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Alpha-Phonics A Primer For Beginning Readers





Synopsis

This is the NEW 2017 version of Alpha-Phonics. Remember this is the ONE & ONLY ORIGINAL Alpha-Phonics! AND is at a NEW LOW PRICE!: ONLY \$ 22.95 â " the same price it sold for in 1989! â " 28 years ago! Alpha-Phonics is a 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. HERE IS WHY IT WORKS SO WELL: IT IS SIMPLE!! There are only 44 phonograms (Sounds) the child needs to learn in order to read. 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 want 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 way 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 students 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 have been led to 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! The lessons for the Student are in LARGE TYPE on 8 Â X11 pages meaning you can instruct him/her DIRECTLY from the book. Nothing need be copied on separate paper. Makes everything much easier than if it were on 5 X 8 pages. Alpha-Phonic is highly recommended by leading

Homeschooling curriculum reviewers such as Mary Pride, Cathy Duffy, Karen Andreola and many others. There is a CD Rom version sold separately on for only \$ 9.00. 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 PRACTICE WORKBOOK: \$ 19.95 (ISBN: 9780941995337). It is also designed to accompany the Alpha-Phonics teaching book as you go through the lessons. The Readers Book and the Phonics Practice Workbook are optional but parents find them very helpful to further the progress. SIMPLE, EFFECTIVE, INEXPENSIVE! ISBN 9780941995320

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Customer Reviews

From The Old Schoolhouse Magazine, Jan 2010: This program provides wonderful instructions on how to teach their concepts step by step. You start out with a letter chart that has all the letters, both capitals and lower case on it. There are no pictures. The child learns the sounds of all the letters and puts that with the letters on the page. It may not be as visually appealing as some of the preschool reading curriculums you can buy, but there is a reason for that. When [author] Mr. Blumenfeld points out in the introduction that the child needs to identify with the letter, not with a picture, it made perfect sense because my granddaughter has been identifying letters by the pictures that are beside them [in another program]. Instead of saying the buh sound when she sees a B, she says bear. We have been using Alpha-phonics for a couple of weeks now, and she is now beginning to identify letters with sounds instead of a particular word. After the sounds are learned. you teach how the sounds go together to make a word: a and t make at, a and m make am. Then comes another letter: r and at make rat. After a few lessons, the child is identifying sound combinations and reading words and even sentences. One vowel is introduced at a time, and all the possible combinations with that vowel are explored before moving on to another. I like the fact that there is no special coding or symbols that the child has to learn as they are learning to read and then unlearn later because those codes and symbols are not used in common practice. The price of this program is the really sweet icing on the cake. Most beginning reading programs I have investigated have been very expensive. They had a lot of plastic parts with them and other accessories and were in nice pretty containers, but they really did not have any more to offer than this [Alpha-Phonics] program. When you have everything you need right there for \$ 34.95 [Flash: is it now ONLY \$ 24.95!], why would you care that there are no pretty pictures. Anyone that s looking for a reading program, either to help a struggling reader or to start a little one to read, would do well to purchase this curriculum. I am very impressed with the simplicity of process and how effective it has proven to be. Review by Christine Hindle, The Old Schoolhouse Magazine, LLC, January 2010 -SPECIAL 2016 NOTE: There is a NEW insert section in your book entitled: Tips from 29 years of experience - before you start the lessons - to make Alpha-Phonics work better for you. This is a special compilation of feedback from many users over the years who have learned ways to help with the phonics reading instruction process. It will prove to be invaluable to Mom as she uses Alpha-Phonics. (From The Publisher, The Paradigm Co.) -- Top 100 Picks for Homeschooling Curriculum, 2005Review by Karen Andreola: Reminding us to be satisfied with moderation, my mother used to say: ...a little dab will do ya... With this in mind, I want to reassure you that it is not necessary to spend hundreds of dollars on an elaborate phonics [reading instruction] course. There is an alternative that is amazingly simple and direct its called ...sounding out... Instead of using dancing cartoon figures or sing-songy ditties (meant to amuse, but which often distract), a child simply looks at the letter...... and repeats after you. When a child has learned to recognize each letter of the alphabet by its sound, you can introduce the blending of letter sounds. Frequent practice plus some review will be needed, but this gradual work can be accomplished in 10 minutes a day with Alpha-Phonics. This program is the little dab of phonics I gave my children each day for their...at, mat, cat, hat, sat...sort of practices. And it was plenty. The large child-sized, handwritten [calligraphy] letters are read by the student right out of the book. Short words are read in columns. (No need to read all the columns on the page in one sitting.) Whole sentences are introduced using words previously practiced. An inexpensive non-consumable course, complete with teacher's

manual and lesson plan. Grades K through 4Review by Karen Andreola, homeschooling highlights.com, February 2011. Karen Andreola has been a main reviewer for Christian Book Distributors for many years. Karen has written several books on homeschooling and for a number of years published the magazine: Parents Review. She is also a frequent speaker at homeschool conventions. Alpha-Phonics is also recommended by leading homeschooling product reviewers Mary Pride and Cathy Duffy. Alpha-Phonics is also regularly recommended by The Robinson Curriculum organization. --Karen Andreola, February 2011: homeschoolinghighlights.comExcerpts from Cathy Duffy s book: Alpha-Phonics Sam Blumenfeld s classic phonics manual, provides comprehensive phonics instruction in a simple, straightforward manner. A parent works through the lessons with his or her child, working from the book. Alpha-Phonics has heavy-duty plastic covers and plastic comb binding so it lies flat while you are looking through lessons. Print is very large, making it suitable for young readers. The methodology is solid phonics. Blending is taught via the vowel-consonant method with initial consonants added next (e.g., am taught first followed by Sam and ham). Words are taught in families (e.g., an, ban, can, Dan, fan, Jan). However, many nonsense syllables are included in the early stages to help students develop phonetic fluency. Students practice guite a few such lists, but they also move guickly into reading actual sentences. The program does not use pictures as do many other programs. The print is very large and clear with no illustrations or other distractions. The intent is that students concentrate on the letters themselves so they immediately recognize the sounds associated with a letter rather than taking an extra mental step to recall a key word associated with a picture. Alpha-Phonics teaches 44 basic sounds for the [26] letters of the alphabet. It teaches basic phonics rules, but not so many as we find in other programs. Top 100 Picks for Homescuooling Curriculum book, Broadman & Holman, Nashville, 2005, pages 81-82 -- Top 100 Picks for Homeschooling Curriculum, 2005 -- This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This book can solve America's reading problem! Letters to the author from parents; I must write to express my wife's and my thanks for your excellent book. It has been so valuable to us in teaching our 8-1/2-year-old son, Eric, to read When I started on September 10, Eric was almost totally restricted as a reader. I followed your book's instructions exactly. Would you believe we went from Lesson 2 through Lesson 27 in two weeks? And by Thanksgiving we had drilled through Lesson 117. Even you wouldn't believe the results! It was if we were witnessing a miracle Eric is now reading Robinson Crusoe, and is just loving it! He had been having headaches all through second grade and was losing weight. Since he started learning by your method, he hasn't been sick one

day, and has gained weight rapidly to where he has a perfect physique. Needless to say, we are grateful. Thank you so much for your excellent effort in helping countless parents, such as ourselves, in warding off the educational crippling of countless children. W.M. Westfield, NJ (Now residing in Hendersonville, NC) My daughter is almost 6 years old and we are home educating her. I have tried a couple of reading programs, most of which were game type learning. None of these produced any results. I recently ordered Alpha-Phonics because I heard Samuel Blumenfeld speak on several shows. Dianna and I are just beginning lesson 5. After going over lessons 3 and 4 Dianna was so excited that she could read that she hugged my neck and told me she loved me. She said, "Oh mommy, my wish is coming true. You and daddy are teaching me to read." What else can I say? I love this systematic way of teaching reading because it produces immediate results and children, as well as adults, like to see progress. By the way, we only spend five to ten minutes a day on this. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I was debating on phonic program for my grand daughter and I went and reviewed everything out there.THIS program was the most recommended and placed easiest to use with best results.So I got it.It comes with a CD to teach you how to say the sounds.I have never taught phonics before,but this program is the bomb! It starts off with the a sound and works through to harder.It has reading in there once the child gets to where he can read on his own.This is not so childlike that it could not be used with older child that needs help in this area or with a grown up to learn to read as well.I love this simple easy large print book.If you are looking for colored pages and pretty pictures this is not the one for you.Who needs those anyway,it just distracts the child.If you want results,get this tried and true program.

Excellent program with a common sense, systematic approach. After using this with my almost four year old for about a month, it is obvious we made the right choice. This course, though written several decades earlier, is the absolute best method for teaching phonics. It is an excellent alternative to the see and read/memorization method that is plaguing the early education community. My daughter is truly learning to read, not just memorizing stories or using picture cues to guess words. Alpha Phonics has allowed her to "jump into" reading, as well as begin to learn spelling and grammar. She is able to read the words she learns in any new story we introduce and is able to sound out many new words relatively easily. She suddenly seems confident when reading, and I believe it is because she now understands that there is a logical way to figure out new words. She is anxious to read new stories and practice spelling words from her lesson. Although we may

read several books a day, we spend no more than about 20 minutes a day, four to five days a week on Alpha Phonics. This product can easily replace and surpass much more expensive home school phonics curriculums. (We are using it for Pre K & K phonics.) It would also be a wonderful tool for public or private school children who are struggling to become confident readers.

My daughter, who is now 31, used this book when she was four years old. In less than a couple of weeks she excelled to a third grade reader. Now her eight year son is using it. I also recommend the primers and disc that are also offered by .

great book. it also came with a CD ROM with the exact copy of the lessons in the book. i'm able to put the CD rom in the computer and do the lessons with my child that way. the computer disks allows the child to focus on the screen with you with no distractions, it also allows you to put the book away so that you can preserve it for use later on or pass it down. this book is a great start for young kids , my child is 3 and is now able to read and write sentences. be sure to teach your child the proper sound of each letter in the alphabet because it makes these lessons easier and allows the child to build their confidence along their reading journey. there are no pictures in this book or the CD which is great because it allow total focus by having just black letters and white background. we do a lot f reviewing each lesson so that i can make sure my child isn't forgetting previous lessons. this book will last a long time because it gets more advance as the lessons progress. just let your child lead the way and give them breaks so they don't become restless or overwhelmed because learning should be fun and individually paced for each child.

When I was teaching we used this because our school's reading program was rather weak in phonics. If your child struggles with reading, chances are this may help him or her because it is a logical approach to reading. No nonsense, black and white pages, no pictures and the kids love it because they complete it as competent readers!

It is highly recommended by a lot of blogs and it does have several advantages. Unlike 100 Easy Lessons it fairly quickly gets into words and even sentences. It is very simple and it is hard to get distracted (My daughter, who is five, is easily distracted by things like pictures, the way certain letters in a font look, or whatever her little sister happens to be doing at the moment). For the first several lessons it worked like a charm. However, as it got on further into the book and the lists of words became longer, She started to get frustrated. To put it simply, this book is really boring. The

long lists of phonics drills are probably good for retention, but they did not suit her temperament at all, and she would start moaning when I got the book out. We moved on to Hooked on Phonics and she was able to learn much better with that program.

I have taught three children to read with this book, and am thrilled to be able to buy a plastic comb-bound version for my fourth child, which hopefully will also last through #5 and #6. Two of my children learned to read using this program between the ages of four and five, one between the ages of five and six. My current five-year-old is developmentally delayed, and so she is beginning phonics later than some of my other children, but I am confident that she will be reading some when she starts kindergarten in the fall.Forget the "Phonics Game" and "Hooked on Phonics" and all those other pricey, gimmicky phonics programs. This thirty-dollar book is ALL you need, and it will take no more than 15 minutes per day to teach any child to read. If your child does not yet recognize all letters and know all phonograms (letter sounds), you can use the printed alphabet at the beginning of the book to drill on these first. By lesson THREE of Alpha-Phonics your child will be able to read a couple of sentences and be thrilled to death with his or her progress.Alpha-Phonics is proof that the best isn't necessarily the most expensive.

This is great~ my two youngest children are learning quickly using Alpha-Phonics. This book is all I ever needed to teach reading to my homeschool kiddos. I wish I knew about it back when my older children were learning to read.

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