

"As a parent who is having to teach her son, who has severe dyslexia, how to read and write, I highly recommend Sound Discovery. Unfortunately my son's school use a literacy programme that is ineffective in teaching children who have dyslexia. After doing a great deal of research I learned that my son needed to be taught using Systematic Synthetic Phonics (SSP). I learned that there were several SSP programmes that had been endorsed by the Department of Education in England. I bought six SSP programmes and compared them to teaching recommendations from the International Dyslexia Association. Sound Discovery is the only SSP programme that had conducted extensive research on the teaching method and the findings showed it could prevent literacy failure that is so common for children with dyslexia. The Sound Discovery programme is by far the most comprehensive of the SSP programmes I reviewed. Sound Discovery covers: learning the initial sounds; handwriting; finger gestures; clear simple lesson plans; learning decoding and encoding as a reversible process; use of decodable text and books; how to build writing as well as reading skills and finally provides very good continual assessment tools.

The e-learning training programme is very easy to follow especially if you already have looked through the extensive materials provided with the programme. The video clips in the e-learning training give clear examples of the phoneme sounds and teaching principles to be used.

I have used the programme to successfully teach my ten year old son how to read and write. I would recommend that anyone who uses the system also buys the associated Rapid Phonics decodable books that are aligned with the teaching stages of Sound Discovery. The books contained a mixture of fiction and non-fiction stories that my son particularly enjoyed reading." (From the parent of a severely dyslexic child, who used Sound Discovery® to teach her son how to read and write. She researched and reviewed the top six, government endorsed, systematic synthetic phonics programmes and chose Sound Discovery®. She has also completed the Sound Discovery® Core E-learning Training Package, July 2020).