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Beginner lessons for Phonics

Unlock Reading Skills with Phonics Basics!

DEFINITION

> Phonics is the method of teaching reading by connecting sounds with letters or groups of letters. It helps beginners decode words by sounding them out.

KEY CONCEPTS

Letter Sounds

Each letter in the alphabet has a specific sound, like 'b' for 'bat'.

Blending

Combining individual sounds to form words, such as /c/ + /a/ + /t/ = 'cat'.

Digraphs

Two letters that make one sound, like 'sh' in 'shoe' or 'ch' in 'chair'.

Short vs. Long Vowels

Short vowels are pronounced quickly, like 'a' in 'cat', while long vowels sound like their name, like 'a' in 'cake'.

CVC Words

Consonant-Vowel-Consonant words, like 'dog' or 'bat', are great for beginners to practice.

EXAMPLES

→ The cat sat on the mat.

→ She has a big red hat.

→ I can see the sun.

MEMORY TIPS

★ Remember 'A, E, I, O, U' are the vowels; they can be short or long.

★ Use the phrase 'Two letters, one sound' to recall digraphs.

★ Think of CVC as 'Consonant-Vowel-Consonant' to remember word structure.

COMMON MISTAKES

✗ Mixing up short and long vowel sounds.

✗ Not blending sounds smoothly when reading.

✗ Confusing similar-sounding letters, like 'b' and 'd'.

QUICK RECAP

Phonics teaches the relationship between letters and sounds, essential for reading. Focus on letter sounds, blending, and practicing CVC words to build your skills.