



# Phonics – Home Reading Guide



## Phase 4

Your child will now be reading books from our Phase 4 collection of home readers. In Phase 4 no new grapheme-phoneme correspondences are taught. Your child will learn to blend and segment longer words with adjacent consonants (e.g. swim, clap, and jump) and words with more than one syllable. They will continue to read captions, sentences and questions.

When sharing your home reader:

- Discuss the meaning of words. Use a dictionary to help your child explore the meaning of words.
- Fact or fiction? Is this book a storybook or a non-fiction book? How do you know?
- What have you learnt? What do you know now that you didn't before reading the book?
- Encourage your child to use expression when reading, especially for the voices of different characters.

<p><b>Sounds</b></p> <p>ft nk mp nd st nt sl sk pt lk lf lp sk sp tw br cr gr dr tr xt st fr bl fl gl pl cl sm pr sc sn</p> <p>thr str scr shr nch</p>	<p><b>Tricky words</b></p> <p>Said like have so do some come little one were there what when out</p>
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### Phase 4 Glossary

**Consonant Clusters:** When two consonants appear next to each other, it is called a consonant cluster.

**Consonant Blends:** Consonant blends, also referred to as consonant clusters, are a set of two or three consonant letters that when pronounced, retain their sound. Blends are found at the beginning or end of a word.

**Syllables:** A syllable is a part of a word that contains a single vowel sound and that is pronounced as a unit.

**Adjacent consonants:** Two or more consonants that appear next to one another within a word and they each represent a different sound. Take the word 'stop' for example. The 's' and 't' are adjacent consonants not only because they appear next to one another but also because they spell two different sounds /s/ and /t/.

### Ideas for supporting Phase 4 development at home



Tricky words song

Look at the things around the room. Can you spot any words that begin or end with any of these consonant clusters? Try writing some of them down.

lf	nch
dr	scr
br	shr
sp	thr

Can you read the clusters and blends on this page and think of a word that includes them?