



Short Vowel Morkbook



Word Introduction Coordinates With Handwriting Instruction
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Hub: The center of a wheel



Nun: A woman in a religious order



Hull: Outer covering of a seed or fruit

nut

hut



nub

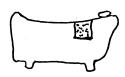
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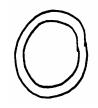
nun

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null







Null: Zero, nothing



Nub: The last little bit of a pencil

nut hut nun bun	tub nub hub hull null	





Muff: A warm covering for the hands





Lux: A measurement of the amount of light



Mutt: A mixed breed dog

run

fun



huff

rut

mutt

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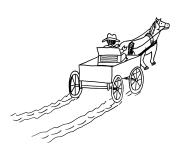


Huff: To blow out forcefully





Mum: A kind of flower



Rut: A track made by wheels in mud



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net

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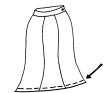
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well

bell



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web













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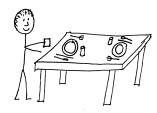
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Bess

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bus

sun



Sum: The answer when you add numbers

sub



s u m



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bus	mess		
sun	Bess		
sub	sell		
sum	set		
	2 A A + 3 A A A 5 Sum: The answer when		
	00000		

Jeff

jet



Ben



Ben

ten



hen

men





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Name	Date	
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Jeff	10	I don't want to go.	



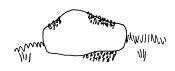


Jot: Write a









Moss: Tiny plants that grow on rocks, wood, or the ground.



not













moss



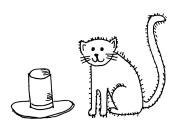


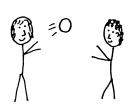


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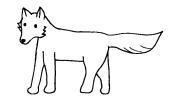
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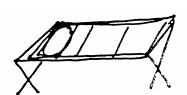


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cob



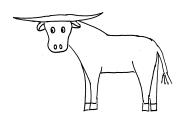


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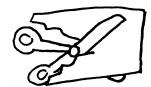




Corn kernels grow on a cob.



mom



cuff





cut



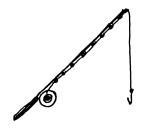
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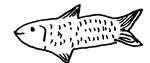
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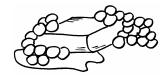
doll



Odd: Strange, unusual



bud



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suds



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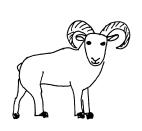












mat

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man

ran

can

ram











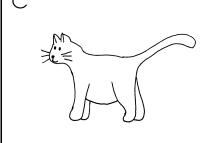
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cat	ran		
bat	can		
	Welcome I		Jam Jam

Sent. # 9

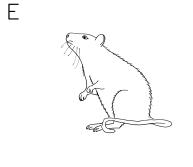
- I. A fat cat _____
- 2. A rat sat. _____
- 3. A cat sat on a mat. ____
- 4. A man ran. _____
- 5. A ram can run. _____
- 6. A man fell. _____

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AN JANA JANA JANA JANA JANA JANA JANA J
W 1) 0 (

В



D





Write the letter for each picture beside the matching sentence.

Name	Date
	Aram can run.
	Aman ran.
	Aratsat
	Acat sat on a mat.

Look at each picture. Read and trace the sentence. Copy the sentence on the blank line. Say the sounds as you write the letters. Put the letters close together. Leave a space between words.











Dab: To apply paint or lotion by touching gently

sad

mad

dad

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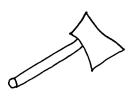






Vat: A large container for liquids



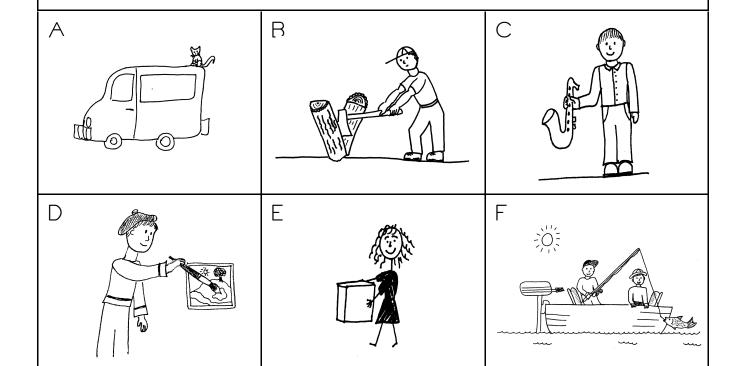


Name	Date	

sad mad dad	vat sax ax	
had	dab	
van	nab	

Sent. # 10

- 1. Mom has a box. _____
- 2. Dad has an ax. _____
- 3. Jeff can dab.
- 4. A cat sat on a van.
- 5. Sam has a sax. ____
- 6. Dan has a bass. _____



Write the letter for each picture beside the matching sentence.

Name	Date
	Dad has an ax.
	Dan has a bass.
	Nom has a box.
	Jeff can dab.

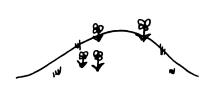
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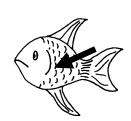
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Gill: The part of a fish that allows it to breath under water

big

dig







in

win

hill

fill

gill











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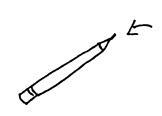
- I. Jan will sell a fan.
- 2. Tom has a big rig. _____
- 3. A cat can dig.
- 4. A cat sat in a box.
- 5. I am sad. ____
- 6. Jill will fill a box.

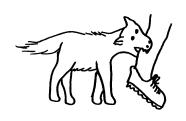
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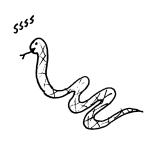
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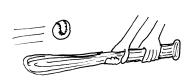
Name	Date
6	I am six.
23 +51 74	I can add.
	Bill can dig.
	I win.

Look at each picture. Read and trace the sentence. Copy the sentence on the blank line. Say the sounds as you write the letters. Put the letters close together. Leave a space between words.











sip

rip

tip

pig

him

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bit

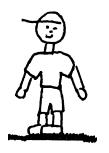
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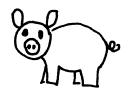
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pig	miss hiss		
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		5555	

Sent	#	12
Sent.	#	ΙL

I. I will miss him.

2. It can not run. It can hiss. _____

3. Tim is in his tub. _____

4. Will it fit? It will fit.

5. A big pig has a wig. _____

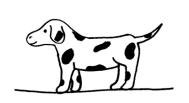
6. A web is on a bell. _____

A	B	C
D 55555	E	F

Name	Dat e
	IT can run.
	I-will-mix-it.
	I can fix it.
	Jeff is on his bus

Look at each picture. Read and trace the sentence. Copy the sentence on the blank line. Say the sounds as you write the letters. Put the letters close together. Leave a space between words.

13











kiss

kid

hid

did

rid

log

dog

qot

hop

pot











Name Date

log dog got hop pot	kiss kid hid did	
pot	rid	
Ala Million Contraction of the C		

Look at each picture. Find the correct word and circle it. Copy the word under the picture.

- 1. A dog is on a log. _____
- 2. It can hop. _____
- 3. A lid is on a pot. _____
- 4. Bill is on a hill top.
- 5. Moss is on a log. _____
- 6. Jim did his job.

A Startin	B	
D	E	F

Name	Date
	Akidhid.
	Mom will mop.
	Adog can run.
	Kim will kiss him.

Look at each picture. Read and trace the sentence. Copy the sentence on the blank line. Say the sounds as you write the letters. Put the letters close together. Leave a space between words.

14



Keg: A small barrel



bed



y e 🛮



get



pet

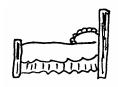
pen

den











Draw a line from each word to the matching picture.

Name	Date	

get vet pet	red bed yes	
pen den	yes yell keg	

Look at each picture. Find the correct word and circle it. Copy the word under the picture. Say the sounds as you write the letters.

- 1. A cub is in his den.
- 2. A dog bit his leg. _____
- 3. Jeff is on his jet. _____
- 4. Ed fell. Ed will yell. _____
- 5. Jill is in bed. Jill is ill.
- 6. A cat is on a keg. _____

A	B	C
	E	F

Name	Date
	Adog can beg.
	Ben is a vet.
	I will get it.
	Ed fed him.

Look at each picture. Read and trace the sentence. Copy the sentence on the blank line. Say the sounds as you write the letters. Put the letters close together. Leave a space between words.

15



Nag: Tell someone what to do many times.









rag

sag

lag

nag

wag

bag

tag

qas

pass

pan



Lag: To fall behind



Sag: Hang down, droop







Draw a line from each word to the matching picture.

rag sag lag	bag tag gas		
nag	pass		
wag	pan		
		\$5.00°7	
Pickup!			

Look at each picture. Find the correct word and circle it. Copy the word under the picture. Say the sounds as you write the letters.

Sent. # 15

- I. Max can wag. ____
- 2. A van has gas. _____
- 3. Did it sag? _____
- 4. A man has a hat. _____
- 5. Pam has a cat. ____
- 6. Rob is sad.

A	B	
D	E	F

Name	Date
	Nan has a pan.
Microwate March	Acat is on a box.
	Abaq fell.
	hi i

Look at each picture. Read and trace the sentence. Copy the sentence on the blank line. Say the sounds as you write the letters. Put the letters close together. Leave a space between words.

16





Zap: To strike with sudden force.













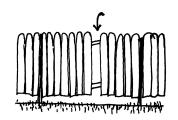


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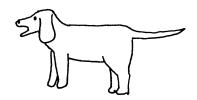


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Yap: A high pitched bark



Draw a line from each word to the matching picture.

Name	Date	

map nap zap	gap yap pat		
z a p t a p	pal		
cap	pad		
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Look at each picture. Find the correct word and circle it. Copy the word under the picture. Say the sounds as you write the letters.

Sent. # 16

1. A dog was hot. _____

2. It was a big mess. _____

3. A tag was on a bag. _____

- 4. A hat was on a cat.
- 5. A man was mad. _____
- 6. Pam had a nap. _____

A B C C F F

Name	Date
	Aman has a map.
	Matthas a pal.
	Jimhas a cap.
	Jim has a gap.

Look at each picture. Read and trace the sentence. Copy the sentence on the blank line. Say the sounds as you write the letters. Put the letters close together. Leave a space between words.

s with verbs

I. A dog runs.

2. It pops. _____

3. Gus runs a lap. _____

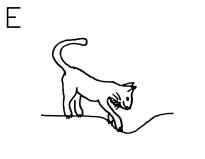
4. A cat digs.

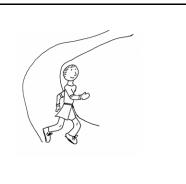
5. A pet gets wet. ____

6. A cat sits on a van.

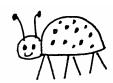
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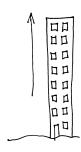
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dug

bug

rug

jug

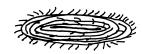
gull

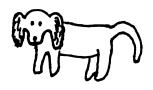
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cup

pup

putt











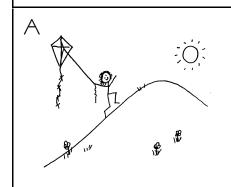
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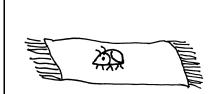
Look at each picture. Find the correct word and circle it. Copy the word under the picture. Say the sounds as you write the letters.

Sent. # 17

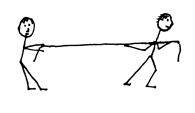
- I. A bug was on a rug. ___
- 2. I will huff and puff. ___
- 3. I can run up a hill.
- 4. Nan was at a lab. ____
- 5. Gus will tug on it.
- 6. A man dug up a jug. ___







D



Ε





Name	Date
	Dam was not.
	Jeff was not hot.
	Apup is up.
	Todn puttit.

Look at each picture. Read and trace the sentence. Copy the sentence on the blank line. Say the sounds as you write the letters. Put the letters close together. Leave a space between words.

s with nouns

1. cat ____

2. cats ____

3. kid _____

4. kids _____

5. dog ___
6. dogs ___

A CONTRACTOR	B	C
D	E	F

18









Quill: A large feather used as a pen



jazz

buzz

fuzz

fez

zip

fizz

quiz

quit

quill

quilt









Fez: A man's hat worn in Egypt



Draw a line from each word to the matching picture.

	Name		
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zip jazz buzz fuzz fez	fizz quiz quit quill		
162	quiii	Name — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	I quit!

Look at each picture. Find the correct word and circle it. Copy the word under the picture. Say the sounds as you write the letters.

Sent. # 18

- I. Ben has a nap. _____
- 2. Bill will zip it.
- 3. It has fuzz on it.
- 4. It was not on. It was off.
- 5. A man has a fez. _____
- 6. A man was in a hut.

A	B	
	E	F

Name	Date				
	Meghas a pet.				
	Bess nas a quiz.				
	Pat was at bat.				
	IT Can buzz.				

Look at each picture. Read and trace the sentence. Copy the sentence on the blank line. Say the sounds as you write the letters. Put the letters close together. Leave a space between words.

_'s to show possession

- I. Pam's pan _____
- 2. Tom's van _____
- 3. Ben's cap ____
- 4. Jill's doll _____
- 5. Meg's dog _____
- 6. Sam's cat ____

A	B	C
	E	F

Decoding Test I - short a

Look at each picture. Fill in the bubble by the correct word.

2. bag 1 1 man bat cab 2 2 3 3 tab cat 4 4 bass can 4. 3. fan 1 1 gal fat gap fax 3 3 sag 4 4 gas ran 6. 5. 1 mat 1 map 2 mad nap 3 3 ram cap 4 4 pan man 7. 8. tag 1 Pam1 2 tap mad \$5.00 7 3 jab wag 4 rag jam

Decoding Test 2 - short o

Look at each picture. Fill in the bubble by the correct word.

2. 1 hop 1 pop tot hop hot 3 mom 4 pot 4 mop 4. 3. doll 1 1 ОХ log on 3 not lot off fog 4 4 6. 5. fog 1 1 pox doll 2 2 boss Bob 3 3 dog 4 box 4 jog 8. 7. pot 1 1 sop top 2 pop 3 toss top 4 pod 4 hop

Decoding Test 3 - short i

Look at each picture. Fill in the bubble by the correct word.

Decoding Test 5 short		Eddk di eddii	picture. I ili ili The bubble by	1110 001	reer word.
1.	1	fix	2.	1	hit
	2	fill		2	sit
	3	fin		3	hill
	4	pill		4	him
3.	1	wig	4.	1	mix
	2	pin		2	mill
	3	fin		3	miss
	4 win		4	hiss	
5.	1	wig	6.	1	kid
(a) Pu	2	pig		2	rid
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Look at each picture. Fill in the bubble by the correct word.

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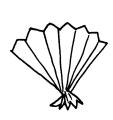
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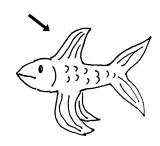
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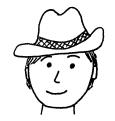
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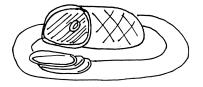
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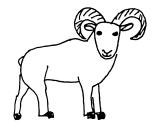
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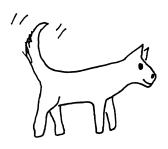




Draw a line from each word to the matching picture.

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Look at each picture. Find the correct word and circle it. Copy the word under the picture.













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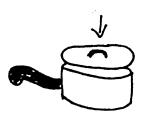
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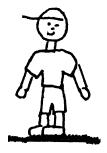
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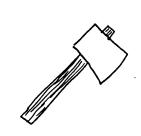


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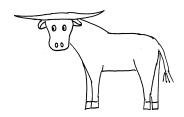












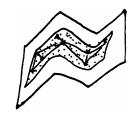
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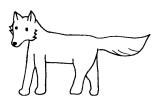
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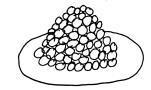
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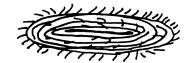
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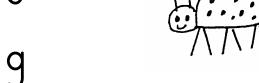






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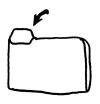






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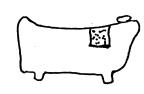
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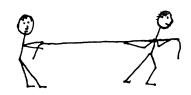
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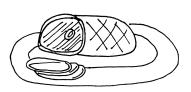
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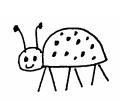
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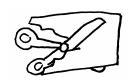
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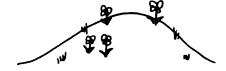
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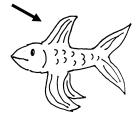












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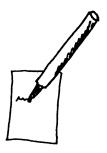
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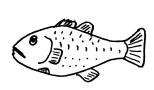
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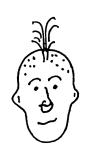


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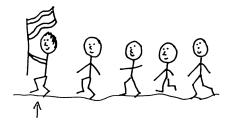
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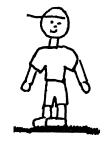
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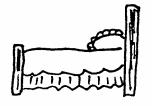
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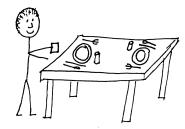


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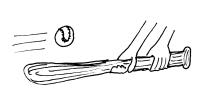
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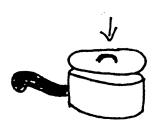
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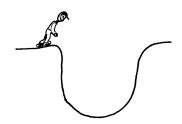
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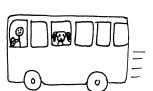
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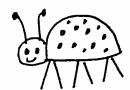


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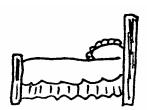






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How To Use This Book

- 1. Use this workbook with *Mixed Short Vowel Words And Sentences*, *Revised*. Practice reading each set of words and sentences in the book first, then do the related pages in this workbook. You may use the workbook pages as extra guided practice, or if you have covered each word list and group of sentences thoroughly, the pages may be used for independent work.
- 2. The words in this book are taught in a specific sequence to match the sequence in which the letters are introduced for handwriting instruction. The letters that are easiest to write are taught first, in the order in which they appear in the sound story. Each word list contains words that can be written using the handwriting letters that have been taught. Remind students to use their best handwriting when completing the workbook pages.
- 3. The word lists in *Mixed Short Vowel Words And Sentences, Revised* are set up so that students will read and write short vowel words with all five of the short vowel sounds by the time the handwriting instruction for all of the alphabet letters has been completed. A quick start is important in first grade so that students can begin studying the phonogram patterns as soon as possible. At the same time, short vowel instruction in first grade must be thorough. In order to do this, the lists do not teach all of a particular short vowel at the same time. For example, short u word lists appear at the beginning of the book and again at various other places throughout the book. In some cases, words with two different short vowels are included on the same list.
- 4. If you are teaching kindergarten you may prefer to take a slower approach. The *Rhyming Short Vowel Words And Sentences* book provides an alternate introduction to short vowel words. It introduces new word lists more slowly, includes more words, and includes only rhyming lists. All of the pages for each short vowel appear together in the book. It has its own workbook to match the different sequence.
- 5. Use alphabet cards to review the letter sounds daily. Have students say the sound for each letter, not the letter name.
- 6. Some of the words in this workbook will be new to students. Be sure to explain the meanings of any unknown words. Less common words are included so students can practice reading and writing words with every possible short vowel and consonant combination. The fortunate side effect is that students will expand their vocabulary as they learn new words. Young students are in a phase where they are expanding their language skills rapidly, and they will enjoy the

- new words. Just make sure you help them as often as necessary if they forget any of the words, so that they feel confident of your support. Including less common words also makes the materials appropriate for older students who are learning or reviewing words at the short vowel level.
- 7. Plan to dictate the words from each list for students to write on lined paper. Also dictate one or two sight words each day (listed on the sequence chart), after they have been introduced. This will allow you to dictate a sentence at the end of the dictation period, containing a few of the phonetic words and one or more sight words that have been taught. You can choose any sentence from the book or create your own.
- 8. At the beginning of the year, it is helpful to use a pocket chart with letter cards in alphabetical order during the dictation period. Have students take turns spelling the words on the chart, saying each sound in order as they place the cards. Cover the word and have students say the sounds again as they write the word on their papers. Uncover the word and check by pointing to each letter card while the students say the sounds in unison.
- 9. Reading words is not just a mental task. It is also a physical task. It involves coordinating thought processes (knowing which direction to go, recognizing each letter, and remembering its sound) with physical movement (moving your eyes to scan the word from left to right without skipping letters or jumping around, pronouncing each sound using movements of your jaw, facial muscles, vocal cords, and lungs, and putting the sounds together smoothly without a break). What a lot of things are happening all at once! Eye control, breath control, and movements of the mouth and tongue all must be coordinated. Reading many words for each short vowel, with all the possible letter combinations, as opposed to just a few words, provides the practice needed to master these skills.
- 10. The pictures in this program may be used to represent a variety of different words. For example, a picture of a cheerleader could be used at the short vowel level to represent *pep*, *vim*, or *pompom*. In a similar way, the pictures of faces may be reused as well. Tell students that a picture with one name may be used later with a different name.
- 11. Make flashcards for these sight words: a, A, as, has, was, is, his, I. Sight words are taught one or two at a time as students begin reading sentences. Use the cards to introduce and review the words when they appear on the sentence pages.

- 12. When you get to a new set of sentences, you may want to write some of them on blank pocket chart strips. Make two strips for each sentence, and cut the second strip apart to make separate word cards. Place the complete sentences into the chart, skipping a line after each strip. Have students sit on the floor in front of the chart. Then pass out the word cards to the students. Read each sentence aloud, pointing to the words, and have students repeat it in unison. Then point to each word in the sentence and ask who has that card. Students come up one at a time, read the word on their card, and place it just below the matching card in the sentence. This activity works well for all students. It is particularly helpful when working with students who are still working to develop their beginning reading skills.
- 13. Using just the word cards from the above activity, place the words needed for each sentence in a separate row in the pocket chart, but mix up the order within each sentence. Then call on students to come forward and rearrange the words so that they make sense. Have the individual student and then the class read the corrected sentence aloud.
- 14. Place just the word cards for each sentence in a row on the pocket chart. The words should be in the correct order. Before class begins, turn over one card in each sentence so the students cannot see it, leaving it in the row of words. Call on students to read the sentences and predict the missing words. Turn over the mystery card to see if the student's prediction is correct.
- 16. As they work through this book, congratulate students on taking a big step towards becoming independent readers and writers.

Learning To Connect Consonants And Vowels - The Key To Success

One of the important goals for students at this level is learning to put letter sounds together smoothly, so that the result sounds like a real word. Before they can do this with three-sound words (fan, top, miss), many students need to practice pronouncing two-letter vowel-consonant combinations (ab, ac, ad, af). The Mixed Short Vowel Words And Sentences, Revised book has sound blending exercises at the beginning of the book. You can use the moveable cards in the Letter Connections chart, available as a PDF file at www.soundcityreading.net, for the same type of practice. Another way to practice two-letter combinations is to play the Raspberry Game with small groups. Many students need to practice this skill daily over a period of time in order to

master it.

After students can successfully pronounce vowel-consonant combinations they will be ready to read short vowel words.

Reading Rhyming And Body-Coda Short Vowel Word Lists

Reading sets of rhyming words is the perfect way for students to learn to pronounce all types of consonant-vowel letter combinations. As students move from one rhyming word to the next, they only have to focus on changing the first consonant sound, because the ending vowel-consonant combination stays the same. Students will be able to add the beginning sounds more easily, which boosts student confidence. They will have the added reward of being able to pronounce and recognize meaningful words.

Students who have learned to read rhyming short vowel words need one extra step to cement their learning. They need to read "body-coda" word lists, which have the same beginning sounds (a consonant followed by a vowel, as in bat, ban, bad, bass). If you don't go on to this step, students will expect rhyming words all of the time and may ignore the ending consonants, mispronouncing words. Reading body-coda lists helps to solve this problem. This time, the beginning sound connections remain the same and students only have to change the ending sounds.

This two-step structured approach (rhyming lists followed by body-coda lists) makes the process of decoding easier for students. They are more readily able to internalize the concept without the need for a lot of explanation.

To put this plan into action, have students read each short vowel section in the *Color-Coded Short Vowel Lists* book. Or, if you prefer, you can have students read the rhyming and body-coda lists in the *Basic Short Vowels* book. This book has all black print, and the words are illustrated.

Continuous And Stopped Consonants

It is helpful at this stage to be aware of the two main types of consonants. Continuous consonants are those that can be held for a period of time, such as ssssss, ffffff, and mmmmmm. Stopped consonants, such as t, c, and p, cannot be held. The sounds disappear right after they are pronounced. It is easier for beginning readers to read words that start with continuous consonants, since the sounds can be held long enough to easily connect with the vowel that follows. In the word man, the reader can pronounce the letter sounds mmmaaannn without a break between the sounds. In the word c...aaannn, however, the sound of the beginning letter c cannot be held, so it is harder to connect it to the vowel sound.

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