

Working out new words

When you are reading and come across a new word that you don't know, try one of these 'word attack' methods.

You can use them to help children to read too.

Word attack methods

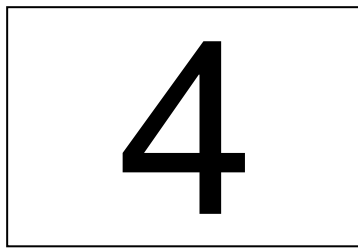
* Sounding out

Sound out the word. Look out for letters or groups of letters you know, then say them slowly.

Remember – some groups of letters may look the same but can sound different.



soup



four



mouse

* Chunking

Some words are words made up of two words. They are easier to read if you break them into chunks.

card | board

* Meaning

Read other words in the sentence for clues to the meaning.

Then go back to the word and try to guess a meaning that makes sense.