# Basic Phonics Patterns 



5 And 6

Bossy R Patterns
Soft C And G Sounds
Open Syllables And More Dotted Ë And Dotted Ï

## raven



car


they


shield


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Syllable Awareness 5-1 The teacher names each picture. Students clap their hands as they say the word, then count the claps and tell how many syllables. If necessary, to assist the students, pause between the syllables.
3.

The teacher says each word, one at a time: au-tumn, pig, op-po-site, an-kle, jack-et, un-u-su-al, tree, ceil-ing. The syllable breaks are marked. Students do not read the words, they just listen and respond orally.

Syllable Awareness 5-2 The teacher names each picture. Students clap their hands as they say the word, then count the claps and tell how many syllables. If necessary, to assist the students, pause between the syllables.


The teacher says each word, one at a time: rain, cow-boy, tooth-paste, dime, al-li-ga-tor, e-nor-mous, tea, ea-gle. The syllable breaks are marked. Students do not read the words, they just listen and respond orally.

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3.

The teacher says each word, one at a time: sign, la-dy, u-ni-form, goat, ma-gi-cian, tel-e-vi-sion, muf-fin, kan-ga-roo. The syllable breaks are marked. Students do not read the words, they just listen and respond orally.

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The teacher says each word, one at a time: flow-er, chick-en, or-na-ment, pitch, bar-rel, clown, de-tec-tive, u-ra-nium. The syllable breaks are marked. Students do not read the words, they just listen and respond orally.

## A Sound Story

## About Audrey and Brad



## Part 1

One Saturday morning, Audrey and Brad sat in the den, watching the pendulum swing back and forth on the clock on the wall, "t, t, t, t." They were bored.

Hey, Mom," said Brad. "Can we walk down to the park?" "Yes," said Mom. "But we must be back in time for your violin lessons." Soon Audrey and Brad were swinging as high as they could at the park. They could hear the loud sound of the chains screeching as they went back and forth, "i, i, i, i."
(i/in)

Then they jumped down and ran around the park playing chase. Before long, they were out of breath. Brad could hear himself breathing hard, "h, h, h, h."

They all walked home and Mom drove them to their violin lessons. Mrs. Russ was pleased to see them. "Did you practice every day?" she said. "I did," said Audrey quickly. Brad replied that he had practiced, too.
(ī/lilac)

Soon they were playing music. Each violin made a beautiful sound as they pulled their bows across the strings. The sound was " $1,1,1,1,1 . "$
Just as they arrived home from their music lesson,
they heard the "n, n, n " sound of the engine on a big
delivery truck. It pulled into their driveway and the
delivery man handed Mom a package. Audrey and
Brad were pleased to see that new books had arrived
from their book club.
As they went into the house, they could see dark clouds
gathering overhead. Soon, lightning was flashing and
rain was pouring down. The wind blew hard enough to
make the branches on the trees sway back and forth.
Audrey and Brad could hear the sound of the wind
forcing it's way into the house around the front door,
"wwwwww."
"Well", said Mom. "The weather is so bad, this is the
perfect time to go over your math facts." It was Brad's
turn to go first. "Uuuuhhh," was all he could say as he
looked at the flashcards. He had not been practicing
his math facts. When Audrey had her turn, she got
every one right.
The cat had no intention of putting up with Chewie. She
reached out and scratched Chewie right on the nose,
"ffff." Chewie cried out in pain as the cat quickly jumped
over the fence and ran away.
"Poor, Chewie!" said Brad. "She'll know to leave cats
alone, next time." He reached into the refrigerator
and pulled out a soft drink. "Kssss," was the sound of
the air rushing out as he pulled the tab off the can.
After dinner, the whole family watched a movie
together. It was pretty good. One character was a
man who couldn't hear very well. He kept saying
"Ehh?" whenever someone spoke to him. He couldn't
understand a word they were saying. "That man
should get hearing aids," said Mom. "He could hear
much better with them."

| Back in the classroom, Audrey picked up her pencil to |
| :--- |
| begin her afternoon assignment. "Ccc," the lead |
| broke on her pencil as soon as it touched the paper. |
| She reached into her desk to get out another |
| sharpened pencil. It was a good thing she had an |
| extra one. |
| At 2 o'clock, Audrey heard a knock at the door, "d, d, <br> d." It was her father, Dr. Davis, coming to help <br> students work on the computers in the back of the <br> room. It wasn't Audrey's turn to work on the <br> computers, today, so she smiled at her dad and then <br> continued working on her assignment. <br> At the end of the day, Audrey and Brad met their bus <br> group in the hall. Their bus teacher waited for their <br> group to be called. As they stepped outside, they <br> could barely see their bus in the distance, already on <br> its way. "AAAaaah!" screamed Audrey and Brad. All <br> the children were upset. "It's OK," said the teacher. <br> "We'll call your parents to come pick you up." |
| The children waited in the office for their parents. <br> They could hear the sound of the vacuum cleaner as <br> Mrs. Taylor vacuumed the rug, "vvvvr." <br> to the doctor's office to get Audrey's throat checked. <br> She wanted to be sure it wasn't strep throat. As they <br> waited in the waiting room, they watched the fish <br> swim back and forth in the large aquarium. They <br> could hear the "P, p, p, p" sound of the air pump <br> pushing air into the water. |
| Brad was thirsty, so he asked for permission to go to |
| the hall to get a drink of water. He went straight to |
| the water fountain. He turned the handle and leaned |
| over to swallow the gushing water. "G, g, g, g," went |
| the water as it streamed out of the faucet. "G, g, g, |
| g," went his throat as he guzzled the water. |


| Audrey looked up when she heard the "k, k, k" sound of the receptionist's heels stepping across the tile floor. "I need to ask you a question about your insurance," said Mrs. Kendrick to Audrey's mother. "Certainly," said her mother, as she stepped to the office counter. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| When Audrey's exam was finished, the doctor said that she didn't have strep throat after all. Mom was relieved. As Audrey, Brad and Mom returned to their car, Brad accidentally stepped on a piece of yucky bubble gum. "Yyyy," he said. He tried to scrape it off on the edge of the sidewalk. (y/yo-уo) |  | $\mathrm{F}$ |
| Mom took the kids to the park on the way home. They sat at a picnic table and had a snack that she had packed. It was a pretty day. They could hear a mourning dove cooing in the distance, "coo, coo, coo." |  | Qu qu |
| Suddenly they heard a loud buzzing sound, "zzzzzzz." They turned to see an enormous swarm of bees moving through the air. It landed in a pine tree near their picnic table. Other bees flew around in the air nearby. "Let's go home," they all yelled in unison. And that is exactly what they did. |  | $\square \square$ |
| Part 2 - Beyond The Alphabet Sounds <br> A few weeks later, Audrey and Brad and mom and dad heard about a great new movie about a boy and his dog. So, they decided to go to the theater. At the theater, someone in front of them started talking on a cell phone. "Shhh," Mom said, leaning forward in her seat. |  | $S ?$ |
| The movie was action packed and very exciting. Before they knew it, the movie was over. They were the last people to leave the theater. As they walked along the rows, they heard a squeaking sound, "eee, eee, eee." It was a tiny mouse scurrying along the floor under the seats. He was collecting dropped pieces of popcorn. <br> (ē/begin) |  | $E$ |


| At first, they didn't see the mouse. Then it ran <br> right by Mom's foot. "Oh!" she exclaimed, jumping <br> up on the nearest seat. "It's a mouse!" Audrey and <br> Brad giggled a little. They were not afraid of a <br> mouse. |
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| The next morning Audrey and Brad didn't go to <br> school, because it was Saturday. It was cold in the <br> house. Mom got up while it was still dark to boil <br> water for some hot tea. A soft "ttthhhh" sound <br> could be heard as the steam escaped from the tea <br> (thh/thumb) |


| Audrey and Brad decided to have a snowball throwing contest. They took turns throwing the snowballs at the basketball backboard that stood beside the driveway. "Nnnggg," went the backboard as Brad's first snowball hit. "Nnngg," it sang out again as Audrey's snowball hit it, too. (ng/ring) |  | $\mathbf{n}^{\circ}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dad and Mom came outside to shovel the snow off of the front driveway. They all took turns shoveling the snow. Audrey and Brad worked hard, too. After a long time, the driveway was clear. "You two did a great job," said Mom. "Thanks for your help." ( $\overline{\mathrm{u}} / \mathrm{music)}$ |  | $\bar{u}$ |
| "Hey, now we have room to use our new pogo stick," said Brad. He ran into the garage and brought it out. He started to jump up and down with it on the driveway. "Oi, oi, oi," went the coiled spring on the pogo stick as he bounced up and down. <br> (oi/coin, oy/boy) |  | oi |
| Audrey noticed some icicles hanging down from the front porch. As she reached up to get an icicle, she slipped on the icy concrete and fell. "Ou," she said in a loud voice as her elbow hit the icy pavement. Brad went to help Audrey up. She stood up carefully and rubbed her arm. She decided to leave the icicles where they were. <br> (ou/ouch, ow/cow) |  | OU <br> OW |
| Then Audrey and Brad decided to build a snowman. They rolled up balls of snow for the head and middle part of the snowman. Brad rolled up a huge ball of snow for the bottom of the snowman. He rolled until he couldn't go any farther. "Uuuhh," he said as he pushed hard against the giant snowball. "That's as far as I can go." <br> (ü/bush) |  | $\dot{u}$ |
| As they finished the snowman, they looked up and saw a large crow sitting in the tree beside their driveway. He flapped his wings and let out a loud "aw, aw, aw, aw" before he flew away. |  | $\ddot{\partial}$ |

Finally both of the children were worn out. They were tired, cold, and wet from being out in the snow all morning. They went inside and changed into some warm dry clothes.
Audrey's mom used the hair dryer to dry her damp hair.
"Zzzzhhhh," was the sound of the hair dryer as it blew.
(The sound in measure, vision, azure, garage)


After eating peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and apples for lunch, everybody picked out a good book and curled up in front of the wood burning stove in the den to read for a while.
They spent a cozy afternoon reading together.

> The End

## Notes About the Alphabet

The alphabet has twenty-six letters, but the sound story has forty-two pictures. One of the things that makes it difficult to learn to read is that there are more sounds in our language than letters of the alphabet. To compensate for this, some letters are used to represent more than one sound. Other sounds are represented by pairs of letters that give up their original sound to form a totally new sound. It sounds complicated, but here is a short summary of the alphabet sounds. It's really not too hard. Think about how you form the sounds with your mouth as you pronounce each sound.

The alphabet has twenty-one consonants: b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, p, qu, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z. Each consonant represents a sound. When you pronounce a consonant sound, you do something with your tongue, throat, or lips to create the sound. For example, when you say the $n$ sound, you press your tongue against the roof of your mouth. When you say the $m$ sound, you press your lips together.

Two consonant letters, $c$ and $k$, represent the same sound. In this program, each one has its own sound picture, but the sounds are the same.

There are five extra consonant sounds that are designated by pairs of letters, as follows: ch/ chicken, sh/ship, th/thumb, th/this, ng/ring.

One more consonant sound does not have a typical letter pattern to represent it. It is the sound you hear in garage, measure, and vision. The dictionary shows this sound as zh.

The other alphabet sounds are called vowel sounds. You pronounce a vowel sound by "opening your throat." You don't put your lips together or touch the inside of your mouth with your tongue to pronounce a vowel sound. You just change the shape of your mouth. For some vowel sounds your mouth is stretched wide, for others, you drop your jaw and
open your mouth wider. For some vowel sounds, you change the position of your mouth as you pronounce the sound.

The alphabet has five vowels: $a, e, i, o, u$. Each vowel can represent three sounds. The first sound for each vowel shown on the alphabet chart is known as the "short" sound, for no particular reason. The second sound for each vowel is known as the "long" sound. To show a long vowel sound to beginning readers, educators often put a straight line over the vowel like this ā. (Sometimes people use a curved line that looks like a smile, ă, over vowels to show the short sound. I don't do this because it seems to create more confusion for the student.) The third sound for each vowel is a "special" sound. The special vowels are marked with two dots (an umlaut) above the vowel, to indicate the sound is not the regular sound. Two of the special vowel sounds (ë/ballet and $̈ / p i z z a)$ have sounds that match the long a and long e sounds. Two more special vowel sounds are formed by pairs of vowels: ou/ ouch, and oi/oil.

Altogether, we have talked about these sounds: 20 consonant sounds shown with 21 alphabet letters, 5 consonant sounds shown with pairs of consonants, 1 consonant sound without a distinct letter pattern, 5 short vowel sounds, 5 long vowel sounds, and 5 special vowel sounds (of which two repeat long vowel sounds) and two special sounds formed with pairs of vowels. This gives us 41 different sounds, including 26 consonant sounds and 15 vowel sounds.

Note: Everyone does not agree on the exact number of sounds in our language. When you look at different programs, you'll find that each is a little different.

## How to Study the Sound Story and Sound Overview Charts

Read some of the story aloud to the students each day, until you have read the whole story. Being familiar with the sound pictures will help students learn new phonogram patterns and their sounds..

Go over the sound charts at the front of this book at the beginning of each lesson. The student should say the sounds from the charts as the teacher points to each letter or letter pattern. This helps the student create a secure mental map of the letters and sounds. Small pictures from the sound story are shown with each entry to indicate the correct sound. In some cases, there will be more than one letter pattern to represent a particular sound. In other cases, there will be more than one sound for a single letter pattern.

## Studying Sight Words

To introduce a new sight word, show it on a flashcard, say the word, and have the students repeat it in unison. Point out which part of the word can be decoded (sounded out phonetically) as usual and which part cannot be pronounced as expected. Have each student read the card individually, then have students copy the word. Call on a few students to use the word orally in a sentence. Review the words that have been taught, daily, using flashcards, word cards on a word wall, or this chart.

Sight Words

| Review $_{\text {R }}$ | his | as | has | A |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a | I | Book 1 <br> was | of | both |
| the | most | post | wolf | two |
| rich | much | such | which | what |
| who | whom | whose | truth | Book 2 <br> people |
| been | where | there | were | said |
| says | friend | children | won't | don't |
| any | many | busy | only | Bok 3 <br> broad |
| does | shoe | move | prove | lose |
| gone | one | again | against | sure |
| sew | Bok 4 <br> though | through | know | school |
| poor | door | floor | half | calf |
| although | Book 5 |  |  |  |
| once | are | answer | very |  |
| bury | Book 6 <br> height | dinosaur |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |



Say the sound for each letter.

| Beyond The Alphabet" Sounds |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |
| th | $\begin{aligned} & \text { th } \\ & \text { Q } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{ch} \\ \text { 三ntes } \end{gathered}$ |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { oi oy } \\ \text { \% } \\ \text { 等 } \end{gathered}$ |
|  |  |  | measure, vision azure, garage 20 |

Say the sound for each letter or pattern.

Say the sound or sounds for each letter.

|  |  | Stamement |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | b | $⿸$ |  | s. n | d |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{i} \\ & \mathrm{it} \\ & \mathrm{i} \end{aligned}$ |  |  | k |  |  |  |
| qu ${ }^{\text {S }}$ | r gras | S | 鲑 | t |  |  |




Practice the vowel sounds using this chart for a while before introducing the chart with key words on the next page.

| Short Vowels VC | Long Vowels CV | Dotted Vowels |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a <br> ax | ra ven | ä <br> all |
| egg |  |  |
| 1 <br> in |  |  |
| 0 <br> OX | ro bot |  <br> to |
| up | $\bar{u}$ <br> tu lip mu sic |  |

Wait until students are confident saying the vowel sounds on the previous page before introducing this vowel chart.


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| Short Vowels VC | Long Vowels CV | Dotted Vowels |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a | $\bar{a}$ <br> ra ven | all |
| egg |  |  |
| in |  | pizza |
| o <br> OX | ro bot | to |
| u <br> up | u tu lip mu sic |  |

Wait until students are confident saying the vowel sounds on the previous page before introducing this vowel chart.

| sh | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{th} \\ & \mathrm{th} \end{aligned}$ | ch |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| wh |  | ge |
| wh 咯 | ci | gi $\mathbb{N}^{\text {a }}$ |
|  | cy PR | gy ${ }^{\text {d }}$ |

Pronounce each pattern that has been introduced, using the sound pictures as a reference as needed.
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| Ending Consonant Patterns |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ck $\qquad$ <br> ack <br> eck <br> ick <br> ock <br> uck | tch $\qquad$ <br> atch <br> etch <br> itch <br> otch <br> utch | nch <br> anch <br> ench <br> inch <br> onch <br> unch |
| ng <br> ang <br> ing <br> ong <br> ung | ank <br> ink <br> onk <br> unk | dge $\qquad$ <br> adge <br> edge <br> idge <br> odge <br> udge |


| oi $\frac{8}{4}$ | oy | Odd O |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OW <br> 承 |  | Patt |
| ou |  | ou <br> R |
|  | OO <br> ， | oo |
|  | ould <br> 豦盛 |  |


| oi | oy | Odd O |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OW | ow | Patterns |
| ou (9ys | ou <br> 邬 <br> four | Ou <br> $\infty$ |
|  | $00$ $\underset{\text { moon }}{\tilde{\rho}}$ | 00 <br> $\triangle$ |
|  | ould |  |


| R-Controlled Vowels |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ar |  |  |
| When the letter $r$ follows a vowel, it affects the sound of the vowel. This type of pattern is called an " R -Controlled" or "Bossy R" pattern. <br> In the first column, the $a$ in the | er <br> her |  |
| sound. The $o$ in the or pattern has the long $\bar{o}$ sound. <br> For all of the patterns in the middle column, you don't pronounce the vowel at all. You just say the /r/ sound. | 11 <br> bird |  |
| Or <br> horse |  |  |
|  | ur <br> turtle |  |

Say the sound and key word for each pattern that has been introduced, going across each row.

| Umbrella Vowels |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\stackrel{f}{\mathfrak{a}}$ | $\xrightarrow[\text { what }]{?}$ | $\stackrel{\text { á }}{\text { a }}$ | $\ldots \text { á }$ <br> panda |
| $0$ |  | $\mathrm{f}$ | Ou |
| Shady Short Vowels |  |  |  |
|  | head |  |  |

Umbrella vowels have the short u sound. Say the sound and key word for each pattern.
Shady short vowels have a short vowel sound, even though a short vowel is not expected. We call these "shady" because they are trying to trick us.

Say the sound and key word for each pattern that has been introduced, going across each row.

| Long Vowel Patterns |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\overline{\mathbf{a}}$虺部 |  | $\overline{\mathbf{i}}$ 䦡 |
| $\begin{array}{ll} \text { ai } & \text { rain } \\ \text { ay } & \text { play } \end{array}$ | ee feet <br> ei weird <br> ey key <br> ea eat | ie pie |
| a＿e safe | e＿e these | i＿e pine |
|  |  | igh night <br> ind find <br> ild child |




Say the sound for each pattern that has been introduced, going across each row.

| $\left\|\begin{array}{c} x \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array}\right\|$ |  |  |  | y <br> my |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 运 <br> weird |  |  | Long E <br> Patterns With More Than One Sound |
|  | (B) key |  |  |  |
|  |  | ea | head |  |
|  | pie |  |  | Long I Pattern With More Than One Sound |

Say the sound and key word for each pattern that has been introduced, going across each row.


Say the sound for each pattern that has been introduced, going across each row.

|  | y | y |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ēi 道 weird | ëi <br> 0 veil | $\begin{gathered} \text { Long E } \\ \text { Patterns With } \end{gathered}$ |
| èy <br> (2) <br> key | $\text { ëy } \Rightarrow \underset{\substack{\text { they } \\ \text { the }}}{ }$ | One Sound |
| ēa | ea <br> 5 <br> head | ëa |
| $\overline{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{e}$ | ïe <br> shield | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Long I Pattern } \\ & \text { With More Than } \\ & \text { One Sound } \end{aligned}$ |

Say the sound and key word for each pattern that has been introduced, going across each row.

## Dotted Vowel Patterns

| $\ddot{a} \geqslant$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| au Paul |  |  |
| aw saw |  |  |
| all ball |  |  |
| al salt |  |  |
| alk talk |  |  |
| wa wasp |  |  |
| swa swan |  |  |
| Students say the sound of the single vowel at the top of the first column, then say the sound and key word for each phonogram pattern going down the column. Continue in the same way with the other columns. | The dotted ë pattern is taught in Book 6. | The dotted ï pattern is taught in Book 6. |

## Dotted Vowel Patterns

| Ö |  | u | Odd O Patterns |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ö | to | bush | Oi | coin |
| 00 | moon | book | OY | boy |
| OU | soup | ould should | OW | cow |
|  |  |  | OW | snow |
|  |  |  | Ou | ouch |
|  |  |  | Ou | four |
|  |  |  | Ou | soup |
|  |  |  | 00 | moon |
|  |  |  | 00 | book |
|  |  | Students say the sound and key word for each Odd O pattern, going down the column. |  |  |

## Dotted Vowel Patterns

| $\ddot{a} \geqslant$ | $\ddot{\mathrm{e}}$ | 隹 |  | 509 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| au Paul | ei | veil | $\ddot{1}$ | pizza |
| aw saw | ey | they | ie | shield |
| all ball | ea | steak |  |  |
| al salt | eigh | sleigh |  |  |
| alk talk |  | ballet |  |  |
| wa wasp |  |  |  |  |
| swa swan |  |  |  |  |
| Students say the sound of the single vowel at the top of the first column, then say the sound and key word for each phonogram pattern going down the column. Continue in the same way with the other columns. |  |  |  |  |

## Dotted Vowel Patterns



Say the sound for each letter. Say the sound and key word for any additional patterns that represent the same sound.



Say each sound and key word. An x is placed above the letter $e$ to show that you don't pronounce it.

| Ending Consonant Patterns With Silent Letters |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | _ve | give |  |
|  | _ce | fence |  |
|  | _ge | hinge |  |
|  | _Se | mouse |  |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{l} 3 \\ 00 \end{array}\right]$ | _Se | cheese | Consonant Patterns With Silent Letters <br> - The letter v is not used at the end of English words. Use the _ve pattern instead. <br> - The letter $s$ is rarely used by itself at the end of a word. A double _ss is used after a single short vowel. Examples: pass, mess, hiss. The _se pattern is used after a vowel-vowel pattern or a |
| $\frac{888}{80}$ | _Ze | freeze | moose, horse, false, tense, lapse. The $e$ is added after the $s$ to make it clear that the $s$ is not a suffix. <br> - The _se and _ze patterns are sometimes used at the end of a word to show the $/ \mathrm{z} /$ sound. The $e$ is added after the $s$ or the $z$ to make it clear that the $s$ is not a suffix. |

## Silent E <br> Syllables

Every syllable must contain at least one vowel, even if you can't hear it. Many words end with silent e syllables. These are ending syllables that have e as the last letter in the syllable. When you see a silent e syllable, pronounce the two consonants just as you would pronounce a consonant blend. Do not pronounce the e.

Practice saying these silent e syllables.


## Syllable Patterns

A syllable in which a vowel is followed by a consonant is called a closed syllable. In closed syllables, the vowel usually represents its short vowel sound.

A syllable with a vowel at the end is called an open syllable. When a vowel is at the end of a syllable, it usually represents its long vowel sound.

In two syllable words, some syllables are stressed, or emphasized, more than others. In a stressed syllable, the vowel usually has its expected sound. In an unstressed syllable, the vowel is often not pronounced in the usual way. It may hardly be heard at all. This is called the schwa sound. An arrow going under a vowel shows that it has the schwa sound. Go from one consonant to the next, skipping the vowel sound.

Practice reading these two-syllable words.

CLOSED

but ton

## Syllable Patterns

## Unaccented Syllables

The vowels in unaccented syllables may hardly be pronounced at all. This applies to closed syllables and open syllables. This type of vowel has the "schwa" sound. The dictionary shows this sound as an upside down e: Ә. In this program, an arrow going under a vowel shows that it has the schwa sound. Go from one consonant to the next, skipping the vowel sound.

Practice reading these words with unaccented syllables.



Teacher models the sounds,
students repeat.

When ready, students say the sounds without help.


## $\rightarrow \infty$

## br



Beginning Consonant Blends


## Prefixes And Suffixes



Students read the words on this chart as a review. Ask students to explain why each prefix or suffix is used. New prefixes and suffixes will be added to this chart as they are taught in the remaining Sound City Reading books.



sice

## ace _ice uce



1. Would you like an apple slice?
2. Roll the dice to play this game.

3. What is the price for this cap?

4. Dad will slice the bread.

5. Ice melts when it gets hot.

6. A spruce tree stays green when it gets cold.



When the letter r follows a vowel it affects the vowel sound．This pattern shows the $\mathrm{r} / \mathrm{s}$ sound．The $i$ is not pronounced．

| ir | Tras | skirt |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| bird | 星3 | shirt | 4 |
| third |  | girl | \％ |
| fir | 胲 | first |  |
| stir |  | squirrel | 盛 |
| dirt | ¢ | thirteen | 13 |
| dirty | － | thirty | 30 |
| circ | \％ | thirsty | d |
| circle | $\bigcirc$ | birthday | $\underbrace{2}$ |


2. Josh stirs the soup.

3. Today is this girl's birthday.

4. This shirt is dirty.

5. A bird can fly high in the sky.

6. A clown does funny tricks at the circus.

## A Bird

This girl has a bird.
It is a white bird.


The bird is not wild.

It is tame.

The bird is a pet.

The girl likes the bird.

The bird likes the girl.
The bird can pick up a pencil.
And it can dance.

The bird likes to sit
on the girl's shirt sleeve.
The bird chirps at the girl.
The girl gives it seeds.


The girl is glad to have a bird.
The bird and the girl
have a lot of fun.

The End

ge
gi
gy


1. The girl and boy sing on the stage.

2. This is the last page in the book.

3. The giraffe runs away.

4. A snake is in the cage.

5. You can use a squeegee to clean windows.

6. A redwood tree is huge.


## Jake's Magic Show

This is Jake. He can do magic tricks on a stage.


He can pull a rabbit out of a hat.


He can get a bird out of a cage while the cage is
 still shut.

And he can change an orange into an apple.


Jake likes to do his magic tricks!

When the letter r follows a vowel it affects the vowel sound. In this pattern, the letter $a$ has the short $o$ sound.
sur


## ar



1. A bug is in the jar.

2. We went for a ride in the car.
3. A gar has sharp teeth.

4. Chad can do tricks on the bar.

5. This is hard to push.

6. We run from the swarm of bees.


| Syllable | The first syllable in each word below has the ar pattern. These are "bossy r" syl- <br> lables. The second syllable in each word has one vowel followed by a consonant. |
| :---: | :--- |
| Study | These are closed syllables, which usually have the short vowel sound, but some- <br> times have the schwa sound, which is hardly heard at all. Read the first sylla- <br> ble, read the second syllable, and then read the whole word. |
| ar |  |

gar den garden

garlic

market


## car <br> pet

carpet

car ton
carton


## 1. A bug is on the carpet.


2. Pumpkins grow in our garden.


## Mark's Car

Mark has a car.

It is a large red car.

The car can go fast.


Mark likes to drive his car.

Mark says, "It is hard to drive a car, but I am smart.

I am safe when I drive."

First, he starts the car.

Next, he drives to his job.

Then, he parks the car.

At the end of the day, it is dark.

It is night time. So Mark drives
home with the lights on.

The End

erc

1. The crow is perched on a branch.

2. This herd of cattle lives on a ranch.

3. He will give it to her.


| Syllable | The first syllable in each word below is a closed syllable with a <br> short vowel sound. The second syllable in each word has the <br> er pattern. These are "bossy r" syllables. Read the first sylla- <br> ble, read the second syllable, and then read the whole word. |
| :---: | :---: |
| er |  |


| 1 ad | der | ladder |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ham | mer | hammer |  |
| ham | per | hamper |  |
| scam | per | scamper |  |
| plat | ter | platter | \% 080 |
| af | ter | after | 同 |
| win | ter | winter |  |
| zip | per | zipper |  |


| Syllable Study er | $3^{3}$ | The first syllable in each word below is a closed syllable with a short vowel sound. The second syllable in each word has the er pattern. These are "bossy $\mathrm{r}^{\prime}$ sylables. Read the first syllable, read the second syllable, and then read the whole word. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| flip | per | flipper |  |
| splin | ter | splinter |  |
| fin | ger | finger |  |
| sis | ter | sister |  |
| riv | er | river |  |
| sprin | kler | sprinkler | $\frac{11!/ 1}{2}$ |
| cop | per | copper | (20) |
| ot | ter | otter | 20 |


| $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { Syllable } \\ \text { Study } \end{array}$ | -10 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| soc | cer | soccer | 戠 |
| sum | mer | summer | 1 |
| but | ter | butter | , |
| un | der | under |  |
| num | ber | number | 3 |
| lum | ber | lumber | [1] |
| plun | ger | plunger |  |
| let | ter | letter | 2 |


| Syllable |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Study |  |
| er | There are several different patterns in the first syllables of |
| the words below. The second syllable in each word has the er |  |
| patern. These are "bossy r" syllables. Read the first sylla- |  |
| ble, read the second syllable, and then read the whole word. |  |


| Syllable Study er |  | There are several different patterns in the first syllables of the words below. The second syllable in each word has the er pattern. These are "bossy r" syllables. Read the first syllable, read the second syllable, and then read the whole word. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| feath | er | feather |  |
| weath | er | weather |  |
| sweat | er | sweater | (0) |
| Wa | ter | water |  |
| OY | ster | oyster |  |
| ei | ther | either |  |
| nei | ther | neither | $x^{2} \cdot 8$ |
| cof | ers | covers |  |

## er



1. Flowers grow in the spring.

2. The ants are going under the log.

3. The man is standing on a ladder to paint the house.

4. Use the tweezers to get the splinter out of your finger.

5. The rabbit lives in a hole under the ground.

6. This girl is sick. She has to stay in bed. She stays warm under the covers.


|  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ed | d | t |
| rest | saw | bark |
| rested | sawed | barked |
| start | call | watch |
| started | called | watched |
| salt | stay | talk |
| salted | stayed | talked |
| squirt | fear | push |
| squirted | feared | pushed |
| count | snow | look |
| counted | snowed | looked |

## Oil

Oil comes from

that were covered with mud long ago.
Today, people dig deep holes in the soil
to pump up the oil. These are called

oil wells.

Gas can be made from the oil to run
 cars and trucks.

Plastic can also be made from oil.


Toys,

bottles,
and other things that we enjoy are made from plastic.

The End




Use _ing at the end of an action word to show that the action is ongoing.
find
finding
fall
falling
haul
hauling
snow
snowing
pull
turn
pulling
turning
shout
shouting
bring
bringing

## The Life Of A Turtle

This is a turtle. She has a hard shell.

The shell keeps her safe. 滈
Sometimes she sits on

a rock in the warm sun.

The turtle lives at a lake.

She can not go fast on the land.

But she can swim well.

In the summer, the turtle catches bugs

and fish in the lake.

In the winter, when it is cold, the turtle goes to the bottom of the lake. She digs down into the mud. She does not move.

She just sleeps. She stays there until spring time. Then
she wakes up and

starts to swim in the lake again.

When it gets warm, the turtle goes up on the
land. She digs a hole. She lays her eggs in
the hole. Then she covers
them up. Some day, little

turtles will hatch from the eggs.
The End

The _se pattern shows the $/ \mathrm{s} /$ sound at the end of words that have a two-letter vowel pattern or a vowel-consonant ending.
se norse

1. The cat sees a mouse.

2. Jim is inside his house.

3. He gave his dog a bath.

Now he will rinse off the soap.


The $\_z e$ and _se patterns show the $/ \mathrm{z} /$ sound at the end of words that have a two-letter vowel pattern.


## Contractions

Sometimes two words are put together to make one word, but one of the letters gets thrown away. A mark called an apostrophe is put in the place of the missing letter. These words are called contractions.
1.
he i's
he's
2.
she i's
she's
3.
it is
it's
4.
that is
that's
5.
what is
what's
who is
who's
where i's
where's
there i's
there's
how ìs
how's

## I $\not \subset \mathrm{m}$ <br> I'm

## A Trip To The Farm

It was hot.
"Walter," called Mom,
"do you want to go

to a farm?"

Walter's Mom packed lunch in a basket.

Then Walter and his mom got in the car and drove to a farm.


At the farm, Walter saw pigs, chickens, and sheep.


He saw a mule in
a big, red barn.

He saw pumpkins and tall stalks of corn growing in
 a garden.


Walter's Mom fed
a large, white horse.

Walter got to ride
on the horse. The horse walked and
 walked. The horse did not want to stop. Walter did not want to stop. But then his mom called, "Let's wash our hands for lunch."


Then it was time to go home. Walter and his mom had a lot of fun
 at the farm.

The End

Syllale | A syllable with a single vowel at the end is |
| :--- |
| called an open syllable. In an open syllable, |
| the vowel usually represents its long vowel |
| sound. Read the first syllable, read the second |
| syllable, and then read the whole word |

## Syllable Study

A syllable with a single vowel at the end is called an open syllable. In an open syllable, the vowel usually represents its long vowel sound. Read the first syllable, read the second syllable, and then read the whole word.

## $\bar{a}$

 $\begin{array}{|ll|}\text { Name Brad } & A \\ \text { Spelling } & \Delta \\ \text { ground } & \text { out } \\ \text { mouth } & \text { couch } \\ \text { flour } & \text { shout } \\ \text { mountain loud }\end{array}$| ba | by |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| la | dy |  |
| pa | per |  |
| sa | ber | saber |
| la | dle |  |
| ta | ble | made |
| ma | ple | maple |
| sta | ple | staple |


| Syllable Study | $\square$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| se | cret | secret |  |
| Ve | nus | Venus |  |
| re | fund | refund |  |
| be | gin | begin |  |
| e | gret | egret | $\frac{B}{p}$ |
| e | qual | equal | $2+2=4$ |
| be | side | beside |  |
| e | mail | e-mail |  |


syluale
Nyluale



| Syllable |
| :---: |
| Study |

A syllable with a single vowel at the end is called an open syllable. In an open syllable, the vowel usually represents its long vowel sound. Read the first syllable, read the second syllable, and then read the whole word.


The long $u$ sound can be pronounced in two slightly different ways: $u / t u l i p$ and $u / m u s i c$. The $u / t u l i p$ sound is


| Syllable |
| :---: |
| Study |

A syllable with a single vowel at the end is called an open syllable. In an open syllable, the vowel usually represents its long vowel sound. Read the first syllable, read the second syllable, and then read the whole word.


The long $u$ sound can be pronounced in two slightly different ways: $u / t u l i p$ and $u / m u s i c$. The $u / t u l i p$ sound is the same as the ö/to sound. The $u / m u s i c ~ s o u n d ~ i s ~ t h e ~ s a m e ~ a s ~ t h e ~ n a m e ~ o f ~ t h e ~ l e t t e r ~ u ; ~ i t ~ s o u n d s ~ l i k e ~ / y o ̈ / . ~$

## Open Syllables

1. The baby is crying.

2. A ladybug crawls under the tulips.

3. The door is open.

4. He puts the book on the table.

5. A tiny elf hides under the ivy.




6. We are petting the cat.

7. She dropped a bag.

8. The dog wagged its tail.

9. Peter jogged around the track.

10. The rabbit is hopping.


## Baby Sally

This lady has a tiny
baby. The baby is in
the baby buggy. The

baby has on a pink dress. The baby's name is Sally.

The lady takes the
baby for a long
walk. As she
walks, she talks to

the baby. She says, "My sweet, sweet baby."
And she says, "My pretty, pretty baby."

Sally is a happy
baby. She likes to
go on a walk. She

can see the trees. And
she can see the sky.


Sally and the lady go by the pet shop, the cloth shop, and the bank.

The lady
keeps walking
until she gets

to a lake.
Then she picks up baby Sally and sits on a bench beside the lake.

Sally sees a duck swimming
in the lake.
She sees a

frog jumping into the lake with a splash.
She sees a robin flying up into the sky.

All of a sudden,
Sally begins to cry.
Sally is not a
happy baby. "I think

this baby is sleepy. I think she needs to take a nap," says the lady.

So the lady lays Sally in the baby
buggy. She walks back home with baby
Sally. The lady sings to the baby as



Then the lady lays baby Sally in bed to take a nap. Baby Sally is sleeping.

Shhhh! Don't wake the baby up!

The End

## Syllable Study

In these words, the first syllable is a closed syllable, with a short vowel sound. The second syllable is a vowel-consonant-e (VCE) syllable, with a long vowel sound. Read the first syllable, read the second syllable, then read the whole word.
pan
cake
pancake

cupcake
$\begin{array}{ccc}\text { mis } & \text { take } & \text { mistake } \\ \text { in flate } & \text { inflate }\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{ccc}\text { mis } & \text { take } & \text { mistake } \\ \text { in flate } & \text { inflate }\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{ccc}\text { mis } & \text { take } & \text { mistake } \\ \text { in flate } & \text { inflate }\end{array}$
cup
cake

rep
tile
reptile

sun
shine
sunshine

in
quire
inquire

in
side
inside


## Syllable Study

In these words, the first syllable is a closed syllable, with a short vowel sound. The second syllable is a VCE syllable, with a long vowel sound. Read the first syllable, read the second syllable, then read the whole word.

| bon | fire | bonfire |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| um | pire |  |
| con | crete | concrete |
| trap | eze | athlete |

stampede
costume

Neptune


Nep
tune

Syllable Study
vol ume volume
tad
ex
plore
pole
pole
In these words, the first syllable is a closed syllable, with a short vowel sound. The second syllable is a VCE syllable, with a long vowel sound. Read the first syllable, read the second syllable, then read the whole word.
volume
flagpole
tadpole
explore


## Syllable Study Closed-VCE

1. We made a bonfire to stay warm.

2. Billy has to play inside today.

3. Neptune is a large planet made of gas.
4. This tadpole will change into a frog.
5. Why did the herd stampede?

6. These cupcakes are for the party.



## Syllable Study

In these words, the letter o is pronounced like the short $u$ sound. In this program, vowels that sound like short u are called "umbrella vowels." Notice that in these words, the first syllable is stressed, the second syllable is unstressed.


1. This is my little brother. Aht

2. Jake takes the cake out of the oven.
3. I wonder if I will get my wish?

4. There is nothing in the box.


## Syllable Study



## com



plete


Syllable
Study
In these words, the second syllable is stressed and the first syllable is unstressed. The vowel in the first syllable has the schwa sound; it is barely pronounced at all. The arrow tells you to go from one consonant to the other, skipping the vowel sound.
col lect

collect

connect $\square \square \square \square$
con
neat

con fess
confess


## ${ }^{\mathrm{col}}$

lapse
collapse


1. This puzzle is complete.

2. These cubes will connect. $\square \square \square \square$
3. Ned likes to collect shells at the beach.

4. Many athletes compete in the race.


| In the middle | \|in $\mid$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| veil |  | they |
| their |  | prey |
| $\stackrel{x}{h} e i r$ |  | hey |
| reins |  |  |
| skein |  | greyhound |
| reiǵํn |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { conveyer } \\ & \text { belt } \end{aligned}$ |
| reindeer |  | In some patterns, the letter e shows the dotted ë sound. It is the same as the long ā sound. |
| inveigle |  | The ei /veil pattern is used in the middle of words. The ey/they pattern is used at the end of words. |

In the middle
ëy
At the end


1. The bride has a long veil.

2. They ride home on the bus.

3. He must obey his mother.

4. Will the cat catch its prey?

5. Hey! Get that pig out of the way!

6. They are standing in front of their house.


## The Flagpole



This is
Jack's wife,
Rose.
Jack and Rose live on Hope Street.


Jack and Rose have a flag. They would
like to put the flag up. But they do not have a flagpole. So Jack and Rose save some money. They save a lot of money for a flagpole.

Then Jack and
Rose go to the store to get a
flagpole. At the

store, they find just the kind of flagpole
they need. They pay for the flagpole and take it home.

The flagpole comes with a rope. Jack
puts the rope on the pole. Rose puts the flag on the rope.

Then Jack and Rose lift
up the pole. They push
and they pull. But the
pole will not stay up.


Jack takes
the flag off
the rope.


Then Jack
and Rose go back to the store. This
time they get a shovel. They pay for
the shovel and take it home.
At home, Jack and Rose dig a deep hole.
They put the flagpole in the hole.
They push and they pull. The flagpole
 will stay up, but it is not quite right.

Jack and Rose go back to the store.

They find a big bag of concrete. They pay for the concrete and take it home.


Jack and Rose mix up the concrete.
They put the concrete in the hole with the flagpole. They push and they pull.

The flagpole
stands up
just right.



Jack puts the flag back on the rope.

Rose pulls on the rope. The flag goes
up the pole. It goes up high in the air. The flag waves in the wind. Jack is glad. And Rose is glad.

The End

| $\ddot{\mathrm{e}} \mathrm{a}$ |  | bear mos |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| steak | $3$ | tear | $[\xi]$ |
| break |  | wear |  |
| great |  | pear | $9$ |

1. Do you want a peach or a pear with your lunch?

2. Martha is wearing her blue dress today.

潢"
3. This bear lives on the ice.

4. Did the cat break the vase?


## I Like To Eat

 I like to eat meat.

But I never eat a sheet.

I like to eat steak.


But I never eat a rake.

I like to eat a pear.


But I never eat a bear.


I like to eat beans.

But I never eat jeans.


I like to eat bread.

But I never eat thread.


I like ice cream.


But I never eat a dream.


I like to eat a peach. (3)

But I never eat a beach.


I like to eat a meal.

But I never eat a seal.


I like to eat a feast.


But I never eat a beast.


I like to eat peas.


The End

| ëig ${ }^{\times}$ | 國䀎 | ë | 國㘧 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| sleigh | 5 | ballet | 8 |
| neigh | 圆 | buffet | \％ |
| eight | 8 | fillet | （c） |
| eighteen | 18 | crōchet | N |
| eighty | 80 | parguet ${ }^{\text {en }}$ | 気 |
| weigh | © | crōquet | Tod |
| freight | （4） | gourmet | 5 |
| neighbor |  | \％e．am | mism |

# ëig ${ }^{\times}{ }^{\times}$ 


$\left[\begin{array}{ll}\text { Name Brad } & A \\ \text { Spelling } & A \\ \text { ground } & \text { out } \\ \text { mouth } & \text { couch } \\ \text { flour } & \text { shout } \dagger \\ \text { mountain } & \text { loud }\end{array}\right]$

1. The gourmet cook is grilling fish fillets.

2. Jean is eight years old today.
3. A sleigh can travel in the snow.

4. A freight train can haul coal, lumber, and cars.

5. Betty got three skeins of yarn to crochet a scarf.

6. Audrey goes to ballet class every week.


## A Birthday Treat

Jean has a dream. Jean
wants to get a real puppy

for a pet. She wants a puppy with a leather
leash and a red ribbon on its neck.

Today is Jean's birthday. She is eight years old. She will have a birthday meal. Dad is grilling steak fillets. Mom is heating French
bread. Jean is fixing green beans. Their meal

will be fantastic. A birthday
cake with eight candles is ready for their dessert.

Jean hears a bark. She sees dad walk in with a puppy.

The puppy is on a leather

leash. It has a red ribbon on its neck.

Jean hugs the puppy. The puppy licks her
face and wags its tail. Jean thinks this is
a great day!

The End


1. Europe is one of seven continents.

2. Eugene loves to eat streusel.

3. A neutron is part of an atom.

4. This sleuth is looking for clues.



5. Do you want a piece of cake?
6. We will order a large pizza for dinner.
7. The ship is at the pier.

8. Mrs. Spencer will take her niece to see a movie.

9. Mom will bake a batch of cookies.
10. Rita can ski all the way down the hill.


## Two Sleuths

## Spencer


and Eugene

are sleuths. They are eight years old.

They are best friends. Spencer and Eugene
like to explore an empty field in their
neighborhood. They look for clues in the
grass. Spencer sees bent twigs.


Eugene sees footprints in the dirt.
Was a person here?

Maybe it was a thief!


Or maybe it was an Indian chief!

Sometimes Spencer and Eugene get into a feud. They argue over the clues. They don't agree about the footprints.

Eugene believes they are from a fierce bear.


Spencer believes they are
from a knight with
a sword and a shield.


After their feud, Spencer and Eugene have to make up and become friends again. Then they look for more clues.

Later on, Spencer's mom calls the boys.
"Spencer and Eugene, do you want a
piece of pizza? I also have cookies and apple streusel for you."


Then Spencer and Eugene forget

all about the clues in the field. They
are so hungry they even forget that
they are sleuths. Spencer and Eugene
race inside. They like to be sleuths, but
they like to eat, too. They will enjoy a
piece of pizza with cookies and apple streusel for dessert.

The End

| Syllable |
| :---: |
| Study |

## Open Unaccented Middle Syllables

The middle syllable in each word is an open syllable, but it is unaccented. It is not pronounced as forcefully as the other syllables. Do not use the long vowel sound. Use the schwa sound. The vowel is hardly pronounced at all.

## kan ga roo

as tro naut
in stru ments
oc to pus
en ve lope
-


Open Unaccented Middle Syllables
Notice that these are three-syllable words. In three-syllable words, the middle syllable is often unaccented. It is not pronounced as forcefully as the other syllables.

Look at the words above. The middle syllable is an open syllable. However, it is not pronounced with a long vowel sound. It is an unaccented middle syllable. The vowel is not pronounced in the usual way. It is hardly pronounced at all. The arrow tells you to skip this vowel sound when reading the word.

This is called the schwa sound. The schwa sound is often shown with this symbol: ə. When you read three-syllable words, be aware that a vowel in an open middle syllable will often have the schwa sound.


Introduce sight word: dinosaur

## Open Unaccented Middle Syllables

These words also have unaccented open middle syllables that have the schwa sound. Notice that all of these words begin with an open syllable. The vowel in the first syllable represents its long vowel sound.

## Open Unaccented Middle Syllables

1. Dinosaurs were alive long ago.

2. The universe is a huge place.

3. An icicle melts when it gets warm.

4. An octopus has eight legs.

5. Be sure to put a stamp on the envelope before you mail it.

6. The students play many different instruments in the band.


## Open Unaccented Middle Syllables

7. Is it true that a unicorn has a long horn?

8. A kangaroo has a pouch to hold its baby.

9. An astronaut goes into outer space.

10. We sing in unison in music class.

11. Some people wear a uniform to do their job.



| ${ }_{\text {Sllable }}^{\text {Study }}$ | Adjacent Vowels In Separate Syllables <br> Sometimes two vowels that are side by side are in separate syllables．When <br> this happens，you have to pronounce each vowel separately．The vowels do <br> not work together，because they are in separate syllables． |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| cre | ate | create | 遃 |
| re | act | react | $\frac{18}{}$ |
| me | ow | meow | こ戦 |
| qui | et | quiet | 嘼 |
| di | et | diet | \％ |
| gi | ${ }^{\text {ant }}$ | giant | 䢕䫆 |
|  | ${ }^{\text {on }}$ | lion | ） |
|  | $\bigcirc$－lin | violin | （b） |

## Open Unaccented Middle Syllables

1. The cat broke the vase. Now the vase is ruined.

2. The man is pushing the piano to another room.

3. People use gas as fuel for their cars.

4. The radio is turned up too loud. It is hurting my ears.

5. It is wise to eat a healthy diet every day.

6. Please be quiet while people are doing their math.


## Open Unaccented Middle Syllables

7. We read a fairy tale about a giant.

8. Lions roar to tell other lions where they are.
9. The cat is meowing because it is hungry.

10. A fluid is a liquid. It takes the shape of the container it
 is poured into.
11. It is fun to create a painting.

12. How did she react when she saw the mouse?


Sequence Chart - Book 5

|  | Phonogram Patterns | Syllable Study | Suffix Study, Contractions, Punctuation | Stories to Read |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | ce/cent ci/city cy/cycle |  |  |  |
| 2 | -ace/face _ice/mice _uce/spruce |  |  |  |
| 3 | _ce/fence |  |  |  |
| 4 | ir/bird |  |  | A Bird |
| 5 | ge/gem, gi/giant gy/gym age/cage, uge/ huge |  |  | Jake's Magic Show |
| 6 | _ge/hinge |  |  |  |
| 7 | ar/star |  |  | Mark's Car |
| 8 | er/her <br> (one-syllable words) |  |  |  |
| 9 | er/her <br> (two-syllable words) |  |  | The Foot Book by Dr. Seuss (Random House, 1968) |
| 10 | er/her (more two-syllable words) |  | _ed \#3 | Oil |
| 11 | ur/turtle |  | _ing \#3 | The Life Of A Turtle |
| 12 | _se/mouse |  |  |  |
| 13 | _se/cheese _ze/freeze |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Contractions with is \# 2 Contraction with $a m$ | A Trip To The Farm |

Soft C And G Sounds, Bossy R Patterns

|  | New Sight Words | New Phonetic Words | Compound Words <br> Antonyms, Synonyms, <br> Homonyms |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 |  | cent, city, cycle, pencil, princess, fan- <br> cy, spruce, ceiling, mice, race | spaceship, anyplace, cent/sent/ <br> scent, nice-mean, give-receive |
| 2 |  | face, race, ace, space, rice, mice, <br> dice, slice, price, spruce | fence, prince, dance, lance, prance, <br> force, bounce, voice, choice, juice |
| 3 | once fencepost |  |  |
| 4 |  | girl, bird, dirt, fir, stir, shirt, third, <br> first, skirt, squirrel | bluebird, birdhouse, girl-boy, <br> nightshirt, sweatshirt, first-last |
| 5 | gem, gel, giraffe, gymnastics, magic, <br> squeegee, page, stage, cage, huge | birdcage, backstage <br> 7 |  |

Sequence Chart - Book 6

|  | Phonogram Patterns | Syllable Patterns | Suffix Study, Contractions, Punctuation | Stories to Read |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 |  | a/raven |  |  |
| 2 |  | e/begin |  |  |
| 3 |  | i/lilac |  |  |
| 4 |  | o/robot |  |  |
| 5 |  | o/oval |  |  |
| 6 |  | u/tulip u/music | jogged, jogging <br> Words | Baby Sally |
| 7 |  | cup-cake, bon-fire |  |  |
| 8 |  | trap-eze, cos-tume, flagpole |  |  |
| 9 |  | shov-el, moth-er |  |  |
| 10 |  | con-fess, com-pare |  |  |
| 11 | ei/veil |  |  |  |
| 12 | ey/they |  |  | The Flagpole <br> Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss (Random House, 1960) |
| 13 | ea/steak |  |  | I Like To Eat <br> Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin Jr., illustrated by Eric Carle (Henry Holt and Company, 1967) |
| 14 | eigh/sleigh ë/ballet |  |  | A Birthday Treat <br> Ten Apples Up On Top! by Theo. LeSieg, illustrated by Roy Mckie (Random House, 1961) |
| 15 | eu/neutron <br> eu/Europe |  |  |  |
| 16 | ï/pizza |  |  |  |
| 17 | ïe/shield |  |  | Two Sleuths |
| 18 |  | Unaccented middle syllables |  | Put Me In The Zoo by Robert Lopshire (Random House, 1960) (violet) |
| 19 |  | Adjacent vowels in separate syllables |  |  |


| Syllable Study, Dotted Ë And İ Patterns |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | New Sight <br> Words | New Phonetic Words | Compound Words Antonyms, Synonyms, Homonyms |
| 1 |  | raven, acorn, label, apron, table, lady, baby, tasty, paper, saber | ladybug, baby-adult, |
| 2 |  | Venus, refund, begin, secret, equal, tepee, below, beside, fever, zebra |  |
| 3 |  | minus, title, pilot, bison, quiet, ibis, lilac, ivy, tiny, tiger |  |
| 4 |  | open, robot, donut, bonus, total, topaz, broken, proton, program | overcoat, turnover, pushover, open-shut, over-under |
| 5 |  | oval, over, clover, pony, trophy, oboe, sofa, cola, cobra, okra |  |
| 6 |  | music, tulip, student, Cupid, duet, ruler, ruby, tuba, fluid, unite | tiny-huge, plus-minus, hi/ high |
| 7 |  | cupcake, inflate, mistake, pancake, bonfire, umpire, inside, sunshine, reptile, inquire |  |
| 8 |  | stampede, trapeze, athlete, concrete, costume, volume, Neptune, explore, tadpole, flagpole |  |
| 9 |  | mother, brother, nothing, oven, shovel, dozen, wonder, covers, money, honey |  |
| 10 |  | confess, collect, connect, confuse, compute, pollute, complain, compare. compete, complete |  |
| 11 |  | their, heir, veil, reins, skein, reign, reindeer, inveigle | rain/rein/reign, air/heir, vale/veil, our-their |
| 12 |  | they, hey, prey, obey, conveyer belt, greyhound | obey-defy, hay/hey, pray/prey |
| 13 |  | steak, break, great, bear, tear, wear, pear | swimwear, fix-break, bear/ bare, break/brake, steak/ stake, pear/pare/pair |
| 14 | height | sleigh, neigh, weigh, eight, freight, neighbor, eighty, fillet, ballet, buffet | sleigh/slay, eight/ate, weigh/way, neigh/nay, wait/weight |
| 15 |  | feud, sleuth, neutron, streusel, Eugene, Europe, deuce, eureka |  |
| 16 |  | ski, taxi, kiwi, pizza, Rita, liter, piano, Indian, radio, zinnia | windshield |
| 17 |  | field, shield, chief, grief, niece, piece, pier, fierce, movie, cookie |  |
| 18 | dinosaur | envelope, octopus, dinosaur, astronaut, instruments, kangaroo, unicorn, uniform, universe, icicle |  |
| 19 |  | react, create, meow, poem, diet, quiet, lion, giant, fluid, fuel |  |

## Three Different Formats To Teach The Same Material

Sound City Reading has three sets of books that teach the same phonetic patterns, syllable patterns, suffixes, and contractions in the same order. Each set is divided into eight books, which teach phonics patterns in the sequence shown below. The sets all include the same set of phonetic practice stories, which coordinate with the patterns being taught. In some cases, more than one book are bound together, as shown on the chart below. Each set of books has a different format, so that instructors can choose the set of books which will work the best with their budget and their students.

Book 1 Consonant blends and digraphs, ō/go, è/me, or/horse, ö/to, umbrella vowels a/what and o/son, first syllables with a long vowel sound, and PREVIEW lists for oi/coin, oy/boy, ou/ouch, ow/ cow, ü/bush, and ä/all
Book 2 Two-syllable words with short vowels, vowel-vowel and vowel-consonant-consonant long é, long $\bar{a}$, and long $\overline{1}$ patterns, and vowel sounds for y
Book 3 Vowel-vowel and vowel-consonant-consonant long $\bar{o}$ and $\bar{u}$ patterns, short/long vowel discrimination (tap/tape), umbrella vowels o_e/love, a_/across, and _a/panda, and dge/fudge

Book 4 "Odd O" patterns oi, oy, ow, ow, oo, and ould, dotted ü and dotted ä patterns, umbrella vowel ou/country

Book 5 "Soft" sounds for c and g , r-controlled vowel patterns, ending consonant patterns that end with a silent e

Book 6 Two-syllable words with the first syllable open, two-syllable words with a v-c-e pattern in the second syllable, dotted ë and ï patterns
Book 7 Advanced r-controlled vowel patterns
Book 8 Two-letter consonant patterns, a/father, more dotted ä patterns, more patterns with y as a vowel.
$\left.\begin{array}{|l|l|l|}\hline \begin{array}{c}\text { Phonetic Words And Stories } \\ \text { Books 1-8 }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Basic Phonics Patterns } \\ \text { Books 1, 2, 3, 4, 5-6, 7-8 }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Know The Phonetic Code } \\ \text { Volumes 1-3 }\end{array} \\ & & \begin{array}{c}\text { Vol. 1 = Short Vowels, } \\ \text { Books 1 And 2 }\end{array} \\ & & \text { Vol. 2 = Books 3, 4, And 5 } \\ \text { Vol. 3 = Books 6, 7, And 8 }\end{array}\right]$

## The Main Idea

The English language is phonetic. It uses letters and letter patterns, called phonograms, as written symbols to represent the sounds in words. The Basic Phonics Patterns books teach ninety-nine basic phonogram patterns and all of the common syllable patterns that are needed to begin reading and writing.
I. Students learn new phonics patterns and syllable patterns, one at a time.
A. Students see new and review patterns and say the sounds.

1. From sound charts that show sound pictures with phonics patterns
2. From phonics pattern flashcards
B. Students hear the sounds for letters and phonics patterns and write them from memory, while repeating the sounds.
II. Students immediately apply each new phonics pattern or syllable pattern to spell and read words and sentences.
A. Students spell words with the new pattern from dictation, using a multi-sensory approach. As they spell they say the individual sounds in the words while writing the related letters or letter patterns.
B. Students write a sentence from dictation.
C. Students read words with the new phonics pattern. The words are illustrated to build interest and reinforce comprehension.
D. Students read a few sentences that have words with the new phonics pattern.
III. After several new phonics patterns or syllable patterns have been introduced, students read a short practice story containing words with both new and review patterns. The practice stories include only the phonetic patterns that have been taught. Students who are already reading may continue to read materials at their current reading level.
A. Students learn new suffixes as needed before reading a new story.
B. Students learn new contractions as needed before reading a new story.
C. Students learn common sight words as needed before reading new sentences and stories. Sight words are introduced after a new phonetic pattern has been taught. For example, first students learn to read words with the long ē sound, shown with the ee pattern: feet, seed, heel, and sheep. Then they are introduced to the sight word been, which does not have the long ē sound.

## Materials To Use With The Basic Phonics Patterns Books

PDF files for the materials listed below can be downloaded without charge at www.soundcityreading.net.

Basic Phonics Patterns, Books 1, 2, 3, 4, 5-6, 7-8
Alphabet Flashcards, Lower Case
Beyond The Alphabet Sound Cards
Phonics Patterns Flashcards (Phonogram Cards)
Sound Story Picture Cards, Parts 1 And 2
Sight Word Flashcards
Games: Caterpillar Game, Truck Chart Games, Long Vowel City, Sight Word Game
Optional: Letter Connections Activity (Small version)
Phonemic Awareness Picture Pages
For A Classroom: Phonics Patterns Wall Charts
A Sound Story About Audrey And Brad (full sized book)

## Other Materials Needed

- Children's trade books listed on the sequence charts for Books 5-6 and 7-8 will need to be borrowed from the library or purchased.
- Plastic letters for spelling words
- Students will need pencils and lined paper appropriate for their age for dictation lessons.
- Teachers will need a chalk board, white board, or overhead projector to demonstrate letter formation, model spelling, and introduce suffixes and contractions.
- Students will need a large chalkboard. The will trace large letter patterns on the chalkboard as part of their handwriting instruction.
- Teachers will need a variety of children's books to read aloud daily to the students.
- Students who are already reading will need books at their current reading level to read during small group instruction.


## What Students Need To Know

Students should have mastered the skills listed below before beginning the set of Basic Phonics Patterns books.
I. Students should recognize the letters of the alphabet, and be able to give their sounds.
II. Students should be able to write the letters confidently, using the correct letter formation. If there are students in the class who cannot yet write the alphabet letters automatically and accurately, choose one of the Sound City Reading
handwriting books and teach/reteach letter formation to the whole class as they begin Basic Phonics Patterns, Book 1. Introduce one or more new letters per day.
III. The ability to hear and manipulate the individual sounds (called phonemes) in spoken words is called phonemic awareness. There are several phonemic awareness skills that students should be able to perform confidently before starting the series of Basic Phonics Patterns books. These are listening skills that do not involve written words. Students who have completed Learning The Alphabet, Books 1-2, Exploring Sounds In Words, and any one of the Short Vowel Words And Sentences books have been exposed to many phonemic awareness lessons, and may not need additional instruction in this area. If there are students who have not received phonemic awareness instruction or students who need extra practice and review, the Phonemic Awareness Picture Pages book can be used to practice the needed skills, listed below.
A. Students should be able to hear and identify beginning and ending sounds in spoken words.
B. Students should be able to listen to a set of spoken words and choose the words that rhyme.
C. Students should be able to: 1) hear the teacher say the individual sounds in a word, pronounced separately, 2) put the sounds together mentally, and 3 ) pronounce the word normally. This is called oral blending. It prepares students to read words phonetically.
D. Students should be able to: 1) hear a word spoken aloud normally by the teacher, and 2) break it apart into its individual sounds, pronouncing them separately, with a slight pause between the sounds. This is called segmenting. It prepares students to spell words phonetically.
IV. Students should be able to read and spell short vowel words. Three different color-coded books are available from Sound City Reading which teach short vowel words: Rhyming Short Vowel Words And Sentences, Mixed Short Vowel Words And Sentences, or Two-Page Short Vowel Words And Sentences. Another book, Basic Short Vowels, introduces short vowel words in the same format as the Basic Phonics Patterns books. Short vowel instruction is included in Know The Phonetic Code, Volume 1.
V. Students should be able to read and spell these sight words: is, his, I, as, has, was, a. The words are taught at the short vowel level and they are reviewed at the beginning of Basic Phonics Patterns, Book 1.
VI. A sound story is included at the beginning of each book. The story can be used with individual students when tutoring. A larger version of the story can be used with a group. Students will already be familiar with A Sound Story About Audrey And Brad, Part 1, if they have used the Sound City Reading materials at the previous levels. Reread part one of the story aloud to review it and use the sound picture cards to make sure students know the sound for each picture. You will read A Sound Story About Audrey And Brad, Part 2 aloud to the students, one new pattern at a time, as they work through Basic Phonics Patterns, Book 1, as shown on the sequence chart.

# Understanding The Teaching Process In This Program 

Use These Materials As Part Of A Balanced Reading Program

This program is designed to teach phonetic patterns and word structure quickly and efficiently, so that students will develop automatic word recognition skills. The goal is to enable students to read a variety of age-appropriate books, including stories, both fiction and non-fiction, and expository texts in the areas of science and social studies. The phonics lessons are meant to be stepping stones to the enjoyment of reading real books.

The lessons are meant to be only a part of the reading curriculum. It's important for students to be exposed to real books from the very beginning, even before students are reading. Each day's work should include working directly with high quality children's books. Teachers should select a wide variety of appropriate books and read them aloud, discussing them with the class. Students can respond orally and by drawing pictures.

Once students begin reading, they should read from real books each day starting as soon as possible, with guidance from the teacher.

## Using A Phonetic Program

For this type of program to succeed, students need to spend enough time practicing their new skills every day. The learning to read process is a one-time experience for students. Extended lesson times help students to move forward quickly while mastering the necessary materials. Each lesson component is included to make sure that, as far as possible, every student learns to spell and read well. This is a great gift to the students.

The lessons are set up so that students receive direct instruction and feedback from the teacher throughout the period. They also are given many active opportunities to practice what they are learning each day by saying sounds, writing sound patterns and words, and reading words, sentences, and stories. This active engagement creates the best possible outcome for the students.

Because the instruction focuses on phonetic patterns and the phonetic structure of words, students will not need to learn hundreds of random words using rote memory. Instead, students learn both an encoding process and a decoding process that they can apply logically to any words that have phonetic patterns that they have learned. Words with the same pattern are taught together, allowing students enough practice with each new pattern to thoroughly master it. This allows students to make rapid progress. They will be able to apply their knowledge of phonics patterns and syllable patterns to read hundreds of new words, preparing them to read a variety of interesting and enjoyable stories, expository books, and poems.

## Understanding Oral Blending And Segmenting

In this program, students practice decoding new words by looking at each letter or letter pattern in the word, going from left to right. Each letter or pattern represents a sound. If a student knows these sounds, he or she can put them together mentally to identify and pronounce the word. For example, students look at
the word sheep and see the symbols for three sounds: sh....ee......p. Students then slide the three sounds together smoothly to pronounce the word: sheep. This skill is called oral blending.

Students learn to do just the opposite when spelling words. They hear the whole word and break it apart orally into its separate sounds. This is called segmenting a word.

## Using Two-Sound Blending To Help Students Decode Smoothly

When students decode new words, they must be able to slide the sounds together smoothly so that they will be able to recognize the word. This is a surprisingly complex skill that is easier for some students than others. When studying a new phonetic pattern, many students benefit enormously if they practice sliding two sound units together before they attempt to read whole words. For the most part, these sound combinations are not real words. That is why, in this program, they are called "silly sounds," because they have no meaning.

Students can practice this type of sound blending using the smaller version of the Letter Connections Activity, which will fit in a table top pocket chart. This set include columns of consonants in alphabetical order and separate cards that show the various vowel patterns. The cards are moved down each column of consonants while students pronounce the sound combinations. The sets are available at www.soundcityreading.net.

First students pronounce combinations that begin with a new vowel pattern. For instance, when studying the ee/feet pattern, students might say eeb, eec, eed, eef, eeg, and so on. Next students pronounce combinations that begin with a consonant, using the same vowel pattern. For example, students might say bee, dee, fee, hee, jee, kee, and so on. Mastering this warm-up activity makes it easier for students to begin spelling and reading new words.

With students who find this activity difficult, consistent practice over a period of time will often lead to a high level of success. After developing this skill students are able to read phonetic words much more easily.

## Planning The Lessons

You will teach one new phonetic pattern, one new syllable pattern, or one new set of consonant blends each day. This means that you will be working through the patterns very quickly. On one hand, this is a good approach, because it allows students to cover all of the basic patterns quickly. They will not have to wait too long before they can begin reading regular books. On the other hand, students will need a lot of curriculum support so that they can remember the many patterns automatically when they see them in words. This support has been built into the program. If you follow the lesson plan and have students say the sounds from the sound charts, say the sounds from the phonogram cards, and have them write the patterns from oral dictation, you will be pleased with their ability to remember the patterns and sounds.

Don't be misled and think that it will be all right to skip the sound charts, sound cards, and sound dictation. Students may still be able to read and spell new words using the new patterns. But they may quickly forget the patterns unless
they review them daily as described above. Practicing every day is the key for building mastery.

Following the correct sequence is important. Go in the order that the patterns appear on the sequence chart and in each book. Always go from one new pattern to the next as they appear on the student pages, without skipping or jumping around. This ensures that students will be able to read the materials successfully. As they read words, sentences, and stories, students typically will see only the patterns that they have learned, which means they won't need to guess at unfamiliar words. This builds a lot of confidence with beginning readers or uncertain readers. (A very few words have patterns that have not yet been taught. The unfamiliar patterns are always marked so that students will know how to pronounce them.)

For students above the first grade level, you may be able to study two or more patterns per day, if students are able to master the material. This will depend on the experience and maturity level of the students.

Studying the new pages in the book will be one of the last things you do during each day's lesson. All of the previous parts of the lesson plan prepare students to read the new pages confidently and successfully.

Before reading words from the book, students will spell them. Students are taught to analyze the sounds in the words carefully, so that they can write the letters and letter patterns needed to spell the words.

In the lesson plan outline, you will see a number of supplemental activities that can also be done to prepare students to read a new set of words.

You will plan lessons by looking at the pages that will be taught each day. Students will learn a new phonetic pattern or syllable pattern, and they may also study a suffix pattern or set of contractions. On some days students will be ready to read a new practice story. A sequence chart is included in each book to provide an overview of all the skills taught. It will be helpful for planning purposes.

## Making A Dictation Outline

To prepare for the spelling dictation part of the lesson, you will need to fill in a dictation outline. The outline includes the new words to spell and a sentence with one of the new words. It also includes any new or review sight words and any words with suffixes or contractions as needed.

There are two versions of the outline. Version 1 is the easiest to plan. Each day, it lists a set of letters, phonics patterns, and beginning consonant blends for students to write from dictation as a review. The patterns are chosen on a rotating basis.

Version 2 is the easiest for the students. It lists the exact letters, phonics patterns, and beginning consonant blends for students to practice, based on the words and sentence used in the lesson. You will start with the sentence and work backwards, so that all of the letters, letter patterns, and words in the sentence are dictated individually during the lesson before the students are asked to write the sentence.

You can plan the lesson using either version as you prefer. Follow the steps on the How To Create The Dictation Outline charts, Version 1 or Version 2.

## Working With The Letter And Phonogram Sounds

Listen to the sounds of the phonetic patterns at www.soundcityreading.net so that you will be confident when teaching them to the students. Both audio and video files are included to demonstrate the sounds on the sound charts for various books.

As students learn new patterns, you will include them in the daily sound review on the alphabet charts and phonogram cards. Students will gradually cover more of the charts as they learn more patterns.

Each single vowel can represent three types of sounds, as described below.

- The short vowel sounds are a/ax, e/egg, i/in, o/ox, and u/up. Short vowels are not marked.
- The long vowel sounds are $\bar{a} /$ raven, $\bar{e} / b e g i n, ~ \overline{1} / l i l a c, ~ \bar{o} / r o b o t, ~ a n d ~ \bar{u} / t u l i p ~ o r ~ \bar{u} / m u s i c . ~$ The long vowels are marked with a straight line, as shown.
- The dotted vowel sounds are ä/all, ë/ballet, ï/pizza, ö/to, and ü/push. The dotted vowels are marked with two dots, as shown. The dotted sounds in this program do not necessarily match the dotted sounds in the dictionary.

As students work through the program, in some cases extra sounds will be taught for a letter or pattern that has already been learned. For example, when beginning this book, students will only say the short $a$ sound for the letter $a$. After learning the long sound and dotted sound for the letter $a$, students will respond to the sound charts and the $a$ card with all three sounds, a, $\overline{\mathrm{a}}$, ä, pausing briefly between each sound.

In another example, after learning the first two ea patterns in Book 2, students will say the ēa and ea sounds when they see the sound chart and ea card. In Book 6, students learn a third sound for ea, the dotted ë sound, as heard in ëa/steak. At that point they will begin saying all three sounds, ēa, ea, ëa, for this pattern.

The teacher will say the sounds for the letters and phonics patterns in the same way during the dictation period. During this part of the lesson, the students don't see the patterns. They must listen to the sounds, remember the pattern, and write it.

The following symbols are used on the sound charts and word lists.


A small picture of a broken ruler indicates that a phonetic pattern is a "rule breaker." It is not pronounced in the expected way.

A small umbrella above a vowel shows that it represents the u/umbrella sound (short u sound) in that word. These are some examples of umbrella words: was, what, son, of, across, panda, love. While these patterns are essentially rulebreakers, they are taught as phonetic patterns because they are so common.


A pair of glasses is used to indicate sight words, words that cannot be sounded out in the usual way.

A curved arrow going under a vowel means "skip the vowel sound and go directly to the next consonant." This occurs when vowels are in unaccented syllables.

## Lesson Plan Outline

## A. Sound/Symbol Relationships

Sound Story, Part 2 - When you begin Basic Phonics Patterns, Book 1, look at the sequence chart to see when to read each section of part two of the sound story aloud. As you work through Book 1, you'll introduce all of the new sound pictures and related patterns. After introducing a new sound picture and letter pattern, review all of the part two sound pictures and letter patterns that have been taught, using the Sound Story Pictures Part 2 flashcards and the Beyond The Alphabet Sound Cards. Note: If students have not been introduced to Part 1 of the sound story, introduce it first.

Handwriting - At the beginning of the year, use one of the Sound City Reading handwriting books to teach or review how to write the letters of the alphabet. For students in first grade, introduce one new capital and lower case letter per day. In second grade and up, review several letters a day until all of them have been mastered. For older students, introduce cursive writing using one of the Sound City Reading cursive handwriting books. Teach one new capital and lower case letter per day. For both manuscript and cursive handwriting instruction, students trace large letter patterns on the chalkboard and in the handwriting books before writing the letters on regular lined paper.

| 1. | Introduce a new phonetic pattern each day using the phonogram card and the sound <br> chart that it is on, or introduce a new syllable pattern by showing a few sample words on <br> the board while explaining the pattern. |
| :---: | :--- |
| 2. | Sound Chart Review <br> Students say new and review alphabet and phonogram sounds in unison. |
| 3. | Sound Card Review <br> Students say new and review alphabet and phonogram sounds in unison. |
| 4. | Handwriting (Use this section to teach or review manuscript or cursive handwriting. un- <br> til students can write confidently using correct letter formation.) <br> a. Introduce new letters as needed. <br> b. Practice previous letters as needed. <br> c. When teaching cursive handwriting, teach students how to make <br> letter connections. |
| 5. | Sound Dictation - Dictate selected letter sounds and phonogram sounds. Students repeat <br> each sound as they write the letter or letter pattern. <br> a. Alphabet letters <br> b. Letter patterns |
| 6. | Learning Games - Later in the day, during small group rotations, students may play one <br> of the following games to reinforce new and review patterns: Caterpillar Games, Truck <br> Chart Games, Long Vowel City. |

It works well to take regular mini-breaks with the students as you work through the lesson. Stand up, stretch, exercise, sing a silly song, etc.


## Lesson Plan Outline

## B. Spelling Dictation (See Planning The Lesson - How To Fill In The Dictation Outline)

The goal is for students to learn to spell words with confidence. When needed, prepare students to be successful by using any of the instructional strategies listed.

1. Spell Phonetic Words
a. Dictate up to ten phonetic words with the new phonetic pattern or new syllable pattern. It's very important for students to say each sound in the word separately as they write the letters and letter patterns that represent those sounds. They do not say the names of the letters as they write. Model this procedure and assist as needed to help students become confident with this routine.
b. Dictate previously taught phonetic words as a review, if desired. These should be spelled in the same way.
c. In the same way, dictate any phonetic words that will appear in the sentence, as needed.

Instructional Strategies
a. At the beginning of the year, teaching spelling for the first few patterns by having students spell the words with plastic letters in small groups. This reinforces that each sound is shown with a related letter or letter pattern, and that they must be placed in order from left to right to match the pronunciation of the word.
b. Have students spell words from dictation on dry erase boards. They can pay careful attention to letter formation and can easily erase and correct as needed.
c. When students are ready to begin spelling on regular lined paper, call on students to spell each word with moveable letter cards on a pocket chart first. Then cover the word and have students spell the word on their papers.
2. Spell And Review Sight Words
a. Introduce any new sight words. These are listed on the sequence chart and on the page with the new phonetic words. Explain that these words are spelled with the new phonetic pattern but are not pronounced as expected. Students take turns reading the word or words. Have a few students use the words in oral sentences. If there are more than one sight word, you may want to introduce only one new word per day.
b. Students copy the word, cover it, and write it from memory. Show the sight word card so that students can check their work and correct it as needed.
c. Show all of the sight word cards that have been taught. Students read the words in unison. Dictate a few of the review sight words, if desired. Students write the words and check them as you show each card. Be sure to have students spell any sight words that will appear in the sentence, as needed.
d. You may want to post sight words on a word wall for easy reference.
3. Spelling Changes
a. Model how to spell words with suffixes, as needed. Have students copy the words.
b. Model how to spell contractions, as needed. Have students copy the words.
4. Dictate A Sentence - Dictate a sentence that contains phonetic words and sight words from this lesson.

## Lesson Plan Outline

C. $\quad$ Prepare For Small Group Rotations - Assign Seatwork

Take a few minutes to show students what they will do independently during the small group rotations. Possible options are shown below.

1. Put words or sentences on the board related to the current phonics patterns or phonetic stories. Draw pictures on the board to illustrate them. Have students copy the text and pictures. When students have developed confidence reading and writing, you can include fill in the blank exercises or questions that require students to write their answers in complete sentences. When ready, students can put new words into alphabetical order or sort them into designated categories.
2. List a group of words on the board that all have the same phonetic pattern. Students draw a scene that contains pictures of as many of those words as possible. They should copy the words to label each part of the picture.
3. Have students copy a list of phonetic words and then rewrite them with a given suffix. Choose suffixes that have already been taught.
4. Have students copy a pair of words and then rewrite them as a contraction. Choose contractions that have already been taught. Students may use their books as a reference so that they can remember how to form the contractions correctly.
5. List a group of words that all have the same phonetic pattern. Students should write an original story that uses as many of those words as possible.
6. Choose a topic and call on students to tell you what they know about it. Write about six to eight sentences on the board to record students' responses. Students will copy the sentences and add pictures to illustrate the topic.
7. Take a few minutes to read a children's book aloud to the group. Solicit comments from the students about the book. Use the comments to create a graphic organizer such as a time line, story map, Venn diagram, or bubble map on the board for students to copy. This approach could cover a selected story from children's literature or a topic in science or social studies.
8. Have students complete the workbook pages that go with the new phonetic pattern. In this case, have a group of stronger readers do seatwork first. This gives the other groups a chance to study the new material under your guidance in a small group before being expected to do the worksheet.
9. Students should know that when they have completed the assigned seatwork, they have the option to read, write, or draw independently.

## Lesson Plan Outline

## D. $\quad$ Decoding/Reading

The goal is for students to read the material on the pages in this book with ease. When needed, prepare students to be successful by using any of the instructional strategies listed.
1.

## Read Words

a. Students read the word list with the new pattern from this book, taking turns. Have them cover the pictures with an index card. They should slide the card down after reading each word so that they can see the picture. Discuss the meanings of any unfamiliar words.
b. Show the word cards for any new sight words that are listed on the page. Students read the words. Point out that these words are rule breakers and are not pronounced as expected. (These words were introduced during the dictation period.)
Instructional Strategies
a. Color-Coded Word Cards - Using markers, write new phonetic words on white, unlined $4 \times 6$ inch index cards. Show each card one at a time and have students take turns reading the words. Students get to hold any cards that they read correctly. Note: Use a black marker to write the words in all black print or, if desired, write the vowels in the word using colored markers. This will make the vowel pattern stand out in the word and make it easier for students to read. See the color-coding chart at the end of this book.
b. Picture/Word Cards - Print a set of picture/word cards for the new pattern from the website at www.soundcityreading.net on letter sized cardstock. Each PDF file will make four identical sets of cards. Print the words on one side of the sheets, then turn the stack over and feed them through the printer again to print the pictures on the back. Cut the stack into four sets of cards. To use the cards, show one word at a time. Students take turns reading the words. After a word is read, turn the card over so that students can see the picture.
c. Play The Robot Game - This activity works well with the whole class. It develops phonemic awareness skills which prepare students to read a new set of phonetic words. All students, especially those who are having difficulty decoding, benefit from this sequence. Combine the color-coded word cards and the picture cards for the new pattern in a pocket chart. Put the word cards in a group and the picture cards in a separate group, so that all of the cards can be seen. Explain that you will play a game in which you say the sounds for each word separately, like a robot. To begin, say the individual sounds for one of the words, pausing briefly between each sound. Call on a student to find the picture that matches the sounds and say the name of the picture normally, without the pauses. Repeat the separate sounds for the same picture again, like a robot, and call on a student to find the word card that matches the picture. Have the student read the word normally, without pausing, and place the picture and word card together on the chart. Continue in the same way until all the pictures and words have been found and placed together.
d. Purchase a package of white letter sized (or legal sized) card stock. Use colored markers to write a list of about six or seven of the new phonetic words on each sheet, using large print. Color-code the vowels using the color-coding chart at the end of this book.
e. To develop fluency, have students read all of the words with the new phonetic pattern from the Color-Coded Phonetic Lists book. It includes both rhyming and bodycoda (same beginning sounds) lists for each pattern. The vowels are color-coded.

## Lesson Plan Outline

## D. Decoding/Reading - Continued

The goal is for students to read the material on the pages in this book with ease. When needed, prepare students to be successful by using any of the instructional strategies listed.
2. Read Sentences - Students read the sentences that follow the words. Ask students to point out the word in each sentence that contains the new pattern. After all the sentences have been read, students should read them again, in unison.

Instructional Strategy - Sentence Study In A Pocket Chart
Write several sentences on lined pocket chart strips. Write each sentence on two strips. Leave the one strip intact. Cut the other strip apart to make separate word cards. These activities work well with the whole class or with small groups. Activity One - Place the complete sentence strips in every other row in the pocket chart. Pass out the separate word cards to the students. Point to the first sentence and have students read it aloud as a group. Point to the first word, read it, and ask the students to look at their word cards to see if they have that word. The student should place it just below the word in the complete sentence. Continue until all the words have been filled in below the original sentence. Follow the same process with the remaining sentences.
Activity Two - Remove the complete sentence strips from the chart. Leave the sentences made of separate word cards in place. Ask students to cover their eyes. Turn over one word card in each sentence so that students can only see the back of the card. Have students read the first sentence, saying " hmm " for the blank card. Ask students to predict what the missing word will be. Turn the card over to see if they are correct. Continue in the same way with the rest of the sentences.
Activity Three - Leave all of the sentence word cards in place, facing forward so they can be seen. Have students cover their eyes. Rearrange the cards in each sentence so that they are mixed up and don't make sense. Call on a student to come forward and rearrange the cards in the first sentence so that it makes sense again. When it is correct, have the class read the sentence in unison. Continue with the rest of the sentences in the same way.
3. Read Suffixes And Contractions
a. When you get to a page that teaches suffixes or contractions, use a small white board to explain the material briefly, showing several examples.
b. Have students read the page, taking turns.
c. Incorporate new and review suffixes and contractions in the dictation period.
4. Read Stories
a. Students take turns reading a new or review practice story.
b. Starting with Book 5, students read the trade books that are listed on the sequence charts. It may take several days to complete each book.
c. Students who are already reading may read from any appropriate children's books at their reading level.

It works well to take regular mini-breaks with the students as you work through the lesson. Stand up, stretch, exercise, sing a silly song, etc.

## Lesson Plan Outline

## D. Decoding/Reading - Continued

The goal is for students to read the material on the pages in this book with ease. When needed, prepare students to be successful by using any of the instructional strategies listed.

Read Stories- Continued
Instructional Strategies
a. Read the new story aloud to the whole class before beginning small groups rotations. Discuss the story as you read, asking questions for the students to answer orally.
b. Have the whole group open their books to the story. Read the first sentence. Students track the words with their fingers as they listen, then they track the words again as they reread the sentence in unison. Continue in the same way for the rest of the story.
c. Divide the class into two groups. Have the first group read the first page of the story aloud, in unison. Have the second group read the second page aloud, in unison. Continue in the same way to the end of the story.
5. After students have finished reading the words, sentences, and story, have them play a learning game, as time permits. These include the Caterpillar Game, Truck Chart Game, Long Vowel City, and Sight Word Game.
E. Listening Comprehension, Vocabulary Development, Integration With Literature, Science, Social Studies, Creative Writing, And Art, Assessment

1. Read Aloud - The teacher reads aloud to the class thirty minutes per day, reading from a variety of fiction and non-fiction books at a level appropriate for the age of the class. Include classic children's literature, rhythmic and rhyming books for beginning readers, books on science and social studies topics, and poetry.
2. Extension And Enrichment
a. Have students do art projects related to the current phonetic pattern or current story.
b. Have students study science or social studies topics related to a current phonetic word or practice story.
c. Have students do creative writing activities related to one of the current phonetic words or the current story.
d. Have students reread new words, sentences, and stories with a partner.
e. Have students take home copies of the current pages in the book to read for their parents.
f. Have students complete the pages in the phonics patterns workbooks.
g. Have students complete the decoding tests and story comprehension tests, available at www.soundcityreading.net.

Follow these steps to prepare the dictation lesson ahead of time. Make copies of the Dictation Outline pages, and fill in the information in the order shown below. The order in which the sections appear on the outline is the order in which the items are dictated during the lesson. However, for planning purposes, you will fill in the outline in a different order, as shown below. To get started, look at the upcoming lesson in the Basic Phonics Patterns book and select the sentence and words that you want to use during the dictation period. If you prefer, create your own sentence, using only the phonetic patterns, syllable patterns, and sight words that have been taught. You will then fill in the rest of the outline based on the words and the sentence you have chosen.

1. Fill in the new phonetic pattern or syllable pattern.
2. Fill in the sentence.
3. Fill in ten words to spell with the new pattern. Be sure to include any words from the sentence with the new pattern.
4. Fill in the other phonetic words section with words from the sentence that are phonetic but don't have the new pattern. Add any additional phonetic words with patterns that have already been introduced, if desired, for extra practice and review.
5. Fill in the sight word section with any sight words from the sentence and any new sight words. You may add any other sight words that have been previously taught, as desired, for extra practice and review.
6. Fill in the suffixes section. Include any words with suffixes from the sentence. You can add suffixes to any of the phonetic words or sight words in this lesson, as desired. Use only the suffixes that have been taught.
7. Fill in the contractions section. Include any contractions from the sentence. Add any other contractions that have been taught, as desired.
8. Fill in the letters to dictate. Choose 13 alphabet letters one day, and choose the remaining 13 letters the following day. Rotate between the two lists from day to day.
9. Fill in the phonogram patterns section. Choose the new pattern and the five most recent patterns taught. Add any older patterns that you want to review.
10. 

Fill in the beginning consonant blends section. List the blends on a rotating basis, as shown. Monday: st, sp, sm, sn, sc, sk, sw, squ. Tuesday: pr, tr, br, cr, dr. Wednesday: fr, gr, scr, spr, str. Thursday: cl, fl, gl, pl, sl, bl, spl. Friday: sw, tw, dw, (shr, thr, phr, phl). Dictate the patterns in parentheses after the consonant digraph patterns have been taught.

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2. Fill in the sentence.
3. Fill in ten words to spell with the new pattern. Be sure to include any words from the sentence with the new pattern.
4. Fill in the other phonetic words section with words from the sentence that are phonetic but don't have the new pattern. Add any additional phonetic words with patterns that have already been introduced, if desired, for extra practice and review.
5. Fill in the sight word section with any sight words from the sentence and any new sight words. You may add any other sight words that have been previously taught, as desired, for extra practice and review.
6. Fill in the suffixes section. Include any words with suffixes from the sentence. You can add suffixes to any of the phonetic words or sight words in this lesson, as desired. Use only the suffixes that have been taught.
7. Fill in the contractions section. Include any contractions from the sentence. Add any other contractions that have been taught, as desired.
8. Fill in the letters section. To do this you will need to look at all of the words that will be written during the lesson. List the letters needed to spell these words.
9. Fill in the phonogram patterns section. Look at all of the words that will be written during the lesson. List any multi-letter vowel patterns (ai, ow, ey, ur, ould) and consonant patterns (sh, th, nk, ng, wr, tch). Also list any single vowels that are not short

10. Fill in the consonant blends section. List any beginning blends used in any of the words. Include digraph blends if needed (thr, shr, phr, phl).

## Dictation Outline Page 1

Date $\qquad$

New Phonetic Pattern Or Syllable Pattern $\qquad$

Letters $\qquad$

Phonogram Patterns $\qquad$

Beginning Consonant Blends $\qquad$

Words With The New Phonetic Pattern Or Syllable Pattern To Dictate
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Other Phonetic Words To Dictate
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Dictation Outline Page 2
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Sight Words
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Suffixes
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Contractions
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Sentence
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New Phonetic Pattern Or Syllable Pattern es

Letters
sewkftdrghHc|pquni

Phonogram Patterns es, es, sh, th, ch

Beginning Consonant Blends gr, tr, the, si

Words With The New Phonetic Pattern Or Syllable Pattern To Dictate
see
week feet

## deer

green
tree

## three

cheek

## sleep

queen

Other Phonetic Words To Dictate


He
ship
$\qquad$

Sight Words
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Suffixes
sees

## ships

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Contractions
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Sentence

## He sees three ships.

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New Phonetic Pattern Or Syllable Pattern

## Silent E Syllables

Letters puzlesaditcnwkhmbrogJP

Phonogram Patterns ö, th

Beginning Consonant Blends $f \mathrm{~W}, \mathrm{scr}$

Words With The New Phonetic Pattern Or Syllable Pattern To Dictate
puzzle
sad dee
lit the
ap pe
tus see

Other Phonetic Words To Dictate
Jill
Pam
got
and
can dee
twin le
thin be
scram be
dim pe
into
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Version 2 Sample
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Sight Words

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people
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Suffixes
Contractions
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Sentence

> Jill and Pam got into a tussle.

AaBb CcDdEe Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk LIMm Nn Oo $P_{p} Q_{q} \operatorname{Rr} S_{s}$ Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz

Aa BbGc Dd Ee Ff tg th h li\&jKk Ll mom nom $\sigma_{\sigma}$ Pp Qq Ru \&s It Uw VN Ww $x \times y$ yyzz

## How To Make A Dry-Erase Frame



Tape a clear presentation cover sheet to a sheet of cardstock along the top edge so that they are connected but can be opened.
Remove the page of blank lined paper from this book and place it under the clear cover sheet. Students can turn the page over as needed so that the desired line size is facing up.

Students will be able to write on the clear cover sheet, using the lines as guides. They will be able to erase easily using a tissue or small piece of felt.

The largest lines work well when introducing or practicing new handwriting letters.


The other set of lines works well when writing letters and letter patterns or words from dictation.

Dictate the sounds for the alphabet letters and the phonogram patterns that have been taught. Students repeat the sounds while writing the letters with a dry-erase marker.

Dictate new and review phonetic words and
 sight words. Students will be able to erase easily and try again if they make a mistake.

Students can hold up their frames so that you can check their work.
Remove this page from the book and place it in a dry erase frame, which can be used for handwriting and spelling practice.


Remove this page from the book and place it in a dry erase frame, which can be used for handwriting and spelling practice.

Color-Coding Chart - Each vowel sound is represented by a specific color. This helps the vowels and vowel patterns stand out in words, so that students will recognize them and be able to distinguish between consonants and vowels. For multi-letter vowels, students will be able to see which letters work together to show the vowel sound. Students will quickly be able to see which patterns sound the same, because the colors will be the same. They will also be able to see when vowel patterns have different sounds, because they will be printed in different colors.
a ant
ā rain, play, safe, carrot
a Paul, saw, ball, salt, talk, wasp, swan quarrel, squash, bought
e egg,head,heron
$\bar{e}$ he, feet, weird, key, eat, these, happy
$\ddot{e}$ veil, they, steak, eight, ballet
i in, gymnastics
i pie, pine, night, find, wild, my
i shield, pizza

- ox, car, sorry, father
ō go, horse, boat, toe, home, snow, four, gold, bolt, troll, yolk
ö to, moon, soup
$u$ up, what, across, panda, son, love, country
ū fruit, cue, cube, few, Europe
ü bush, book, should
oi coin, boy
ou ouch, cow
bird, her, turtle, dollar, tractor, worm, early, journal


## bright red

 dark red pinklight green
dark green dark red
light violet
dark violet dark green light orange dark orange
dark blue light blue dark blue olive green

1 Basic Short Vowels, Long Vowels, Umbrella Vowels, Consonant Patterns
Basic Vowels: Short vowels, long vowels, dotted ö, or, umbrella sound for a and o Consonant Patterns: sh, th, ck, _ve, ch, tch, nch, wh, ng, nk
Ending Consonant Blends, Beginning Consonant Blends
PREVIEW: oi, oy, ou, ow, ü, ä
2 Two-Syllable Words, Long Vowel Patterns, Vowel Sounds For Y
Two-Syllable Words: Closed syllables, silent-e syllables
Long Vowel Pairs: ee, ei, ey, ea, ai, ay, ie
Vowel-Consonant-E Patterns: e_e, a_e, i_e
Follow The Leader Patterns: igh, ind, ild
Two Vowel Sounds For Y: y = $\overline{\mathrm{e}}, \mathrm{y}=\overline{\mathrm{l}}$

## 3 More Long Vowel Patterns, More Umbrella Patterns

Long Vowel Pairs: oa, oe, ui, ue, ew
Vowel-Consonant-E Patterns: o_e, u_e; VCV/VCVE discrimination for all vowels Follow The Leader Patterns: old, olt, oll, olk
Three New Umbrella Patterns: o_e, a_, _a
New Consonant Pattern: dge
4 Odd O Patterns, Dotted Ä And Ü Patterns
Odd O Patterns: oi, oy, ou, ow, oo, ould
Dotted Vowel Patterns: ü, äu, äw, äll, äl, älk, wä, swä
New Umbrella Pattern: ou
5 Soft C and G Sounds, R-Controlled Vowel Patterns
Soft C Sounds: ce, ci, cy
Soft G Sounds: ge, gi, gy
Bossy R Patterns: ir, ar, er, ur
Ending Patterns: _ce, _ge, _se, _ze
6 More Two-Syllable Words, Dotted Ë And Dotted Ï Patterns
Words That Begin With Open Syllables: ra-ven, se-cret, bi-son, ro-bot, mu-sic
Words That End With VCE Syllables: cup-cake
Words That Begin With Umbrella O Syllables: moth-er, doz-en, mon-ey
Words That Begin With Unaccented Closed Syllables: con-nect, com-pare
Words With Unaccented Open Middle Syllables: oc-to-pus, u-ni-form
Words With Adjacent Vowels In Separate Syllables
Dotted Vowel Patterns: ei, ey, ea, eigh, ë, ï, ie
Long U Pattern: eu
7 Advanced R-Controlled Patterns
More Bossy-R Patterns: wor, er, or, ar, ear, our
8 More Vowel, Syllable, And Consonant Patterns
Vowel Patterns: a = o, ought, ye, y_e, y = i, qua, squa
Consonant Patterns: kn, wr, gh, ph, ugh
Two-Syllable Words With Ending Open Syllables

