

Phonics Handbook

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Reading is the process of taking in the sense or meaning of symbols, often specifically those of a written language, by means of sight or touch.

For educators and researchers, reading is a multifaceted process involving such areas as word recognition, orthography (spelling), alphabetics, phonics, phonemic awareness, vocabulary, comprehension, fluency, and motivation.

Other types of reading and writing, such as pictograms (e.g., a hazard symbol and an emoji), are not based on speech-based writing systems. The common link is the interpretation of symbols to extract the meaning from the visual notations or tactile signals (as in the case of braille).

Alphabetic principle

Synthetic phonics "Teaching the Alphabetic Code: Phonics and Decoding". Reading Rockets. Apr 24, 2013. "The English Alphabetic Code, Phonics international"

According to the alphabetic principle, letters and combinations of letters are the symbols used to represent the speech sounds of a language based on systematic and predictable relationships between written letters, symbols, and spoken words. The alphabetic principle is the foundation of any alphabetic writing system (such as the English variety of the Latin alphabet, one of the more common types of writing systems in use today). In the education field, it is known as the alphabetic code.

Alphabetic writing systems that use an (in principle) almost perfectly phonemic orthography have a single letter (or digraph or, occasionally, trigraph) for each individual phoneme and a one-to-one correspondence between sounds and the letters that represent them, although predictable allophonic alternation...

Whole language

typically contrasted with the more effective phonics-based methods of teaching reading and writing. Phonics-based methods emphasize instruction for decoding

Whole language is a philosophy of reading and a discredited educational method originally developed for teaching literacy in English to young children. The method became a major model for education in the United States, Canada, New Zealand, and the UK in the 1980s and 1990s, despite there being no scientific support for the method's effectiveness. It is based on the premise that learning to read English comes naturally to humans, especially young children, in the same way that learning to speak develops naturally. However, researchers such as Reid Lyon say reading is "not a natural process", and many students, when learning to read, require direct instruction in alphabetic coding, phonemic awareness, phonics, spelling, and comprehension skills.

Whole-language approaches to reading instruction...

Diane McGuinness

synthetic phonics or linguistic phonics, in which the starting point for instruction is the 40 or so phonemes of English. In synthetic phonics instruction

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Structured literacy

disabilities such as dyslexia. SL has many of the elements of systematic phonics and few of the elements of balanced literacy. The following is an explanation

Structured literacy (SL), according to the International Dyslexia Association (which coined the term), is the systematic teaching of reading that focuses on the following elements:

Phonology: the sound structure of spoken words and Phonemic awareness (the ability to recognize, segment, blend, and manipulate sounds)

Sound-symbol association: using the Alphabetic principle to connect sounds (phonemes) to letters (graphemes)

Syllables: part of a word with one vowel sound, with or without a consonant (e.g., The word reading has two syllables, "read" and "ing".)

Morphology: the smallest unit of meaning in a language (e.g., The word unbreakable has three morphemes, "un", "break", and "able".)

Syntax: grammar, sentence structure, etc.

Semantics: meaning.

SL is taught using the following principles...

Inventive spelling

closely linked with the debate over whole language literacy instruction and phonics instruction.[citation needed] Advocates of inventive spelling focus on

Inventive spelling (sometimes invented spelling) is the use of unconventional spellings of words.

Conventional written English is not phonetic. Due to the history of English spelling conventions, the spelling of a particular word may not always reflect its pronunciation. This results in seemingly unintuitive, misleading or arbitrary spelling conventions for individual words, unlike in languages such as German or Spanish, in which letters have relatively fixed associated sounds such that written text is a consistent representation of speech.

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These include apps for enhancing literacy, phonics, tile matching games for learning vocabulary and phonics, automated speech recognition in face to face

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education. This model seeks to reconcile the debates among Whole Language, Phonics, critical literacy and others. This model postulates that in order to be

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Evidence-based education

Synthetic Phonics Teaching on Reading and Spelling Attainment (Clackmannanshire Report), comparing synthetic phonics with analytic phonics. Scientifically

Evidence-based education (EBE) is the principle that education practices should be based on the best available scientific evidence, with randomised trials as the gold standard of evidence, rather than tradition, personal judgement, or other influences. Evidence-based education is related to evidence-based teaching, evidence-based learning, and school effectiveness research.

The evidence-based education movement has its roots in the larger movement towards evidence-based practices, and has been the subject of considerable debate since the late 1990s. However, research published in 2020 showed that belief is high amongst educators in teaching techniques such as matching instruction to a few supposed learning styles and the cone of learning despite absence of empirical evidence.

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