

Reading Road: Phonics Overview



The Reading Road series comprises fully decodable books for older primary school students

Reading Road 1 consolidates knowledge of 43 of the phonemes of English (with the most common spellings), **Reading Road 2** introduces adjacent consonants. **Reading Road 3-5** provide practice in some of the most common alternate graphemes for phonemes that students already know. Below is a summary of what is covered in each Reading Road pack.

Reading Road 1: Phonics coverage

<p>Consonants, consonant digraphs, vowel digraphs and trigraphs, plus schwa sound, ie:</p> <p>s a t p i n m d g o b h e r f u l c k c k j v w q u x y z z z f f l l s s th/th ch ng nk sh ai ee igh oa oo (moon/look pronunciations) ar or ur ow oi ear air ure er</p> <p>[For those familiar with the Sunshine Decodables Series, this equates to everything learned up to the end of Set 5]</p>	<p>Tricky words:</p> <p>all, are, as, be, by, do, go, has, have, he, her, his, I, into, is, me, my, no, of, oh, old, one, out, said, she, so, the, there, they, to, was, we, you, your</p>
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Reading Road 2: Phonics coverage

<p>All phonics from Reading Road 1, plus:</p> <p>Adjacent consonants with short vowels Adjacent consonants with long vowels</p> <p>[For those familiar with the Sunshine Decodables Series, this equates to everything learned up to the end of Series 1, Set 5 OR Series 2, Set 7]</p>	<p>New tricky words:</p> <p>come, full, here, like, little, love, our, pull, push, put, says, some, today, were, what, when</p>
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Reading Road 3: 27 alternate spellings for known phonemes

Phoneme	Alternate spelling	Examples of words
f	ph	orphan
w	wh	when
ai	ay a-e a	play cake basin
ee	ea e-e y e	beach Pete baby me
igh	i-e ie y i	bike pie cry silent
oa	ow o o-e	crow go bone
oo (moon)	u-e ew	rude jewel
oo (yoo)	u	unicorn
or	aw ore al a	claw shore walk all
ur	ir er	bird herb
ow	ou	loud
oi	oy	boy

New tricky words:
again, any, ask, could, friend, many, people, school, should, their, there, thought, through, two, want, where, who, work, would

Reading Road 4: 19 alternate spellings for known phonemes

Phoneme	Alternate spelling	Examples of words
ear	eer	peer
air	are ear	care bear
j	dge	edge
s	se c	horse city
c	ch	school
u	o-e o	above other
r	wr	wrong
e	ea	head
ar	a	after
o	a	swan
m	mb	climb
n	kn gn	knot gnaw
ch	tch	patch
l	le al	apple animal

New tricky words:
because, eye, laugh,
move, Mr, Mrs, once,
tomorrow

Reading Road 5: 24 alternate graphemes for known phonemes

Phoneme	Alternate spelling	Examples of words
ai	ea ey eigh	great they eight
ee	ie ey	thief turkey
oa	oe	tomatoes
oo (moon)	ue ui ou	blue fruit toucan
oo (look)	oul u	could put
y-oo	ew ue u-e	few rescue use
or	oar our oor au	soar four door haul
ur	or ear	word earn
s	ce	since
j	g ge	gem large
v	ve	give

New tricky words:
hour, parents