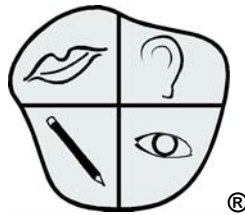


Only Two Ways to Teach English:

**Memorize 1,554 words by the end of 4th grade
or
Learn the 88 English Phonograms and be able
to speak, spell, write, and read all English words sooner.**

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"When talking to teachers and administrators (and parents), many persons believe there are many ways to teach reading. They think teachers just have to trial-and-error their way through these 'many ways' until they find something that works. But, in reality, **there are only two ways.**

"One method is currently called **No Child left Behind**, government's most recently offered **Phonics** program. **Phonics** has appeared under labels such as the Whole Word Method, Language Experience, Psycholinguistics, Whole Language, and Performance-Based Learning. This method teaches children to memorize or 'guess' at words by using context clues, initial alphabet letters, or picture clues. Through this method, a student *may be able* to recognize **349 words at the end of first grade, 1,094 at the end of second grade, 1,216 at the end of third, and 1,554 words after completing fourth grade.** This method is currently being used (statistical variable is insignificant) in (all) public schools (as well as in all private and home schools).

"The other method is called **Phonemic Awareness**, or **Phonogram Study**. This method is used to teach children how to sound out (speak) and blend (write) the letters (phonograms) that make up words, in a specific sequence, from the simple to the complex. Today, educators call this method the "**code**" approach because it teaches the skills and logic children need to understand the English spelling system. When a child comes to school he/she has a spoken vocabulary of more than **24,000 words** (these are words he hears and understands, not necessarily uses). Children taught to read using (this system) *can usually read and understand at least as many words as they have in their spoken vocabulary by the end of fourth grade.*"

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