

PHONICS TIPS

Go on a letter hunt!

As your child learns how to identify and write specific letters, search for these letters during scavenger hunts at home, in the car, or wherever you are: stores, museums, the doctor's office—everywhere!

Research shows that children benefit from systematic letter instruction that supports their ability to recognize, label, and write the letters of the alphabet. You can support your child by reading alphabet books together, playing word games (“let’s think of every word we know that starts with /b/, like ball”), and reading together.

Sound it out!

Help your child blend sounds together to read a word. Point to a short a word like “map” and say each sound individually: /m/ /a/ /p/. Point to each letter as you say the sound. Then model blending the sounds together to say “map!”

Tricky X

Say the word “box” slowly, enunciating the sounds. Point out that the letter x makes the /ks/ sound at the end. Explain that we usually find the letter x in the middle of words, like “excited” and “extra,” or at the end of words, like “fox” and “mix.”

Brain Quest Phonics Readers - Audio Recordings

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