

Phonics

(with examples based on *NEL K1 English Language Big Book – Snowbear*)

Overview:

Phonics is taught to teach reading and writing of the English Language. It aims to develop the children's ability to hear, identify and manipulate phonemes (unit of sound). In turn, this will help in their ability to decode new words by sounding them out. In phonics activity, the letters and words are shown to the children.

Here's an example of a phonics activity idea based on the *NEL K1 English Language Big Book*.

Learning Goal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identifying the letters that make the sounds /f/ and /k/.• Recognising the letters <i>f</i> and <i>k</i>.
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- Create picture cards for words beginning with *f*, e.g., *fan, five, feather, fork, fire*, and *k*, e.g., *kite, king, key, kick, kitten*. Create corresponding word cards to these picture cards.
- Write the letter *f* on a board/piece of paper. Tell the children that letter *f* makes the sound /f/ and have them repeat after you. Do the same for letter *k*.
- Read the word cards. Focus/Exaggerate the beginning sounds.
- Have the children match the picture cards to the corresponding word cards.
- As they match each pair, encourage them to read out the word together.
- Extend the lesson by writing out other words that begin with *f* and *k* and have the children attempt to read them.