

Partners in Learning

Video Suite



Phonics

Phonics is the term used to refer to the ability to identify the relationships between letters and sounds when reading and spelling ([ACARA, 2020](#)). Phonics activities therefore involve the use of printed letters and their associated sounds.

What is discussed in this video?

The video contains modelled examples of activities for developing phonics in the early years including: onset and rime segmentation; the position of phonemes within words; blending and segmenting sounds in words and manipulating sounds.

What are the key messages that can be used to inform the school community?

- Phonics is the term used to refer to the ability to identify the relationships between letters and sounds when reading and spelling.
- Onset and rime segmentation occurs in single syllable words. The initial sound (the onset) is segmented from the rest of the word (the rime).
- Be aware of discussing the position of letters and sounds within words. Letters and sounds can be beginning; final or medial. Medial sounds are in the middle of a word.
- Blending is a crucial skill when learning to decode texts. Blending is a process of saying the individual sounds in a word then running them together to make a word. The sounds must be said quickly so the words are clear.
- Manipulating sounds involves deleting and substituting sounds in a word.
- Children can develop their understanding of phonics through letter and sound activities.
- Consider using some of the example activities that support phonics instruction as seen in the video.

