

Fingerspelling our Way to Reading Program

Phonological Fingerspelling and Reading Comprehension

Documentation and Resources Summary

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Program Overview

The Victorian Deaf Education Institute (VDEI) is leading a national project to support the implementation of the Fingerspelling our Way to Reading (FOWRT) program in Australian schools.

The Fingerspelling our Way to Reading program is an evidence-based, supplementary early literacy program developed in the United States specifically for deaf and hard of hearing students who are not able to develop phonological awareness through listening to develop literacy skills.

The Fingerspelling our Way to Reading program has two components:

1. Phonological Fingerspelling
2. Reading Comprehension

The national project commenced in 2018 and has involved:

1. A professional partnership between VDEI, the Queensland Department of Education and Professor Brenda Schick from the University of Colorado Boulder to adapt the Fingerspelling our Way to Reading program for use with Auslan
2. The translation of program resources (Fingerspelling Our Way to Reading kits) from American Sign Language (ASL) to Australian Sign Language (Auslan)
3. The selection of Lead Trainers from around Australia to support the implementation of the program in each State and Territory.
4. The development of a Train the Trainer model, whereby Lead Trainers are supported to upskill other educators to deliver the program in Australian schools

PHONOLOGICAL FINGERSPELLING FOLDER

Phonological Fingerspelling contains 3 folders and 3 documents.

The folders are:

- Entry level
- Level 1A
- Level 1B

The documents are:

- Australian Fingerspelling Our Way to Reading Word List
- Sample set of unit lesson plans
- Teachers' Resource Guide

Each level (Entry, 1A, 1B) contains 6 folders:

- End of year review
- Level lesson plans
- Module 1
- Module 2
- Module 3
- Module 4

Each Level (Entry, 1A and 1B) End of Year Review folder contains

Resource	Entry level	Level 1A	Level 1B
Unit 1-3 Power word writing sheet	✓		✓
Unit 1-3 Power word writing sheet	✓	✓	
Unit 1-3 Power words bingo	✓	✓	✓
Unit 4-6 Power word writing sheet	✓		✓
Unit 4-6 Power word writing sheet	✓	✓	
Unit 4-6 Power words bingo	✓	✓	✓
Unit 7-9 Power word writing sheet	✓		✓
Unit 7-9 Power word writing sheet	✓	✓	
Unit 7-9 Power words bingo	✓	✓	✓
End of year review Units 1-10 Lesson Plan Auslan version	✓	✓	✓
Unit 1-3 Daily Power Word Review	✓	✓	✓
Unit 4-6 Daily Power Word Review	✓	✓	✓
Unit 7-9 Daily Power Word Review	✓	✓	✓

Each Level (Entry, 1A, 1B) Lesson Plans folder contains

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Resource	Entry Level	Level 1A	Level 1B
Unit 1 Lesson Plans 2017-18	✓	✓	✓
Unit 10 Lesson Plans 2017-18	✓	✓	✓
Unit 11 Lesson Plans 2017-18	✓	✓	✓
Unit 12 Lesson Plans 2017-18	✓	✓	✓
Unit 2 Lesson Plans 2017-18	✓	✓	✓
Unit 12 Lesson Plans 2017-18	✓	✓	✓
Unit 3 Lesson Plans 2017-18	✓	✓	✓
Unit 4 Lesson Plans 2017-18	✓	✓	✓
Unit 5 Lesson Plans 2017-18	✓	✓	✓
Unit 6 Lesson Plans 2017-18	✓	✓	✓
Unit 7 Lesson Plans 2017-18	✓	✓	✓
Unit 8 Lesson Plans 2017-18	✓	✓	✓
Unit 9 Lesson Plans 2017-18	✓	✓	✓

Each Module (1, 2, 3, 4) at Each Level (Entry, 1A, 1B) contains 4 folders and 3 documents.

The folders are:

- Module review
- Unit 1
- Unit 2
- Unit 3

The Documents in Each Module (1, 2, 3, 4) are

Documents	Entry Level	Level 1A	Level 1B
Auslan stories (pdf)	✓	✓	
Isolated sentences (pdf)	✓	✓	✓
Target words (pdf)	✓	✓	✓
Story scripts (pdf)			✓

Each Unit at Each Level (Entry, 1A, 1B) contains 1 folder and 4 – 6 documents

The folder is Unit PPT which contains

Level	Day 1 Unit PPT	Day 2 Unit PPT	Day 3 Unit PPT	Day 5 Unit PPT	Day 6 Unit PPT	Day 6 Plus Unit PPT
EL Unit 1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
EL Unit 2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
EL Unit 3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
EL Unit 4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
EL Unit 5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
EL Unit 6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
EL Unit 7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
EL Unit 8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
EL Unit 9	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
EL Unit 10	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
EL Unit 11	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
EL Unit 12	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
L1A Unit 1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
L1A Unit 2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
L1A Unit 3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
L1A Unit 4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
L1A Unit 5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
L1A Unit 6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
L1A Unit 7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
L1A Unit 8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
L1A Unit 9	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
L1A Unit 10	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
L1A Unit 11	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
L1A Unit 12	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
L1B Unit 1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
L1B Unit 2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
L1B Unit 3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
L1B Unit 4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
L1B Unit 5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
L1B Unit 6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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L1B Unit 7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
L1B Unit 8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
L1B Unit 9	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
L1B Unit 10	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
L1B Unit 11	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
L1B Unit 12	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

The documents in each unit are:

Resource	Entry Level Units 1-3	Entry Level Units 4-6	Entry Level Units 7-12	Level 1A Units 1-3	Level 1A Units 4-6	Level 1A Units 7-12	Level 1B Units 1-12
Assessment marking Sheet	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Bingo	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Onset rime cards	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Picture cards	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Print cards	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Writing sheet	✓			✓			✓
Writing sheet 1		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Writing sheet 2		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Writing sheet 3		✓			✓		

READING COMPREHENSION FOLDER

Reading comprehension contains 3 folders:

- Entry level
- Level 1A
- Level 1B

Each level contains **4 modules** (modules 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Each Module (1, 2, 3, 4) at Each Level (Entry, 1A, 1B) contains 4 folders:

- Unit 1
- Unit 2
- Unit 3 L 1-4
- Unit 3 L 5-8

Each Unit (1 – 11) contains 3 folders:

- Lesson Plans
- PowerPoints
- Printable materials

Unit 12 contains 1 folder:

- Lesson Plans

Entry level Unit 7 in Module 3 and Unit 10 in Module 4 contain a folder called Assessment

Level 1A Unit 4 in Module 2, Unit 7 in Module 3 and Unit 10 in Module 4 contain a folder called Assessment

Level 1B Unit 4 in Module 2, Unit 7 in Module 3 and Unit 10 in Module 4 contain a folder called Assessment

Lesson Plans

Each Unit contains a lesson plan.

PowerPoints

Each Unit contains 1 PowerPoint. The PowerPoint contains 4 daily lessons.

Printable Materials

Each Unit contains:

- Practice Story books

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- Supplemental Storybooks

Units may contain

- Name cards
- Practice sentences
- Sentence strips
- Character cards
- Picture search
- Bingo
- Sentence + card match
- Memory match
- Practice adjectives
- Reading vocabulary cards

Storybooks: Entry Level

Unit	Practice Storybooks	Supplemental Storybooks
E.1.2	Who are You?	Sam
E.1.3	Cake	Cake
E.1.4	Pie!	Pie!
E.2.1		Look Sam!
E.2.2	Pam and Sam	Pam and Sam
E.2.3		The Cat
E.2.4		My hat
E.3.1	Happy Sam	Happy Sam
E.3.2	The Dog	The Dog
E.3.3		My Pal
E.3.4		The Toy
E.3.5	The Man	The Man
E.3.6		Bella
E.3.7	Sam and Bella	Sam and Bella
E.3.8	The Man and the Van	The Man and the Van
E.4.1		Ice Cream
E.4.2		Pals
E.4.3	My Pals	My Pals
E.5.1		Sit
E.5.2	The Bow	The Bow
E.5.3	The Cow	The Cow
E.5.4		The Van
E.6.1	Play Day	Play Day

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E.6.2	Oh Boy Oh No Bingo	The Dog and the Toy
E.6.3		The Boy and the Hat
E.6.4	The Cow and the Toys	The Cow and the Toys
E.6.5		The Pals Play
E.6.6	The Cow and the Toys	The Cow and the Toys
E.6.7	Sam and the Pals	Sam and the Pals
E.7.1		Ouch
E.7.2		The Vet
E.7.3		Pals on the Bed
E.8.1	The Hot Day	The Hot Day
E.8.2		The Walk
E.8.3		Sad Bella
E.8.4	The Big Fan	The Big Fan
E.9.1	The Wet Day	The Wet Day
E.9.2		The Hat
E.9.3		Not Me
E.9.4		Pig
E.9.5		The Fram
E.9.6	A Walk on the Farm	A walk on the Farm
E.9.7		Fun in the Mud
E.9.8	Fun in the Barn	Fun in the Barn
E.10.1		The Little Duck
E.10.2	Pigs Can't Play in the Barn	Pigs Can't Play in the Barn
E.10.3		No Pigs in the Barn
E.11.1	Pigs in the Barn	Pigs in the Barn
E.11.2		Who is Pip?
E.11.3		Pip and the Pals
E.11.4		Party Day
E.12.1		Hats, Bells and Bows
E.12.2		Fun in the Sun
E.12.3		The Well
E.12.4		Ouch!

Storybooks: Level 1A

Unit	Practice Storybooks	Supplemental Storybooks
L1A.U1 L2		Sam
L1A.U1 L2		Pie
L1A.U1 L3		Red
L1A.U1 L4	Bella	Bella
L1A.U2 L1		Pam
L1A.U2 L2	The Dog	The Dog
L1A.U2 L3		Cake and Pie
L1A.U2 L4	The Car	The Car
L1A.U3 L1		The Hot Day
L1A.U3 L2	Cow	Cow
L1A.U3 L3		The Ice Cream Man
L1A.U3 L4		Cake and Ice Cream
L1A.U3 L5		Jo the Kangaroo
L1A.U3 L6	Cars on the Hill	Cars on the Hill
L1A.U3 L7		Mates on the Bed
L1A.U3 L8	The Pinata	The Pinata
L1A.U4 L1		Red
L1A.U4 L2	Feet	Feet
L1A.U4 L3		Mates on the Bed
L1A.U5 L1		Wet Day
L1A.U5 L2	Who Took My Book	Who Took My Book
L1A.U5 L3		Where is the Book
L1A.U5 L4		The Moon Book
L1A.U6 L1	Sam has a Birthday	Sam has a Birthday
L1A.U6 L2	Party Plans	Party Plans
L1A.U6 L3		Party Day
L1A.U6 L4		Birthday Party
L1A.U6.5		Sam had a Party
L1A.U6.6	Birthday Gifts	Birthday Gifts
L1A.U6.7		Hide and Seek
L1A.U6.8		Where is Pig
L1A.U7.1	The Mice Take the Cake	The Mice Take the Cake
L1A.U7.2	The Mice Take the Book	The Mice Take the Book

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L1A.U7.3		The Mice Take the Spoon
L1A.U8.1	Gone	Gone
L1A.U8.2		The Pals Make a Plan
L1A.U8.3	The Pool and the Lake	The Pool and the Lake
L1A.U8.4		The Mice Make a Plan
L1A.U9.1	Looking	Looking
L1A.U9.2		Chill
L1A.U9.3	Cow Sees the Mice	Cow Sees the Mice
L1A.U9.4		A New Plan
L1A.U9.5		We Like to Camp
L1A.U9.6	Sam Wants to Camp	Sam Wants to Camp
L1A.U9.7	Packing the Jeep	Packing the Jeep
L1A.U9.8		Where are the Snacks
L1A.U10.1		Pip to the Rescue
L1A.U10.2	The New camp	The New camp
L1A.U10.3	The Sock Mystery	The Sock Mystery
L1A.U11.1	Sleep Socks	Sleep Socks
L1A.U11.2		Night
L1A.U11.3	Morning	Morning
L1A.U11.4	No Socks	No Socks
L1A.U12.1		Fish Tacos
L1A.U12.2		Taco Time
L1A.U12.3		The Cake Shop
L1A.U12.4		The Toy Shop
L1A.U12.5		New Friends
L1A.U12.6		Big Mouse tells a Story
L1A.12.7		The Cake Story
L1A.12.8		Goodbye!

Storybooks: Level 1B

Unit	Practice Storybooks	Supplemental Storybooks
L1B.1.1	Who are You	Sam and Bella
L1B.1.2	Sam and Bella	Cake and Pie
L1B.1.3		Red and Blue
L1B.1.4	Ben	Ben
L1B.2.1	Fold the Paper	Fold the Paper

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L1B.2.2		Ice Cream
L1B.2.3	Best Friends	Best Friends
L1B.2.4		The Wild Ride
L1B.3.1	Pip and Max	Pip and Max
L1B.3.2		The Best Cake
L1B.3.3	Who has the Best Cake	Who Has the Best Cake
L1B.3.4		The Vote
L1B.3.5	Who Has the Best Cake	Who Has the Best Cake
L1B.3.6		Sam and Bella Vote
L1B.3.7	The New Cake	The New Cake
L1B.3.8		Ed the Elephant
L1B.4.1	Rain	Rain
L1B.4.2	Stuck in the House	Stuck in the House
L1B.4.3	Stuck in the Trunk	Stuck in the Trunk
L1B.5.1	We Have Mail	We Have Mail
L1B.5.2		Party Day
L1B.5.3	Party Time	Party Time
L1B.5.4	Fun and Games	Fun and Games
L1B.6.1		Goodbye
L1B.6.2		Summer Days Winter days
L1B.6.3	Snow Day	Snow Day
L1B.6.4		The Hill
L1B.6.5	Wind and Snow	Wind and Snow
L1B.6.6	Hot and Cold	Hot and Cold
L1B.6.7	Soap and Water	Soap and Water
L1B.6.8		The Boat
L1B.7.2	New Friends	New Friends
L1B.7.3		Hide and Seek
L1B.8.1	Where is Toad	Where is Toad
L1B.8.2	Lost	Lost
L1B.8.3	My Story	My Story
L1B.8.4	Finding Toad	
L1B.9.1	Two Fruits	Two Fruits
L1B.9.2	Peach Pie	Peach Pie
L1B.9.3		The Friends make a Pie
L1B.9.4	Pie Time	Pie Time

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L1B.9.5	Going to the Beach	Going to the Beach
L1B.9.6	The Store	The Store
L1B.9.7	The Freezer	The Freezer
L1B.9.8		Silly Duck
L1B.10.1	The Beach	The Beach
L1B.10.2	Ed and Toad	Ed and Toad
L1B.10.3		Kites
L1B.11.1		The Zoo
L1B.11.2	Pip Plays a Trick	Pip Plays a Trick
L1B.11.3	Sunset on the Beach	Sunset on the Beach
L1B.11.4		The Marshmallow Fight

TRACKING DOCUMENTS FOLDER

- End of Year Review Assessment Marking Sheet
- FOWTR Individual student Spreadsheet
- Generic Pre and Post UNIT test collation sheet
- Phonological Fingerspelling Unit Progress Notes template
- School or State FOWTR Data Summary Spreadsheet

TRAINER FILES FOLDER

There are 2 files and 1 document. The files are:

- Phonological Fingerspelling
- Reading Comprehension

The file is Overview and History of Fingerspelling Our Way to Reading Program from USA

Phonological Fingerspelling contains:

- Fidelity Check Master Phonological Fingerspelling
- Fingerspelling PD Part 1 Participants notes
- Fingerspelling PD Part 1 Train the Trainer PPT with Nancy and Michelle's notes
- Fingerspelling PD Part 2 Participants notes
- Fingerspelling PD Part 2 Train the Trainer including Nancy and Michelle's notes
- MB Train the Trainer TASK 1 answers

Reading Comprehension contains:

- Fidelity Check for Reading Comprehension
- Reading Comprehension PD 2019 Australia based on Nancy
- Reading Comprehension Scope and Sequence All Levels

Questions/Queries:

If you have any questions/queries related to the FOWTR program, please send an email to - fingerspelling@deafeducation.vic.edu.au