

# Supporting your child's reading and writing

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Spoken Language

Vocabulary

Phonics and fluency

Reading

Handwriting

Writing

- Lack of vocabulary knowledge is primarily caused by **lack of opportunity** not a lack of natural ability.
- 30 Million word gap by school entry *Harte & Risley*
- Over half of nursery children in socially disadvantaged areas have language delay, despite general cognitive abilities in the average range.

*Jean Gross – Time to Talk*

# Spoken language

- Good modelling
- Storytelling
- Drama
- Play-small world/imaginative role-play
- Discussion
- Reading with book talk
- Talk objects
- Language games
- Props/story stones



It is rare for students to struggle with reading comprehension if their decoding and vocabulary are well developed.

*Spencer, M, Quinn, JM & Wagner, RK 2014, Specific reading comprehension disability: Major problem, myth, or misnomer?, Learning Disabilities Research & Practice, 29(1), pp. 3-8*

Enhancing children's vocabulary development is more effective at improving reading comprehension than teaching students comprehension strategies.

*Clarke, P, Snowling, MJ, Truelove, E & Hulme, C 2010, Ameliorating children's reading comprehension difficulties: A randomised controlled trial, Psychological Science, 21, pp. 1106-1116*

# Vocabulary

- Naming things properly
- Using high level vocabulary in everyday speech
- Talking about vocabulary when reading-Tier 2/Tier 3
- Collecting 'good words'
- Vocabulary games



# Word of the Week!

# absurd

It means: ludicrous; ridiculous

MR. SILLY  
By Roger Hargreaves



Can you use this word in a sentence?

Read it-1 point

Define it-2 points

Use it-3 point

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Vocabulary Scavenger Hunt



Vocabulary Words	Definitions
boastfulness	
clever	
culture	
folktale	
greediness	
mischief	
qualities	
trickster	
famished	
refresh	
reluctant	
delicious	



A green bingo card with a 5x5 grid. The words are: Adapt, Intend, Opinion, Harbor, Fracture; Behold, Prompt, Summary, Rapid, Vivid; Scheme, Urgent, Metaphor, Portion; Weary, Plot, Hyperbole, Essential, Awkward; Barricade, Commotion, Accurate, Similar, Recollection. A red 'BINGO!' is written diagonally across the center. There are colored markers in the cells: a blue circle in the first cell of the second row, a purple circle in the second cell of the third row, a yellow circle in the third cell of the third row, and a red circle in the fifth cell of the third row.

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Scheme	Urgent	Metaphor	Portion	
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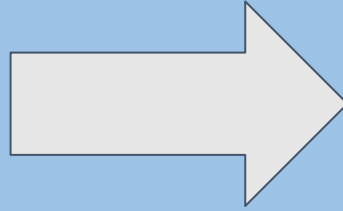
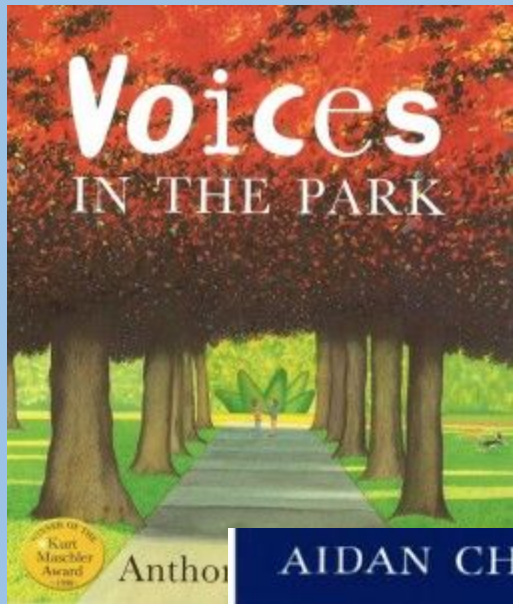


# Phonics and Fluency

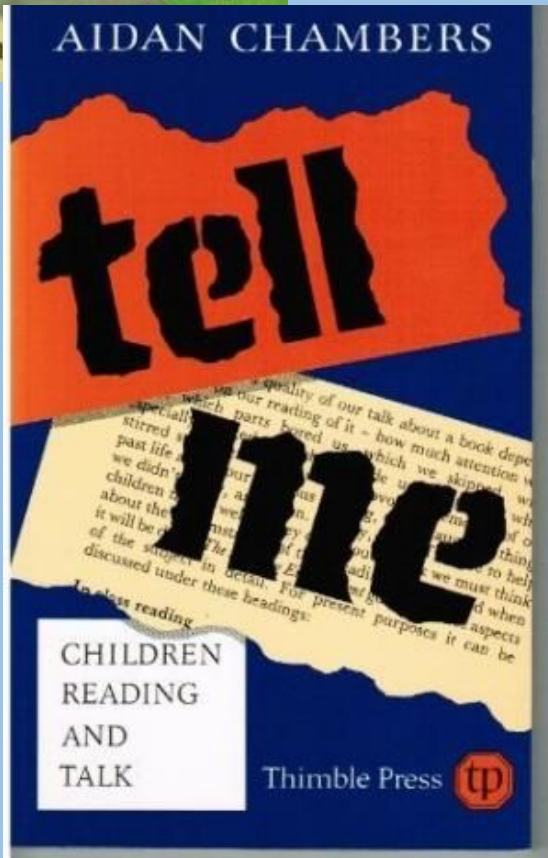
- Phonics
- ‘How to...’ guides on [Oxford Owls](#)
- Read, reread and read again!
- Echo Reading
- Jump in
- Getting reading level right

# Reading

- Adult as role model
- Reading experience
- Well-selected
- Little and often
- Book talk
- Rhymes/poetry
- Rereading
- Vocabulary



Poetry  
 Illustrations  
 Present as a play  
 Thought bubbles/speech bubbles



<p>What caught your attention? What made you want to keep reading?</p>	<p>Was there anything that put you off reading?</p>
<p><b>Puzzles</b>          Was there anything you found strange or surprising?</p>	<p><b>Patterns and Connections</b>          Were there any patterns you noticed? Did it remind you of anything?</p>

# Writing

- Handwriting
- Spelling
- Text patterns-reading a variety of genres
- Grammar
- Punctuation

## Handwriting

- Continuous cursive
- Fluency
- Joining

## Spelling

- Phonetically plausible
- Spelling patterns
- Spelling games

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii

Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr

Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz

### Main Focus (highlight)

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Skill	Formation		Letter size	Joining	Fluency	Presentation	
Letter group	<u>Rockin'</u> Round c a g q d o s	Climb and Slide i l t y u j	Tunnel r n h b p k	Loop and Hook e f	Square x z	<u>ZigZag</u> v w	Capitals/Numbers ABCDEFGHIJKL MNOPQRSTUVWXYZ WXYZ 0123456789
Join	Diagonal to letters without ascenders		Horizontal to letters without ascenders		Diagonal to letters with ascenders		Horizontal to letters with ascenders



# Writing

- Story telling-underlying story plots, writing toolkits
- Spelling games
- Sentence games
- Language games
- Opportunities
- Magpieing
- Grammar and terminology

# The 5 sentence story

Once upon a time.....

One day.....

Unfortunately.....

Luckily.....

Finally.....

*Once upon a time, there was a treasure hunter called Indiana. One day, Indiana decided he wanted to hunt for buried treasure on the Island of Wonder. Unfortunately, he got lost. Luckily, his friend Jacob gave him a secret map. Eventually, Indiana arrived at the Island of Wonder and found ten gold coins.*

The dog barked.

Adjective

Adverb

Strengthen the noun

Fronted adverbial

Relative clause

Subordinate clause

Simile

# Hangman

What can't it be?

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