

Nonna's Phonics for Children Book II

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Short A

at	cat	jam	rat
bat	fat	tat	pat
bat	gag	ram	lam
lag	hat	sap	pan
pat	dad	mat	sad
fan	ham	tab	Dan
lap	sat	jazz	tap
Sam	bad	zap	cap
man	ran	add	nab
ban	can	ad	rag
van	has	pass	rap
gap	sap	tag	Pat
has	wag	hag	fad
mass	am	lass	add
had	cad	dam	bam
lam	gas	Jan	ram
pad	lab	lad	lass
Pam	tad	map	tam
sag	dab	jag	pap

Short O

log	hot	pot	mop
bog	rob	lob	con
Ron	Tom	don	lop
pop	fog	mom	dot
mob	dog	rot	moss
loss	not	toss	cot
doll	sob	nod	cop
God	cog	cob	bot
sot	fop	hog	hop
doll	lot	odd	moll
toss	Bob	bob	jog
job	mod	off	on
cross	dross	floss	rot
loss	God	cog	pop
mom	dog	rot	moss
doll	Ross	pom-pom	lot
lost	cost	pot	don
got	spot	fog	lot
pot	not	lop	hog

Short I

pig	lit	mitt	flit
bit	hit	rig	did
wig	bib	rib	him
dim	fit	pip	hip
sit	sip	sin	win
wit	lip	din	pit
pin	nip	lid	bit
grit	spit	spin	rim
rid	hiss	bill	lips
sips	rip	mist	sin
win	flip	tip	nit
dig	pill	lift	sift
rift	win	clip	cliff
fit	fig	rig	miss
pig	fin	kin	kit
drift	ill	till	spill
kill	will	kiss	kid
mill	big	lip	sit
pin	tip	clip	rill

Short E

let	beg	leg	pep
men	bed	Ben	wet
set	let	hen	pen
den	web	yell	sell
bell	vet	Hell	men
fell	ten	Ken	fed
egg	pet	wet	yelp
helm	tell	beg	red
fed	leg	wet	met
let	led	ten	men
jet	well	bet	leg
lest	jest	west	best
pell-mell	tell	hen	peg
wet	pet	lend	bend
send	fend	tend	rend
met	men	jet	red
ten	tell	yes	sest
net	get	Ted	Fred
led	stem	step	pest

Short U

bug	rut	tub	rum
dug	gut	hum	plum
drum	must	hut	sum
gum	mutt	pull	bus
hug	lug	hub	rub
drug	Gus	but	butt
puff	bun	tun	run
sun	fun	pun	stuff
buzz	fuss	crust	must
just	trust	bust	mud
cud	bun	bud	pun
huff	gum	mug	bug
rug	dull	dud	pup
hull	but	cut	cup
fuss	gull	nub	rub
mull	dub	bud	rut
tug	gut	hut	dud
Gus	butt	mutt	pug
sun	fun	pull	rut

Review of Short Vowel Sounds

bug	pat	leg	wig
rot	rap	zip	plum
lad	lass	loss	toss
must	mom	dad	pill
pull	but	yes	yum
yet	fit	tot	got
get	pit	pot	pat
pan	pun	pin	pen
tan	ten	tin	rug
just	jest	bust	best
mist	pig	pug	lug
lag	log	ham	hem
him	not	nit	nut
net	hip	hop	hip-hop
bun	ban	Ben	bin
rat	rot	rut	pet
wet	wit	gut	got
flat	flat	rag	rat
ran	run	fin	fan
fun	odd	lost	pest

Sentences

Sight words:

Are The You To Of Put Is I

Teacher: “The” is pronounced “thuh” before a consonant, and as “thee” before a vowel. Contrast “the pig” (“thuh pig”) with “the ants” (“thee ants”).

Usually a period ends a sentence, but a question mark makes a sentence a question, and an exclamation mark makes a sentence exciting.

. ? !

Greg ran to Dad and sat on his lap.

Ben put the pot on top of the mat.

Ned did pet the pup.

Put the cat and the hen on the bed.

Did Dad and Mom get gum? Yes, Mom and Dad got gum!

The pig had on the wig.

The sun is hot!

The cat is in the tub and got wet. Get a rag!

The van has a lot of gas.

Are you still in bed?

Can you hum?

The hat has fuzz on it.

The man lost his job.

The bun fell in the mud.

I had fun in the sun!

For Fun

Which word in each of the groups below doesn't rhyme?

pig wig fun fig

hen wet pen den

pot hot lot set

What words can you think of that rhyme with each of the following?

lot

bed

pin

fat

C K CK QU

cut	kit	cat	kick
duck	dick	deck	dock
lick	lack	lock	luck
quack	quick	rock	rack
back	beck	pork	pock
peck	tick	tock	tuck
tack	quest	quiz	quick
sock	sack	suck	sick
kick	clack	cluck	rock
Rick	buck	quit	jock
Jack	pack	peck	pock
puck	mock	muck	Mick
mac	sac	sack	truck
trick	track	quiz	neck
nick	wick	quack	quick
quill	can	kin	yuck
black	brick	crick	cluck
slack	lock	luck	lick
cat	kid	quiz	cup
Jack	peck	pick	pack

Teacher: C, K, and CK can often sound alike. QU sounds like K+W.

SH TH CH WH

this	that	thus	wish
wash	chop	chip	chap
thin	thick	when	whim
gush	mush	lush	such
chin	chick	chuck	that
chum	chump	chimp	champ
moth	mash	shack	shuck
shim	sham	whit	whiz
path	cash	crash	crush
shift	shaft	thick	think
bath	path	ash	dash
such	math	chat	chit
shin	ship	dish	dash
gash	gush	chuck	check
chick	cluck	clack	click
broth	which	rash	rush
rich	fish	wish	shun
hack	hick	hock	heck
mock	muck	much	such
whack	cash	sash	them
shut	shall	with	hath

Reading

Sight words:

Me My Your Her He She
Her We Have Was They

The pig had lunch with the chick.

The thick chop is hot. It can pack a punch.

When I am hot, I sit on the deck.

The duck did quack.

Did you check the grits?

Ben lost his socks.

I had fish and chips for a buck.

He was sick. He had a chill. His Mom did check him.

Did you swim with the duck? Was it fun?

She had bad luck and lost.

They are my best chums.

The black clock did tick. Tick-tock went the clock.

Long Vowels and Silent E

Teacher: Adding an E to the end of short words can change the sound of the preceding vowel, making it long. The E is bossy, but silent. It makes the preceding vowel say its own name, but doesn't make a sound itself. Don't pronounce the E, just change the sound of the vowel that comes before. The new sound of the vowel will sound just the way you learned them when you learned the alphabet.

hop	-->	hope	tun	-->	tune
pop	-->	pope	fin	-->	fine
mat	-->	mate	cap	-->	cape
hat	-->	hate	mop	-->	mope
con	-->	cone	pat	-->	pate
Sam	-->	same	pan	-->	pane
tap	-->	tape	cop	-->	cope
cod	-->	code	pin	-->	pine
cut	-->	cute	rip	-->	ripe
sin	-->	sine	pet	-->	Pete
not	-->	note	nod	-->	node

Teacher: If you see a word with an E at the end of a short word, the vowel that comes before will almost always say its own name.

Long A and Silent E

made	shade	quake	flake
stale	pale	chase	base
sale	rate	mate	cave
date	crate	game	same
grave	slave	shave	shake
share	spade	chase	wave
snake	blame	Jane	rake
take	cake	wake	Nate
dame	Dave	Jake	wake
tape	bane	name	fame
plate	came	trade	plane
pave	daze	maze	whale
sane	shale	dale	tale
vane	pane	chafe	state
sake	bake	gate	lame
gale	pate	late	fate
make	sake	lake	take
drake	brake	Dane	mane
lane	date	skate	slate
brave	cane	crane	gaze

Long O and Silent E

smoke	choke	cone	tone
bone	mode	rode	wode
lode	woke	spoke	rote
froze	rose	stove	poke
drove	stole	stone	globe
hope	rope	broke	dope
vote	coke	mote	joke
robe	pone	pote	sole
pole	tone	hole	grove
home	bloke	stole	poke
sole	scone	scope	score
quote	lone	spoke	lope
nope	cope	note	rote

Teacher: "Gone," "done," and "some" are willful and won't change their vowel sounds for the bossy Silent E. Teach them as sight words:

Gone Done Some Come

He is gone, but he left a note.

Are you done with that? If you are, I will have some.

Some have gone; some are still with us.

Long I and Silent E

tripe	bike	like	mike
pike	pile	while	wine
twine	fine	fire	dine
dire	quite	slide	pride
glide	white	dime	wide
spite	shine	pipe	lime
time	rime	tire	wife
life	strife	Mike	trike
smile	jive	drive	hide
bride	rile	tile	crime
hike	dike	spine	swine
kine	mine	line	rime
grime	slime	ripe	rite
wide	smile	five	bite

Teacher: Some words don't follow this rule. Teach these words to your children so they know them by sight. "Live" below is a conjugation of the verb "to live," as in "I live here.":

live
give
olive

Long U and Silent E

cube	cute	Luke	pure
tube	fluke	tune	brute
prune	crude	rude	dude
muse	fuse	duke	June
lute	mule	cure	flute
rule	ruse	cure	use
puke	rune	mute	amuse

Teacher: Sometimes a long U sounds like a long “oo,” and sometimes it sounds like “you.”

Sentences

Matt did chase his dog. The dog was quick and fell in the well.

The frog sat next to the pond. It swam and swam to get to the duck. The frog and duck are chums.

Did your Dad pave the drive?

My Mom did bake a cake. It had dates in it. We ate it up.

The cat is lame and sick. He can not chase the pup.

In the shade it is not so hot.

Sight Word Review (and a few new ones)

to	now later once
of	before after
for	I me my mine
be	you your yours
am is are	she her hers
was were	he him his
do does	they them their theirs
have had	we us our ours
by	gone
when where what why	done
how who whose whom	some come
because	love shove glove dove
over under	move prove
above below beneath	live give olive
go	mother father
no yes	sister brother baby
here there	daughter son
anywhere nowhere	grandma grandpa
nothing everything	aunt uncle

Teacher: Use the above words in sentences, pointing out the words on the page as you speak them.

Long EE and EA

feet	meet	greet	cheat
steal	wheel	week	beam
beat	deep	clean	cleat
sheep	three	reach	cheat
steam	tree	speech	queen
preach	seed	bees	peach
tea	eat	seam	seem
heat	free	bead	deed
speed	squeak	queer	sweep
teach	reach	leech	leach
weep	meat	weak	seek
green	sheet	feed	wheat
seal	each	wheat	reap
beach	zeal	beak	teak
need	weed	freed	greed
dream	deep	seep	heap
feel	reel	real	teal
weal	bleak	bleat	heat
sweet	neat	teat	bleach
leap	seer	sear	ear
mEEK	squeal	mean	cheek
treat	squeak	beet	cream

Teacher: When two vowels are together, the first one almost always speaks its name.

Teacher: Homonyms are words that sound alike but have different meanings. Teach the differences between the words in these word pairs:

steal steel

seam seem

meat meet

weak week

team team

cheap cheep

knead need

feat feet

sea see

beat beet

Teacher: Ask if your children can think of any other homonyms that don't necessarily involve EE and EA. They might not yet know about various spellings, but they can understand the different meanings of words that sound the same – ex. by and buy; plain and plane; break and brake; no and know; sore and soar, fir and fur; flour and flower; him and hymn; hole and whole; I and eye; sun and son, etc.

Read the following sentences out loud and ask the child to identify which is the correct word each sentence.

The building is made of steel / steal.

The thief did steal / steel the money.

It does seem / seam to be the case.

The seam / seem on her jeans came loose.

I can sea / see that.

We went on a vacation by the see / sea.

We had meat / meet for dinner.

I did not meat / meet her.

Last week / weak, he was too week / weak to
finish the race.

When it comes to vegetables, you can not beat /
beet beat / beets.

It was no great feet / feat.

My shoes hurt my feet / feat.

The baby chicken said “cheep / cheap”!

The gift wasn't a cheep / cheap one.

My baseball team / teem came in first.

The pond did team / teem with life.

AI (as in sail) and AY (as in day)

grain	day	pray	brain
drain	way	mail	hail
wain	stay	wail	hay
may	drain	lay	braid
sway	spay	chain	maid
bray	gray	train	trail
grail	frail	clay	cray
ray	aim	quail	snail
Cain	ray	tray	rain
dray	play	pray	fray
plain	sail	frail	pain
bait	laid	paid	say
lain	shale	dale	tale
stain	stair	may	way

Cain did slay his brother.

Did the maid have a tray?

The man was sick and frail.

I will pray each day.

The snail left a trail of slime.

The rain in Spain falls on the plain.

May I eat some beets? Yes, you may.

OA OW OLD OLT OLL

old	cold	mold	bold
tow	croak	soak	growth
oak	moat	Joe	load
goat	groan	slow	roll
toll	slow	goal	boat
woe	row	grown	foe
goes	blow	crow	coach
toast	roast	coast	loaf
loan	toad	roam	gold
scroll	troll	roach	float
groat	soap	oath	glow
glow	foam	loam	road
show	shown	jolt	bolt
throat	so	go	coal
oats	boats	floats	roasts
sold	fold	bowl	goal

Bossy R and A

star	Mark	cart	tart
chart	tar	hard	sharp
yarn	barn	arch	parch
darn	farm	spark	starch
dark	arm	far	car
harm	march	smart	art
park	part	bar	start
card	are	March	jar
spar	mark	bark	yard
harp	tarp	lard	shard
stark	shark	charm	marsh
scarf	scar	Sparta	Carl

Teacher: Rs can be as bossy as silent Es. When a vowel goes before an R, the R will sometimes make it change the way it sounds.

Mark had a scarf on the march

Park the car in the yard.

There is lard in the jar.

Do not play cards with a card sharp.

The shark will not bite the dog.

You will see a star when it is dark.

Bossy R with O

born	corn	torn	short
fort	north	worn	Lord
core	for	nor	thorn
shorn	porch	pork	fort
horn	sort	sport	port
wore	bore	dork	store
spore	chore	shore	cord
scorn	lore	more	ford
storm	morn	sort	tort
fork	sore	pore	tore
torn	scorch	torch	horde

The sheep was shorn.

Do not let the torch scorch the fort.

The corn is from the farm up north.

There will be a storm in the morn.

Let us stay here so we can see the shore.

We need more sports!

Bossy R with E, I, and U

squirm	first	perch	birth
church	clerk	girl	stir
fern	curl	purl	purr
twirl	chirp	skirt	shirt
stir	birch	turn	shirk
stern	burn	third	churn
spurn	curb	sir	fir
fur	shirr	hurt	burst
fur	thirst	burr	dirt
spur	herd	perk	jerk
lurk	her	furl	squirt
firm	bird	surf	turf
utter	udder	prayer	runner
supper	river	boxer	otter

Teacher: When a W comes before OR, it often makes the same sound as ER, IR, and UR. Teach these words:

word
worm
worth
worse
worst
world
work

Review So Far

birth	worth	harm	thorn
fir	fur	scarf	squirm
shirt	store	burn	farm
yard	shore	sharp	smart
creak	hart	squeak	are
hurt	seek	star	cheek
bark	birch	horn	park
car	far	port	storm
seed	marsh	cheat	spark
scorch	starch	need	turn
spurt	squirm	sweet	speak
tar	tree	surf	wheat
creek	dirt	dart	scar
cork	lead	clark	stark
queen	fork	green	Lord
beach	sleep	stern	curb
score	more	feet	forth
lark	yeast	reap	third
ford	corn	cord	firm
herd	peas	spurt	harm
beam	sport	mirth	speech
clean	north	keep	flirt
clerk	peach	deep	preach

Practicing Common Word Endings

-ct -ft -lb -ld -lf -lk -lm -lp -mp

-nd -nk -nt -pt -sk -sp -st

tamp	junk	lend	rust
bump	kept	gift	rest
trust	fast	sink	desk
west	hump	limp	chimp
trunk	champ	melt	silk
milk	felt	just	ink
chunk	belt	bulb	sunk
bond	band	land	left
fold	last	lost	damp
dump	mist	must	cold
lamp	lump	mask	blast
clink	clank	held	zest
punk	culp	cant	task
runt	bulk	bilk	tend
trend	end	drink	ask
task	tusk	bask	gold
burst	pink	asp	dank
send	sand	elm	dusk
vest	vast	melt	malt
clasp	rink	held	balk
mink	help	tank	rant

CH TCH

champ	much	pitch	which
witch	chum	check	ranch
branch	itch	chill	much
rich	bench	wench	chimp
chunk	batch	watch	latch
chin	patch	ditch	pitch
catch	hatch	hitch	choke
chip	chat	pinch	lunch
wench	chick	chuck	stanch
match	much	such	quench
porch	torch	chop	chest
etch	sketch	chum	chap

Teacher: CH comes at the beginning of words or after a consonant. TCH comes at the end of a word after a vowel (with a few exceptions: e.g., rich, which, much, such, each)

We went to the lake and got perch. Then we went to the store and got corn and pork chops.

At the park, we had a game with Mark and Jane. It was such fun! But then Mark left.

When the queen came, she gave us gold.

I fell on a patch of rocks in the marsh and got a bad scar on my chin.

Adding -ING

kiss	kissing	sleep	sleeping
dump	dumping	eat	eating
branch	branching	chill	chilling
ask	asking	fill	filling
feel	feeling	watch	watching
seek	seeking	bond	bonding
blast	blasting	yell	yelling
test	testing	stay	staying
speak	speaking	drink	drinking
dust	dusting	hand	handing
end	ending	wish	wishing
dream	dreaming	tell	telling
treat	treating	read	reading
melt	melting	bend	bending
send	sending	sand	sanding
catch	catching	fix	fixing
rot	rotting	jump	jumping
help	helping	see	seeing
hear	hearing	leap	leaping
bark	barking	purr	purring
squeak	squeaking	chomp	chomping
run	running	sit	sitting
stand	standing	teach	teaching

Adding –ED

kiss kissed

dump dumped

branch branched

ask asked

sniff sniffed

kick kicked

blast blasted

test tested

rob robbed

dust dusted

end ended

dream dreamed

treat treated

melt melted

taste tasted

box boxed

rot rotted

help helped

slam slammed

bark barked

squeak squeaked

buzz buzzed

smoke smoked

whip whipped

stitch stitched

chill chilled

fill filled

watch watched

bond bonded

yell yelled

stay stayed

need needed

hand handed

wish wished

mark marked

bake baked

cook cooked

sand sanded

fix fixed

jump jumped

blame blamed

leap leaped

purr purred

chomp chomped

hiss hissed

plant planted

Rules about adding –ED and –ING

If a word ends in a single vowel with a single consonant following, double the consonant and add the ED or ING.:

jump --> jumped --> jumping
help --> helped --> helping
bunt --> bunted --> bunting
bang --> banged --> banging

BUT

top --> topped --> topping
rot --> rotted --> rotting
mop --> mopped --> mopping
drag --> dragged --> dragging

If a word ends in a silent E, drop the E and add the ED or ING:

hop --> hopped --> hopping
tap --> tapped --> tapping
mop --> mopped --> mopping
mat --> matted --> matting

BUT

hope --> hoped --> hoping
tape --> taped --> taping
mope --> moped --> moping
mate --> mated --> mating

Add the ED and ING endings to these words:

end
growl
vet
leap
sneak
pelt
lop
bet
shuck
creak
map
wish
purr
bark

More –ING words for practice

smelling	bending	batting	cutting
matching	ripping	trimming	filling
whipping	resting	dripping	rubbing
catching	running	hugging	chilling
shunning	milking	ranting	letting
cupping	digging	shopping	rocking
hugging	locking	ticking	killing
padding	ticking	panting	chipping
topping	sitting	dipping	running
letting	slipping	putting	drumming
stunning	canning	skipping	lopping
bedding	tanning	shutting	pressing
tapping	fixing	brimming	spelling
spinning	canning	kidding	fibbing
slipping	skimming	fitting	bending
quitting	buzzing	shipping	mixing
budding	spitting	gripping	mopping
hugging	dipping	scrapping	cutting
dripping	packing	shedding	nagging
topping	fanning	grabbing	camping
digging	pumping	spinning	sagging
shopping	hopping	scrimping	falling
licking	stopping	picking	laying

-NG

sing	throng
sang	thong
sung	hang
singing	fang
ring	fling
rang	flung
rung	flinging
ringing	lung
bring	pang
bringing	bang
cling	banging
clinging	bing
wing	bong
king	ding
hang	dinging
hung	ding-dong
hanging	ping-pong
dung	clang
swing	clanging
swung	sting
swinging	stang
tong	stung
thing	stinging

Yes, you *can* read these big words!
Just take them one syllable at a time!

sunset	Mayday	birthday	quicksand
seaside	podcast	dustpan	frosting
frosted	thrusting	scrubbing	squinted
mailbox	chicken	lipstick	tomcat
airplane	armpit	earmuff	earring
bedtime	cowbell	coastline	catnap
campfire	handbag	hillside	haystack
handmade	yearlong	manhole	pathway
sideline	snowman	landfill	stairway
teapot	raincoat	rowboat	ringside
meatloaf	milkshake	moonbeam	lifelong
hairline	frostbite	firework	downplay
doormat	corndog	crossword	chestnut
peapod	popcorn	pancake	sandman
bagpipes	haywire	bulldog	chopstick
smokestack	smallpox	inkblot	inchworm

Mom came home and tossed her handbag on the bed.

I was playing in the yard when a big storm came. I ran and hid in the barn.

The man played the bagpipes on the stairway.

We ate corndogs, popcorn, and cupcakes at the campfire. Then we sang songs.

When we woke up in the morning, we had pancakes.

I tripped on the bathmat in the bathroom.

A blackbird is singing next to my bedroom.

The girl on the rowboat waved at us. She had curls in her hair.

The coach told the men to run faster.

The snowman melted in the Spring.

The girl had a lot of homework to do, so she left.

I went up the hillside and sat to read.

Tom watched the dog eat the doormat. Bad dog! Bad Tom!

Long Y IND ILD

my	by	shy	try
spy	lie	tie	why
dry	fry	tied	fried
cry	cried	lie	lied
find	wild	child	mild
grind	kind	rind	mind
cries	tries	blind	pie
dried	flies	sky	skies
tried	rye	dye	bind
type	style	hype	July
apply	reply	ally	byte

OI OY

coin	koy	koi	boil
point	roil	joint	foil
oil	soil	cloy	Troy
boy	loin	broil	Roy
toy	moist	hoist	toys
join	toil	spoil	goy
coil	joys	joins	hoists

OU (as in sour) and OW (as in cow)

bound	round	cow	now
how	sound	found	pound
down	flour	crouch	couch
mouth	crown	drown	town
brown	cloud	count	fount
hound	loud	frown	south
out	pout	shout	flout
stout	scout	sprout	ouch
owl	growl	prowl	gown
clown	sour	dour	our
ours	grouch	foul	trout
pouch	howl	towel	lout
tout	power	tower	shower
cower	bower	flower	glower
renown	outer	outside	ground

The kind girl felt joy in giving flowers.

The trout jumped out of the tank and fell to the ground.

He crouched next to the couch.

AU AW ALL ALT ALK

all	haul	caul	fall
mall	flaw	malt	crawl
sprawl	small	tall	hall
stalk	walk	claw	maw
law	squat	dawn	fawn
taunt	caw	saw	paw
thaw	craw	ball	lawn
bawl	fault	halt	Baltic
salt	talk	Shawn	squaw
faun	pawn	thaw	brawn
chalk	sawn	launch	paunch
raw	draw	squash	hawk
squawk	shawl	Paul	Saul
drawn	vaunt	vault	prawn
staunch	caulk	drawl	straw
wall	maul	gall	Gaul

Shawn went to the mall.

Saul got a new name. It is now Paul.

The cat hurt his paw and bawled.

Long and Short OO

book	took	food	good
look	brook	crook	poor
hood	troop	proof	drool
droop	cool	boost	snoop
coo	fool	zoo	hoot
tooth	broom	room	stood
nook	noon	boom	moon
soon	smooth	root	rook
boot	soot	booth	stood
toot	moot	roost	bloom
cook	shook	foot	croon
wood	hook	pool	spool
tool	coot	too	wool
woo	scoop	moo	hoop
spoon	loot	understood	stool
snoot	shoot	reboot	afoot
cookbook	songbook	outlook	kook
afternoon	lampoon	raccoon	saloon
swoon	swoop	boon	teaspoon

UE EW

new	few	true	hue
stew	brew	glue	news
Jew	blue	crew	due
dues	screw	strew	strewn
Sue	flue	flew	drew
hew	hewn	blew	dew
drew	threw	chew	pew
slew	spew	clue	brew
brewed	view	preview	interview
curfew	cashew	mew	rue
yew	whew	mildew	outgrew

Mildew grew in the shower stall.

There are such good things to see in the world that God has made! In the woods, we can see big green trees and flowers. In the sea, we can see shrimp, clams, crabs, lobster, and fish like cod and perch -- all of which can be good foods for us to eat. Think of the power of God to make all such things! He is so good to us!

More Sight Words

Teacher: Review sight words on page 18. Then add:

know knew knowing

would could should

ought

many most

beauty beautiful

pretty

ugliness ugly

believe believed believing

hello goodbye

please “thank you”

yesterday today tomorrow

already

another

friend

tiny large huge

great

from

these those

through

about

enough

one

two

three

four

five

six

seven

eight

nine

ten

eleven

twelve

thirteen

fourteen

fifteen

sixteen

seventeen

eighteen

nineteen

twenty

thirty

forty

fifty

sixty

seventy

eighty

ninety

hundred

thousand

million

billion

trillion

hour

four

pour

dour

ER LE

farmer	harder	uncle	platter
jungle	jingle	simple	differ
sleeper	kicker	order	lumber
trouble	cripple	angle	sizzle
humble	bottle	pepper	riddle
middle	limber	border	order
apple	kettle	handle	needle
worker	fable	cable	older
snicker	letter	little	sizzle
juggle	juggler	riddle	upper
lower	tangle	snuggle	pebble
ankle	muddle	tumble	tumbler
griddle	cripple	nipple	skipper
rocker	roller	shopper	cattle
snicker	Bible	clatter	matter
straddle	paddle	spindle	twiddle
twaddle	mantle	settle	whistle
fondle	Seattle	gentle	shuttle
spittle	noodle	ladle	poodle
fiddle	curdle	girdle	swaddle
dawdle	turtle	doodle	kindle
puzzle	muzzle	fizzle	meddle

-Y

Mary	berry	story	lady
party	kitty	thirty	neatly
marry	dizzy	witty	carry
pony	jury	furry	funny
runny	Kelly	navy	ugly
pretty	party	twenty	thirty
forty	fifty	sixty	seventy
ninety	ivy	bunny	Billy
nutty	frilly	Daddy	Mommy
silly	jolly	city	likely
hurry	curry	milky	jerky
hardly	hardy	kitty	worthy
candy	handy	dandy	neatly
dirty	flirty	shorty	cakey
snappy	sorry	fussy	messy
cozy	shady	lazy	happy
sadly	many	daily	penny
tasty	likely	fairy	muddy
ruddy	thirsty	hungry	scurry
foggy	sunny	rainy	story
carry	marry	tarry	wary
body	Trinity	kindly	boldly
lovely	yearly	speedy	tricky

Changing –Y Words

Teacher: When a noun ends in Y, drop the Y and add IES to make it plural.

party --> parties
lady --> ladies
mommy --> mommies
daddy --> daddies
baby --> babies
puppy --> puppies
kitty --> kitties
bunny --> bunnies
fairy --> fairies
jury --> juries
berry --> berries

When a verb ends in Y, drop the Y and add – IES or –IED to change the tense.

carry --> carries --> carried
hurry --> hurries --> hurried
tarry --> tarries --> tarried
marry --> marries --> married
bury --> buries --> buried
scurry --> scurries --> scurried
study --> studies --> studied
empty --> empties --> empties
worry --> worries --> worried

Generally, when an adjective ends in Y, add – IER or – IEST to describe magnitude. Generally speaking, drop the Y and add – ILY to make an adverb (a word that describes how something is done).

funny --> funnier --> funniest --> funnily
happy --> happier --> happiest --> happily
sleepy --> sleepier --> sleepest --> sleepily
cozy --> cozier --> coziest --> cozily
speedy --> speedier --> speediest --> speedily
sunny --> sunnier --> sunniest
fussy --> fussier --> fussiest
goofy --> goofier --> goofiest

When Paul married Mary, she became his bride. The bride and groom loved each other very much. They still do today, and are very happy together. He is seventy years old, and she is sixty years old.

My Mom is happiest when she can do her daily crossword puzzle.

What is the funniest joke you know? What about the hardest riddle?

Teachers: Review sight words on pages 18 and 42.

Practice: More Big Words You Can Read

compliment	railroad	cartoon	flowered
empowered	mailbox	Washington	Jefferson
kangaroo	loudest	widow	widower
Easter	roomier	purple	caboose
enjoyment	hamburger	cannon	bluebird
bucktoothed	fireproof	handcuff	hummingbird
limestone	motorboat	mankind	needlepoint
nosedive	passport	Mexico	postmaster
sleepwalker	shellfish	streetcar	strongbox
yardstick	watermelon	wildflower	outlaw
outlast	overcast	moonstruck	mastermind
matchmaker	namesake	overcoat	outfit
peppermint	September	understand	zigzag
butterfly	classroom	punishment	computer
piecrust	springtime	supermarket	snowstorm
warship	waterfall	makeshift	meatball

EA EE

These just have to be learned by rote. Note and point out homonyms!

bear/bare	steak/stake	hear	heard/herd
steer	least	fear	break/brake
sneak	freak	pear/pair	tear/tear
greet	bread	dread	spear
clear	Heaven	search	sweat
great	thread	leather	sweater
heart	heath	beneath	wear
year	queer	deer/dear	sheer/shear
creek/creak	meant	pearl	wealth
head	heavy	sweat	earn
learn	deaf	dead	earth
feather	tread	spread	ready
heady	heavy	dearth	rear
weary	breaks	steaks	squeak
squeaky	sneak	sneaky	cheek
cheeky	tweak	freaky	seem/seam
ear	ears	team	beam
ream	dream	dreamy	cream
creamy	steady	instead	leery
cheer	cheery	drear	dreary
Lear jet	near	need/knead	weed
seed	free	three	thread
ahead	behead	lead/lead	mead

CE CI CY

since	twice	nice	rice
splice	prince	mercy	practice
chance	prance	truce	pace
peace	advice	lice	space
race	grace	pounce	pounced
glance	lacy	Tracy	police
bounce	ounce	voice	choice
grocery	groceries	cent	cents
pence	mince	mincing	dance
dancing	slice	slicing	pencil
office	spruce	service	lance
circus	citizen	cider	force
forced	ace	brace	face
sentence	notice	fancy	cell
trace	brace	mace	wince
hence	whence	science	spice
spicing	spices	France	cinch
center	central	ice	icing
twice	thrice	produce	cement
sincere	slices	incense	ensor
bicycle	cider	mercy	merciful
fanciful	circle	cycle	glance
enhance	bodice	novice	rejoice

GE GI GY DGE DGI DGY

edge	ledge	fledge	pledge
judge	cage	midget	siege
liege	tinge	singe	stage
wage	sage	page	charge
charging	huge	urgent	fridge
fringe	gentle	gentleman	luggage
age	danger	manage	manager
bridge	hedge	wedge	grudge
gadget	engineer	change	changing
bulge	gem	fudge	fudging
massage	message	pigeon	ginger
badge	badger	energy	nudge
fidget	fidgety	lodge	stingy
gorge	forge	rage	dungeon
stage	gently	gym	gymnastics
digit	digital	sledge	ridge
midge	urge	privilege	advantage
blockage	scavenge	garbage	cabbage
baggage	foliage	potage	leakage
outage	ravage	engage	forage
voyage	plunge	gauge	bulge
gouge	rouge	lunge	plunge
sarge	barge	large	passage

Hard S and Hard TH

Sometimes S sounds like Z. And sometimes TH sounds makes a hard sound:
contrast the TH in "thin" with the TH in "brother"

rose	those	brother
rosy	choose	father
daisy	tease	mother
amuse	excuse	bother
amusing	accuse	teething
noise	bemuse	bathe
praise	rouse	bathing
please	supposing	grandfather
pleased	cheese	grandmother
pause	causing	wither
nose	noisy	whether
close	pose	weather
raise	posing	rather
raising	pleasing	soothe
suppose	pleasant	soothing
hose	present	clothes
house (verb)		loathe
poise		these
rise		those
risen		lather
because		blather
cause		gather
these		breathe

Tricky Silent Letters: B G H K L P T W

knife	knob	knave	know
sword	comb	tomb	answer
Psalm	gnarl	gnarled	bustle
knit	sign	hasten	castle
often	limb	crumb	debt
gnu	gnat	gnash	numb
dumb	knit	gnaw	fasten
half	debtor	write	wrote
written	wrong	jostle	fasten
whistle	honor	christen	doubt
known	knowledge	knew	wrench
wreck	writ	wreath	knock
knick-knack	aghost	thistle	knuckle
bristle	honest	rustle	wring
wrap	wrapped	wrapping	wrapper
wretch	lamb	climb	cologne
sign	reign	gnome	thumb
knead	knock	apostle	knell
yolk	subtle	scene	scenic
muscle	Christmas	Wednesday	handkerchief
handsome	design	resign	ascent
limb	autumn	rhyme	rhythm
science	hour	mechanic	wrist

Even Tricker Silent Letters:
GH OUGH EIGH IGH AIGH AUGH

sigh	sought	fight	fought
night	naught	caught	tight
neighbor	brought	lightning	sleigh
daughter	tight	bright	sight
eight	eighty	plight	thigh
freight	weight	sought	tight
fighter	light	lightning	right
weigh	nigh	thought	straight
bought	rights	naughty	blight
taught	slaughter	straighten	high
ought	through	thorough	flight
thought	plough	dough	bough
although	borough	though	doughnut
height	sighs	sleight	might

But sometimes they're NOT silent. Sorry!

cough	rough	tough	enough
laugh	draught	laughter	coughing

PH

phonics	phone	telephone	dolphin
pamphlet	phrase	triumph	orphan
hyphen	Phillip	trophy	phase
pharmacy	physical	paragraph	nephew
elephant	photograph	photo	phoned
phoning	photosynthesis	phobia	phantom
photocopy	photoshoot	morph	typhus
photographer	Murphy	phenomenon	phenomenal
morphine	typhoon	asphalt	phoenix
prophet	prophecy	epiphany	pheasant
physics	physicist	autograph	alphabet
sophomore	geography	telegraph	sphere
spherical	megaphone	esophagus	philosophy
philosopher	pharmacist	emphatic	sapphire

I got morphine from the pharmacist at the pharmacy.

The elephant's name is Phillip.

Dad took photographs from the party we had on the feast of the Epiphany.

-OUS

famous	curious	nervous	fabulous
enormous	jealous	envious	gorgeous
marvelous	religious	courageous	serious
serous	porous	gibbous	various
sinuous	amorous	courteous	dangerous
obnoxious	gluttonous	mysterious	stupendous

-CIAL -SION -TION -CIOUS -TIOUS

social	vision	tension	nation
station	vacation	education	expression
exception	addition	subtraction	elevation
caution	attention	permission	salvation
facial	special	crucial	glacial
mansion	separation	precious	suspension
suspicious	fiction	beneficial	artificial
commercial	superficial	division	multiplication
gracious	spacious	occasion	ration
tension	version	pension	section
elation	unction	ovation	diction
mention	emotion	adoption	position
mission	session	erosion	vicious
cautious	pension	fraction	precious
anxious	nutritious	constitution	delicious

We got permission to on on vacation. While there, we stayed in a large mansion.

The men from the mission had a nutritious and delicious meal. They all said it was fabulous.

-SURE -TURE

nature	closure	nurture	mixture
ensure	insure	lecture	denture
mature	stature	assure	fixture
vulture	leisure	rapture	treasure
exposure	feature	measure	creature
pleasure	cincture	sculpture	adventure
scripture	mature	structure	culture
agriculture	rupture	pasture	capture
gesture	future	torture	premature
posture	picture	capture	puncture

-IVE

festive	expensive	attentive	captive
restive	massive	elusive	furtive
active	radioactive	positive	negative
relative	secretive	adjective	offensive
explosive	defective	digestive	objective
competitive	cooperative	informative	digestive
repetitive	oppressive	inclusive	inventive
deceptive	obsessive	selective	talkative
reclusive	repulsive	sedative	laxative
assertive	normative	impulsive	defensive

-ANCE -ENCE

independence	silence	importance	maintenance
nuisance	residence	evidence	balance
performance	obedience	radiance	abundance
finance	permanence	commence	audience
prudence	temperance	reverence	presence
defiance	fragrance	guidance	alliance
dominance	attendance	vengeance	advance
admittance	science	absence	resemblance
vigilance	confidence	relevance	tolerance
patience	influence	brilliance	endurance

Proper use of pronouns

Subject pronoun	Objective pronoun	Possessive adjective	Possessive pronoun	Reflexive pronoun
I	me	my	mine	myself
you	you	your	yours	yourself yourselves
he	him	his	his	himself
she	her	her	hers	herself
it	it	its	its	itself
one	one	one's	one's	oneself
we	us	our	ours	ourselves
they	them	their	theirs	themselves

Reflexive pronouns are used when the subject and object of the sentence are the same -- i.e., the actor and the recipient of the action are the same. If Bob buys himself a book, he would say "I bought myself a book." If Ted buys a book for Bob, Bob would say "Ted bought me a book." If Alice were to buy a book for Ted and Bob, Ted would say "Alice bought a book for Bob and me." He would not say "Alice bought a book for Ted and myself" because Alice and Ted are not the same person.

It doesn't matter how many people are mentioned in the sentence: use reflexive pronouns reflexively only.

Wrong: He gave her and I a dog.

Right: He gave her and me a dog. (Or, better, he gave us a dog)

Remove "her" from the sentence. Would you ever say "He gave I a dog"?

Wrong: John and myself went to lunch.

Right: John and I went to lunch.

Take John out of the sentence. Would you ever say "Myself went to lunch"?

Wrong: She got a call from from John and myself.

Right: She got a call from John and me.

Remove John from the sentence and see how it reads. Would you ever say "She got a call from myself"?

Showing Possession

To show possession, add an apostrophe and an S:

- This book belongs to Mary. It is Mary's book.
- Whose is this? It is Steve's.
- Is this Terry's television? Yes, it is his.
- This tape belongs to the boss, right? Yes, it is the boss's tape.
- This is Mr. Jones's coat.
- Does this dog belong to Wills? Yes, it is Wills's dog.
- These toys belong to the kid. These are the kid's toys.
- These belong to the children. These are the children's toys.
- This is the wool of those sheep. This is the sheep's wool.

If the word is plural and ends in an S, just add the apostrophe:

- This tape belongs to the two bosses? Yes, it is the bosses' tape.
- This house belongs to Joe and Ann Smith. It is the Smiths' house.
- These coats belong to the two Jones families. These are the Joneses' coats.
- These toys belong to the kids. These are the kids' toys.
- Who has the three cats' catnip?

About Contractions

When we speak and write, we sometimes leave out or shorten certain sounds. The shortened construction is called a “contraction.” Ex.:

I am --> I'm
you are --> you're
he is --> he's
she is --> she's
it is --> it's
we are --> we're
they are --> they're

To indicate not, use n't. Think of it as adding the word “not” to the verb, and then replacing the O with an apostrophe:

you are not --> you aren't
he is not --> he isn't
she is not --> she isn't
it is not --> it isn't

Add 'll to indicate “will”:

I will --> I'll
you will --> you'll
he will --> he'll
she will --> she'll
it will --> it'll
we will --> we'll
they will --> they'll

Add 'd to indicate “would”:

I would --> I'd
you would --> you'd
he would --> he'd

she would --> she'd
it would --> it'd
we would --> we'd
you would --> you'd

Add n't to verbs such as could, would, should, have, and might to conjugations of "to be:

could not --> couldn't
would not --> wouldn't
should not --> shouldn't
have not --> haven't
are not --> aren't
was not --> wasn't
were not --> weren't
might not --> mightn't

Add 've to could, would, should, and might:

could have --> could've
should have --> should've
would have --> would've
might have --> might've

Finally:

let us --> let's

How to Properly Use a Few Tricky Words

there their they're

your you're

it's its

(“it's” always means “it is.” It never means “belonging to it.”)

They're over there. And they've brought their computer.

You're sure you brought your book?

It's funny how it's true that every dog has its day.

They already ate their lunch there. If you haven't already eaten, you're welcome to eat your lunch with me.

Which word in parentheses would go in the following sentences:

Where is the dog? He's over _____ (there, their, they're).

Do you have _____ coat? (your, you're)

I don't know how _____ done. (it's, its)

They sang _____ new song. (there, their, they're)

_____ pretty crazy, but I like them. (there, their, they're)

Did they leave _____ their jackets behind? (there, their, they're)

_____ right! I was wrong. (your, you're)

Reading:

Welcome to the party! I'm so glad you're here We'll be having dinner in a few hours. We're having steak! Here, let me take your coats, and then let's go into the living room where we're playing a game. You've never played it before? You're going to love it! Don't worry; I'll teach you! Here, you sit over there. John and Greg'll be taking their turn now. See them there? They're good at this game, so watch out!

Sight Words

Days of the Week

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday
Sunday

The Seven Seas*

North Pacific Ocean
South Pacific Ocean
North Atlantic Ocean
South Atlantic Ocean
Indian Ocean Antarctic
Ocean
Arctic Ocean

The Seven Continents*

Asia
Africa
North America
South America
Antarctica
Europe
Australia

Months of the Year

January
February
March
April
May
June
July
August
Septemper
October
November
December

The Four Seasons

Spring
Summer
Winter
Autumn (or Fall)

The Planets

Earth
Mercury
Venus
Mars
Jupiter
Saturn
Uranus
Neptune
Pluto (demoted)

Names from the Bible

Jesus Christ
Mary
Joseph
Israel
Jerusalem
Noe (Noah)
Matthew
Isaias (Isaiah)
Moses
Abraham
Isaac
Solomon
Daniel
Simon Peter
Andrew
John
Stephen
Timothy

Titles

Mr. (Mister)
Mrs. (Missus)
Miss
Ms. (feminist female)
Dr. (Doctor)
Fr. (Father)
Sr. (Sister)
Br. (Brother)
Sir
Ma'am (Madam)

*Find them on a globe!

The Fifty States of the United States and their Capitals*

Montgomery, Alabama
Juneau, Alaska
Phoenix, Arizona
Little Rock, Arkansas
Sacramento, California
Denver, Colorado
Hartford, Connecticut
Dover, Delaware
Tallahassee, Florida
Atlanta, Georgia
Honolulu, Hawaii
Boise, Idaho
Springfield, Illinois
Indianapolis, Indiana
Des Moines, Iowa
Topeka, Kansas
Frankfort, Kentucky
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Augusta, Maine
Annapolis, Maryland
Boston, Massachusetts
Lansing, Michigan
Saint Paul, Minnesota
Jackson, Mississippi
Jefferson City, Missouri

Helena, Montana
Lincoln, Nebraska
Carson City, Nevada
Concord, New Hampshire
Trenton, New Jersey
Santa Fe, New Mexico
Albany, New York
Raleigh, North Carolina
Bismarck, North Dakota
Columbus, Ohio
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Salem, Oregon
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
Providence, Rhode Island
Columbia, South Carolina
Pierre, South Dakota
Nashville, Tennessee
Austin, Texas
Salt Lake City, Utah
Montpelier, Vermont
Richmond, Virginia
Olympia, Washington
Charleston, West Virginia
Madison, Wisconsin
Cheyenne, Wyoming

*Find them on a map!