

TEACHING BEGINNING READING

Having attended pre-school, most children are already able to read and write when they commence their primary schooling. However, this is not true for all children. Very often, these children tend to fall behind in their literacy skills and fail to catch up to their peers. Teachers need to be familiar with the methodology for teaching beginning reading skills in order to assist these children.

This course is intended to familiarize participants with the teaching of early reading skills to pupils in Years 1 and 2 in the primary school. The course will give teachers the opportunity to explore their current practices in teaching reading. Teachers will then examine some of the issues and procedures in developing beginning reading skills. Teachers will learn a variety of phonics, whole-word and vocabulary development activities to teach beginning reading skills to their pupils.

Objectives

At the end of this course, participants would have:

- examined issues in developing early reading skills
- developed an understanding of how to use phonics in teaching reading
- explored the concept as well as the activities to develop Reading Fluency
- developed an understanding of how to teach early reading skills

Content

The course content will include the following:

- Examining current practice
- Phonics and how it helps develop beginning reading skills
- Vocabulary development
- Beginning Reading skills
- Reading Fluency
- Action Plan

Duration

3 days (18 contact hours)

Modes of Delivery

The course will be conducted through a series of interactive lectures, workshops, group discussions and presentations. Participants will be required to construct an action plan which will help them implement the ideas and techniques they have acquired in their classes.

Participants

Primary school teachers teaching English in Year 1 and 2. This course is especially suited for non-TESL trained teachers teaching English. TESL-trained teachers who would like to develop their understanding and skills will also benefit from this course.