

## Reviews - Phonics Resources for Older Learners

The resources are so very good for our Year 7 students.

High School teacher Queensland, Australia - June 2025

I love your resources and use them as a volunteer literacy tutor here in Perth. I have no training in literacy tutoring but I can use your resources as my curriculum. Thank you, Frances, for your high quality resources.

Volunteer literacy tutor - Perth, Australia - June 2025

We very much enjoy using your resources.

Literacy Specialist - Read Easy UK - January 2024

Forward with Phonics has great resources.

Literacy Tutor - Western Australia - January 2024

Both books are perfect for the beginner students I plan to use them with. Thank you for making them available as PDFs.

Literacy Tutor - Western Australia - June 2023

Thank you Frances for creating and sharing these fabulous literacy resources. The Phonics for Older Learners books have become staple resources of my collection, something I've personally purchased and enthusiastically recommended to fellow educators and Speech Pathologists. Their seamless alignment with curriculum standards makes lesson planning effortless, and the positive engagement from students aged 5 to 15 speaks volumes. Highly recommended for any educator or Speech Pathologist – these resources are a must-have!

Speech Pathologist - South Australia - November 2023

I use your resources all the time, it saves me sooo much work. Thank you.

I found Phonics Resources for Older Learners to be brilliant and it filled a big hole in the adult resources available to me. I now have a clear, logical, adult step by step approach which my learners enjoy. The variety of tasks - pictures, gap fill, mixed up sentences and crosswords suit a wide range of learning styles. During lockdown I was able to send out copies by post and then work with them over the phone. I have found the dictation sentences in Phonics Resources to be invaluable - the learners are delighted with the consistent approach to the different vowel phonemes and I have seen great improvement in spelling as a result.

Clare, Ireland, September 2020

I just wanted to say THANK YOU. I have had a few adult clients and was looking for resources to support that age group and I stumbled upon your Phonics Resources for Older Learners when I was looking through the SPELD-SA library. I had goosebumps just reading through the material, knowing it would better target that clientele. I just wanted to express my gratitude for your efforts to put together this resource.

Jayne Ayliffe, Access and Inclusion Advisor, University of South Australia, July 2019

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Paula Thomas ESOL tutor, Tower Hamlets, June 2019

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**A great resource**, this is a great resource and I have used it with older children as well as adults. The resources are brilliant for additional practice of sounds and spellings in a variety of ways so they keep the learners interest. I find invaluable for one to one work with students.

Dave Stacey, October 2015

**Fabulous resource for top end Primary and Secondary school pupils**, I have used these resources, along with the accompanying book of stories, with both older Primary school and Secondary school children and have found them an invaluable resource for teaching children with gaps in their phonic knowledge. The wide range of activities allows for differentiation for different pupils and ensures plenty of over learning to ensure new knowledge is retained. An invaluable resource for class teachers, teaching assistants and Sencos looking for structured phonic support for older children. Would definitely recommend.

Drew Wilson, June 2014

**A real treasure-trove of resources**, this is a brilliant resource. There is a wealth of different activities, which are repeated for different phonemes, so you can progress systematically through a phonic programme selecting activities to suit the individual learner. The range of different activities means that it is possible to concentrate on a particular phoneme, using different exercises, so the learner stays engaged but gains the practice they need. I have used it so much this year I will make sure I am never without it next year!

Sheila Mulvenney, June 2014

**Brilliant Resources - I'd be lost without!** I use these resources (along with Phonics Stories for Older Learners) with my Pre-Entry ESOL learners. For each sound of the alphabet and for the main vowel phonemes there is a variety of activities and so it is easy to differentiate for each student in the group whilst practising the same sound. Over the year it has also been great to see students develop from picture-matching to being able to complete gap fill sentences. The students enjoy doing the different activities and the challenge of reading and re-structuring sentences. I use these resources frequently in class and would be lost without them!

Vicky Lloyd, April 2014

**Fantastic teaching/learning aid for older learners**, a long awaited, well-structured resource with a variety of activities for supporting the teaching of many of the common phonemes and graphemes. For every phoneme there are several different activities, the structure of which is repeated for each of the phonemes. My adult students like the familiarity of the activities as they quickly know what to do and can focus on learning the target phoneme without worrying 'how to do it'. I would thoroughly recommend it.

Rachael, February 2013

**A brilliant resource for adult learners!** This book contains brilliant, clearly thought through resources for adult learners who struggle with reading, of which there is an ever increasing number. I use it frequently for just such learners in literacy classes and several of them have commented on how useful, and appropriate, the resources are.

Kevin, November 2012