

# What is Read Write Inc. Phonics?

## English alphabetic code

- 44 Sounds
- Over 150+ graphemes

English has one of the most complex alphabetic codes in the world. As the English language is not phonetic both children and adults find this difficult,

For example

- F can be used in fun, huff and photo
- or sounds can be in paw, door, more and author

## Let's explain phonics....

**Phoneme** - the smallest unit of sound in speech

**Grapheme** - the written representation of a phoneme (writing the letter sound).

Graphemes can be made from 1, 2, 3 or more letters working together to make one sound.

The children are taught to give the sound when shown the grapheme (written letter) and to write the grapheme when given the sound,

Children are taught how to

Blend sounds together (c-a-t = cat) to read.

Segment words (cat = c-a-t) to spell

Both these skills are needed for reading and writing.



*This is Fred.*

*Fred can only talk in phonic sounds for example c-a-t.  
The children copy Fred talk to learn how to blend sounds to  
read.*

*These are called green words.*

mad	at
dad	sad
mat	sat

## Red Words

These are words that are not phonetic and are learnt by sight by the children. These are taught alongside the green words.

I

the  
— .

you  
· —

your  
· —

said  
· — ·

was  
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