# SOUND WAYES SPELLING

SYSTEMATIC WORD STUDY FOR YOUR WHOLE SCHOOL



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## Welcome to Sound Waves Spelling

#### **About Sound Waves Spelling**

Sound Waves Spelling is a whole-school program developed by Australian teachers for use in Australian classrooms.

Informed by research on the best practices for teaching spelling, the program incorporates four key areas of teaching:

phonemic awareness	morphology	
	:	
synthetic phonics	etymology	

With the teaching resources available at *Sound Waves Spelling Online*, teachers can deliver systematic, explicit and engaging lessons to support students to develop a deep understanding of how words work.

The activities in this book align with, and consolidate, the knowledge and skills taught in these lessons.

#### **Unit Structure**

Student Books 1–6 of Sound Waves Spelling contain 36 units of work in each year. Each unit is designed to take one week to complete.

#### **Unit 1 Getting Started**

This introductory unit establishes the basic concepts that students need to begin working with the program.

#### Units 2-36 Sound Units

The activities in the Sound Units are based around the 43 phonemes of Australian English and the graphemes that can be used to represent them in writing. In these units students:

- learn to spell words containing the focus phoneme (Focus Words)
- practise and apply spelling and vocabulary concepts (Focus Concepts).

#### **Sound Boxes**

In Sound Waves Spelling each phoneme is represented by a Sound Box. Each Sound Box contains a Sound Icon and the most common grapheme/s used to represent that phoneme.

When you see a Sound Box, say the phoneme it represents, not the name of the Sound Icon or the letter name. For example, say the phoneme  $|\mathbf{f}|$ , not fish or the letter name  $\mathbf{f}$ .

#### phoneme

the smallest unit of sound in a word, for example, the word *chat* has three phonemes: /*ch*/, /*a*/ and /*t*/

#### grapheme

a letter or letter combination used to represent a phoneme in writing, for example, the graphemes **ch** or **tch** can be used to represent the phoneme /**ch**/, as in **ch**at or catch

#### phonemic awareness

the ability to work with phonemes, for example, segmenting a word into phonemes or blending phonemes to form a word

#### synthetic phonics

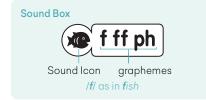
an approach to phonics instruction that involves *explicitly* and *systematically* teaching the relationship between phonemes and graphemes

#### morphology

knowledge of the meaningful parts of words: prefixes, suffixes, and Greek and Latin roots

#### etymology

understanding of word origins and history

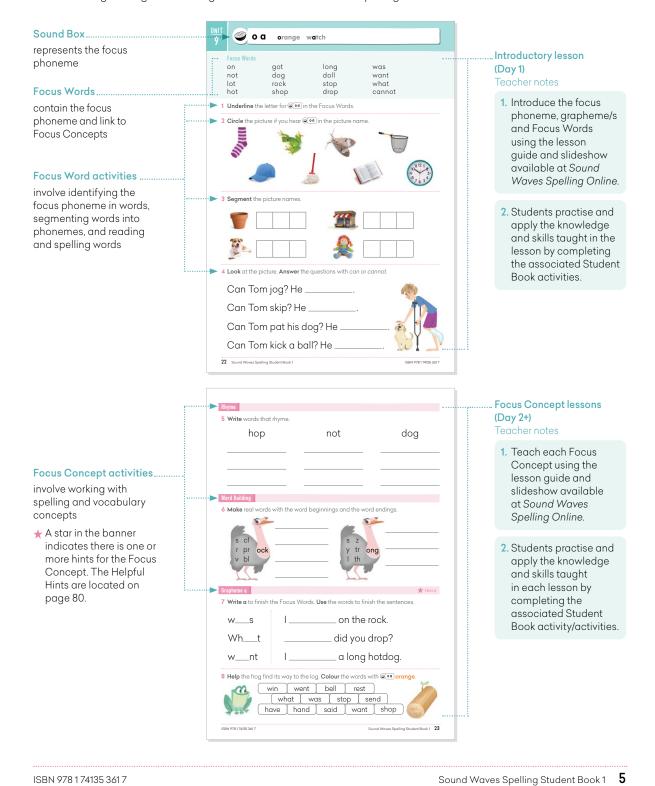


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## **How to Use This Book**

The activities in this book consolidate the explicit teaching of phonemes, graphemes and Focus Concepts. Each set of activities should only be completed after the associated lesson has been taught using the teaching resources at *Sound Waves Spelling Online*.



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#### Week 2: Unit 2

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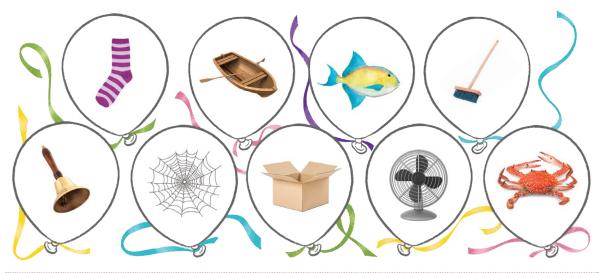
UNIT 2



#### **Focus Words**

bin	bed	brush	black
bat	sob	bring	ball
bug	web	brick	cubby
big	bell	block	rabbit

- 1 Underline the letter or letters for **bb** in the Focus Words.
- **2** Colour the balloon if you hear **bb** in the picture name.



3 **Segment** the picture names. The first one is done for you.







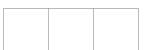




























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#### Week 2: Unit 2 continued

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#### Blends br, bl

4 Circle the picture if you hear **bbb rr** in the picture name.









5 Circle the picture if you hear (bbb) (III) in the picture name.









**6 Label** the pictures with Focus Words.









#### Capital B, Grapheme bb

7 Write b, bb or B to finish the words. Match the sentences to the pictures.

Look at \_\_\_\_en in his cu\_\_\_y.



ring the \_\_\_ell to me.



Pat the \_\_\_\_it.



Get on the \_\_\_ig \_\_\_us.



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#### **Week 15: Unit 15**

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#### **Focus Words**

me	she	three	each
be	see	sea	beach
we	been	eat	any
he	tree	seat	many

- 1 Underline the letter or letters for @ee e ea y in the Focus Words.
- **2 Draw** a stroke on the line for each sound you hear in the picture name.











3 Read the words. Cross out the ones that are not real words.

see ree bee feed need keed

keep feep sheep

neat deat meat teach beach neach

**4 Finish** the sentences with the words from the tree.

This is Abby. \_\_\_\_\_ is six.

This is Dean. \_\_\_\_\_ is three.

This is \_\_\_\_\_ with my dog.

Today \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_ at the beach.



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#### Week 15: Unit 15 continued

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#### Graphemes ee, ea

**5** Write ee to finish the words. Circle the words that match the pictures.



thr\_\_\_\_ m t







**6 Write ea** to finish the words. **Circle** the words that match the pictures.





t m



b\_\_\_ch t\_



m t ch



Hint 9

#### Grapheme y



pupp\_\_\_\_s\_\_t r\_\_\_d b\_\_\_ch

cubb

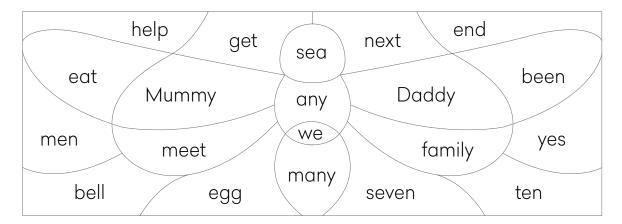
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Dadd





8 Say the words. Colour the shape yellow if you hear @ ee eay. Colour the shape blue if you do not hear @ ee e ea y.



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