

# Concepts of the English Alphabetic Code

Understanding these Concepts + Explicitly Learning the Code =  
A Solid Literacy Foundation

In English, 1, 2, 3, or 4 letters can spell a sound.

EX:

on

she

high

eight

In English, the same sound can be spelled in many different ways.

EX:

z  
zip

zz  
buzz

s  
is

ze  
haze

se  
choose

In English, the same letter(s) can represent many different sounds.

EX:

o  
on

o  
no

o  
do

o  
dog

o  
son

In English, a strategy to decode multisyllable words is crucial.

EX:

1. cacophony

ca co pho ny

2. aberration

a berr a tion

