

# Speak Right Read Right

Phonics is one part of English that is difficult to review well. It is important for students to get in the habit of looking at the sounds and putting them together in order to read, rather than seeing only the first letters of words.

It is important for students to start at the right place. Interactile's phonics program is designed to practice speaking and reading. So that should be the focus of your phonics class, rather than having students write many pages of letter combinations.

Words are full of patterns. Once these patterns are fixed in our brain, we can read fast, accurately and fluently with very little strain or effort.

The brain is so amazing and we still do not understand a lot about it. Patterns can be remembered easily with good quality review.

At the same time the patterns and the speed at which we go through them and the amount of words we can cover, engraves paths in our brains and coaches our tongues which makes right speaking and right reading possible.



## For Teachers. 給老師的話

1. Start by teaching the five vowels. Teach only the short sounds. They are the only sounds that can truly be pronounced in isolation. 'a' as in ant 'e' as in egg 'i' as in it 'o' as in on, 'u' as in up.

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'a' ant 'e' egg 'i' it 'o'  
on 'u' up

2. Next just use 'n' at the back of each vowel, so don't teach 'n' in isolation teach an en in on un .

'n' 'n'  
an en in on un

3. Now they are ready to work with a vowel wheel. Don't let them pronounce the consonants in isolation as English consonant sounds are not ever used in isolation. Learn the appropriate ones with 'a' on the vowel wheel.

'a'

4. When they are familiar with one vowel wheel, move on to the next one and the next until they are comfortable with all the ending sounds.

5. At this point they are ready to move on to level one. Speak Right Read Right uses only real words from here on so the students will always be learning in a useable context.

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