



Attachment 7

Commercial programs and digital resources: some examples

This is not an exhaustive list of available programs and resources, but describes a number that are in circulation in schools across Australia.

Commercial programs

The Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) prepared this table for the South Australian Department for Education in 2018.

'Y' indicates that this particular element is present in the program. 'N' indicates that it is not.

These programs rely on faithful and complete implementation of the suite of strategies and materials included in them to be effective. By providing training and resources, program developers ensure high-quality implementation is maintained for program effectiveness.

Partial, piecemeal or otherwise incomplete implementation of any of the listed programs interferes with its optimum effectiveness and reduces the cost-benefits of such programs.

Please note that **print awareness** is necessary across any program that identifies printed letters as units of meaning in English.

	Letters and sounds	Jolly Phonics and Jolly Grammar	Read Write Inc.	Sounds Write	InitialLit
Phonological awareness	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Phonemic awareness	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Alphabetic knowledge	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
The alphabetic principle	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
A systematic process or sequence of phonics introduction	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Decoding (segmenting, blending and manipulating words)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

	Letters and sounds	Jolly Phonics and Jolly Grammar	Read Write Inc.	Sounds Write	InitialLit
Reading practice with decodable texts	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Instruction in reading fluency in connected text	N	N	Y	N	Y
Identification of irregular/high-frequency words	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Spelling instruction linked to phonological understandings	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Writing	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Assessment and review	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Online availability	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mapped to Australian Curriculum		Y	Y		Y
Further information	Letters and sounds ¹ Handbook resource (free) Materials (varied cost)	Jolly Reading ² For product costs	Contact Oxford University Press ³ for information	Sounds-Write in Australia ⁴ For training and text costs	InitialLit For kit, class set readers and training costs

¹ <http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/>

² <http://jollyreading.com/>

³ <https://www.oup.com.au/>

⁴ <https://www.sounds-write.co.uk/page-98-australia.aspx>

Digital resources

Resource	Computer-based or hands-on activities
<u>Letters and Sounds</u> ⁵	Hands-on and play-focused activities and teaching strategies. Phonic teaching sequence. Good background information on phonics. Has lesson ideas and resources. Fantastic resource if a teacher has little understanding of the sequence of teaching phonics. For more information see <u>Letters and sounds: principles and practice of high quality phonics</u> ⁶ .
<u>Florida Center for Reading Research</u> ⁷	A range of activities based on the Big Six of reading from the early years to middle primary years. The activities can be downloaded as PDF documents.
<u>Spelfabet</u> ⁸	From the website: 'The Spelfabet materials were designed by an Australian speech pathologist for non-experts to use in teaching struggling spellers/readers how to sound out words. They are carefully sequenced, easy to use, affordable, downloadable and reproducible resources, which should be used with decodable books.' The website also provides useful links to resources and videos that are consistent with systematic, explicit, synthetic phonics principles.
<u>Reading Doctor</u> ⁹	Reading Doctor provides computer software and tablet apps designed to support the teaching of synthetic phonics. The software and apps strengthen skills crucial for literacy learning such as phonemic awareness, letter-sound knowledge, blending, segmentation, decoding and sight word recognition. A network licence can be purchased or the apps can be purchased individually.
<u>Five from Five</u> ¹⁰	Provides a range of resources including videos that support the effective teaching of reading.

⁵ <http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/>

⁶ https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/190599/Letters_and_Sounds_-_DFES-00281-2007.pdf

⁷ <https://www.fcrr.org/student-center-activities>

⁸ <https://www.spelfabet.com.au/>

⁹ <http://www.readingdoctor.com.au/>

¹⁰ <https://fivefromfive.com.au/teacher-resources>

Resources for students with specific learning difficulties

Resource	Computer-based or hands-on activities
<u>SPELD SA</u> ¹¹ (Specific Learning Difficulties Association of South Australia)	SPELD SA provides a range of resources for students with specific learning difficulties. The website also includes assessment checklists. There are activities for all students: oral language, phonemic awareness, reading, writing, phonics and spelling. Plus there are examples of well-known synthetic phonics programs and free downloadable decodable texts.
<u>Dyslexia-SPELD Foundation</u> ¹²	The Dyslexia-SPELD Foundation provides access to free information and evidence-based resources to support people with specific learning difficulties.
<u>Ozphonics</u> ¹³	Ozphonics is a tablet-based phonics reading system designed for Foundation (Reception/ Preparatory) students. Five separate apps, containing 67 practical exercises, are available for purchase. The games and activities incorporate Australian animals and use an Australian accent. Speech pathologists also use Ozphonics.
<u>OG Card Deck</u> ¹⁴	The Orton-Gillingham electronic card deck, developed for the Mayerson Academy, can be freely downloaded to an iPhone or iPad. This app provides students with specific learning difficulties, including dyslexia, with many opportunities to practise the grapheme–phoneme correspondences that they need for reading and spelling. The multisensory grapheme cards allow students to hear phonemes, paired with keywords, and to watch videos showing the articulation of the phoneme.
<u>Nessy</u> ¹⁵	Nessy is an online site providing assessment tools and activities matched to students' needs. It is particularly useful when working with students with dyslexia.

¹¹ <https://www.speldsa.org.au/>

¹² <https://dsf.net.au/resources>

¹³ <http://ozphonics.com/>

¹⁴ <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/og-card-deck/id709418432>

¹⁵ <https://www.nessy.com/us/educators/>