



Lesson Models Videocassette How the Alphabet Works Use the Lesson Models Videocassette to preview the lesson “How the Alphabet Works.”

PHONICS



How the Alphabet Works

The beginning lessons in the Sounds, Letters, and Language section focused on giving students a solid foundation in learning to recognize letter forms and to listen and attend to sounds. This next segment of lessons—How the Alphabet Works—complements this important foundation. These lessons will help the students understand that letters work together in a systematic way to connect spoken language to written words.

The purpose of the lessons is to engage students in experiences that will help them develop some fundamental understandings, including:

- Words are composed of sounds, and letters represent those sounds.
- A limited number of letters combine in different ways to make many different words.
- Anything that can be pronounced can be spelled.
- Letters and sounds can be used to identify words.
- Meaning can be obtained by using letters and sounds to figure out words.