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Home Education Connection

DEMYSTIFYING READING

PART 1



FUN FACTS

**WITH JUST
26 LETTERS:**

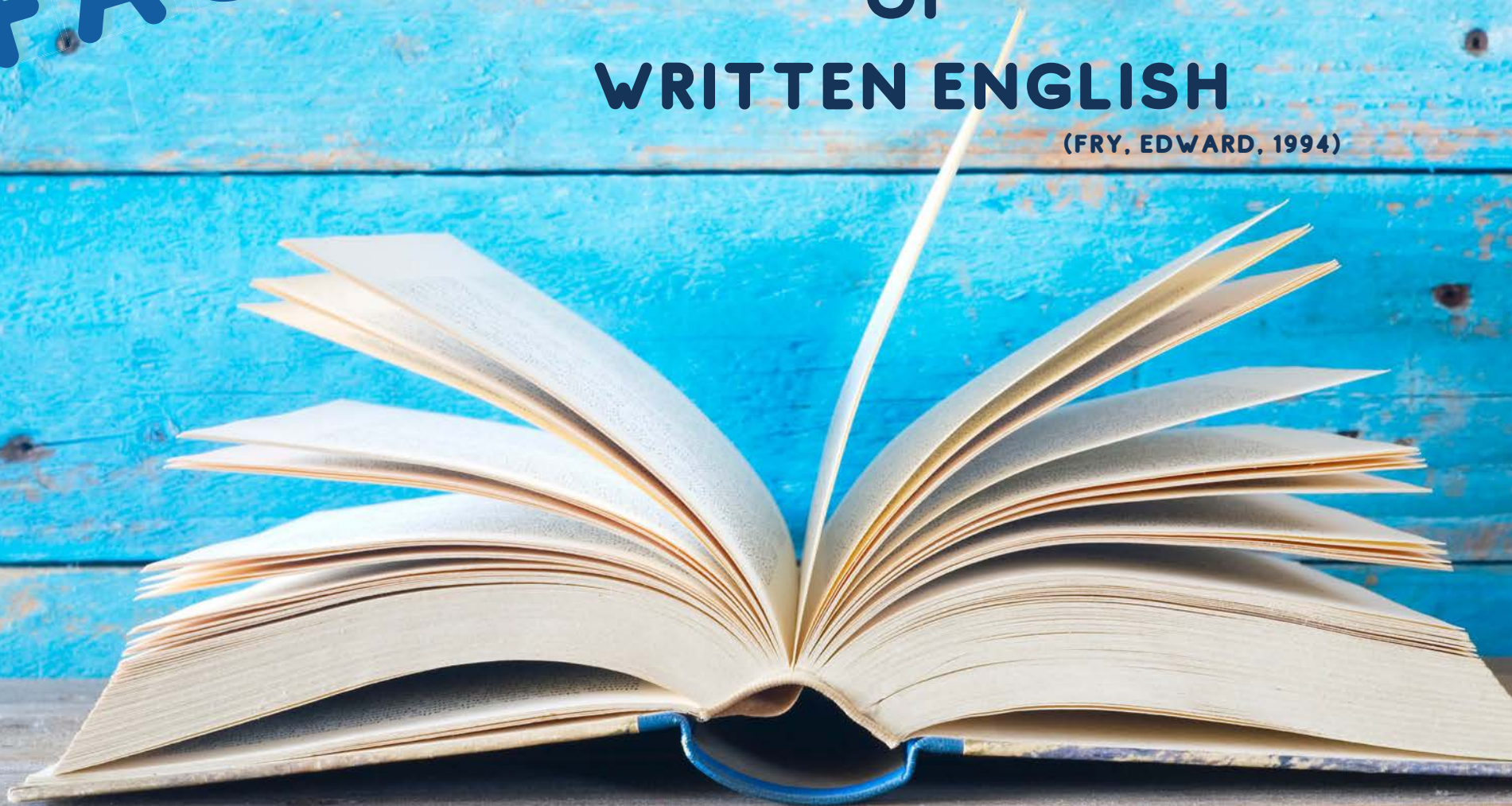
**THE ENGLISH ALPHABET HAS 44 SOUNDS
145 WAYS TO SPELL 24 CONSONANT SOUNDS
216 WAYS TO SPELL 17 VOWEL SOUNDS**



FUN FACTS

**ONLY 1,000 WORDS
MAKE UP 90%
OF
WRITTEN ENGLISH**

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IT'S MORE THAN JUST YOUR ABC'S

PRINT CONCEPTS

ALPHABETIC SYSTEM

PHONEMIC AWARENESS

COMPREHENSION

VOCABULARY

PHONICS

DECODING





As children grasp that every sound has a picture, we start teaching the basic ABC's. Easy peasy, right? Well, for some it is, but for many of us, it is hard work.

Consider this:

- 26 Letter Names
- 26 Letter Symbols
- 26 Letter Sounds
- Vowel Long and Short Sounds
- Upper and Lower Cases
- Multiple Fonts

English also does not make things easy as one bridges into words beyond those like c-a-t. For example, how many ways can you write the sound "k" or "shun"?

TIPS AND TRICKS

As your child begins independent reading, make it a topic for daily meal time discussion.

Always turn the Closed Captioning on when your child watches video.

Read together daily, not only in your curriculum activities, but as a shared leisurely activity.

Electronics make it easier to identify letters on a screen rather than creating them. Early learners can practice tracing letters and even making them in shaving cream.

Be careful not to unintentionally add extra sounds to single letters. (P is not puh; but mostly a puff of air.)

Check out PCI's Education Connection's *Making the Most of Read Alouds!*

LET THEM SEE

YOU

READING!



STRATEGY FOR BIG WORDS



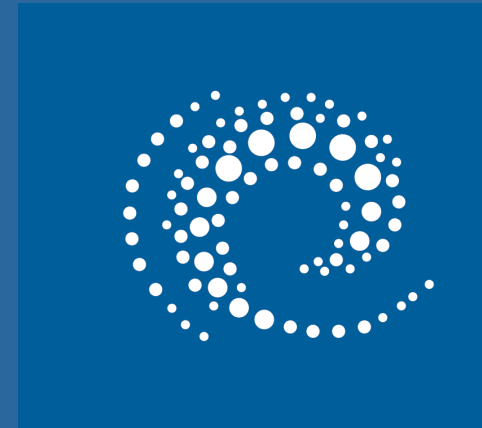
TRY CHUNKING...

CHUNKING

- USE A PENCIL TO MARK THE WORD INTO CHUNKS
- LOOK FOR ANY FAMILIAR PIECES OF THE WORD
- EACH SYLLABLE OR KNOWN PARTS SHOULD BE A CHUNK
- TRY TO START EACH CHUNK WITH A CONSONANT
- ONE VOWEL SOUND PER CHUNK
- CHUNKS CAN BE SOUNDED OUT AND THEN BLENDED TOGETHER
- SAY THE WORD ALOUD - DOES IT SOUND CORRECT?

decoding

**READING IS TOO IMPORTANT TO
YOUR CHILD'S ACADEMIC SUCCESS
TO TAKE RISKS!**



**PACIFIC CHARTER
INSTITUTE FAMILY OF
SCHOOLS ARE
COMMITTED TO
PROVIDING RESOURCES,
MONITORING FOR
LEARNING GAPS OR
CHALLENGES, AND
INDIVIDUALIZING FOR
EACH STUDENT'S
ACHIEVEMENT!**

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