



Handy Hints for Decoding

- Encourage children to segment and blend a word by pointing at each sound and then running their finger under the whole word as they say it.
- To make decoding more fun, use 'robot arms' by holding your arms out like a robot and moving them to each sound you say.
- Word at your child's pace, re-reading the word as many times as they need to.
- When hearing your child read, aim for them to read the same book at least 3 times in order for them to become confident with decoding each word. The 2nd and 3rd times you read, allow your child to practise reading with fluency and adding expression.
- Talk about the meaning of a word if your child does not understand what they have read.
- Give lots of praise and encouragement to your child – decoding new words can be challenging!