

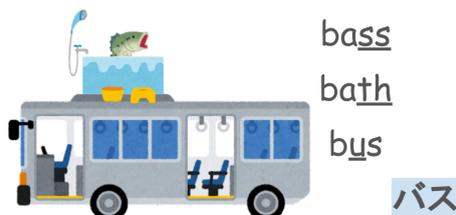
SDC 2025 Sound It Out

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A. What is phonics and why is it important?

Phonics is one of the ways people learn to read and write—by understanding the relationship between the sounds of the spoken language and the letters (or groups of letters) of the written language.

If one of your goals as an ALT is to improve your students' pronunciation, using *katakana* as a reading guide doesn't really help in the long run because the Japanese language has less sounds compared to English.



B. Sound check quiz!

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
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b	d	f	g	h	j	k	l	m	n	p	r
s	t	v	w	y	z	sh	th	ch	je	ng	th
a	e	i	o	u	ā	ē	ī	ō	ū	oo	oy
ōō	ow	ar	or	ār	ir	ur					

C. Rewrite the following words using the letters from the warm-up cards as a pronunciation guide.

Tip: You can use a forward slash (/) to break words into syllables!

1. read	(present)	(past)
2. squid		
3. post office		
4. international		
5. graduation ceremony		

Roni's resources and materials!

