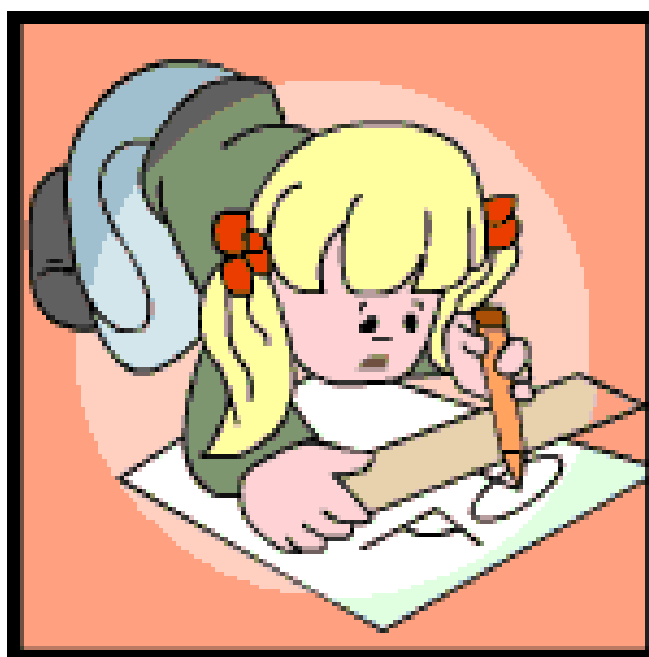


What does an Orton-Gillingham tutoring program involve?



**A summary of the main aspects of an
Orton-Gillingham tutoring program
and how this relates to the Burt
Reading Scheme**

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Orton Gillingham Tutoring

1. Orton Gillingham is **prescriptive**, focuses on the individual needs. Orton Gillingham is a **multi-sensory** approach.
2. It uses visual, auditory and kinesthetic-tactile learning pathways simultaneously. It involves the students more fully in the learning experience.
3. It is not only a reading approach because **reading, writing and spelling** are taught simultaneously. Penmanship, composition skills, grammar, visual/auditory drills, teaching of new concepts, vocabulary building, sequencing skills, sight words are also incorporated in each lesson.
4. Orton-Gillingham is **structured**, meaning that the structure of the language is taught and that each lesson is carefully crafted using the same lesson segments each time and the same processes in teaching the student to the point of **automaticity**.
5. Orton-Gillingham is **sequential**, meaning that the language is taught from the simple to the more challenging; from the concrete to the abstract; from short, regular forms to longer and irregular forms.
6. Orton-Gillingham directly **teaches phonics** - the alphabetic symbol-to-sound and sound-to-symbol relationships. (Decoding/Encoding skills or Spelling/Reading skills)
7. Orton-Gillingham teaches for **mastery**. A careful sequence is followed. New learning is connected with prior learning. Much practice is incorporated and the student is taken at his/her own pace to the point of mastery, or **life-long learning**.
8. Orton-Gillingham is **one-to-one direct tutoring**.
9. Orton-Gillingham gives a **hands-on experience** for the student.

In all aspects of its production, the BURT READING SCHEME used the above criteria to develop the program. The author acknowledges that there are certain activities that have not been included but this is to facilitate the ease with which program can be used by an untrained person eg a parent.