

## HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

This book has been designed to help young children recognise the letters of the alphabet, and more importantly that they each have their own sound.

Recognition of sounds is an essential step in learning to read.

* Provide a quiet, comfortable place to work with your child.
* Keep sessions short.
* When you read the instructions to your child, run your finger along each sentence from left to right.
* Make sure your child understands the directions before beginning an activity.
* Say the words "out loud" so that your child can hear the sounds that the words begin with.
* Develop your child's confidence by praising and encouraging their efforts.

It is important when teaching children beginning sounds, that they learn the sound of each letter rather than just its name.
For example, for the letter ' f ' say ' fff ' and not 'eff'. For the letter 'm' say 'mmm' not 'em'.
When looking at the pictures, ask the children to say the word out loud and listen for the sound it starts with.

Most letters can have more than one sound e.g. ' 0 ' as in $\oplus$ range or ' 0 ' as in $\mathbb{Q}$ val. These pictures will help you with the correct sound for each letter of the alphabet.

|  <br> apple | $\begin{array}{r} \text { ball } \end{array}$ |  |  |  | fish | goat |
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|  |  |  | key |  |  | net |
| orange |  | quilt |  |  |  | umbrella |
|  |  | ouall |  <br> bow | yawn |  |  |

## FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

There are many ways you can develop beginning reading skills as a follow-up to using this book.

* Playing "I Spy".
* Draw your child's attention to letters and words in everyday situations e.g. shopping, signs, magazines etc.
* Writing the different sounds using a variety of media e.g. painting, using playdough, writing in sand, writing in flour sprinkled on a table etc.
* Making a scrapbook for each sound by cutting out pictures from magazines that start with a particular sound.
* Games of Bingo, Snap and matching cards.
* Writing captions on your child's drawings and 'reading' them together.


## The most important thing that you can do to help your child to read, is to share the enjoyment of reading books and stories together.

A child who has learnt that reading books is an enjoyable and pleasurable activity will have a strong incentive to learn to read.

## Beginning to Read

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Tracs the a sounds.


Trace the apples and draw an ant on each one. Read the sentence and froce the a sounds.

## Ants are on the apples.

Trace the $b$ sounds.

Colour the pictures that start with $b$.
(s)

Trace the butterflies and colour one blue. Read the sentence and frace the $b$ sounds.



Trace the cakes and draw some candles on each one. Read the sentence and frpace the c sounds.


Count the candles on the cakes.


Colouir the pictures that start with d .


## Trace the dogs. Draw some dots on each dog. <br> Read the sentence and froce the d sounds.


elephant Trose the sounds.
(2)
Trace the easter eggs and draw some patterns on them. Read the sentence and troce the e sounds.



Colour the pictures that start with f.


Frace the fish in the bowl and colour them.
Read the sentence and treace the f sounds.


Five ish in a ishbowl.

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Trace the goats and dipary some green grass. Read the sentence and tfrace the g sounds.

Treace the $h$ sounds.


horse

## Collours the pictures that start with h.



Trace the hearts and colowr in the hats.
Read the sentence and froce the $h$ sounds.



Colour the pictures that start with i.


Colour and count the insects. Read the sentence and frace the i sounds.


 There are ... insects.
Trace the jsounds.

## Colour the pictures that start with j .



Trace the jellybeans, colour them and count them. Read the sentence and froace the j sounds.


## There are ..... jellybeans in the jars.



Trace the kites and join them to the kangaroos. Read the sentence, wrifite in the numbers and frace the $k$ sounds.


There are .... 隹es and .... kangaroos.

## Treace the I sounds.



Colouir the pictures that start with I.


Trace the leaves and collowr in the ladybeetles. Read the sentence and frace the I sounds.



Colour the pictures that start with m.


Trace a path from the mouse to the cheese. Read the sentence and freace the $m$ sounds.


Freace over the $n$ sounds.

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Colours the pictures that start with $n$.


Draw nine birds in the nest and colour the picture. Read the sentence and firace the $n$ sounds.




Trace the octopus and colour the picture. Read the sentence and freace the o sounds.


The ©ctopus likes to eat ©ranges.


Colour the pictures that start with $p$.


Trace the pigs and colour them pink and purple.
Read the sentence and troce the $p$ sounds.




Collourr the matching patterns in the quilt the same colours. Read the sentence and treace the q sounds.

Trace the $r$ sounds.

## Colour the pictures that start with $r$.

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Frace the rainbow and colour the picture. Read the sentence and freace the $r$ sounds.


## The rabbits are near the ainbow.


Trasest the sounds.

## Colour the pictures that start with $t$.

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Trace the tortoise shells and colour the picture. Read the sentence and trace the t sounds.


The ortoises are aking urns.


Colour the pictures that start with u.
(200)

Trace the umbrella and draw something under the umbrella. Read the sentence and ftrace the u sounds.



## Colour the pictures that start with v .



Trace the vases and draw two flowers in each one. Read the sentence and trace the $u$ sounds.
The violets are in a vase.


Trace the washing on the line and colouir the picture. Read the sentence and freace the w sounds.



## Colour the pictures that have x in them.

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Trace the boxes and their numbers. Colour them in. Read the sentence and frace the x sounds.




Colour the pictures that start with $z$.

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Trace the zig-zags and colowr them green. Re@d the sentence and froce the z sounds.


Colourir the pictures and the sound that they start with in each TV.


Colour the pictures that start with the sound in the box. Treace the sound.


## Лoin the pictures to their beginning sounds and colour them the same.



## Join the things on the shelf to the correct beginning sound and collour them.



Colour the words that start with:


Colours the picture that starts with the same sound as the one in the box.
(2)

Draur a line to join the pictures that start with the same sound. Colour them the same colours.


Look at the picture in the box. Circle the sounds that the picture starts with.


Wrivite the beginning sound.


## Join the picture to the correct beginning sound.

|  |  | $\xi$ <br> 4 <br> そ |  | $S$ <br> $\xi$ <br> 5 |
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Writite the correct beginning sounds and collour the pictures.

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## KEEP A STEP AHEAD WITH OMEWORK ELP

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## HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

This book has been designed to help young children practise the basic strokes and movements of handwriting before they move onto the writing of letters and words.

The basic movements are:


This is followed by the practise of fluency patterns:

|  | zig-zag | anti-clockwise |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| clockwise |  |  |

In order to achieve good handwriting development the following aspects should be encouraged in your child:

* An upright and relaxed body position that allows freedom of movement and avoids the build up of tension in the body.

* Provide a quiet, comfortable place to work with your child.
* Keep sessions short.
* Emphasise left to right movement across the page.
* Develop your child's confidence by praising and encouraging their efforts, e.g. if your child goes outside the lines they are tracing, still encourage their efforts as they will develop these skills over time.
* Allow plenty of opportunity to practise these skills. With your encouragement, your child will develop the talents and positive attitude needed to develop good handwriting.


## FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

There are many practical activities that can be done to help develop early writing skills.
These could include:

* Games and activities which develop gross motor skills such as; climbing, swinging, swimming, running, skipping and playing ball games etc.
All of these activities will develop strength and coordination which are essential in developing good handwriting skills.
* Drawing, painting and craft activities.
* Colouring in, tracing and dot-to-dot activities.
* Playing with playdough and plasticine.
* Playing with construction toys such as Lego and building blocks.
* Doing jigsaws.
* Practising basic writing strokes and movements on large sheets of paper using a variety of pens, pencils and crayons etc.
* Practising on chalkboards or with chalk on footpaths or concrete areas.
* Drawing in the sand, in flour sprinkled on a desk or counter etc.


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Treace the dotted lines and colour the picture.


## The bear is brown.

# The snake is very <br> $\square$ <br>  <br> g. 





## Planets travel

## arowind the sun.



Scissors can

## curt paper.



# Snails live in their shells. 

Trace the dotted lines and colour the picture.



# The diamonds 

## are <br> protity.

## Trace the dotted lines and colour the picture.




# Draw some \{food for the knife and fork. 



Trace the dotted lines and collour the picture.

Draw $\}$ more tools.



## Trace the dotted lines and colour the picture.




# There are 

fowir faces.


Trace the dotted lines and colloup the picture.

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& \text { Draw five staps }
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Treace the dotted lines and colour the picture.


## Trace the dotted lines and collour the picture.








## Trace the dotted lines and colour the picture.



## Trace the dotted lines and colour the picture.



## Trace the dotted lines and colloup the picture.




## Trace the dotted lines and colourp the picture.

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Trace the dotted lines and collour the picture.


Copy the pattern.
$\qquad$


Copy the pattern.


Copy the pattern.

## Trace the dotted lines and colour the picture.



Copy the pattern.


Copy the pattern.


Copy the pattern.

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MATHEMATICAL TERMS


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* Provide a quiet, comfortable place to work with your child.
* Keep sessions short.
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* Develop your child's confidence by praising and encouraging their efforts.

It is important when teaching mathematical concepts that you also provide your child with many activities using 'hands-on materials' such as blocks, counters, buttons, pegs, matchsticks and other common items that can be found around the home.

## FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

There are many practical activities that can be done to help develop mathematical concepts.
These could include:

* matching socks,
* counting items around the home,
* shopping together (counting items, paying for them etc),
* stacking blocks,
* using playdough to make different shapes,
* cooking together (measuring quantities of ingredients etc),
* floating / sinking / filling objects in the bath,
* counting cars and other traffic,
* setting the table (counting out the cutlery, crockery etc),
* sharing out food at mealtimes.


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## Colowip the big things. Circle the small things.



## Colour the long things blue. Colour the short things green.



Draw a longer snake.



## Colour the heavy things red. Colour the light things yellow.



## Join the groups to their correct number.



## Colowi the hot things red and the cold things blue.

(20)

Colour the clothes you would wear on a cold day.



## Colour the groups with 3.



## Frace the circle picture.

## 



## Colour the thick things and circle the thin things.





## Colour the squares.



## Trace the squares in the picture.



Trace the number 5.


Colowir the groups with 5.



## Trace over the numbers from I to 5.



How many faces? Colour and count them.


Draw less faces. Colour and count them.
$\qquad$
Draw more faces. Colour and count them.


## Draw a line to match each group with its number.



## Colour the triangles.



## 『race the triangle picture.



## Maitch the balls to the bats.




Draw 3 more flowers. How many altogether?
: How many?:

Finish the patterns.

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Colourr the things you do in the morning green and in the afternoon red.


## Draw something that you did yesterday.

## Draw something that <br> you might do tomorrow.

## Join and colour the things that belong together.




Draw something longer than this book.


Draw something shorter than this snake.


Colour the things that can roll red and the things that slide blue.


Colour the 6 that has a different pattern.


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| Traces the number 7. |  |  |
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## Colour the groups with 7.

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## Draw 7 birds on the branch.





Colousp the arrows pointing right red and those pointing left green.


Draw a group with the same number of things.


Collour the largest group blue, the middle size group yellow and the smallest group red.


## Draw 4 more stars. How many altogether?



Draw something that
is heavier than the pig.

## Draw something that is lighter than the pig.




Colour the ice cream on the right blue, the ice cream on the left yellow and the middle ice cream pink.


Draw a dog closer to the tree and a flower further away from the tree.


Writite the number of dots on each domino.




Colour the groups with 9.


Draw 9 flowers
in the vase.


Draux 9 bubbles floating in the air.


shorter alien.


Colourir the squares to match each number.


Colour the smallest balls blue and the biggest balls red. Colour the middle size balls yellow.


## Colowir the things that stack red. Colour the things that roll yellow.



Colowir the heavy things blue. Colour the lighter things green.


Collour the see-saw that is balanced.


## Draw the other half of the picture.



Find all of the beetles and colourr them.



Colour the groups with 10.

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Count and colour the gingerbread people.


Colloup 4 gingerbread people green.
Colour 2 gingerbread people red.
Coloutr 3 gingerbread people yellow.

## How many green and yellow?

 How many red and green?How many yyellow and real? How many alfogether?

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## Draw in each line of symmetry.




Draw the other side of these pictures.


Join the numbers from I to 10 .


Colourir the school days green. Colours the weekend days red.

| Sunday | Thursday |
| :---: | :---: |
| Monday | Friday |
| Tuesday | Saturday |
| Wednesday | One week is .... days. |



Colour the first runner blue, the second runner yellow and the third green.


## Colour the ball shapes blue, the box shapes yellow and the can shapes red.



Draw more beads so that each string has 10 beads.




Collour the thing that would be easier to pull.


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