

**In this series of free webinars our team of literacy consultants, who work day-in-day-out with teachers, bring you their insights into what works when teaching Synthetic Phonics. Join them to learn how to get going, best practice and what really works in your classroom - teacher to teacher.**

Please Note: **ALL** times listed below are **Sydney Time**.

### **Working Memory and Synthetic Phonics - Shirley Houston**

**7pm: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015**



**We all know that a good working memory facilitates learning, but short-term memory, long-term memory, and working memory each play a different role. The webinar will address the common questions:**

- What exactly is working memory and how important is it for learning?
- What are the indicators of a working memory deficit?
- How does a working memory deficit impact on reading performance?
- How can high quality synthetic phonics instruction reduce the impact of a working memory deficit?

### **Uncovering the Schwa - Jo-Anne Dooner**

**6pm: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015**



**Even the most fearless of phonics teachers admit to being a little afraid of the schwa. In this webinar Jo-Anne will demystify the place of schwa in a systematic phonics classroom. Once the secrets of schwa are revealed, you'll wonder why you ever thought it was so difficult. You will learn:**

- How to define schwa and recognise it in words
- The many ways that schwa is represented
- How to teach a schwa lesson
- The important place of schwa in NAPLAN spelling

### **Encoding Difficulties and Synthetic Phonics - Shirley Houston** 7pm: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 2015



**What is going wrong when a child has spelling difficulties? What is the science behind catching-up children in spelling? Learning difficulties specialist, Shirley Houston, explains.**

- The encoding process
- What can go wrong in the encoding process?
- The place of Synthetic Phonics in encoding instruction
- How to minimise encoding difficulties with effective teaching strategies

### **Getting Ready for Next Year - Jo-Anne Dooner**

**6pm: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015**



**As 2016 approaches, planning for successful phonics teaching is upon us! This much asked for webinar explains how best to prepare yourself and your school for the year ahead. You will learn:**

- How to assess the students coming into your class
- The importance of phonological and phonemic awareness
- Which resources are essential, useful, and nice to have

## About the Speakers



### Jo-Anne Dooner

Jo-Anne Dooner is the co-founder of Get Reading Right and author of the best selling Synthetic Phonics Toolkit.



### Shirley Houston

Shirley has a Masters degree in Special Education and has been teaching children and training teachers in Australia for 30 years.

## Registration

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