

# LEARNING TO READ

## PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS PROCESS

### THE STAGES THAT COME BEFORE PHONICS

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#### WORD AWARENESS

An awareness that speech is made up of words!

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#### RHYME AWARENESS

An understanding that words rhyme when the ending sound is the same.

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#### SYLLABLE AWARENESS

The ability to hear that words are made up of syllables. E.g 'tea/cher' is 2 syllables

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#### ONSET + RIME

Words can be broken up into onset-beginning sound, and rime - the remaining vowel sound and final consonants.

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#### PHONEMIC AWARENESS

The ability to HEAR, IDENTIFY and MANIPULATE phonemes (the smallest units of sound).  
e.g. 'cat' is made up of /c/ /a/ /t/

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#### PHONICS

The connection of sounds to written letters and written letters to sounds.  
Decoding (reading) and Encoding (spelling)