

2010/11



Phonics for Parents

4 lessons intensive course – complete in one month (星期三，星期五班)

Date: Four consecutive Wednesdays (連續四個星期三), EVERY MONTH 7:00 – 9:00 pm evening
 Four consecutive Fridays (連續四個星期五), EVERY MONTH 9:30 – 11:30 am morning

(Please see below for exact dates in each month)

Class size: 8 persons maximum

Fee: HK\$1,200 for the whole course, 4 lessons in total

Attendee: Parents who have little or no phonics knowledge

Location: ETC Educational Technology Connection Showroom, Rm 1509, Cityplaza 4, Tai Koo Shing (Tai Koo MTR exit E)

Tutor: Mrs Amy Chu, graduate of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, major in English
 experienced phonics teacher and trainer for teachers, parents and children

Medium of Instruction: Cantonese 以廣東話教授

Course content – to be delivered over 4 modules, one lesson per module:

Module 1: **Getting Ready** – focus on all letters from a-z, initial, middle and final sounds

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Overview of how Phonics can help children to read and spell ✓ Importance of parents' participation in supporting their children to learn phonics ✓ Sounds of all 26 letters in English ✓ Activities that can be done at home reinforcing these sounds 	When you finish the course, you will have a preliminary idea of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What phonics is ✓ How phonics can help your kid to learn English ✓ How Letterland's story approach come in place
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Module 2: **Combining letters into words** – focus on the various approaches to help children blend words that do not involve changes of sounds

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Learn to build 3-letter words through rhymes and Letterland stories ✓ Examine the sounds of various consonant blends such as 'bl', 'cl', 'gl', 'br', 'cr', 'pr' etc ✓ Examine the sounds of some common word endings such as 'ck', 'ss', 'nt' etc ✓ Suggest early reading strategies and the choice of suitable reading books 	When you finish the course, you will have a preliminary idea of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The basis of blending and word building ✓ The sounds of various consonant blends and word endings ✓ How to choose the right books for my kids
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Module 3: **Combining 4-letter words and beyond** – focus on the change of sounds of some major spelling patterns

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Examine short and long vowel sounds ✓ Letterland's way of teaching Silent Magic 'e' ✓ Examine digraphs such as 'ch', 'sh', 'th' through Letterland stories ✓ Examine some common spelling problems 'r' & 'w' controlled vowels, and other common spelling patterns 	When you finish the course, you will have a preliminary idea of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ How to blend words with a change of vowel sounds ✓ The sounds of digraphs the Letterland way ✓ The sounds of many other common spelling patterns
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Module 4: **Practise-it-yourself workshop** – focus on practice in word building, syllabication and stress

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Practise spelling, slow-speaking dictation and pronunciation of different spelling patterns ✓ Examine some common spelling anomalies ✓ Introduce the concepts of syllabication and stress ✓ Practise checking pronunciation from dictionaries ✓ Move from sounds to grammar and meaning 	When you finish the course, you will have a preliminary idea of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ How letter sounds are combined to build up words ✓ How to check for correct pronunciation when in doubt ✓ English learning strategies beyond phonics
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Registration Form (please complete and mail with payment or fax at 2656 1627 with proof of payment)

Payment Method (please indicate by

Crossed cheque payable to "ETC Educational Technology Connection (HK) Ltd" and mail to Rm 1509, Cityplaza 4, Tai Koo Shing, HONG KONG

By direct bank-in to Hong Kong Bank account: 582-206-330-838, and fax over the payment proof

Please indicate your choice of session*

Wednesday 7:00 – 9:00 pm	[] Jul & Aug:	21 st , 28 th , Aug 4 th , 11 th
	[] Sept:	1 st , 8 th , 15 th , 29 th
	[] Oct:	6 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th
	[] Nov:	3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th
	[] Jan 2011:	5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th
Friday: 9:30 – 11:30 am	[] Sept:	3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th
	[] Oct:	8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th
	[] Nov:	5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th
	[] Jan 2011:	7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th

*The 4 modules must be completed in the same session.

Name of Attendee¹: _____ [] father [] mother [] other: _____

Age of your school-age children: _____ Your Education Level: [] secondary school or below [] university or above

Address: _____

Tel: _____ Mobile: _____ Email: _____

Date: _____

¹Attendee must be able to understand Cantonese, which will be used as the medium of instruction throughout the course.

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