

About us

Dr Marlynne Grant (BSc, Cert Ed, M Ed Psych, PhD, AFBPsS, CPsychol) is a Registered Educational Psychologist. She practised for many years as a Local Authority Educational Psychologist, specialised in literacy difficulties/dyslexia, conducted research into synthetic phonics and has created the government-validated *Sound Discovery*[®] and *Rapid Phonics* programmes using her extensive experience of working with children. She is the author of the core of the *Sound Discovery*[®] programme. She was an Associate of the English Hubs Training Centre and provided EHTC training with her co-presenter Jackie Day, in some of the most disadvantaged areas of England. During the COVID-19 pandemic she and Jackie wrote e-learning training packages to provide this training remotely. They also made demonstration phonics lessons available on YouTube, in addition to creating a totally new product called *Snappy Lesson*[®] *Videos*: e-lessons and decodable e-booklets for active child participation.

Jackie Day (BSc, MbChb, PGCE) is a qualified teacher with many years' experience of organising and teaching literacy interventions as Special Educational Needs Coordinator in a mainstream Junior School. She was introduced to *Sound Discovery*[®] in 2000, and was soon impressed by the efficacy of the programme with children who had failed to learn to read or write. At that time there was very little decodable text on the market, so she wrote many of the texts that support the programme. She has been involved in training individuals and schools in *Sound Discovery*[®], including a literacy project in the Caribbean where she helped with training and subsequently monitoring phonics teaching. She co-presented training for the English Hubs with Marlynne, assisted with the production of the e-learning training programme and worked with Marlynne to produce our latest resource, *Snappy Lesson*[®] *Videos*.



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Jackie Day