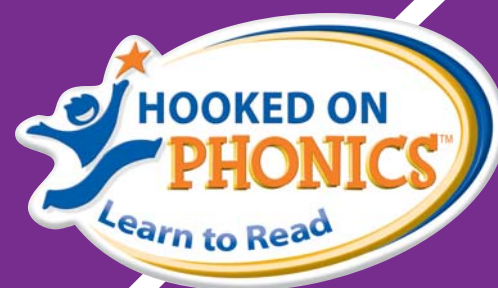


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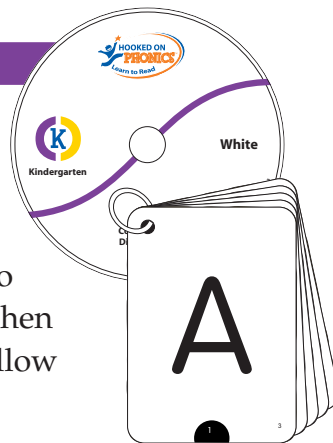
Getting started

We're delighted that you have chosen to take this step to help your child learn to read, and to let us help take you and your child there together. Your involvement will make all the difference.

Getting started with the Hooked on Phonics® *Learn to Read* program is easy. Most children start with either the alphabet flash cards or the letter sounds flash cards.

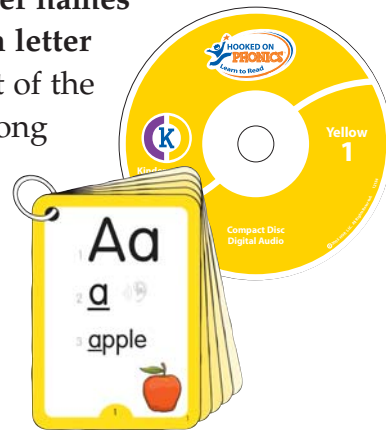
Starting with the alphabet

If your child does not know the names of the letters, take the white alphabet CD and white flash cards out of the yellow box. Place a white ring through this set of flash cards. Sit down with your child, and listen to the audio CD while using the flash cards. When your child has mastered the letter names, follow the directions below.

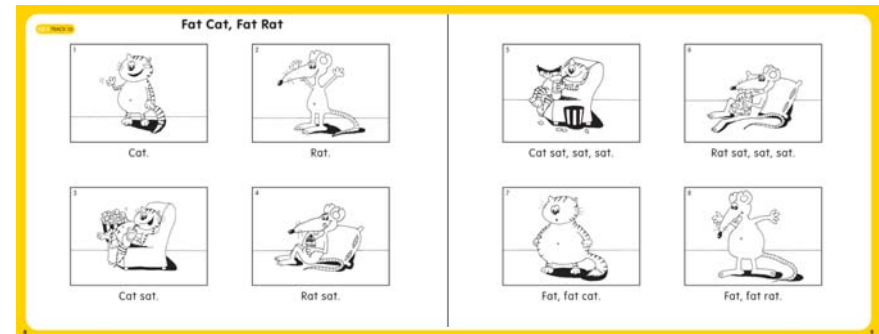


Starting with letter sounds

If your child has mastered the letter names but does not know the sound each letter makes, take yellow audio CD 1 out of the yellow box and listen, following along with the yellow flash cards.



Starting with sentences



If your child is already reading short sentences and stories, go to page 8 in the yellow workbook and ask your child to read aloud. If your child has trouble reading the words, start at track 7 of yellow audio CD 1. If your child reads the story easily, skip ahead to the next story on page 12. Continue reading stories until your child starts to make mistakes or slows down. At that point, begin using the CD as described to guide you along.

More tips

Here are some ways to help your child get excited about learning to read:

- Start with the yellow level box.
- Explain that your child soon will be able to read these books to you!
- Take the My Reading Adventure poster out of the box. Show your child the stickers that go on it—one for each story or book.
- Hang up the poster in a place that's easy for your child to see and reach.

What's in a lesson

Follow these simple guidelines for a 15- to 20-minute lesson. Begin each lesson with a warm-up to practice previously learned skills, then learn and practice new skills, and end each lesson with reading.

Learn 5 to 7 minutes

Get the lesson started by reviewing skills with something easy and fun. Then continue the lesson where you left off in the workbook.

- Learn new sounds with the flash cards, audio CD, and workbook.
- Learn new Helper Words with the Helper Word Ladders.



Practice 5 to 7 minutes

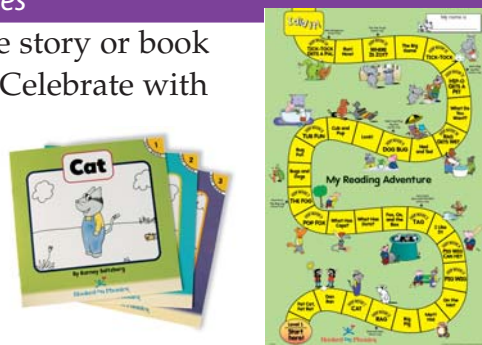
Practice what you've learned with the next:

- Review page
- Helper Word cards
- Game on the CD-ROM (Deluxe only)



Read 5 to 7 minutes

Have your child read the story or book at the end of the lesson. Celebrate with a sticker on the progress poster!



What's in the program

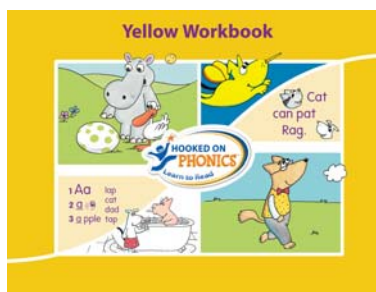
Research has shown that explicit, systematic phonics instruction along with reading great books is the most effective way to teach children to read. The Hooked on Phonics *Learn to Read* program was designed with this in mind. The program covers kindergarten, first-grade, and second-grade phonics instruction, including five color-coded levels.



Children have different learning styles. Therefore, we've included multisensory tools to accommodate visual, auditory, and tactile learners. You and your child will use one color-coded level at a time, so set the others aside until you're ready to use them.

Audio CDs and flash cards

Audio CDs and flash cards introduce your child to the sounds letters make, and how the sounds combine to form words. The friendly voice on each audio CD leads you and your child through all of the flash cards and workbooks.



Workbooks

Workbooks help your child learn to sound out words with different letter-sound patterns. The entertaining stories in the workbooks give your child practice reading those words.

Helper Word cards

Helper Word cards give your child practice with frequently used words that often cannot be sounded out, like *says* and *come*. (These cards are numbered, starting in the yellow level, and continuing the numbering throughout the program.)



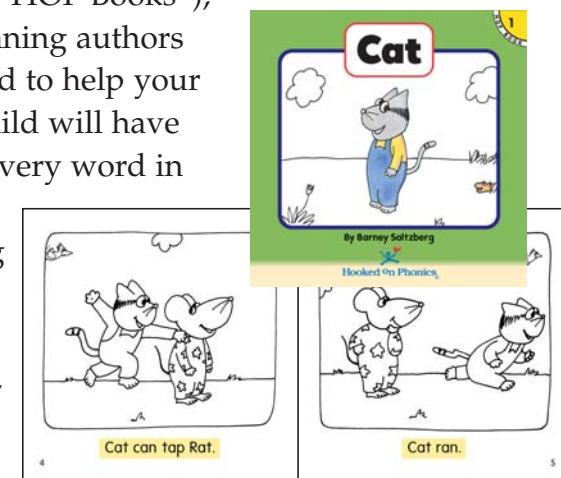
Word Play cards

Word Play cards give your child practice spelling words while playing games. Your child can build words using the letter sounds and sound combinations that have already been introduced.



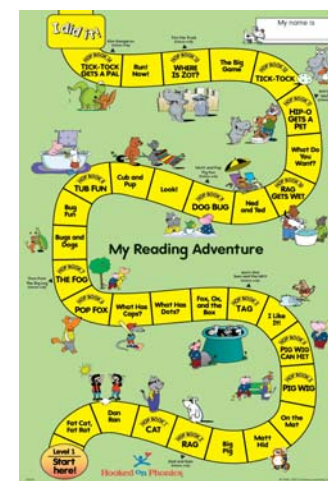
HOP Books

Hooked on Phonics Books ("HOP Books"), many created by award-winning authors and illustrators, are designed to help your child enjoy reading. Your child will have been introduced to almost every word in a HOP Book before reading it. This helps ensure reading success whenever your child picks up a HOP Book. (These books are numbered, starting in the yellow level, and continuing the numbering throughout the program.)



Progress posters and stickers

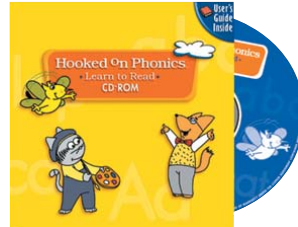
The My Reading Adventure posters are designed to help you and your child track your child's progress and to help make each reading experience a celebration that you share. Hang the posters in a place that's easy for your child to see and reach. Celebrate each reading success with a star!



Deluxe program—Kindergarten

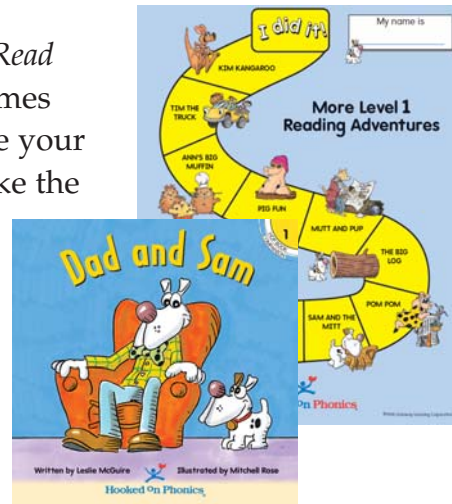
CD-ROM

The CD-ROM in the yellow level helps reinforce the skills your child learns with the flash cards and workbooks so that your child can build a foundation for more advanced reading. The fun, interactive activities and animated characters can help your child practice the skills learned in the workbook independently.



Companion books and poster

The Hooked on Phonics *Learn to Read* Kindergarten Deluxe program comes with 10 additional books that give your child extra practice in reading. Like the HOP Books, each of these books was written using words introduced in the lessons. Both the My Reading Adventure poster and the inside cover of each book tell you when it's time to read each one.

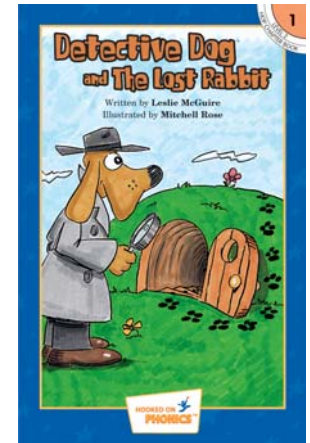


At the end of the workbook you'll find Helper Word Ladders and questions you can use to discuss the stories with your child. Helper Word Deluxe cards are included in the yellow box.

Deluxe program—1st-grade and 2nd-grade Programs

Chapter books and posters

The Hooked on Phonics *Learn to Read* 1st-grade and 2nd-grade Deluxe programs come with chapter books that give your child extra practice in reading. Like the HOP Books, each of these books was written using words introduced in the lessons. Your child can read these chapter books after completing a color-coded level. The My Reading Adventure posters remind you when it's time to read each one.



At the end of each workbook you'll find Helper Word Ladders and questions you can use to discuss the stories with your child. Helper Word Deluxe cards are included in each box. (These cards are numbered, starting in the yellow level, and continuing the numbering throughout the program.)

After reading each chapter book, celebrate by putting a star on the My Chapter Book Adventures poster.

