

# LISTEN FOR LITERACY

Why is listening so important for literacy?



**Who is suited to this program?** ● Early intervention ● Primary school ● High school ● Adult  
**How is this program offered?** ● In person ● Online ● Video conferencing

Listening is so important for literacy because you have to be able to hear the sounds (phonemes) in words, and then learn these sounds correspond with letters. It is known as Alphabetic principle and is the beginning of learning to decode, which is how our brain learns to read and write. Children do this by learning to pull apart words, manipulate them and put them back together.

These skills are considered phonological awareness skills and have been shown to

predict success in literacy. For children with hearing loss to become successful readers they need to be explicitly taught how to manipulate sounds in words.

**Listen for Literacy** starts where the child is at, working its way through ten sequential modules. Sessions are offered on a one to one basis and aim to set children with hearing loss up for success in reading and writing throughout school.

**TO REGISTER** visit <https://fs30.formsite.com/TheShepherdCentre/ListenforLitEnrol/index.html>

For any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Program Coordinator, on **02 9370 4450** or [groups@shepherdcentre.org.au](mailto:groups@shepherdcentre.org.au)

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