

## decoding

(translating  
symbols/letters to sounds  
and words)

is the reverse of



## encoding

(translating words and  
sounds into  
symbols/letters)

*For kids to understand this reversible code,  
decoding and encoding should be taught together.*

mat /m̩/ /ɑ/ /t/ 'mat'



(sound out the letters and blend  
them together into a word)

'mat' /m̩/ /ɑ/ /t/ 'mat'



(say the word, segment into  
sounds and spell with letters)

*Teach reading and spelling in the same lesson!*

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