

What is Johnny Can Spell?

Johnny Can Spell is a systematic, multisensory approach to language instruction which integrates **explicit phonics, handwriting, and spelling.**

Students learn sounds, letter formation, spelling rules. These are applied and practiced during spelling which results in both improved reading and writing.

The 70 Common Phonograms

The English language uses 26 letters to form 70 sound-letter combinations to represent 44 different speech sounds. We call these 70 sound-letter combinations the **phonograms**. Students are taught the common sounds that the letter combinations represent in the order of the frequency of those sounds.

Did you know?

By knowing common sounds of the 70 phonograms and a few basic rules, you can sound out over 80% of English words.

Clock-Letter Phonograms	
a /ă/ at; /ā/ ate; /ā/ all	j /j/ jam
c /c/ can; /s/ cent	k /k/ king
d /d/ dog	l /l/ long
f /f/ fish	m /m/ make
g /g/ get; /j/ gem	n /n/ no
o /ɔ/ on; /ō/ old; /oo/ do	p /p/ pan
s /s/ see; /z/ is	r /r/ rat
qu /kw/ quack	t /t/ ten
Remaining Alphabet Phonograms	
b /b/ boy	u /ŭ/ up; /ū/ unit; /oo/ put
e /ɛ/ end; /ē/ me	v /v/ van
h /h/ hat	w /w/ way
i /ī/ in; /ī/ pine	x /ks/ box
	y /y/ yet; /ī/ myth; /ī/ my
	z /z/ zoo

Multi-Letter Phonograms		Last 16 Phonograms
er /er/ her	oy /oi/ boy	eigh /ā/ eight
ir /er/ first	oi /oi/ oil	ei /ē/ receive /ā/ veil /ī/ forfeit
ur /er/ nurse	oo /oo/ boot /oo/ foot /ō/ floor	igh /ī/ light
wor /er/ works	ch /ch/ church /k/ school /sh/ chef	ie /ē/ piece /ī/ pie /ī/ collie
ear /er/ early	ng /ng/ ring	kn /n/ know
sh /sh/ she	ea /ē/ each /ē/ head /ā/ great	gn /n/ gnat; sign
th /th/ thin /th/ this	ar /ar/ car	wr /r/ wrong
ee /ē/ see	ck /k/ pick	ph /f/ phone
ay /ā/ may	ed /ɛd/ added /d/ called /t/ jumped	dge /j/ judge
ai /ā/ mail	or /or/ for	oe /ō/ toe
ow /ou/ how /ō/ low	wh /hw/ wheat	tch /ch/ match
ou /ou/ out /ō/ four /oo/ you /ū/ trouble	oa /ō/ boat	ti /sh/ nation
aw /ā/ saw	ey /ā/ they /ē/ key /ī/ valley	si /sh/ session /zh/ vision
au /ā/ fault		ci /sh/ glacier
ew /oo/ threw /ū/ few		ough /ō/ though /oo/ through /uf/ rough /of/ cough /ā/ thought /ou/ bough
ui /oo/ fruit /ū/ suit		

In the beginning, students are presented 4 new phonograms daily until the first 54 phonograms have been covered. Those are then applied and practiced with spelling, as the remaining 16 phonograms are presented.

Daily phonogram practice and review activities include saying the sound(s) in unison as the cards are shown, briefly writing selected symbols and saying their sound(s) in unison, and

Practice makes permanent!
Students see, hear, say, and write as they practice