

# Oxford Levels and Letters & Sounds phonics sequence

The majority of Oxford's popular phonics series use the Letters and Sounds phonics sequence. *Read Write Inc.*, a standalone whole-school phonics program, is an exception as it follows its own phonic sequence. *Project X Code* uses Letters and Sounds, but does not introduce the sequence according to the Oxford Levels–Letters and Sounds alignment shown below because it is an intervention program.

Oxford Level	Letters & Sounds Phase	Sounds/graphemes
1	Phase 1	Environmental Sounds
1 & 1+	Phase 2	s a t p
		i n m d
		g o c k
		ck e u r
		h b f ff l ll le ss
2	Phase 3	j v w x y z
		zz qu ch
		sh th ng
		dge ve wh cks tch nk
		ai ee igh oa oo oo ar or ur ow oi ear air er er ue ue ure ture
3	Phase 3	
4	Phase 4	a e i o u s t p n m d g c k ck r h b f ff l ll le ss j v w x y z zz qu
		ch sh th ng nk ai ee igh oa oo oo ar or ur er er ow oi ear air
		/ai/ ai ay /oi/ oi oy /ee/ ee ea /igh/ igh ie
		/oa/ oa ow /yoo/ ue ew /oo/ oo ew /ou/ ow ou
		/ur/ ur ir /or/ or aw /eer/ ear eer /air/ air are
		/s/ s ce /e/ e ea /u/ u o -ed /d/ /t/

Oxford Level	Letters & Sounds Phase	Sounds/graphemes
5	Phase 5	ai/ ai ay eigh ey /ai/ a a-e ae ea /ee/ ee e y ey /ee/ ea e-e ie
		/igh/ igh i y /igh/ ie i-e /oa/ oa ow o /oa/ oe o-e ough eau
		/s/ s ss se ce /s/ ce ci cy /s/ sc st /e/ e ea
		/j/ j ge gi gy /j/ ge dge /ul/ le el /ul/ al il
		/yoo/ ue u /yoo/ ew u-e eu /oo/ oo u-e o ou -ough /oo/ ue ew ui u
		/oi/ oi oy /ou/ ow ou ough /or/ or our /or/ aq au al ar quar
		/ur/ ur ir er /ur/ ear (w)or re our /u/ u o ou ough /ar/ ar a al
		/zh/ s si ge /w/ w wh u /f/ f ff /f/ ph gh
		ch /ch/ /k/ /sh/ ie /igh/ /ee/ /i-ee/ ow /ou/ /oa/ a /a/ /ai/ (w)a /o/ alt
		/ch/ ch tch /chu/ ture /sh/ sh ch /sh/ ti ci ssi sci /g/ g gu gue gh
		/ear/ ear eer ere ier /air/ air are ear ere /n/ n nn kn gn /r/ r rr wr rh
		/m/ m mm mb mn /k/ c k ck ch qu que /or/ or ore our oou oar /or/ aw au al augh ough

# Oxford Levels in context

Oxford levelled books have helped millions of students all over the world learn to read and to love reading. This expertly developed and well-established system for levelling books has been used to develop many of our popular and well-loved series. The chart below offers a best-fit correlation between Oxford Levels, approximate stage of the reader and best-fit reading level.

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APPROXIMATE AGE	STAGE OF THE READER	OXFORD LEVEL	BEST-FIT READING LEVEL
4-5	Beginner	1	1
5-6	Beginner	1+	1
5-6	Beginner	2	2
5-6	Beginner	3	3
5-6	Beginner	3	4
5-6	Beginner	3	5
6-7	Early	4	6
6-7	Early	4	7
7	Early	4	8
7	Early	4	9
7	Transitional	5	10
7	Transitional	5	11
7	Transitional	5	12
7	Transitional	5	13
7	Transitional	5	14
7-8	Transitional	6	15
7-8	Transitional	6	16
7-8	Extending	7	17
8	Extending	8	18
8	Extending	8	19
8	Extending	9	20
8	Extending	9	21
8-9	Extending	10	22
8-9	Extending	10	23
8-9	Extending	10	24
8-9	Fluent	11	25
8-9	Fluent	11	26
10	Fluent	12-13	27
10	Fluent	14	28
11	Fluent	15	29
11	Fluent	16	30
11	Fluent	17	
12	Fluent	18	
12	Fluent	19	
12	Fluent	20	
13+			