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What is Letter Sounds

Mastering letter sounds is key to reading success!

DEFINITION

> Letter sounds are the sounds that each letter makes. Learning these sounds helps children read and pronounce words correctly.

KEY CONCEPTS

Phonemic Awareness

This is the ability to hear and manipulate sounds in words, which is crucial for reading.

Consonant Sounds

These are the sounds made by letters like B, C, and D, which usually represent one sound.

Vowel Sounds

A, E, I, O, and U are vowels, and they can have short and long sounds.

Blending Sounds

This is combining individual letter sounds to form words, like /c/ + /a/ + /t/ = cat.

Sound Recognition

Recognizing letter sounds quickly helps in decoding words while reading.

EXAMPLES

→ A says /a/ as in apple.

→ B says /b/ as in ball.

→ C says /k/ as in cat.

MEMORY TIPS

★ Use songs or rhymes to remember sounds.

★ Associate letters with images, like A for apple.

★ Create a sound chart to visualize letter sounds.

COMMON MISTAKES

✗ Confusing similar sounds like B and D.

✗ Not distinguishing between short and long vowel sounds.

✗ Skipping sounds when blending letters.

QUICK RECAP

Letter sounds are essential for reading and writing. Focus on phonemic awareness, consonants, and vowels to improve your skills. Practice blending sounds to read words confidently.