

Information Guide

Letterland Software (*Living ABC* and *Story Phonics*) and New *Phonics Online*

In the spring of 2019, Letterland launched its new online subscription product called *Phonics Online*. Eventually, it will replace the original Letterland software products *Living ABC* and *Story Phonics*. This shift is similar to what many other companies are doing for software products that were once available on CD's or as one-time downloads – they are replacing them with annual online subscriptions (e.g., Microsoft Office).

The Original Software

One *Living ABC* or *Story Phonics* software license has been included with classroom packs for the past several years. The software license allowed one licensed user to download the software onto one device (e.g., laptop, desktop computer) by using the CD or a website download code assigned to the license. Letterland would provide support to enable the user to move the software to another device (with limitations on how many times). Some schools/districts found this model cumbersome, especially in places where teachers frequently changed devices or where downloads could only be done by a centralized IT person. The software is a supplemental product and is not necessary to teach Letterland lessons.

The New *Phonics Online* Product

This product alleviates the need to download software onto devices. Instead, a teacher can access the product from any device via the internet by logging in with a user name and password.

Almost everything on the original software products is in *Phonics Online*, plus additional content such as sound cards, handwriting songs, phonics readers, new games, a Letterland directory, and teacher resources and toolkit. A chart that shows the differences is available at <https://help.letterland.com/faq>

Summary of Changes

Eventually, Letterland will stop selling *Living ABC* and *Story Phonics* software. However, anyone with an existing software license will be able to continue using this software without having to purchase annual subscriptions to *Phonics Online*, which is a separate product.

Phonics Online is a supplemental product and is not needed to teach Letterland lessons. However, teachers may find the enhanced, interactive content a valuable supplement to the basic Letterland classroom lessons. It is an annual subscription service with a choice of just teacher access (currently priced at \$50 per year), or also adding student access (currently priced at an additional \$2 per year per student).

Further Information

- Visit <https://help.letterland.com> for basic information about Phonics Online.
- Visit <https://help.letterland.com/getting-started/creating-an-account> to create and purchase an account
- Visit <https://teacher.letterland.com> for teacher login

Teacher Guide CD's

Each LL Teacher Guide has a CD with an assortment of materials that support lessons (e.g., lyrics to songs, decodable text, handouts, etc.). If teachers do not have a disc drive to access these files, they can download these files from the LL U.S. website by going to the Teacher Resources page: <https://us.letterland.com/z/teacher-resources> The page is easy to find – just go to the FOOTER on any page of the Letterland U.S. website and it's listed under HELPFUL LINKS.