

Strategies to help decoding

Being able to decode words (pronounce the sound properly) is key to being able to read. All children are now taught to read using the phonic system, and below are a list of strategies you can prompt your child to use to work out the sound of words. These can be printed and cut out to create prompt cards.



Sound out and blend

Break the word into sounds
Now put them all together

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Skip hard words and go back

What would make sense in this
context?



Re-read

Does it look right?
Does it sound right?
Does it make sense?



Chunk it

Look for smaller words hiding
inside

A - E - I - O - U

Try another vowel sound

Remember the rules!
2 vowels together – *they both go
walking and the **first** one does the
talking.*



Rhyme it

Do you know another word that
rhymes? i.e.
If C-A-T = cat
Then H-A-T = hat