



Linguistic phonics: teaching reading

Course content

This course guides you through teaching reading and spelling using a linguistic phonics approach. It can be easily implemented with minimum planning and preparation, and provides effective teaching for pupils at all levels.

The approach used in the course has been developed by Sounds~Write, a training provider that specialises in face-to-face linguistic phonics trainings. This online CPD course includes the materials and resources developed by Sounds~Write that will help you deliver the programme in your setting.

The Open University acknowledges linguistic phonics is but one approach to teaching reading and spelling.

You will be asked to complete a piece of work to be submitted at the end of the course where you will reflect on putting your learning into practice. It is therefore important that you are able to apply the content of the course by working with the pupils you teach.

The course covers:

- The way the English alphabet works.
- The skills necessary to encode and decode successfully.
- How to correct pupils when they make errors in reading and spelling.
- How to teach reading and spelling in a logical sequence that goes from simple to complex.

The strong link between course learning and your work practice creates relevant, enduring and transferable outcomes. It requires no more than 30 hours of your time in total, over whatever period suits you. But the learning is far richer than more expensive one- to three-day workshops. Register online today and start tomorrow – no need to wait!

The course features the distinctive strengths of The Open University (OU) from its years of expertise in work-based learning:

- The **convenience** of accessing its clearly presented and sequenced materials, activities

and support whenever suits you and wherever you have access to the protected course website – if you prefer, you can print key materials to work on them offline.

- The **support** of an expert learning adviser who can clarify course materials, answer questions and help you relate the course to your specific needs.
- A **work-based activity** helping you to connect the course to your individual and organisational context and needs. At the end of the course you send this to the learning adviser, who provides **personal feedback**.
- **Certification** of completion from the OU for those who complete the course. You can use this to demonstrate your continuing professional development (CPD) activity to your employer and/or professional body. (NB The course does not carry academic credit points.)

Entry

Although there are no formal academic requirements to study any of our CPD courses, you are expected to have some experience in the field and the course assumes a familiarity with the subject.

For each course you can register and begin at any time during the life of the course. You can study at your own pace and submit your work-based activity at any date before the final submission date for the course. Information about the final submission date is available when you register for the course.

If you have a disability or additional requirements

The course is delivered wholly online. Learners who use screen readers or who cannot use a mouse will not be able to access some course material or some course activities without assistance. Written transcripts of the audio interviews are available on the website. If you are a new learner with the OU, make sure that you have our booklet *Meeting your needs*. You can obtain a copy by contacting our Student Registration & Enquiry Service.

Course materials

We use a mixture of media to help you learn. Our courses may include any of the following media that you will use from home (or wherever you choose to study): specially written texts, set books, online resources, audio CDs, audio and video cassettes, DVDs, CD-ROMs, computer software, a home experiment kit. For further information on set books go to <http://www3.open.ac.uk/about/setbooks/index.shtm>.

Learner support

Expert, confidential learner support is available when you need it from a learning adviser, who will respond to you direct within 24 hours. Other support is available via the course forum, library, StudentHome website and computing helpdesk.

Work-based activity

The work-based activity for this course has been designed as an integrated ongoing activity that you submit at the end of your study. It will allow you to reflect on your learning and how to use it in your professional work.

Professional recognition

Successful completion of the course enables us to recognise your achievement of the course learning by issuing an OU certificate that you can use to document your commitment to continuing professional development in your personal portfolio, or to provide evidence to employers or professional body or see the course description for **GE068** at www.open.ac.uk/courses.

More information

For full details, including course fees, start dates, services for disabled students, any computing requirements and information on how to become a student, visit the Course and Qualifications website www.open.ac.uk/courses.

We make every effort to ensure that this information is accurate but it could change if regulations or policies change or because of financial or other constraints.