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Leap Into[®] PHONICS

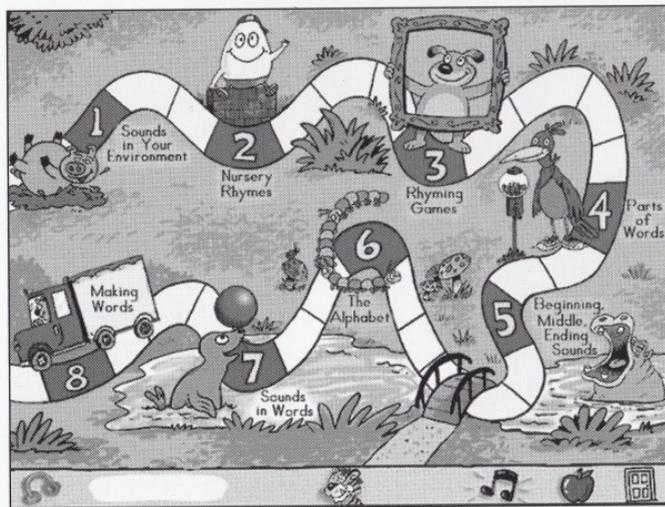
Build Phonemic Awareness



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LeapIntoLearning[®] INC.

Program Overview



Leap Into® Phonics is designed so that even young children can participate in each activity independently. The main menu, or game board, has eight components. Each component focuses on a specific phonemic awareness skill. To begin a component, the child simply needs to point on a number and click. A list of activities appears and the child clicks on an activity to begin. Every activity starts with a demonstration, followed by exercises that the child completes.

Starting the Program

To start the program, please follow the instructions below:

For Windows:

1. Turn on your computer and close any open applications.
2. Insert the *Leap Into® Phonics* CD into your CD-ROM drive.
3. Click on the Start button and click "My Computer".
4. Double click on the "CD-ROM" icon.
5. Double click on the "Installer" icon and follow the instructions.
6. To start the program, click on the Start button.
7. Select "All Programs" and then "Leap Into Learning".
8. Next select "Leap Into® Phonics" and then "Phonics". The program will begin.

For Mac:

1. Turn on your computer and close any open applications.
2. Turn off Virtual Memory in the Memory control panel.
3. Insert the *Leap Into® Phonics* CD into your CD-ROM drive.
4. Double click on the CD-ROM icon on your desktop.
5. Double click on the "Leap Into® Phonics Installer" icon and follow the instructions.
6. To start the program, double click on the hard drive icon on your desktop.
7. Find "Leap Into® Phonics" folder and click on it.
8. You will see a "Phonics" icon. Double click on it and the program will begin.

Parent Options

Your child's progress is at your fingertips when you use the Parent Options. Access the Parent Options by clicking on the apple icon at the bottom of the screen. The next screen will ask you to type a password in the box.

The **password** is: **phonics**

Once you've entered the password, you can choose several options marked by a file folder tab at the top of the page.

Add/Delete Names:

In order to track a child's progress, you need to register his/her name.

How to register your child:

- Click on the "Add/Delete Names" tab.
- Type in a full or partial name, click the "Add a Registered Student" button. The name will then appear in the list.
- If you want to delete a name, click on the name and then click on the "Delete a Registered Student" button. The name will then disappear from the list.

How to log-in your child:

After you have added your child's name to the registration list, the log-in screen will appear when you start the program. On this screen, you'll see a tiger and your child's name. Have your child click on his or her name to begin. Click on "Cancel" to go to the game board without logging in.

If you want to log-in another child, click the tiger icon on the toolbar. This will take you to the log-in screen. Click on a new name. You will now see the new name in the name area of the toolbar.

View/Print Report:

To view your child's progress report:

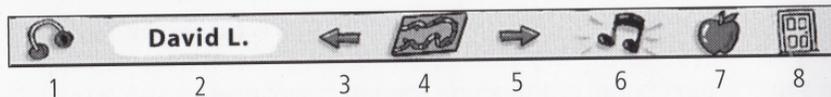
- Click on the "View/Print Report" tab in Parent Options.
- Click on your child's name in the list.
- Select the components you would like to view, or click on the "All" box to view them all.
- Click on the "View" button.

To print your child's progress report:

- Follow the above instructions, and then click the "Print" button.

Using the Toolbar

The toolbar is at the bottom of the game board screen. In the toolbar you'll find icons of several objects. These icons will help you move to different screens and turn functions on and off. To choose an icon, simply click on it.



1. To hear a question repeated, click on the headphones.
2. When your child logs in, his/her name appears here.
3. Takes you to the beginning of the activity.
4. Takes you to the game board screen.
5. Takes you past the demo, to the beginning of the exercises.
6. Turns the background music on or off.
7. To go to the Parent Options, click here.
8. To exit completely out of the program, click here.



Takes you to the log-in screen

What is Phonemic Awareness/What is Phonics?

Phonemic awareness is the ability to consciously hear and manipulate the **sounds** in words. Becoming aware of the separate sounds in spoken language will ultimately enable children to use these sounds in reading and written language. Most children who develop this skill in the early stages of reading development will read more easily and effectively.

Phonics is an instructional approach designed to teach reading and spelling through an emphasis on the relationship of speech sounds to **letters**. Phonics is a critical skill related to the development of more confident, successful readers.

Using Leap Into Phonics with Your Child

Leap Into® Phonics is designed as a group of progressive activities to make learning fun. The main menu, or game board, guides your child on a journey from one exciting activity to the next. As your child successfully completes each activity, he or she will be learning valuable pre-reading skills along the way. To most effectively use this software, please start your child on the first component and continue the components in order.

Note: The Leap Into Phonics activities may also be integrated into classroom curriculum and used as a supplement to teacher-directed instruction.

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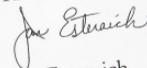
Welcome to *Leap Into® Phonics*! This software was created to support all children as they start their lifelong journey of reading and learning. Like you, we believe it's vital that every child learns to read – and it's a skill every child deserves.

Leap Into® Phonics is designed for children ages 4 to 7. However, younger and older children can use this software to develop and enhance their awareness of sounds in words, which is called “phonemic awareness”.

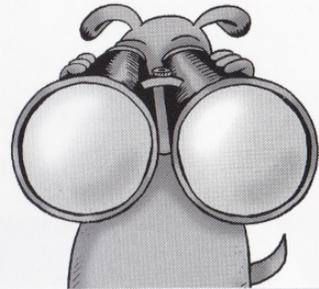
We realize this term is probably unfamiliar to you, but it is important to the reading success of your child. In fact, one of the best predictors of future reading success is a high measure of phonemic awareness in kindergarten. This has been scientifically proven by The National Institutes of Health and researchers throughout the world. To help you better understand phonemic awareness, we have included an explanation inside.

We encourage you to use this program to reinforce classroom lessons and practice hearing sounds in words at home. With *Leap Into® Phonics*, children can begin to understand the code that will help them discover a vast world of words and meaning.

Kindest regards,



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