



# Phonics

(with examples based on NEL K1 English Language Big Book 5 -  
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## 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. Onsets and rimes is an example of a phonics skill. The onset is the initial sound unit of a word and the rime is the string of letters that follow.

Here's an example of a phonics activity idea based on the NEL K2 English Language Big Book 5.

Learning Goal	Blending onsets / <i>ch</i> /, / <i>h</i> /, / <i>m</i> /, / <i>p</i> /, / <i>sh</i> /, / <i>st</i> /, / <i>t</i> / and rime - <i>op</i>
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- Create picture cards with pictures of *chop*, *pop*, *shop*, *stop*, *frog*, *mop*, *top* and the corresponding word cards.
- Hold the picture card *chop* facing you. Tell the children that they are to listen carefully and guess the picture you have in your hand.
- Say, *I have ch-op. What do I have?*
- When they say the word, show them the picture.
- Repeat the process for *hop*, *mop*, *pop*, *shop*, *stop* and *top*.
- Show them the word card for each picture, showing the onset part first and then uncovering the rime to show the whole word.