

## At-Home Reading and Spelling Practice

**UFLI Foundations** is an explicit and systematic instructional approach to teaching foundational reading skills, including phonemic awareness, letter-sound correspondences, decoding (reading) and encoding (spelling), irregular words, and reading connected text.

This school year, your child will be learning two new concepts (sounds and letter patterns) each week. These concepts can be practiced through reading and spelling words.

When children practice building and changing words, they are strengthening their word reading and spelling skills.



To spell words, children can use the “Pound and Sound” strategy. First, children pound a fist to represent the word (e.g., fish). Then, they use their fingers to tap out each of the individual sounds in the word (e.g., f-i-sh) to spell the word.

To read words, children should say each sound (e.g., f-i-sh) and then blend the sounds together to read the word (e.g., fish). It is important that students use blendable sounds.

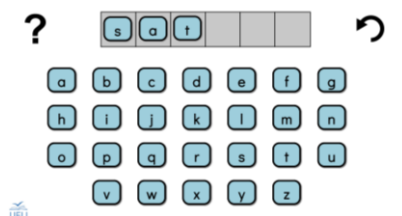
Sounds Video: <https://bit.ly/UFLISounds>

### UFLI Virtual Word Work Mats

The UFLI Virtual Word Work Mats are a great tool for at-home word building fun using a computer, iPad, or tablet. *To use the mats simply click and drag the letters into the gray boxes to build words. Tap the arrow to clear the box and build a new word.*

#### UFLI Virtual Word Work Mat – Beginner

<https://bit.ly/WordWorkMat1>



#### UFLI Virtual Word Work Mat – Intermediate

<https://bit.ly/WordWorkMat2>

