

# Learning to read: supporting your child at home

Learning to read is one of the most important skills that your child will develop over the next few years. The more support and encouragement that you can offer your child, the more likely it is that he or she will make good progress.

At school we are using the Oxford Reading Tree series to take your child through the early stages of learning to read. To reinforce the teaching in school, your child may bring home some books to share with you.

These may be:

- Floppy's Phonics Decoding Practice books, to practise each set of new sounds and letters taught at school and consolidate learning.
- Floppy's Phonics decodable readers to practise reading stories and different text types.

All the books have notes on the inside cover to guide you on how to share them with your child. We may also send home Grapheme and Picture Tiles, Activity Sheets, Cumulative Texts, Activity Books and Say the Sounds Posters for your child to practise phonics at home. You may like to visit [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk) for further information about phonics, helping your child to read and for free resources and eBooks.

# Floppy's Phonics Scheme

Alongside the reading books, we are using the Floppy's Phonics teaching programme, which is a step-by-step phonics reading scheme. It introduces the children to the letters and sounds (the alphabetic code) that are at the foundation of all reading and writing.

We use online interactive pages alongside activity booklets/worksheets.

This interactive page features a central illustration of a group of children and adults in a room with steel drums. Labels point to 'Anneena', 'sleeve', 'knee', 'feet', and 'steel drum'. On the left, the sound 'ee' is shown with a wavy line, and an eel is labeled 'eel'. Below this, a list of words containing the 'ee' sound is provided: 'bee', 'week', 'need', and 'tree'. At the bottom, a search bar contains the letters 'ch sh th ng ai ee'. A small icon of a dog is labeled 'See the sound!'. A note at the bottom right asks for other words with the /ee/ sound, listing 'cheek, teeth, steel band, three drums, heel, green dress'.

ee

eel

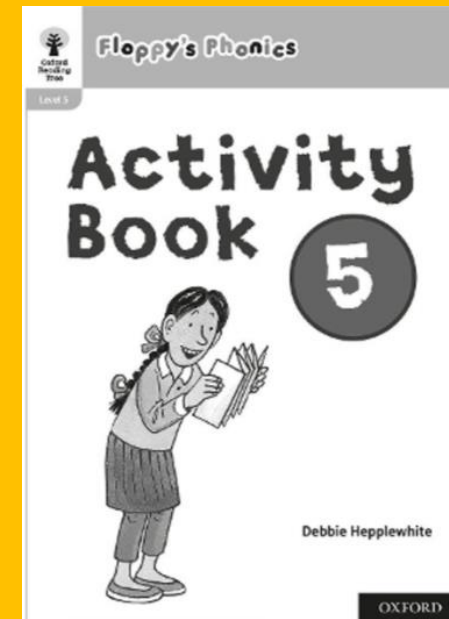
bee  
week  
need  
tree

ch sh th ng ai ee

See the sound!

What other words can you find in the picture with the /ee/ sound in them?  
[cheek, teeth, steel band, three drums, heel, green dress]























lee/ can also be spelled like this: y happy



# Useful Sound Mats – Levels 1 and 2

## Level 1+

Floppy's Phonics

<b>s</b>  sun	<b>a</b>  apple	<b>t</b>  teddy	<b>p</b>  pan
<b>i</b>  insect	<b>n</b>  net	<b>m</b>  man	<b>d</b>  dog
<b>g</b>  gate	<b>o</b>  octopus	<b>c</b>  cat	<b>k</b>  key
<b>-ck</b>  duck	<b>e</b>  egg	<b>u</b>  umbrella	<b>r</b>  rabbit
<b>h</b>  hat	<b>b</b>  bone	<b>f</b>  fish	<b>-ff</b>  cuff
<b>l</b>  lion	<b>-ll</b>  hill	<b>-le</b>  bottle	<b>-ss</b>  dress

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## Level 2

















Floppy's Phonics

<b>j</b>  jug	<b>v</b>  van	<b>w</b>  web	<b>-x</b>  fox
<b>y</b>  yo-yo	<b>z</b>  zip	<b>-zz</b>  buzz	<b>qu</b>  queen
<b>ch</b>  chick	<b>sh</b>  ship	<b>th</b>  this thumb	<b>-ng</b>  ring
<b>-dge</b>  bridge	<b>-ve</b>  glove	<b>wh</b>  wheel	<b>-cks</b>  ducks
<b>-tch</b>  hatch	<b>-nk</b>  ink		

# Useful Sound Mats – Levels 3 and 4

## Level 3

Floppy's Phonics


<b>ai</b>  aim	<b>ee</b>  eel	<b>-igh</b>  knight	<b>oa</b>  goat
<b>-oo</b>  cook	<b>oo</b>  spoon	<b>ar</b>  arm	<b>or</b>  fork
<b>ur</b>  purse	<b>ow</b>  owl	<b>oi</b>  oil can	<b>ear</b>  ear
<b>air</b>  hair	<b>-er</b>  builder	<b>er</b>  herbs	<b>-ue</b>  rescue
<b>-ue</b>  glue	<b>-ure</b>  pure	<b>-ture</b>  picture	







## Level 4

Floppy's Phonics

<b>-ay</b>  tray	<b>oy</b>  toy	<b>ea</b>  eat	<b>-ie</b>  pie
<b>ow</b>  bow	<b>ew</b>  newspaper	<b>-ew</b>  screw	<b>ou</b>  mouth
<b>ir</b>  bird	<b>aw</b>  yawn	<b>eer</b>  deer	<b>-are</b>  scarecrow
<b>-ce</b>  dance	<b>-ea</b>  bread	<b>o</b>  onion	<b>-ed</b>  dropped rained

# Useful Sound Mats – Level 5

**Level 5 split digraphs** 

<b>a-e</b>  cake	<b>e-e</b>  compete	<b>i-e</b>  ice	<b>o-e</b>  rose
<b>u-e</b>  cube	<b>u-e</b>  flute		

## Level 5 long vowel sounds



<b>ai</b>  aim	<b>ay</b>  tray	<b>eigh</b> 8 eight	<b>-ey</b>  grey	<b>ee</b>  eel	<b>ea</b>  eat	<b>-y</b>  happy	<b>e</b>  me	
<b>a-e</b>  cake	<b>a</b>  table	<b>-ae</b>  sundae	<b>-ea</b>  break	<b>-ey</b>  donkey	<b>-ie</b>  shield	<b>e-e</b>  compete	<b>-ine</b>  sardines	
<b>-igh</b>  knight	<b>-ie</b>  pie	<b>-y</b>  cry	<b>i</b>  find	<b>i-e</b>  ice	<b>oa</b>  goat	<b>ow</b>  bow	<b>o</b>  old	<b>ou</b>  shoulder
<b>oo</b>  spoon	<b>-ue</b>  glue	<b>-ew</b>  screw	<b>u-e</b>  flute	<b>-o</b>  move	<b>-oe</b>  toe	<b>o-e</b>  rose	<b>-ough</b>  dough	<b>-eau</b>  plateau
<b>-ou</b>  soup	<b>-ough</b>  through	<b>-ui</b>  fruit	<b>-u</b>  super	<b>-ue</b>  rescue	<b>ew</b>  newspaper	<b>u</b>  uniform	<b>u-e</b>  cube	<b>eu</b>  feud