

The importance of letter-sound relationships

1. Phonics for Kids
 - <http://www.starfall.com/n/level-k/index/play.htm?f>
2. Pronunciation (secondary students)
 - http://www.oup.com/elt/global/products/englishfile/beginner/c_pronunciation/
3. Fun with Phonics, CBBC
 - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/funwithphonics/watch/funwithphonicsclips/>
4. Words and pictures
 - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/wordsandpictures/index.shtml>
5. Phonics & Reading
 - <http://pbskids.org/>
6. The 44 Sounds of English
 - http://www.scholasticred.com/dodea/pdfs/SPED_TR_Sounds.pdf
7. The 44 Sounds (Phonemes) of English
 - <http://www.dyslexia-speld.com/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=Kh7hycbitgA%3D&tabid=92&mid=500&language=en-AU>
8. Word games:
 - <http://www.wordcentral.com/>
9. Vocabulary booklet for secondary students
 - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/radio/studyguides/pdfs/vocab.pdf>

Songs & Poems

1. Little Kid Songs, British Council
 - <http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/little-kids-songs>
2. Nursery rhymes on YouTube
 - http://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=nursery+rhymes&aq=0
3. Songs, between the Lions
 - <http://pbskids.org/lions/videos/>
4. Poetry for kids
 - <http://www.poetry4kids.com/>
5. My Pig won't let me watch TV, Poetry for kids
 - <http://www.poetry4kids.com/poem-541.html>
6. Lulu Poetry
 - <http://www.poetry.com/>
7. Haiku
 - http://www.ehow.com/how_4901102_write-haiku-poem-made-easy.html
8. A Shakespeare sonnet animation on YouTube
 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xq0eKhhsKeA>

New types of genres/text types

1. Flash stories for kids, BBC
 - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/laac/story/sbi.shtml>
2. Flash stories, Flash English
 - <http://www.veryabc.cn/flash/>
3. Manga Shakespeare
 - <http://www.mangashakespeare.com/>
4. Free online graphic novels
 - <http://www.free-online-novels.com/graphic.html>
10. FanFiction.net
 - <http://www.fanfiction.net/>

General

1. CBBC
 - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/>
2. Grammar in context
 - <http://www.eduplace.com/tales/>
3. *Nodame Cantabile* @ FanFiction.net
 - http://www.fanfiction.net/anime/Nodame_Cantabile/
4. Learn English Kids , British Council
 - <http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en>
5. Read, Write, Think
 - <http://www.readwritethink.org/>
6. Photo Story, Microsoft
 - <http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/digitalphotography/photostory/default.aspx>

Tips on reading

- Encourage your child to use the cover and contents page to see what the book is about.
- Look at the pictures and talk about things that interest your child.
- Encourage your child to tell you what they have found out from the pictures in the book.
- Guide your child to use the pictures to work out what the words say.
- Talk about the book and anything that the book reminds your child of.
- Find and read words your child recognizes.
- Look in libraries for other books on the same subject.

How to select a storybook for your child?

1. About the book
 - a. Can your child relate to concepts or experiences discussed in the book?
 - b. Does your child have the background knowledge to understand the text?
 - c. Can your child follow the sequence of the book? Can him/her predict the patterns?
 - d. Can your child understand the genre or text types?
2. About the illustrations
 - a. Does your child find the illustration appealing?
 - b. Do the illustrations provide enough support for your child to understand the story?
 - c. Are the illustrations clear or do they need interpretation?
 - d. Where can your child find these illustrations?
3. About the language/structure
 - a. Is the text structure repetitive, familiar, or natural to spoken language?
 - b. Are there high-frequency words that can help your child to understand the story?
 - c. Is there difficult or technical vocabulary that might cause a problem?
4. About the layout/features
 - a. How many lines of print on a page? Are they appropriate for your child?
 - b. Is there clear spacing between words?
 - c. Is the size and placement of the print supportive to the reader?
 - d. Are there unusual print fonts that are distracting or confusing?
 - e. Is the text length appropriate for your child?
 - f. Are there any unusual text formats – such as diagrams, charts, or maps – that require explanation?

Good Qualities Checklist

1. Have I been reading together with my child?
2. Have I been writing together with my child?
3. Have I been helping my child to increase his/her letter-sound awareness?
4. Have I been encouraging my child to read extensively?
5. Have I been encouraging my child to become a little author?
6. Have I been using positive feedback to encourage my child to learn English?
7. Have I been taking my child to the library to choose books together regularly (e.g., every week)?

Title of the poem: _____

by _____

(topic 1)

_____, _____
(adjective) (adjective)

_____, _____, _____
(-ing verb) (-ing verb) (-ing verb)

_____, _____, _____, _____
(noun) (noun) (noun) (noun)

_____, _____, _____
(-ing verb) (-ing verb) (-ing verb)

_____, _____
(adjective) (adjective)

(topic 2)