	nn	rr	ss	ve	zz	ti		nk	
ph	le	mb	kn	wr	se		s	ci			
					c		se				
					ce						
b	c	d	g	h	j	p	qu	t	w	x	y
bb	k	dd	gg		g	pp		tt	wh		ch
	ck				ge						tch
	ch				dge						
Vowel sounds											
a	e	i	o	u	ay	ee	igh	ow			
	ea				ā-ē	y	i-e	ō-e			
					ai	ea	ie	oa			
						e	i	o			
							y				
oo	oo	ar	or	air	ir	ou	oy	ire	ear	ure	
ū-e			oor	are	ur	ow	oi				
ue			ore		er						
ew			aw								
			au								

# Speed Sounds Chart

## Simple Speed Sounds

Consonant sounds - strictly

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

Consonant sounds - strictly

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

Vowel sounds - strictly

a	e	i	o	u	ay	ee	igh	ow
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oo	oo	ar	or	air	ir	ou	oy
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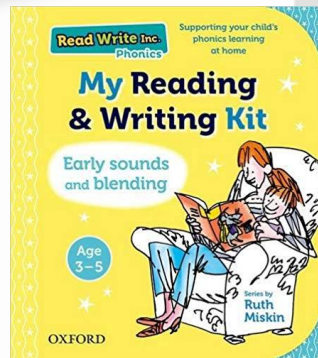
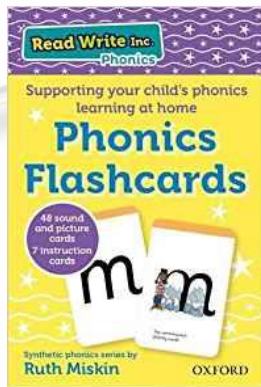
- Oxford Owl Website: *How to say the sounds*
- *Learn to read with phonics page: Phonics audio guide: how to say the sounds*

[www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk)

# Pure Sounds

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- Use pure sounds
- Review the sounds covered in class – in the green book
- Keep it positive
- Don't allow children to struggle – use the picture if they need a hint
- 5 minutes daily to review
- Optional extras:



# Supporting at home

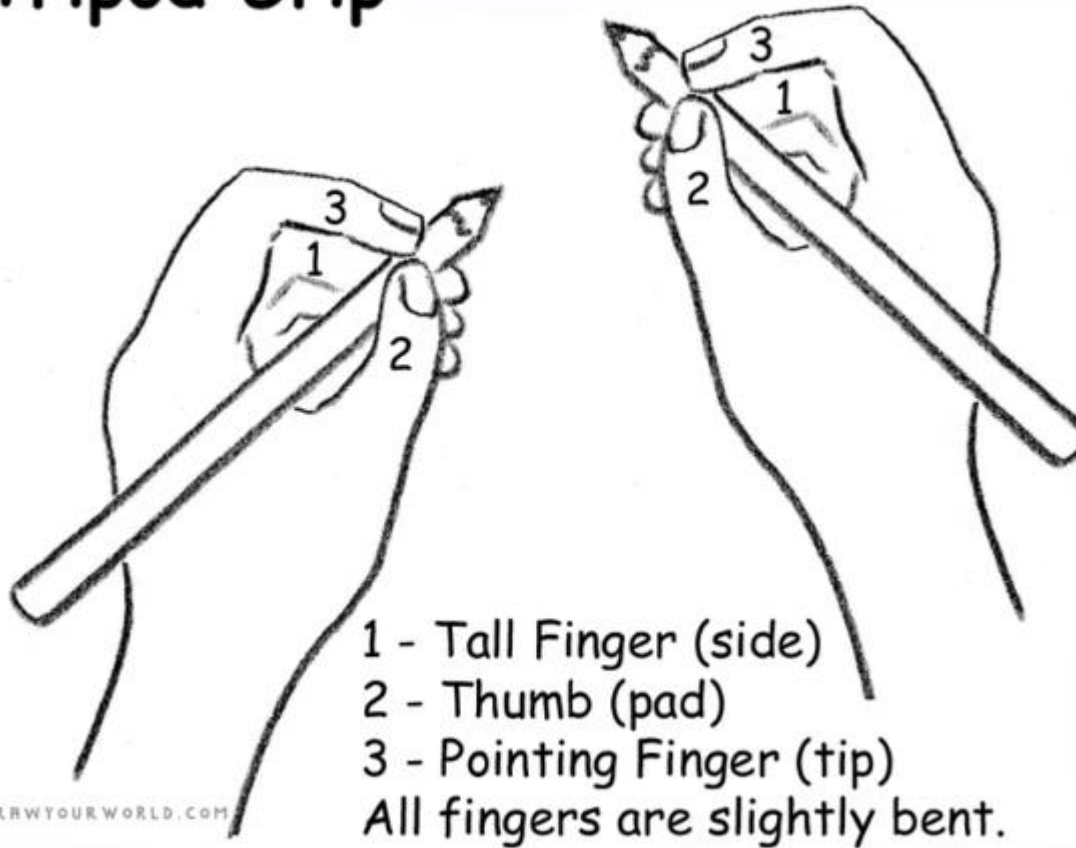


- Feet flat on the floor
- Bottom at the back of the chair
- Body one fist from the table
- Shoulders down
- Non-writing hand holding the page
- Writing hand ready in a tripod grip
- Oxford Owl Website: *'Practise getting ready to write'* video

## Handwriting: Right (write) sitting

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## Tripod Grip



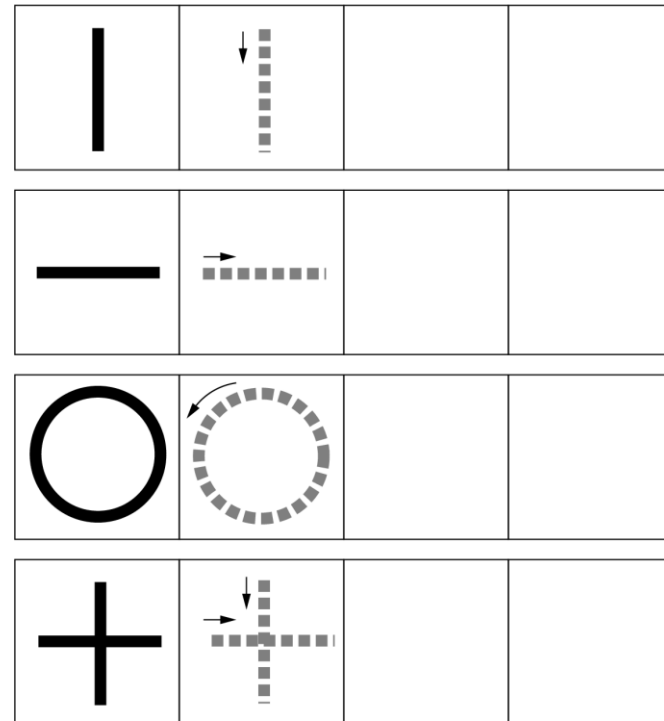
Tripod grip

- Downward strokes
- Anti clockwise circles
- Sand / flour

#### Developmental Strokes PRE- WRITING WORKSHEET

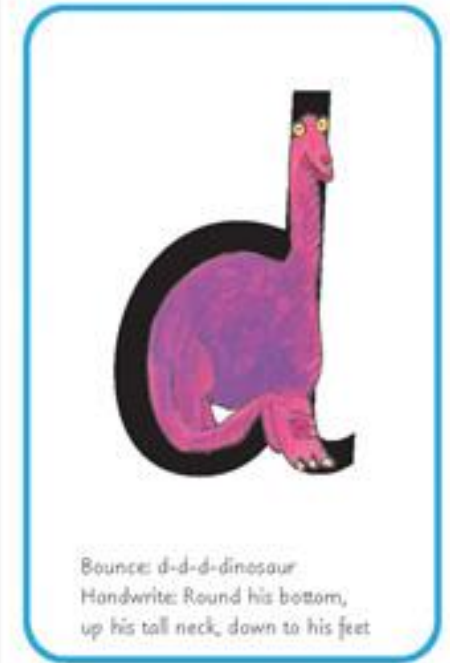
Developmental strokes are basic drawings that a child should be able to perform before expecting them to write letters (i.e. practicing writing their name). They include, in order of development: a vertical line (2- years), a horizontal line, (2 ½ years), a circle (3-years), a cross (3 ½ -4 years), a square (4-years), a diagonal line (4 ½ years), an "X" (4 years- 11 months), a triangle (5 years-3 months). Diagonal strokes are the most difficult; therefore the "x" and the triangle are the last to develop.

The development of these skills can also be encouraged through fun activities such as drawing these shapes in sand or rice, using playdoh or wikki stix, and finger painting.





# Foundation skills

- Start in the right place
- Go the right way
- Use the rhyme



# Letter formation

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- Don't overload your child
  - Priority:
    1. Sharing a book
    2. 5 minutes of letters
    3. Handwriting
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# At home

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