

# Reviews

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## PRODUCT:

### THE FIVE MINUTE BOX

**Advertised age range:** primary (including Reception)

**Skills/curriculum areas:** literacy

**Level of adult involvement needed:** one to one (lessons provided)

**Trialled by:** Edward Huxley, SENDCo

**Setting:** Parson Street Primary, Bristol

## OVERVIEW:

The Five Minute Box is a multi-sensory phonics programme which not only provides resources to develop basic skills for reading, spelling and writing but also to enable the early identification of potential literacy difficulties.

The high-quality resources are particularly useful for teaching early phonics skills and the activities are designed to stretch children to encourage them to learn more sounds, blends and key words through daily rehearsal.

The structure of the Five Minute lessons, is really helpful and involves learning and review of sounds, keywords and personal information; a demonstration CD-Rom is included in order to help schools get the most from the resource.

The box contains everything that is needed for each session and the resources include sound boards, keyword boards, plastic letters and key word cards. In addition, there are photocopiable achievement booklets and work sheets as well as assessment sheets and keyword checklists.

We trialled the Five Minute Box with children in Year 1, but we are intending to extend this to use with



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children in reception when they have settled more into the year.

Children using Five Minute Box have made good progress with their grapheme/phoneme correspondence and their bank of knowledge of tricky words. In the short amount of time they have been using it, progress has definitely been accelerated.



## WHAT THE SCHOOL PARTICULARLY LIKED:

- The children said that they enjoy using the Five Minute Box
- In particular, the children love getting the resources out, setting them up and taking ownership of the environment
- The children very much enjoyed coming out of class to use the box
- The focused 1:1 time has been highly motivating for them and they feel that they are being successful in their learning.

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