



Look through the whole word

left to right



Use a finger to segment the word into sounds, syllables or chunks.



Ask for help if I don't know.



Blend the sounds and link to the letter or letter strings I see.



I can listen to my own voice, slow my thoughts and think...

Does that word make sense?

## The Alphabet is a Code

I need to learn how to crack it!

1-4 letters can represent a sound



honey el



fly

high high

around ou p

the th

hive i v



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## What is Decoding?

The ability to decode is a key skill when learning to read.

Decoding happens when a person uses letter-sound knowledge to segment an unknown word all the way through by sound to pronounce the written word correctly.

It is always good to chat about unknown words and explore meaning to build vocabulary and develop comprehension skills.

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