PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

speech pathology TASMANIA

Understanding 44 Speech Sounds in English

About

Format: In-person training **Length:** 2 Hours + optional 30min question time

This professional development workshop equips educators with precise knowledge of English speech sounds and practical strategies to confidently model, teach, and remediate phonemic awareness—laying the foundation for strong reading and spelling outcomes for all learners.

Facilitated by: Linda McKillop, Certified Practising Speech Pathologist | Certified Dyslexia, Reading & Orton-Gillingham Practitioner | Certified Master Trainer for Orton Gillingham in Australia

Suitable for: School teachers, teacher assistants, literacy leads and English coordinators, learning support and intervention teachers, new and experienced teachers

Logistics:

- Training date to be negotiated to suit both parties.
- The enquirer (business or organisation) will provide a suitable venue for the training group.
- Access to a whiteboard, markers, Wi-Fi, and a projector or large smart TV screen is required.
- A quote will be provided on request (depending on location and any additional requirements).
- Each participant will receive a certificate of completion.

What's included

Goals of the training:

- Explain key concepts in **phonetics and phonology**, including the distinctions between phones, phonemes, and allophones, and their relevance to literacy instruction.
- Demonstrate explicit knowledge of English **speech sounds**, including consonant and vowel systems, place and manner of articulation, and voiced–voiceless contrasts.
- Apply **phonological and phonemic awareness** knowledge to support reading, spelling, and **decoding development**, particularly for students experiencing literacy difficulties and learners of English as an Additional Language (EAL).
- Accurately perceive, articulate, and **model speech sounds** to ensure consistent and effective instructional practice.
- Integrate **sound-based linguistic** knowledge into structured, evidence-aligned literacy instruction with confidence.

You'll explore a systematic, Orton-Gillingham aligned exploration of speech sounds and their role in literacy learning, including:

- Foundations of speech sounds
- Sound categories and meaning
- Consonants, vowels, and articulation
- Classroom application and literacy impact



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