



SOUNDS - WRITE
First Rate Phonics

Sounds-Write Phonics Resources for Parents and Carers: COVID 19 update

1: For children in Reception/Kindy

Free online courses: Help your child to read and write

As some of you already know, our two courses Help your Child to Read and Write teach parents and carers how to get their 4- and 5-year olds on the way to literacy.

The first one, available here, has always been free:

<https://www.udemy.com/course/help-your-child-to-read-and-write>

The screenshot shows the UdeMy course page for "Help your child to read and write". The page includes a search bar at the top, a breadcrumb trail "Parenting & Relationships > Early Childhood Education", and a video player showing two children reading. The course title is "Help your child to read and write" with a subtitle "Sounds-Write Phonics Program, Initial Code, Units 1-7". It has a 4.4 star rating from 1,931 reviews and 20,208 students. The course is free to enroll in. Below the video, there is a "What you'll learn" section with four bullet points: help your child take their first steps in reading and spelling; understand how to help your child build, write and read simple cvc (consonant, vowel, consonant) words; understand how to correct your child when they make a mistake in their reading or writing simple words; and have a basic understanding of how phonics works.

This first course includes all the know-how and resources to get your child started, by introducing all the one-to-one spellings in the context of word reading, word building and sound-swap with simple CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant) words, as well as the skills they need to succeed.

We have decided to make the **second one free as well** to help parents and carers whose children are at home because of the COVIC 19 pandemic.

The second course is available here:

<https://www.udemy.com/course/help-your-child-to-read-and-write-part-2/learn/>

This second course introduces words of a more complex structure (CVCC, CCVC, CCVCC), as well as some diagraphs (two letters, one sound) such as ss, ll, sh, ck and others.

Decodable readers

There are two collections of decodable readers that accompany the courses. They are available on Amazon as Kindle books (and **free if you have Kindle unlimited**). Just go to Amazon and look for:

Phonic stories to read at home:
Help your child to read and write: a Sounds-Write reader for Units 1 to 7
and: Phonic stories to read at home 2: Help your child to read and write: a Sounds-Write reader for Units 8 to 11



Activity books for the Initial Code:

If you enjoy working with your child through these activities, you might also want to purchase these two practice books (also available though Amazon)



Help your child to read and write:
Sounds-Write Activity Book, Initial Code Units 1-7

Help your child to read and write:
part 2: Sounds-Write Activity Book, Initial Code Units 8-11

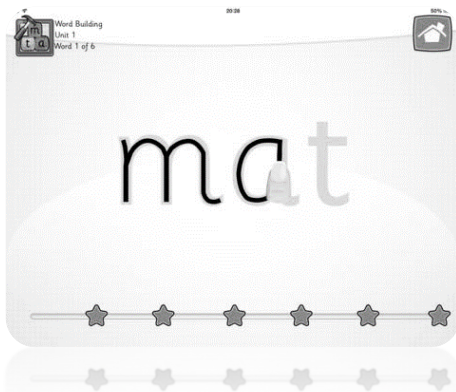
Initial Code app

If you have an iPad you can download our app. It is called Initial Code, by Sounds-Write Ltd.

There is a free version of the app with some sample lessons, and a full version for sale too.

The app offers a variety of activities to develop the skills of segmenting and blending, word reading and writing and some sentence reading and writing.

The app has been designed to introduce the sound-spelling correspondences in the Initial Code of the Sounds-Write program.



2 Free Sounds-Write Games for Older Children

For older children in Year 1 or Year 2, we have also provided a **free 60-page e-book with a selection of games** from our book Phonics games and activities for the Extended Code. You can access them for free here:

<https://tinyurl.com/SWgames-extended-code-free>

