Alpha-Phonics A Primer For Beginning Readers

An effective, step-by-step, intensive phonics program for teaching reading to beginners of all ages. Designed for easy use by teachers, tutors, and parents.

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This is the NEW 2016 version of Alpha-Phonics. The contents of the book are IDENTICAL to the previous version. The only differences are: The new one is perfect bound (glued back pages for extra strength), not comb-bound, and it does not come with a CD ROM version. ** Now you get Alpha-Phonics for only $22.95 - the same price it sold for in 1989 - 27 years ago!! The fabled Alpha-Phonics systematic phonics instruction program used by 100s of thousands since it was introduced in the late 1970's. Alpha-Phonics is probably the simplest, most effective and reasonably priced phonics instruction programs available anywhere. HERE IS WHY IT WORKS SO WELL: IT IS SIMPLE!! There are only 44 phonograms (Sounds) the child needs to learn. Reading, contrary to what you have been told, is easy to teach because all you have to do is teach the student to SOUND OUT the words they need to read. At first they sound the words out aloud, later they do it in their head silently. That is ALL there is to teaching reading. MOM get this: All 128 Lessons in Alpha-Phonics are covered in ONLY 14 pages of instructions for you. Students begin with short vowels putting together simple words (Like a with m = am or a with s = as) and progress to the more advanced words. With Alpha-Phonics the beginner can be reading simple sentences by lesson three, and that can even be on the first day! Other reading instruction programs try to do too much. They inject grammar, pictures and other material, needlessly complicating the task. Alpha-Phonics just teaches reading only. Alpha-Phonics has as a BONUS: you teach SPELLING easily as you go (through simple dictation). Alpha-Phonics easily introduces over 3,500 words in its simple 128 lessons. Some can learn to read in only months. Alpha-Phonics also works very well for older students, even grown adults who need remediation. Is there a negative about Alpha-Phonics? Yes. In the past 30 years we have heard only one criticism (Only a few times). It is: Some Moms say they think their child can become bored when taught by Alpha-Phonics. Why? Parents have been convinced that learning has to be fun time. They believe games, card decks, cartoons/pictures, spin the needle tricks, etc. make it fun. They feel they have to entertain their kids while teaching. But, this unnecessarily slows down the process. With Alpha-Phonics the student can actually be READING simple sentences even day ONE! Students do see lists of words in Alpha-Phonics lessons, but they QUICKLY are actually READING those words; they are accomplishing, instead of being entertained. The Bells and Whistles in other programs slow the process and cost time and money $$. The huge sense of success in actually reading quickly overcomes any other consideration. We almost forgot the SUPER BONUS: Many ADULTS become BETTER readers while teaching their child! Alpha-Phonic is highly recommended by leading Homeschooling curriculum reviewers such as Mary Pride, Cathy Duffy, Karen Andreola and many others.** You can buy the CD Rom version
separately on  for only $ 9.00 (It used to be $ 39.95!!) Find the CD ROM version on  at ISBN: 9780941995184.  also has available a set of practice Readers and a practice Phonics Workbook to accompany Alpha-Phonics. The Alpha-Phonics and How To Tutor Little Companion READERS (10 little books combined into one handy book): $ 24.95 (ISBN 9780941995344). They are specifically designed to follow along with the Alpha-Phonics book as you teach from it. The other great optional resource is The Alpha-Phonics and How To Tutor Phonics Companion PHONICS PRACTICE WORKBOOK: $ 19.95 (ISBN: 9780941995337). It is also specifically designed to accompany the Alpha-Phonics teaching book as you go through it lesson by lesson. The Readers Book and the Phonics Practice Workbook are optional but parents find them very helpful to further the progress of their children. The NEW 2016 Alpha-Phonics: SIMPLE, EFFECTIVE, INEXPENSIVE! ISBN 9780941995320

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Customer Reviews

I am writing this so that it may help another struggling reader. Bottom line is that it helped my first grader greatly accelerate her reading skills. At two months into the school year she was tested at a level 2. Our school district standard is level 16 by the end of first grade. Her teacher said that there would be an outside chance she would be at a level 12 by the end of the school year. My daughter though bright and motivated, does not have an aptitude for reading and possibly has a slight case of dyslexia. When she tried to read she would fall into tears with frustration. Consequently she was losing interest in reading. We started this book in November spending about 30-60 minutes, 2-3 exercises per day with just reading, no writing. We finished the book in January. She then started reading other books for 30-60 minutes per day. She was tested again in February at a level 6. She
has since been advancing at almost a level a week. By the end of April she was reading and comprehending level 12 books with ease. Recall that the teacher said in October she would be lucky to be at a level 12 by the end of the school year. She still has 6 weeks left in the school year. This book has made a difference because it lays a phonic foundation in an organized, comprehensive manner with exercises that continually reenforce the learnings in each lesson. Exercises in subsequent lessons review previous material so that review of previous lessons were generally not needed. It starts out very simply so that the child is not overwhelmed and immediately feels a sense of accomplishment. Read the lesson plans at the end of the book as they are helpful for the parent. After completing the book, your child will have the skills to sound out words on her own.

For the low cost of $29.95, Alpha-Phonics packs more structured learning in every page than any other phonic program on the market. Its only drawback is the lack of words that have more than two syllables. Students quickly learn all the basic sounds and blends. The sentence practice is wonderful. Once again, it is available in the workbook only format. The interactive CD version of Alpha-Phonics is an exceptional companion tool. Like the book there’s no music, pictures, or colors to distract the student. Several years ago I used the Alpha-Phonics system to teach an illiterate, sixteen-year-old, high school drop out to read at a sixth grade level in five months. I have no teacher training. Today, this young man is studying for his GED. I asked his school superintendent what his teachers were teaching this young man for ten years. He didn't have an answer. After I helped this young man, I started tutoring my friend’s second grade daughter. When she describe the wonderful first grade program the school was using with her children, I knew the program to be whole language, based on what I had learned from reading Mr. Blumenfeld’s book OBE/ THE WHOLE LANGUAGE FRAUD. In the first week of second grade the teacher recommended this girl be tested for a learning disability. The mother called me and instead of testing, we set to work tutoring her daughter twice a week. In June she was comfortable reading fifth grade material and she could sound out children’s Bible stories written at the seventh grade reading level. All of her grades improved and her behavior in class improved. Today she is an avid reader. Reading teachers will love the Alpha-Phonics program because of the extensive word lists that are used for every sound and spelling combination.

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