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## New Zealand based sites



### Agility with Sound

<https://agilitywithsound.co.nz/>

Agility with Sound is a systematic, research-based programme that builds confident, capable readers. It's been designed for classroom teachers, literacy support staff and tutors; simple to use, but incredibly effective. The integrated suite is designed to tackle the various obstacles to reading comprehension, restoring confidence to struggling readers and giving them the tools they need to become competent, happy readers. There are a lot of other free resources and videos on Betsy's site as well. Betsy also offers free webinars from time-to-time. Online shop selling structured literacy resources.



### Dyslexia Evidence Based (deb)

<https://www.deb.co.nz/>

The deb's purpose is to help parents of children with reading difficulties. They provide information and support to help you advocate for your child. It's a safe place to learn and trust, knowing the information provided is evidence-based.



### Learning Matters

<https://www.learningmatters.co.nz/>

Learning Matters provides specialist learning support for students and families who wish to invest in extra literacy and or mathematics instruction. We specialise in support for students aged 4 years to adult.

We also offer whole school consultancy specialising in structured literacy. We are also the developers of the iDeal approach to structured literacy. Our work grows understanding about how the brain learns to read and spell. Online shop selling structured literacy resources.



### Liz Kane Literacy

<https://lizkaneliteracy.co.nz/>

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Providing Literacy Workshops and whole of school professional development. Online shop selling structured literacy resources.



## Sound Foundations

<https://soundfoundations.co.nz/>

Providing professional development for teachers.



## Better Start Literacy Approach

<https://www.betterstartapproach.com/>

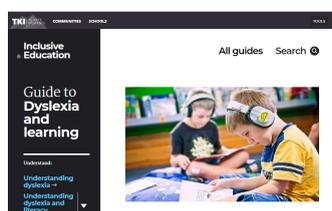
A team of researchers at the University of Canterbury (UC) Child Well-being Research Institute | Te Kāhui Pā Harakeke in Christchurch, New Zealand, has developed the Better Start Literacy Approach, which is based on several years of research trials investigating the most efficient and effective methods to support children's early reading, writing and oral language success. Offers a free online course as well as a new microcredential for teachers and teacher aides (either a facilitator or teacher role). Scholarships are available.



## J and J Literacy

<https://jandjliteracy.wordpress.com/>

Only authorised distributor of Heggerty books in New Zealand. Also organise speakers to come to NZ. Heggerty Phonemic Awareness is a 35-week curriculum of daily phonemic awareness lesson plans. Developed on a systematic scope and sequence of skills, each level focuses on eight phonemic awareness skills, along with two additional activities to develop letter and sound recognition, and language awareness. The lessons are designed to deliver tier 1 phonemic awareness instruction in a whole group setting and only take 10-12 minutes. For students in need of extra support, portions of lesson could be used in a small group and serve as a "second dose" of phonemic awareness instruction.



## Ministry of Education TKI website: Guide to Dyslexia and Learning



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<https://www.inclusive.tki.org.nz/guides/dyslexia-and-learning/>

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## Australian based sites



### NSW Department for Education

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/literacy-and-numeracy>

The NSW Government has since 2016 set out expectations for schools to use a structured literacy approach. They have a range of PLD and resources for teachers in their website. Also a useful summary of evidence by CESE (Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation):

[https://www.cese.nsw.gov.au//images/stories/PDF/Effective\\_Reading\\_Instruction\\_AA.pdf](https://www.cese.nsw.gov.au//images/stories/PDF/Effective_Reading_Instruction_AA.pdf)



### Five from Five

<https://fivefromfive.com.au/>

The FIVE from FIVE project was developed with the objective of promoting effective, evidence-based reading instruction, by providing free resources to teachers, principals and parents and advocating for evidence-based policy with politicians and policy makers.

Dr Jennifer Buckingham founded FIVE from FIVE in 2016 after completing her PhD research at Macquarie University. Her research was an experimental study of a reading intervention for struggling readers in a socioeconomically disadvantaged school.

It was started at The Centre for Independent Studies with the support of Macquarie Foundation, Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation, Belalberi Foundation, Kate and Peter Mason (Phase 1 – 2016/17), Eureka Benevolent Fund and Paul Ramsay Foundation (Phase 2 – 2018).

FIVE from FIVE is now supported by MultiLit Pty Ltd as a community project to promote evidence-based reading instruction and improve literacy.



### Spelfabet

<https://www.spelfabet.com.au/>

Facebook: @spelfabet

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This website aims to help you teach beginners and strugglers about sounds and spellings using explicit, systematic synthetic phonics, giving

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them a solid foundation on which to build their fluency, vocabulary, comprehension and written expression. The Spelfabet materials were designed by an Australian Speech Pathologist for non-experts to use in teaching struggling spellers/readers how to sound out words. They are carefully-sequenced, easy-to-use, affordable, downloadable and reproducible resources, which should be used with decodable books. They are supplementary resources, not a complete program. This site includes resource lists to help you find good resources for teaching encoding and decoding skills, many of which also target vocabulary, fluency and comprehension, plus: Free resources; Blog: Reviews of resources and teaching strategies, plain English discussions of theoretical stuff, and the occasional reflection or rant on teaching spelling and reading. Video tours of Spelfabet materials: workbooks, games, moveable alphabet. Spelling lists: Find free, carefully sequenced spelling lists, the many ways each English speech sound is spelt, and the main sounds represented by each spelling pattern.



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## US and Canadian based sites



The Science of Reading

A Defining Movement

### The Science of Reading. A Defining Moment

<https://www.whatisthescienceofreading.org/>

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKoub6yEKBiHzOfE\\_7\\_eZCQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKoub6yEKBiHzOfE_7_eZCQ)

In September 2020, numerous reading science advocates from various organizations began meeting weekly to consider the value of crafting a common, simple definition of the Science of Reading. We felt that clarifying the term, along with providing a rationale for doing so, would benefit all stakeholders in the education sector. We believed that a clear understanding of what the Science of Reading is, what it is not, and what is meant by the word 'science' would reduce misconceptions and promote proper use of practices aligned with the findings from the Science of Reading. Our Defining Movement coalition's sole intent is to protect the integrity of these findings so that their promise of successful reading outcomes for almost all children is realized. The Defining Movement coalition members hope that you will support and share this work, and we commit to continuing to make it accessible for all.



Reading  
Rockets

### Reading Rockets

<https://www.readingrockets.org/>

Facebook: @ReadingRockets.org

Twitter: @Readingrockets

A very comprehensive site offering information sheets, research evidence, and how to videos on literacy instruction. Reading Rockets was launched with guidance from an advisory panel made up leading researchers and experts in literacy, reading, and special education. We continue to seek advice from our founding advisors and other reading experts to ensure that we are providing the best research-based resources for parents and educators.



### The Reading League

<https://www.thereadingleague.org/>

Facebook: @thereadingleague

Twitter: @reading\_league

The Reading League (TRL) is a national education nonprofit led by educators and reading experts dedicated to promoting knowledge to reimagine the future of literacy education and accelerate the global movement toward reading instruction rooted in science. Our

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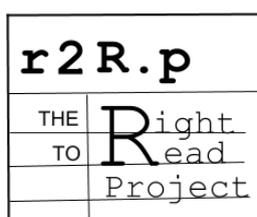
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purpose is to increase knowledge of science-based approaches to teach reading as well as research that demystifies how people learn to benefit the lives of millions of students. We train and support educators and school leaders. By extension, we also serve parents, specialists, and researchers. We believe all children can learn to read and all teachers can learn to teach them.

### The Logic of English

<https://www.logicofenglish.com/>

Logic of English® publishes educational resources that combine accurate phonograms and spelling rules with the Science of Reading and the Joy of Learning so that students of all ages can be empowered to become fluent readers, writers, and spellers. Many online resources for parents and teachers.



### The Right to Read Project

<https://righttoreadproject.com/>

Facebook: @RighttoReadProj

Twitter: @RighttoReadProj

US based advocacy and support group for parents and teachers wanting to engage with their schools to change their literacy practices. Lots of great guides, checklists and tips on how to engage with your school.



### Nancy Young - Reading, Writing, Spelling

<https://www.nancyyoung.ca/>

Nancy is the author of Secret Code Actions™: A Resource to Support Learning to Read and Spell the English Language. A "dictionary for the code" which includes snapshots of the instructional essentials most children need to learn the code, this unique tool presents ways to teach and practice reading and spelling skills using fun and creative physical movement. Written to support both teachers (Teacher Edition, August 2016) and parents (Parent Edition, March 2017), this resource can be used alongside any reading/spelling instruction or practice to improve skills while having fun – and moving!

Nancy is also the author of the Ladder of Reading, an infographic showing the ease at which children learn to read irrespective of IQ. Nancy's Ladder of Reading is now being used by educators and parents all across the world to better understand the importance of evidence-based reading instruction for all children and the particular needs of children with dyslexia.

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### R.I.S.E Arkansas

<https://sites.google.com/dawsonesc.com/risearkansas/home?authuser=0>

Comprehensive site from the Department of Education Arkansas on implementing a Science of Reading approach in the classroom. Great summary of the models and science behind the Science of Reading and Structured Literacy. Great diagrams. Heaps of free resources for teachers as well.



### Online Etymology Dictionary

<https://www.etymonline.com/>

Great website if you want to discover the origins of a particular word. Also has an Android and Apple App.