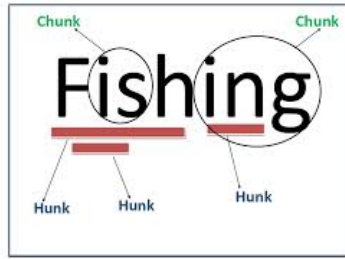


Building Words Through Ch un king



When children initially start to read we encourage the sounding out of every letter. When words get a little longer you may notice your child has come to a “road block” and so another strategy needs to be introduced. This next logical one is called chunking. We can encourage a child to build words with chunks, identify them and put them together to build the entire word. Words can be broken into groups of 2’s at first, then 3’s and even fours. Chunk by using syllables or blends. You may wish to refer to the “Tricks for sounds”, consonant and vowel combinations sheets in the reading duo-tang for some guidance. Please see the exemplars below as to how words can be broken up into chunks. Whilst listening to your child read, you may write a challenging word on a whiteboard and use lines to break the word up to your child. This can become a fun game in itself.

2 chunking exemplars:-

w et	sk ip	sh ut	tr uck
vall ey	sl op	far mer	ea sy
Fr ed	can dy	mon ster	hamm er

3 chunking exemplars:-

for get ful	ca mer a	la dy bug
vi ta min	ho li day	fan ta stic