

Danny Dolphin 1 Lesson Plans

In preparation for the lesson on decoding

Look over the word pages in [Danny Dolphin 1](#)

Choose the vowel sound on which you would like to focus

Make available the page with those words

Choose a word

Make available the moveable alphabet letter cards

Open Danny and place the letters within

Place Danny Dolphin in front of your child

Explain that letters that are grouped together make words

Explain that you are going to be helping your child blend letter sounds

Have your child open the first Danny flap on the left

Ask your child to make the sound of that letter

(If needed use the initial sound of the picture located at the bottom of the letter card as a clue)

Have your child open the second Danny flap

With your finger point to the first letter making the sound of the letter

As you point to the next letter, model blending the second letter sound with the first

Have your child replicate your example

Continue this pattern with the remaining letters modeling less as your child gains competence

Below Danny place a blank piece of paper or card

Help your child write each letter corresponding to the letters within Danny

Ask your child to show you the similarity between Danny's letters and the written word

Ask your child to say the name of each of the letters of the word

Ask your child to say the sound of each of the letters of the word

Ask your child to blend the letters

Ask your child to read the written word

Repeat the process until you have at least two written words

When the next word is written

Mix the written word cards

Ask your child to pick out the word card that is the same as the word within Danny

Ask your child to blend the letters

Ask your child to read the word on the card

Ask your child what the word means

Repeat the whole process using new words until your child is competent at blending sounds

Give your child a chance to place the letters in Danny and teach you