

Word Perfect

I obtained a teaching degree from the University of Gloucestershire, completed a TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) course and have now left the classroom to start my own



business: 'Word Perfect,' as an Independent Tutor. During my classroom experience I spent time working one-to-one with struggling readers, and found the work so rewarding, that I decided to specialise.

A Great Teaching System

The 'Oxford Reading System' is a very successful method of teaching children how to read and spell accurately and fluently. It is based on the work of Professor Diane McGuinness and has been adapted by Fiona Nevola B.Ed. M.Sc, who lives and works in Oxford. When learning to read and spell, much confusion can be caused by English having the most complex spelling system of any European language. There are forty-four sounds in the English language and many can be spelt in more than one way.

The Oxford Reading System is the 'key' to the English Spelling Code. It teaches children to read easily and simply using a logical system based on the specific

sound units (phonemes) that are the basis of the English alphabet code. The elements of the system are taught in order from simple to complex. All the children taught to read

using the Oxford Reading System in the early years learn to read and spell simultaneously. When the method is used for 'catch up,' for those who have been left behind, the results are exciting, on average, learners make two to three year gains in 12 to 24 lessons.

Helps All Struggling Readers

This system is designed for children of school age and upwards, as well as adults who have experienced difficulty with reading and spelling. It is also of great benefit to those affected by Dyslexia.

I spent this summer in America preparing two children to enter English schools in the autumn with confidence.

I grew up in the Cotswolds and have recently moved back to the area from Devon. I very much look forward to life and work here as it is the place I love best. If you would like to know more, or to make an appointment please do not hesitate to telephone me on:

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