Glossary

Vowel graphemes – ways of spelling:
the short *a*, *e*, *i*, *o*, *u* sounds (e.g. h**a**t, p**e**n, s**i**t, h**o**p, t**u**b),
the long *a*, *e*, *i*, *o*, *u* sounds (e.g. pl**ay**, s**ee**, h**igh**, sn**ow**, z**oo**, b**oo**k),
the *ar*, *or*, *air*, *ir*, *ou*, *oy* sounds (e.g. c**ar**, f**or**, f**air**, wh**ir**l, **ou**t, t**oy**),
and the *ire*, *ear* and *ure* sounds (e.g. f**ire**, n**ear**, p**ure**)

Homophones – words that sound the same but have different meanings and are spelt differently (e.g. **hear**, **here**)

Silent letters – letters in words that aren't sounded out when we read the word (e.g. s**c**ent, num**b**)

Prefixes – a group of letters that can be added to the start of a word to make a new word (e.g. well, **un**well)

Suffixes – a group of letters that can be added to the end of a word to make a new word (e.g. short, short**er**)

Exception words – words that don't follow the spelling or phonic rules that children are taught

Plural nouns – more than one person or thing (e.g. **fox** is singular, **foxes** is plural)

Root words – the most basic part of a word with no prefix or suffix (e.g. un**help**ful)

www.ruthmiskin.com/parents has many videos to help you support your child with reading and writing.

For more information on *Read Write Inc.*, please talk to the *Read Write Inc.* manager in your child's school or visit **www.readwriteinc.com**.

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Read Write Inc. Spelling

Extra Practice Zone

Information Booklet

Your child is learning to spell with *Read Write Inc. Spelling,* a systematic spelling programme for children in Years 2–6 (Primary 3–7).

Your child's school has a subscription to *Read Write Inc. Spelling Online* on Oxford Owl.

This booklet shows you how you can help your child practise and consolidate their spelling by using the **Extra Practice Zone**.

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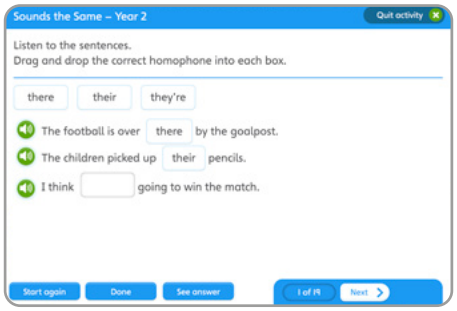
What is the Extra Practice Zone?

This is an area on Oxford Owl with over 1,000 spelling activity screens.

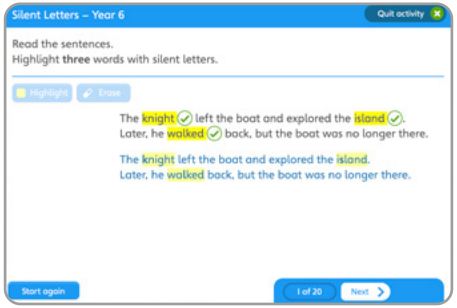
There are a variety of activity types including typing in, matching pairs, multiple choice, and highlighting.

The activities included in the Extra Practice Zone are:

1. **Spell the Vowel** (spelling words with vowel sounds)
2. **Sounds the Same** (using the correct spellings of homophones – words that sound the same but are spelt differently, e.g. hear and here)



3. **Swap, Double or Drop?** (spelling words with suffixes)
4. **Rule Breakers** (spelling words that don't follow the spelling rules)
5. **Playing with Plurals** (spelling singular and plural nouns)
6. **Word Endings** (spelling words with endings that sounds the same but are spelt differently, e.g. metal, pencil, snorkel)
7. **Silent Letters** (identifying silent letters within words)



8. **Spell the Root** (identifying the root of a word with a prefix and suffix)
9. **Odd Sound Out** (spelling Greek/French/Latin words)
10. **Odd Rhyme Out** (spelling rare grapheme-phoneme-correspondences)

Please see the last page of this booklet for a glossary of terms.

How should my child use the Extra Practice Zone?

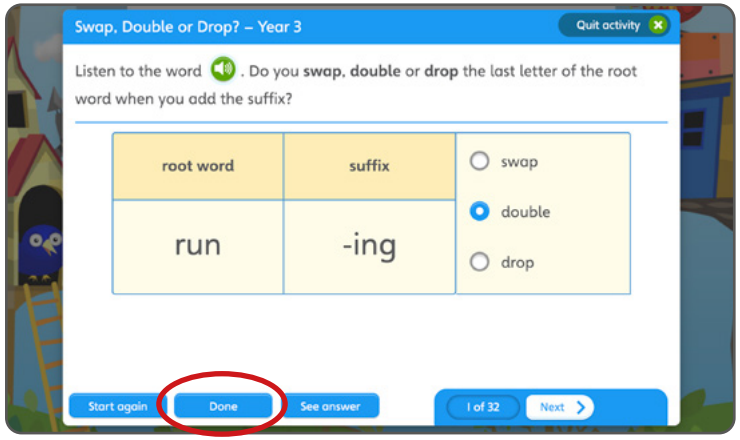
Your child's teacher will tell you which activities your child should complete at home.

To get the best out of *Read Write Inc. Spelling*, we recommend that your child logs into the Extra Practice Zone three times a week, and spends 5–10 minutes on each activity that their teacher has recommended.

Avoid completing activities that your child's teacher has not recommended, as the activities are carefully designed to match the stages of the programme.

Try and enjoy the spelling session – if you don't, your child won't.

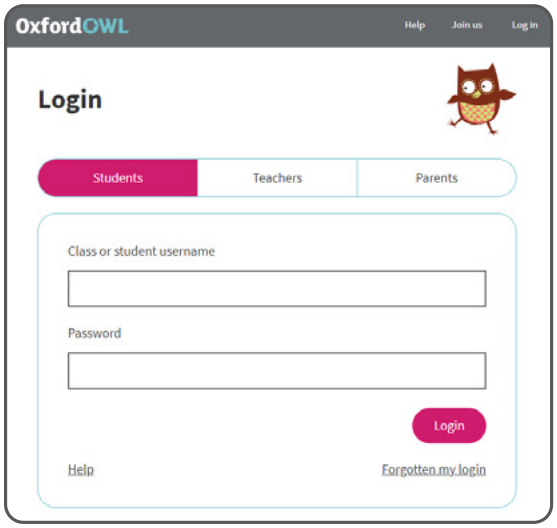
8. Use the ‘Done’ button to mark the answer, and the ‘See answer’ button to show the answer.



How does my child access the Extra Practice Zone?

The Extra Practice Zone can be accessed on Oxford Owl.

1. Go to www.oxfordowl.co.uk
2. Click on the ‘Log in’ button (top right).
3. Type in the class username and password that your child’s teacher has given your child, and click ‘Log in’.



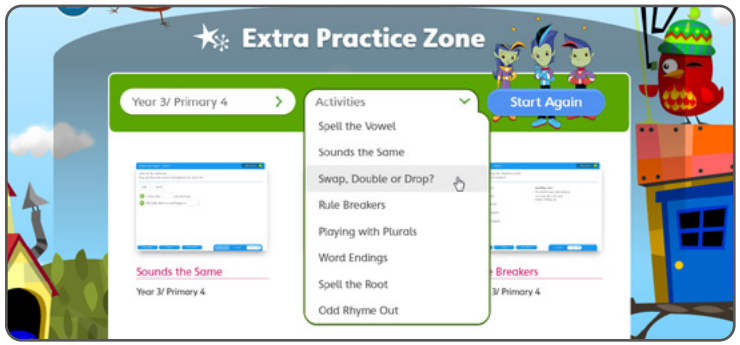
Write your username and password here:

Username:

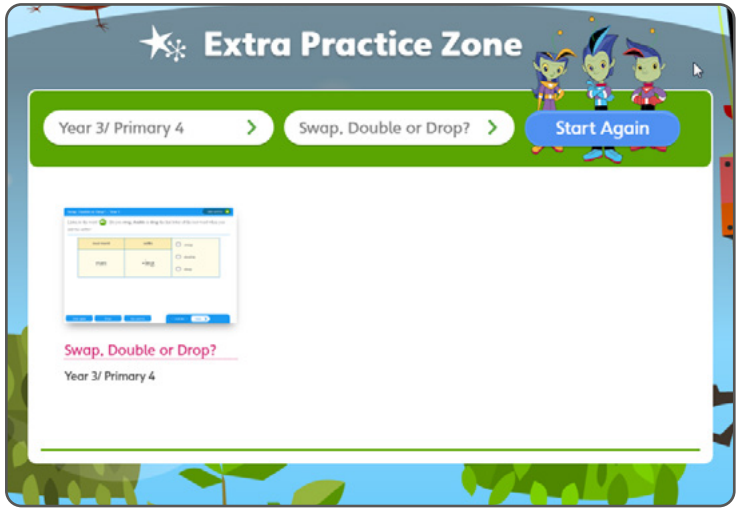
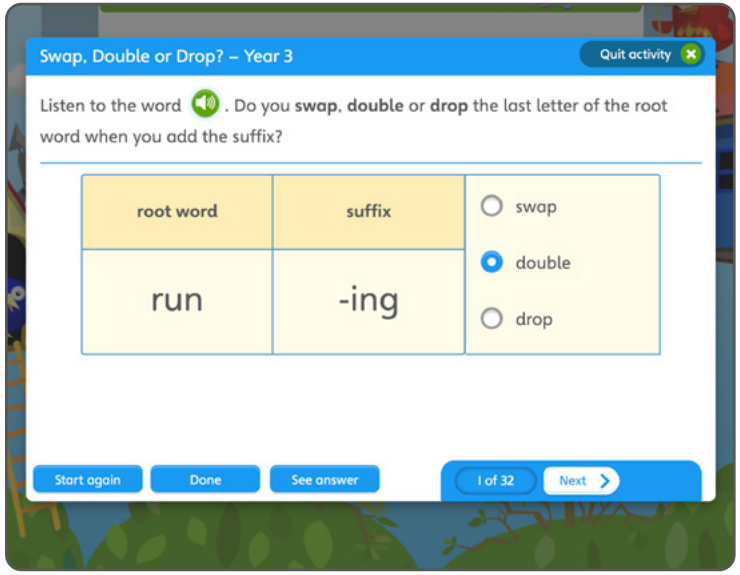
Password:

4. Click on the ‘Extra Practice Zone’ button.

5. Use the ‘Year groups’ dropdown menu to find your child’s year group, and the ‘Activities’ menu to find the activity that your child’s teacher has recommended.



6. Click on the activity to open it.



7. Follow the instructions on the screen to complete the activity.