



Ladybird and Bumblebee



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Tips for helping your child write

At this stage in the year, when writing a word, please encourage your child to say the word and listen to the sounds. We encourage children to write words phonetically rather than spelt correctly, which means writing the sounds as they hear them in the word.

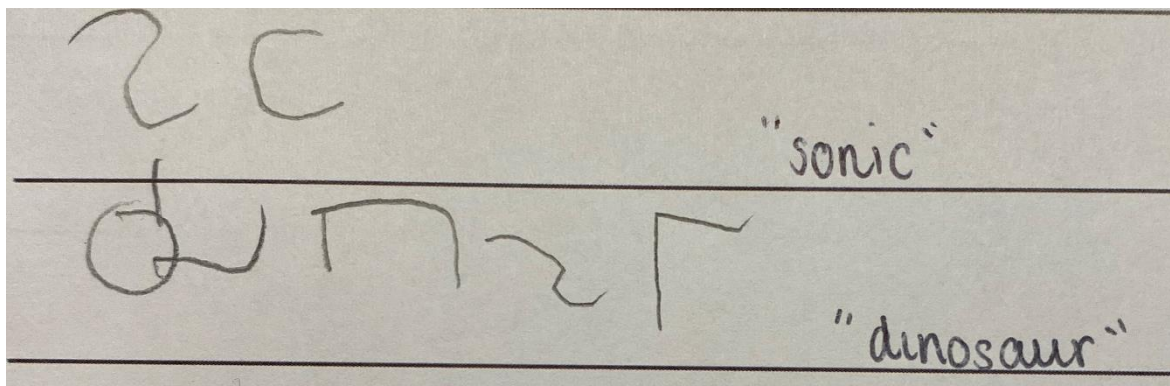
Here are a few examples:

Correct spelling	Example of the word spelt phonetically
Fridge	frij
Lettuce	letis
Yoghurt	yogut
Bread	bred
Head	hed
Princess	prinses
Fairy	feri

The 'phonetically correct' way of writing a word will depend on how the child says and hears the word and will differ between children. We encourage them to write the sounds they hear.

However, the tricky words **I, no, go, to, into**, should be spelt correctly as tricky words can't be sounded out.

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c r "car"
a p l "apple"

b i c k e "bike"
p i g
e r p e n "airplane"

t e d b e r "teddy bear"
u n c o r n "unicorn" (I
p a d o "playdough"

m i c r o p h o n e "microphone"