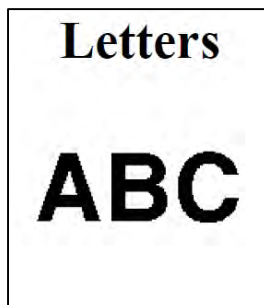
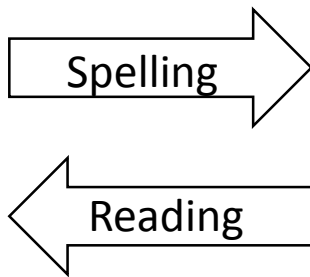
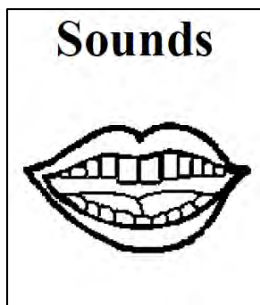
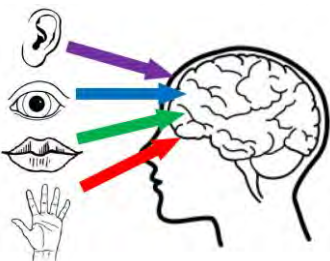


# Sounds - Letters Program Overview



Sounds –Letters is a program written by an Australian speech pathologist, Melinda Cassells.



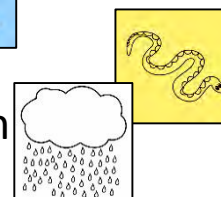
The program covers Prep to Year 6 and teaches using a range of learning styles. It explains how 26 letters go together to make 44 speech sounds.

## Basics

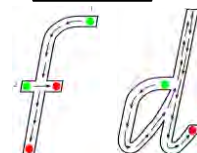
Letter recognition- recognise and name letters



Sound knowledge- know the 44 sounds of Australian speech

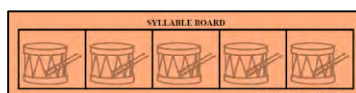


Letter formation- write letters, starting and stopping in the correct places



## Skills

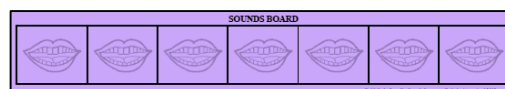
Syllables- break words into chunks



Sound Awareness- hear and identify sounds in words

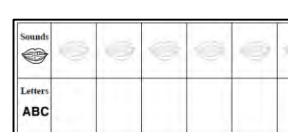
Blending- put sounds together to make words

Segmenting- break words into sounds



## Knowledge

Phonics- how sounds and letters go together  
- Generalisations and rules for spelling choices



Suffixes and Prefixes- what they mean and how they change  
the meaning of words

- Spelling rules for adding suffixes and prefixes



Consonant- yellow sounds

Vowel- white sounds

The letter y can be considered both.

Graph- one letter making a sound (b**ed**)

Digraph- two letters making a sound (t**ee**th, bath**th**)

Split Digraph- two letters making one sound but separated by one letter (c**a**ke, t**i**me)

Trigraph- three letters making a sound (wat**ch**,  
s**igh**t)

Quadgraph- four letters making a sound (**ei**ght,  
th**ough**)

Consonant cluster- two or more consonant sounds, grouped together (**st**reet, **pl**ay). Each consonant is separate, this is different to a digraph or trigraph where they are making one sound.