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CHAPTER ONE

Pick the Correct Phonics Method

The first step in teaching your child to read is to pick the correct method. The best reading system, the most tried and true reading system, the reading system that has worked for centuries is the intensive phonics reading system, also called systematic phonics or phonics first. Intensive Phonics is a simplified reading science that deals with learning to read by hearing and distinguishing speech sounds (phonemes) within words and by mastering the art of pronouncing those sounds recorded in printed form (phonograms). For the English language, phonics can also be broken down even further into the method that taught little Candy to read back in the 50's. At *Candy 4WAY Phonics Publications* we refer to that method as the Intensive 4WAY Phonics System of Reading.

Many parents and teachers failed in their teaching venture, because they picked the wrong method.

Before we go into the Intensive 4WAY Phonics System of Reading, let's briefly touch on the three reading methods most widely used today.

METHOD A

The teachers who give reading instruction using Method A refer to this method as one that incorporates phonics, because they believe that it combines "phonics" and "whole language." This method is known as Look/say or the Whole Language method.

I raise two questions for using Method A: Why? and How?

