

THRASS[®]

INSET

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USING THE THRASS WEBSITE www.thrass.co.uk

Many schools use the Guided Training available via the homepage of our website to introduce THRASS (Teaching Handwriting Reading And Spelling Skills) to their staff. This 'Picture-Based' and 'Video-Based' Training website is primarily for teachers, assistants and parents - and it is also useful for speech therapists, psychologists and students of English. On your first visit, click on Next and "The THRASS Man" will guide you through the sections. These include the Overview, Features, Phases and ten Stages of THRASS. Visit the Audio-Video Centre to view a wide variety of interviews and demo lessons.

THRASS ONE-DAY FOUNDATION COURSE

1. SMALL SCHOOL INSET: up to 10 staff for £450 fee, subject to a minimum of 20 additional external delegates from other schools (paying our usual fee of £120 + VAT per delegate, invoiced by THRASS UK). A 'good' date is essential for this option e.g. avoiding SATs and holiday dates in neighbouring LEAs. The host school provides lunch and refreshments for visiting delegates.
2. SCHOOL INSET: 20 staff for £1500 fee - with the option of a reduction of £40 for each external delegate from other schools (paying, as stated above, £120 + VAT per delegate, invoiced by THRASS UK). We are able to provide, on request, the fees for schools with 21-50 staff - still with the reduction option.
3. LARGE SCHOOL/CLUSTER INSET: max of 50 staff for £3000 fee (at £60 each for the day of training). For these three options, the school provides the refreshments and lunch for the day. All fees include some essential course materials - a TEACHING THRASS guide and a THRASS 15 MINUTES A DAY X 2 scheme of work between each pair of delegates from the same school, plus a Desk Size Picturechart and an Overwrite Chart each. (Delegates that are not in pairs will receive all the above).

To secure the THRASS Two-Day Accredited Certificate, delegates will need to arrange or attend a THRASS (Day 2) Certificate Course - with the same or similar costings as the one-day Foundation Course.

THRASS TWO-DAY ACCREDITED CERTIFICATE

1. SMALL SCHOOL INSET: up to 10 staff for £450 fee, subject to a minimum of 20 additional external delegates from other schools (paying our usual fee of £200 + VAT per delegate, invoiced by THRASS UK). A 'good' date is essential for this option e.g. avoiding SATs and holiday dates in neighbouring LEAs. The host school provides lunch and refreshments for visiting delegates.
2. SCHOOL INSET: 20 staff for £2500 fee - with the option of a reduction of £80 for each external delegate from other schools (paying, as stated above, £200 + VAT per delegate, invoiced by THRASS UK). We are able to provide, on request, the fees for schools with 21-50 staff - still with the reduction option.
- LARGE SCHOOL/CLUSTER INSET: max of 50 staff for £4750 fee (at £95 each for two days of training). For these three options the school provides the refreshments and lunches. All fees include some essential course materials - a TEACHING THRASS guide and a THRASS 15 MINUTES A DAY X 2 scheme of work between each pair of delegates from the same school, plus a Desk Size Picturechart and an Overwrite Chart each, and printed certificate. (Delegates that are not in pairs will receive all the above).

All courses are presented by a THRASS Accredited Trainer.

"Excellent! I just wish all the rest of our staff could have been here."

See inside for dates & venues ----->

PRIOR TO ATTENDING THRASS TRAINING:

We recommend that delegates should try to familiarise themselves with the basics of the THRASS approach prior to attending any of the THRASS courses listed below.

The THRASS Approach:

THRASS stands for Teaching Handwriting Reading And Spelling Skills and the programme teaches the 44 phonemes (sounds) of English. Each box on the THRASS Picturechart represents a different phoneme. The 24 boxes above the Vowel Line represent the 24 consonant phonemes. The 20 boxes below the Vowel Line represent the 20 vowel phonemes. THRASS teaches the ways in which the 44 phonemes are represented by looking at 120 key spelling choices, and, within each phoneme-box, the common ways of representing the phonemes are shown by specially selected spelling choices – called keygraphemes. The THRASS Picturechart (Desk Size), (Product Code T-03, £2.50 plus VAT), has 120 pictures/keywords and each of the 120 Keywords has a bold keygrapheme. These keygraphemes can be used to help read and spell lots of other words. The proper word for a one-letter keygrapheme is graph. For example, we say one phoneme for the 'c' in city and we say one phoneme for the 'y' in fly so these are both graphs. The proper word for a two-letter keygrapheme is digraph. For example, we say one phoneme for the 'c' 'h' in chair and we say one phoneme for the 'o' 'u' in house, so these are both digraphs. The proper word for a three-letter keygrapheme is trigraph. For example, we say one phoneme for the 'd' 'g' 'e' in bridge and we say one phoneme for the 'i' 'g' 'h' in light, so these are both examples of trigraphs.

The new SOUND IT OUT software (Product Code S-20, £5 plus VAT) (www.thrass.co.uk/sio.htm) and the free Phoneme Machine Software (www.phonememachine.com) are excellent ways to find out how the THRASS programme works. The SOUND IT OUT software uses pictures and keywords to give adults and children a better understanding of the 44 sounds and the 120 key spelling choices of English Phonics. By using these basic building blocks, adults and children are able to read and spell thousands of English words.

<u>COURSE DATES</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>OPEN OR CLOSED COURSE</u>
5-6 Jan 11	Harlow, Essex	2 for the price of 1 Cert Course - OPEN
16 Feb 11	Glasgow	English Phonics Workshop – CLOSED
28 March 11	Cardiff	English Phonics Workshop – OPEN
14-15 April 11	Rhondda Cynon Taff	Two-Day Certificate Course - OPEN
15 April 11	Denbighshire	English Phonics Workshop – OPEN
26 April 11	Luton	One-Day Foundation Course – CLOSED
27 April 11	Warrington	Demo Day - CLOSED
18 May 11	Liverpool	Demo Day - CLOSED
26-27 May 11	Oldham	Two-Day Certificate Course - OPEN
23-24 June 11	Harlow, Essex	2 for the price of 1 Cert Course - OPEN
6 July 11	Lancashire	English Phonics Workshop – OPEN
6 Sept 11	Suffolk	One-Day Foundation Course – CLOSED
21 October 11	Suffolk	One-Day Foundation Course – OPEN

*Please use the application form on Page 4 to apply for any OPEN one-day THRASS Foundation Courses or Two-Day Accredited Certificate courses. **For information on attending or hosting an English Phonics Workshop, please email courses@thrass.co.uk or call 01829 741413.***

SOUTHERN AFRICA

<u>COURSE DATES</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>COURSE DETAILS</u>
1-2 June 11	Harare, Zimbabwe	Introductory Two-Day Course
3 June 11	Harare, Zimbabwe	Part 2 One-Day Course
6-7 June 11	Mutare, Zimbabwe	Introductory Two-Day Course
9-10 June 11	Joburg, Gauteng	Two-Day Course (TalkTogether Project)
10-11 June 11	Joburg, Gauteng	Two-Day Certificate Course NAPTOSA
11 June 11	Joburg, Gauteng	One-Day Follow-Up Course NAPTOSA
13-14 June 11	Joburg, Gauteng	Two-Day Course (TalkTogether Project)
13-14 June 11	Durban, KZN	Two-Day Certificate Course NAPTOSA
12-13 Aug 11	Joburg, Gauteng	Two-Day Certificate Course NAPTOSA
15-16 Aug 11	Livingstone, Zambia	Introductory Two-Day Course

For up-to-the-minute course dates & evaluations, please visit
www.thrass.co.uk/courses.htm



**TIMETABLE FOR THE ONE-DAY FOUNDATION COURSE
AND TWO-DAY ACCREDITED CERTIFICATE COURSE**
for all teachers and assistants in Foundation, KS1, KS2 and KS3

DAY ONE

09:00 – 10:15

SESSION A: OVERVIEW (1¼ hours)
Family SING-A-LONG resources
Teaching THRASS (TT p8-21)
Profilecard and Keypages sheet

10:15 – 10:45

Morning Break

10:45 – 12:00

SESSION B: STAGES T1 AND T2 (1¼ hours)

T1. Picture Location: locate and name the outline pictures (TT p24-31)

T2. Letter Location: locate and name the letters (TT p32-37)

12:00 – 13:00

Lunch Break

Some resources may be available for viewing

13:00 – 14:15

SESSION C: STAGES T3, T4, T5 AND PHASE 1 (1¼ hours)

T3. Letter Formation: name and correctly form the letters (TT p38-43)

T4. Grapheme Location: locate and name the graphemes (TT p44-49)

T5. Keyword Location: locate and name the keywords (TT p50-55)

Phase 1 (TT s1-5 and p16-17)

14:15 – 14:30

Afternoon Break

14:30 – 15:30

SESSION D: STAGES T6, T7, T8, T9, T10 AND PHASES 2-4 (1 hour)

Overview of Day Two 'Accredited Certificate Day' (below)

THRASS Profilecard - moving from T8 to T1-T5 (and/or T6)

THRASS Hotwords

Final Questions

POLITE NOTICE

Participants not attending the entire two days, or leaving early, will not be eligible for the certificate

DAY TWO

09:00 – 10:15

SESSION A: STAGE T6 (1¼ hours)

T6. Phoneme Location: locate and articulate the phonemes (TT p94 and p56-63)

10:15 – 10:45

Morning Break

10:45 – 12:00

SESSION B: STAGE T7 AND PHASE 2 (T6-T7) (1¼ hours)

T7. Keyword Synthesis: blend, read and spell the keywords (TT p64-71)

Phase 2 (TT s1-5 and p16-17)

12:00 – 13:00

Lunch Break

Some resources may be available for viewing

13:00 – 14:15

SESSION C: STAGES T8, T9 AND PHASE 3 (1¼ hours)

T8. Keygrapheme Recall: visualise and spell the keygraphemes (TT p72-77)

T9. Keyword Analysis: read, spell and analyse the keywords

(TT p78-85 and s8-16)

Demonstration and/or discussion of THRASS-IT software for stages T1-T9

(TT p31, 37, 43, 49, 55, 63, 69, 77, 85)

Phase 3 (TT s1-5 and p16-17)

14:15 – 14:30

Afternoon Break

14:30 – 15:30

SESSION D: STAGE 10 AND PHASE 4 (T10) (1 hour)

T10. THRASS 500 Tests: read and spell the basewords (TT p86-93)

Phase 4 (TT s1-5 and p16-17)

THRASS Profilecard - moving from T1-T10

Final Questions & Course Evaluation (compulsory requirement for certification)

British Government Confirms that THRASS Phonics Programme Really does score 10 out of 10

Earlier this year THRASS UK was one of the first publishers to submit a self-assessment of its synthetic phonics programme for publication on the British Government's new dedicated phonics website. Now, an independent review carried out by the British Government has confirmed that the THRASS phonics programme, sponsored by leading organisations around the world, really does score top marks against its core criteria for a high quality phonics programme, and THRASS UK is delighted with this assessment. <http://www.education.gov.uk/search/results?q=thrass>



I/we wish to attend the THRASS Course at _____ on _____

Please note that your place/s are not confirmed until you receive a letter of confirmation from THRASS with details of the venue, and your bursar has been sent an invoice for your place on the course.

Please use BLOCK CAPITALS and, where appropriate, delete and tick the form.
Please complete a separate form if you have more than four additional delegates from the same organisation.

TITLE	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	JOB TITLE
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SCHOOL.....

ADDRESS

TOWN COUNTY :

POSTCODE Phone No. (Daytime):

This application must have a Postcode and Phone Nos.

Fax No. (Daytime) :

Email Address :

THRASS Course Terms & Conditions

Cancellation Charges: Cancellation can be very costly. Key issues include the reduction in numbers booked and the costs that have been incurred. A 100% charge will be made if a delegate cancels their place less than 4 weeks before the date of the course. You may protect yourself against cancellation by taking out insurance.

Cancellation by THRASS (UK) LTD: If THRASS (UK) LTD have to cancel a course, all course fees will be repaid in full.

THRASS (UK) LTD reserves the right to cancel or relocate the course if:

- There are insufficient numbers to make the course viable.
- The venue becomes unavailable (e.g. through circumstances beyond our control).
- Course leaders are unavailable (e.g. through illness or bereavement).

General:

- Delegates are subject to the venue's standard liabilities in relation to health, safety and security.
- THRASS (UK) LTD excludes liability to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- THRASS (UK) LTD does not accept any liability for any loss, direct or indirect, suffered by any third party.
- **Delegates must attend the full two-days to achieve their THRASS Accredited Certificate.**
- **I/We have read and agree to abide by the above THRASS Course Terms & Conditions.**

Signed: Date:

The fee for individual delegates is £120 + VAT for a one-day course and £200 + VAT for a two-day course. For each PAIR of delegates, the total course fee is £210 + VAT for a one-day course and £370 + VAT for a two-day course. Fees are inclusive of some course materials, lunch, refreshments and the Accredited Certificate (Two-Day Courses only). Payment will be made using the following method:

- Please send me an invoice
- I enclose a cheque, made payable to THRASS (UK) LTD, for the sum of £.....
- I have completed the boxes below for Credit/Debit Card payment

Please charge the fee/s to my Credit/Debit Card Account: Visa MasterCard JCB Visa Delta Maestro

CARDHOLDER'S FULL NAME : CVC Number from Magnetic strip _ _ _

CARD NUMBER: /_ _ _ / _ _ _ / _ _ _ / _ _ _ / _ _ _ / EXPIRY DATE: _ _ / _ _ ISSUE NUMBER (Maestro): _____

SIGNATURE: DATE:

- I have paid the fee/s by using the THRASS Credit Card Hotline 01829 741413

Please return to: Course Co-ordinator, THRASS (UK) LTD, Units 1-3 Tarvin Sands, Barrow Lane, Tarvin, Chester. CH3 8JF
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