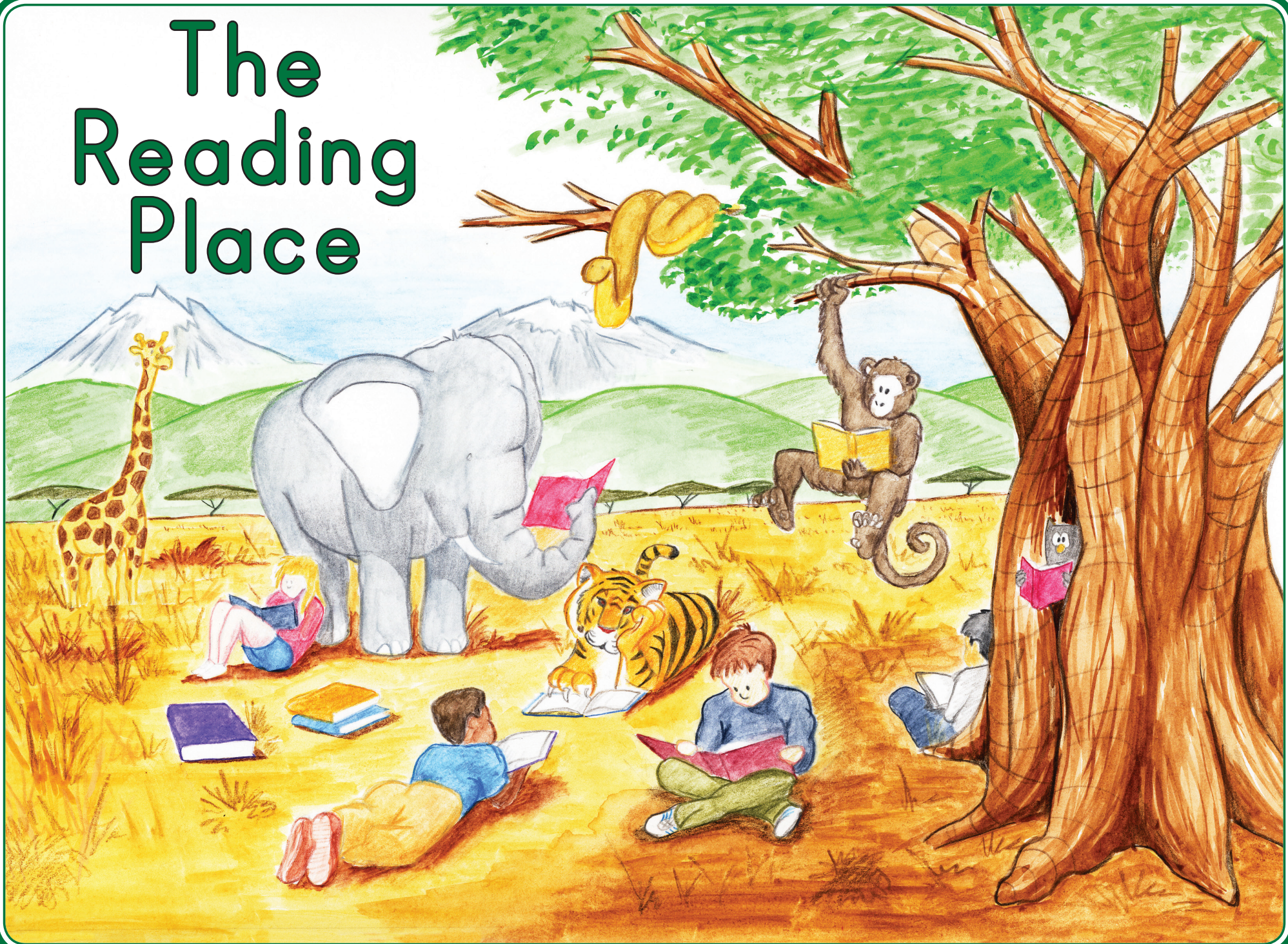


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A a

"a" and "aah"



B b

"buh"★



C c

"ck"



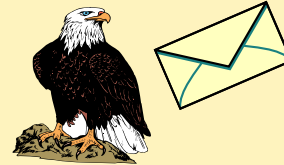
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"duh"★



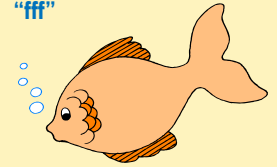
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"e" and "eh"



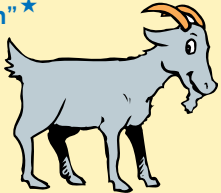
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"fff"



G g

"guh"★



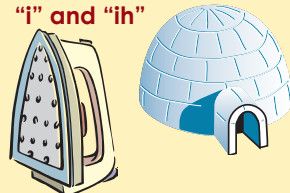
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"hhh"



I i

"i" and "ih"



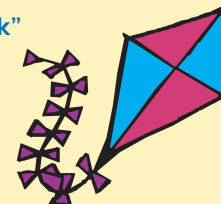
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"juh"★*



K k

"ck"



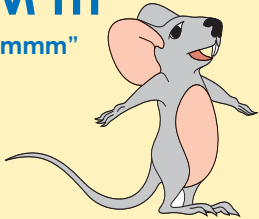
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"lll"



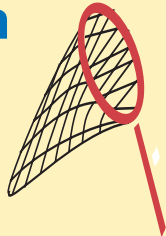
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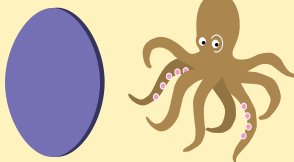
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"nnn"



O o

"o" and "ahhh"



P p

"ppp"



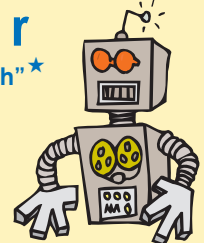
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"kwuh"★



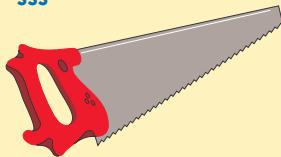
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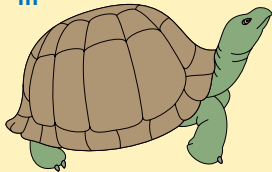
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"sss"



T t

"ttt"



U u

"u" and "uh"



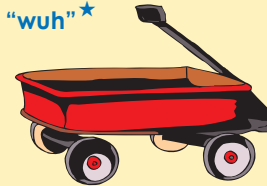
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"vvv"



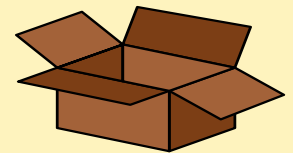
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"wuh"★



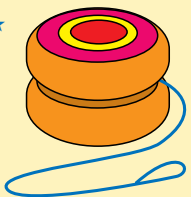
X x

"ks" (as in box)



Y y

"yuh"★



Z z

"zzz"★



The letters in red are the vowels.

★ The "u" is not emphasized in these sounds.

Do you know the letters of the alphabet?
Do you know the sounds of the letters?

Welcome to The Reading Place!



Come to the wise old baobab tree
And sit by its side, where the shade is free.
Our mighty green tree grew from a seed,
(You'll grow the same way as you learn to read.)
In the very beginning, some things might seem slow,
But lots of great words you will soon come to know.
Reading will make your confidence strong,
And your love for good books will be lifelong.
So, come along now; you'll soon be a reader.
(You'll quickly find out that you're also a leader.)
Come gather 'round this fine Reading Place.
Begin with a smile and a bright, happy face!
We'll make this time count (and have lots of fun, too).
Everyone here is so proud of you!
I will be here to help you and guide -
So, let's read together now - side-by-side.

~ Victoria Beck

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Letter Identification - Upper Case



For Use with Reading Expedition

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The Tour Guide says...



Welcome to this sunny spot,
Where friends all meet to learn a lot.
The alphabet is first in line.
Relax and smile; you'll do fine!

Can you sing "The Alphabet Song"? Listen to it and watch the video provided in this lesson.

Let's Get to Know the Alphabet

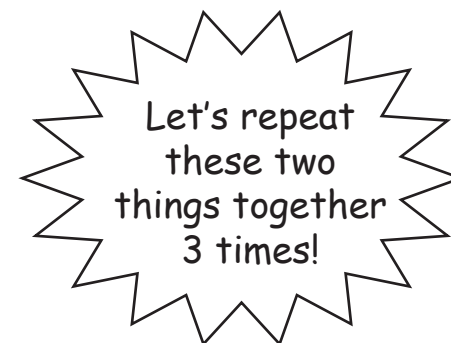
(Upper Case Letters)

Do you know the letters of the alphabet?

Can you sing "The Alphabet Song"?

Here are two things you need to remember:

1. There are 26 letters in the alphabet.
2. There are two ways to write each letter of the alphabet.



We are going to learn the first way each letter can be written. These are the upper case letters. They are also called "big" or "capital" letters. Together, let's say each of them slowly.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M

N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

The letters of the alphabet are not always in the same order. They are also not always all together. We need to learn to recognize the letters even when they appear in different ways. See if you can name each of the upper case letters below.

I'll point to them.

B E H K L M O Q T

V W Y Z A F C G I

D J N P R S U X Y

Okay, now let's point to the letters above in all different orders and see how fast you can name them!
Can you remember another name for upper case letters? Capital letters!

Sometimes, these letters can appear in a straight line, up and down, like this. Name these letters out loud from top to bottom in each list.

V	A	Z	F	L	Z	U	C
F	C	M	O	B	R	M	N
G	D	O	J	Y	W	L	W
N	M	P	W	A	I	H	A
P	P	Q	V	S	D	Q	K
H	R	S	I	R	E	D	S
T	Y	T	X	J	O	X	F

Now, try each list from the bottom up!

The letters you are learning to read have been printed in the same way you will learn to form them when you learn to write.

You might notice, however, that books often are printed with letters that look a little different than the ones you are learning. Just as people can look a little different, the way letters are printed in books, magazines and newspaper can look different, too. Don't worry about that. The styles in which letters are typed out are called "fonts". Don't be confused by them. The letters are still all the same. They just may look a little fancier. Here are a few examples. Let's point to some of these letters and see if you still can recognize them.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z



The Tour Guide says...
draw a picture of yourself.

Letter Identification - Lower Case



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The Tour Guide says...



You know the upper case, it's true!
Now we'll show you something new!
The alphabet gets even better,
With smaller versions of each letter!

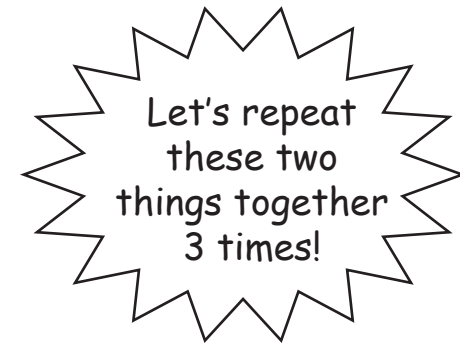
The small letters are called the "lower case" letters. They have the same names as the upper case letters.

Let's Get to Know the Alphabet

(Lower Case Letters)

You've done a great job learning all of the upper case (capital) letters. It's time to make sure we know the lower case letters. Let's begin by reviewing the two things we learned in Reading Expedition 1.

1. There are 26 letters in the alphabet.
2. There are two ways to write each letter of the alphabet.



The lower case letters are the second way that the letters can be written. These are the lower case letters. They are also called "little" or "small" letters. Lower case letters are the letters we most often see in the words we read. First, we'll say them together. Then, you can point to each letter and say it by yourself.

a b c d e f g h i j k l m
n o p q r s t u v w x y z

You're doing a great job! Remember when we mixed up the capital letters? Let's do that again. As you know, the letters that make up words don't appear in the same order as the alphabet. Name the letters below in the order that they have been printed.

f n s w a o v e i

t y b g p x c h

j k r d u l q m z

Good job! Now, I'll point to them in all different orders and you call their names out loud. I'll bet I can't fool you!

No matter what order these letters appear in, you'll be able to say their names. Try reading these columns of letters. When you're done, read them each again, from the bottom up!

p	w	v	j	t	l	v	h
k	d	k	n	c	d	e	m
q	i	u	e	y	g	z	q
e	l	b	r	h	r	o	t
f	p	a	d	o	b	k	f
a	n	s	g	u	j	x	l
i	c	f	x	m	w	s	y

One more thing...let's look at some of the different "faces" that these letters can have. Remember, these are called "fonts". They may make the letters look a little dressed up, fancy or even silly, but the letters are still the same letters you have already learned.

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z



The Tour Guide says...
draw a picture of your favorite animal.

The Sounds of the Letters



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The Tour Guide says...



Can you name these things for me?

Can you name the things you see?

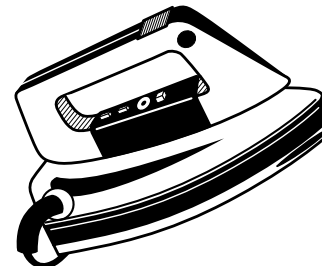
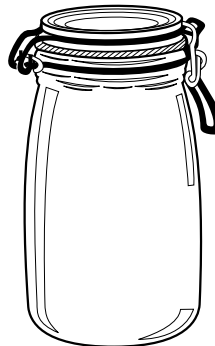
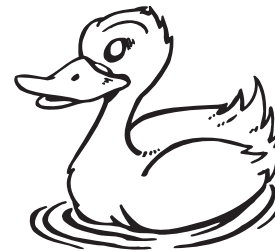
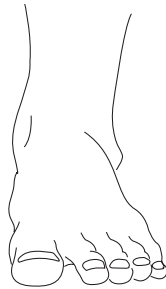
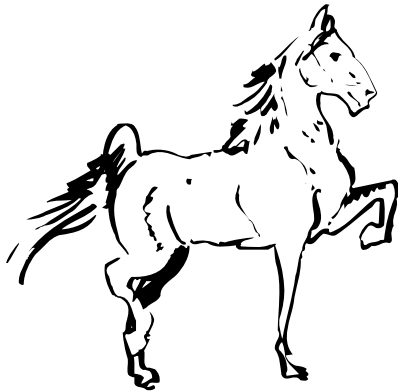
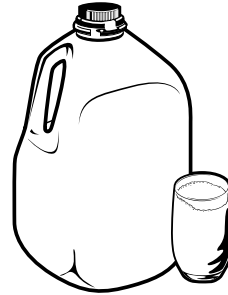
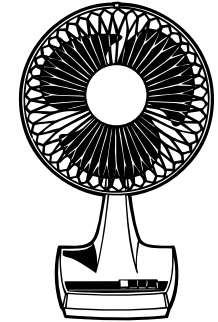
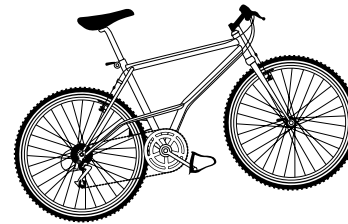
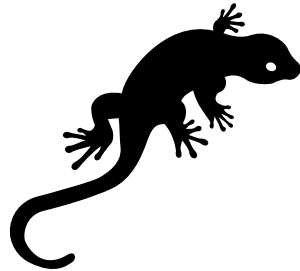
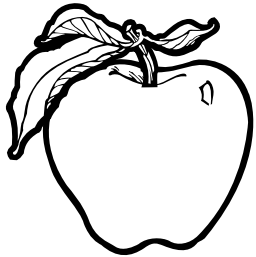
Their beginning sounds need naming, too.

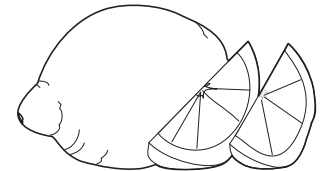
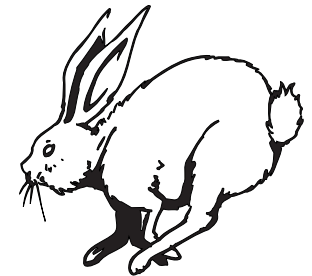
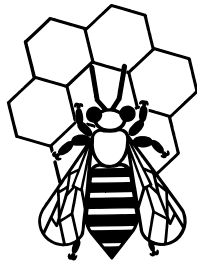
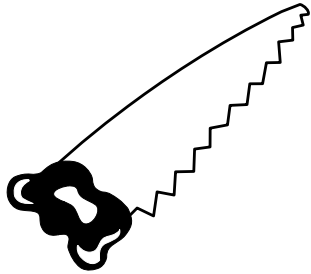
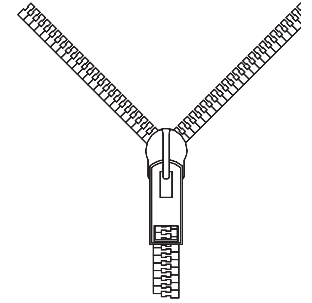
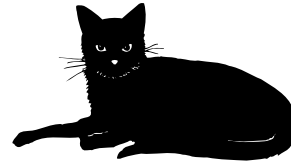
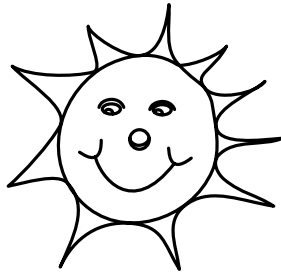
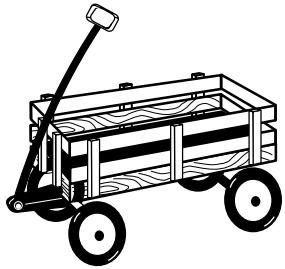
Once you've named them all, you're through!

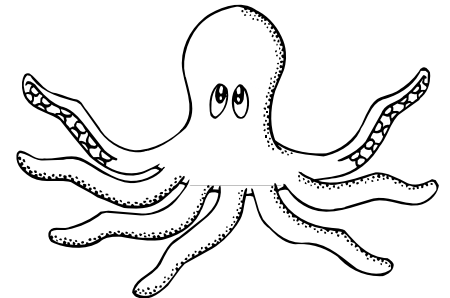
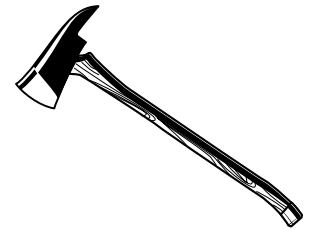
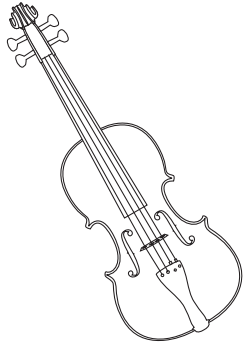
What is the letter that makes the beginning sound of the names of these objects? Make sure to learn all of the beginning sounds before trying this lesson.

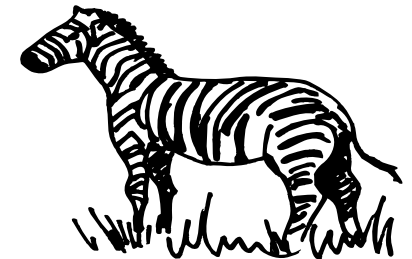
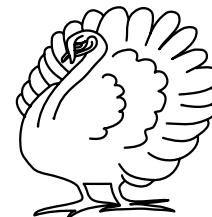
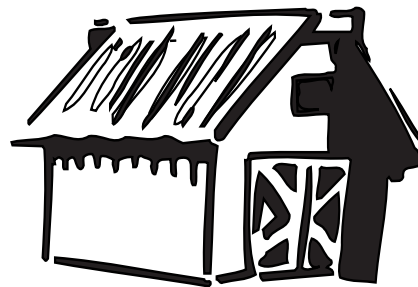
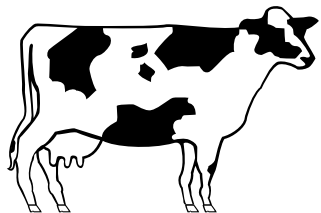
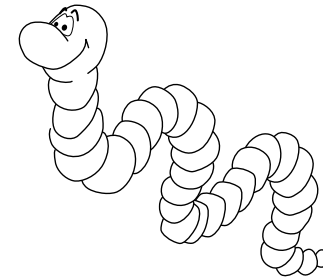
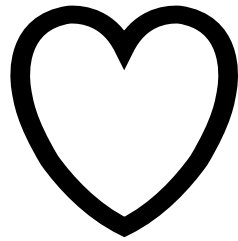
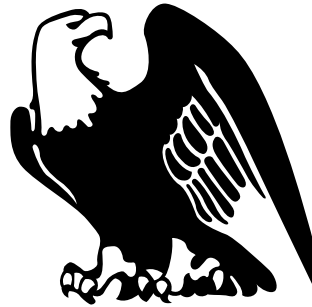
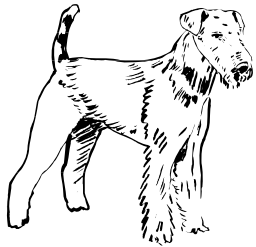
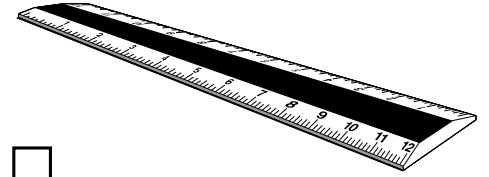
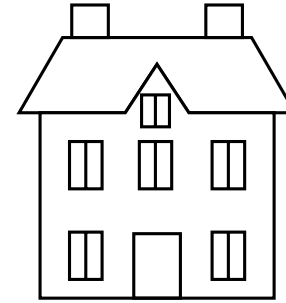
Your safari mate can now try to guess the beginning letter of objects from these pictures. Try doing a page of objects in each sitting. Point to an object and ask:

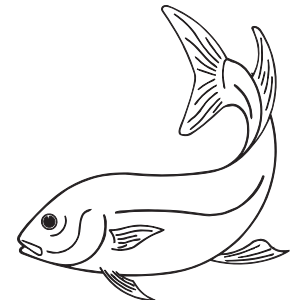
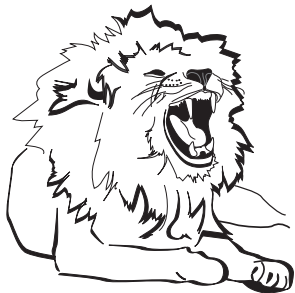
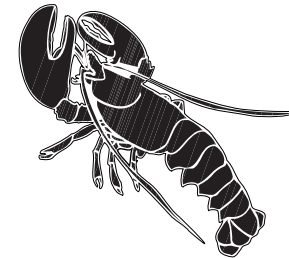
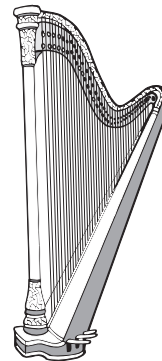
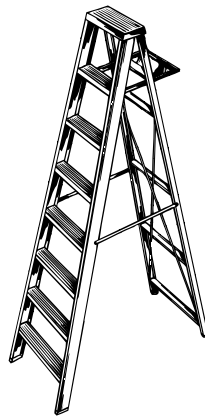
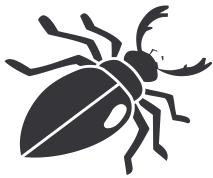
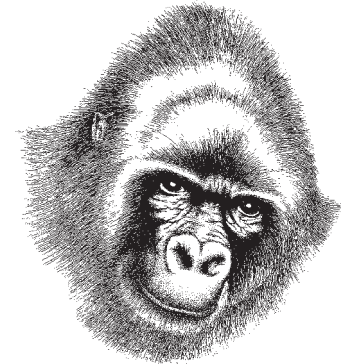
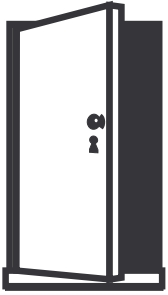
1. What is this?
2. Say its name slowly and clearly.
3. What is the beginning sound?
4. What letter makes that sound?











Identifying Beginning Sounds in Words



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The Tour Guide says...



Listen well and you will hear,
Each letter whisper in your ear.
You'll need to know the sounds they make
So, stay alert and stay awake!

Why not review the sounds of all the letters with the audio guide before you begin?

a ("a" says "a" and "aaah")

ace	acorn	age	aim
aid	angel	ape	ache
— — — — —			
act	add	animal	apple
ashes	ask	attic	ax
actor	after	atlas	astronaut

b ("b" says "buh") ★

baby	back	bacon	backpack
bad	bag	bake	ball
balloon	bone	barn	basket
bat	bear	beaver	bed
bee	beetle	bench	belt
bike	bite	boat	bandage
bottle	bowl	bow	bubble
buckle	button	boot	box

c ("c" says "ck")

cabin	cage	cake	calf
cactus	camel	camp	candy
car	carrot	cat	castle
coat	comb	can	cookie
corn	cow	cup	compass

d ("d" says "duh") ★

dance	daisy	day	deck
dish	dentist	desk	dinosaur
dice	dog	dip	delicious
disk	dive	doll	dictionary
door	dot	dust	double
duck	deer	dig	doughnut

e ("e" says "e" and "eh")

each	eagle	ear	eat
east	eel	eager	easy
— — — — —			
echo	empty	end	envelope
every	edge	enter	ever

f ("f" says "fff")

face	fair	fairy	fall
fan	fast	fat	fence
fork	father	fight	finger
film	fire	fish	fist
food	foot	fox	feather
fast	fancy	farm	fountain
fear	fill	fin	fist

g ("g" says "guh") ★

game	gap	garage	garden
gas	gate	ghost	giggle
Goat	golf	gold	good
goose	gorilla	gum	gun

h ("h" says "hhh")

hair	hall	ham	hand
handle	hang	happy	harp
hat	hay	head	heart
heel	help	hide	hill
hiss	hit	hold	hole
home	honey	hood	hoop
horn	horse	hose	house
hug	half	hang	hawk

i ("i" says "i" and "ih")

ice	idea	ivy	iris
iron	island	icing	item
— — — — —	— — — — —	— — — — —	— — — — —
image	imitate	infant	insect
itch	inch	in	is

j ("j" says "juh") ★

jab	jacket	jaguar	jail
jam	jar	jaw	jeans
jelly	jet	jazz	jewelry
job	joke	judge	jug
jump	jungle	jiffy	jingle

k ("k" says "ck")

kiss	key	kick	kangaroo
kind	king	kill	kitchen
kite	kitten	kid	keep

l ("l" says "lll")

lace	ladder	lid	lake
lamp	lock	log	lump
lap	law	lay	lazy
leap	lip	lonely	lunch
leaf	learn	leg	lemon
lesson	little	look	long
letter	library	lick	ladybug
life	lizard	love	lift
light	like	lime	lion
lobster	loud	lady	lamb

m ("m" says "mmm")

mow	mad	merry	monkey
mail	milk	magic	mouth
make	man	march	marble
marry	mind	mop	machine
mask	mat	match	mermaid
maze	miss	moth	mountain
may	mean	meal	meadow
meat	model	mother	message
melt	menu	matter	magazine
mud	money	music	muscle

n ("n" says "nnn")

nail	name	nap	neighbor
night	near	neck	necklace
nest	noise	nasty	needle
net	news	noodle	nibble
nice	nickel	note	number
nurse	nut	nanny	napkin
neat	need	nine	nod
now	nose	nothing	navy

o ("o" says "o" and "ahhh")

oak	oats	obey	ocean
odor	open	oval	over
— — — — —			
object	octopus	odd	opposite
olive	ostrich	otter	ox

p ("p" says "ppp")

pack	paddle	page	parrot
peach	pest	pill	people
paint	pair	pan	panda
peel	past	pile	point
paper	pole	pot	parent
pen	pick	pillow	parachute
park	pail	party	personal
poke	pie	pipe	parade
patch	path	pay	peace
pepper	pig	pizza	puppy

q ("q" says "kwuh") ★

quake	quick	queen	quarter
quiet	quill	quilt	question
quote	quiz	quack	queer

r ("r" says "ruh") ★

ray	race	raft	rag
rob	rub	rain	rake
ram	ran	rock	reptile
run	rare	rash	ribbon
roll	rule	raw	rabbit
rip	red	roof	ranch
rug	rest	rat	riddle
rot	rush	rim	ready
ripe	rise	row	ruler

s ("s" says "sss")

sack	sad	surf	safari
safe	sign	sit	soccer
soup	sail	salt	same
sand	sat	silk	sunset
soil	sip	sew	save
saw	sea	seal	silly
size	soldier	suit	seat
see	seed	seem	seesaw
silver	soap	some	saddle
sell	send	set	sausage
side	sing	sock	song

t ("t" says "ttt")

table	tail	take	teapot
tall	toad	teeth	television
tan	tap	tape	target
taste	toast	top	tube
taxi	talk	team	telephone
tub	today	touch	tunnel
tennis	tent	test	ticket
tie	tool	towel	turkey
tiger	tile	timber	time
tip	tooth	toy	toe

u ("u" says "u" and "uh")

unicycle	uniform	unit	unicorn
unite	use	usual	university
— — — — —			
ugly	upset	uncle	unpack
umpire	under	until	umbrella

v ("v" says "vvv")

vase	valley	van	vacuum
visit	velvet	vest	video
violin	voice	vote	vegetable

w ("w" says "wuh") ★

wask	wait	wake	wagon
wide	witch	worm	wallet
wall	walrus	warm	wizard
wife	world	watch	wacky
wax	way	wig	whiskers
weak	well	weed	weather
will	wet	west	woman
wood	whip	wind	wheel
wolf	wing	white	whistle
wipe	wool	wave	window

x ("x" says "ks" as in box)

x-ray

fox	tax	coax	mix
wax	six	fix	ox
box	fax	flex	index
tux	lox	pox	rex

y ("y" says "yuh") ★

yak	yard	yarn	yawn
year	yell	yellow	yesterday
yet	yolk	yo-yo	yam
yank	yes	you	yuk

z ("z" says "zzz")

zebra	zero	zigzag	zipper
zone	zoo	zoom	zap

Blending Sounds with Short "a"



For Use with Reading Expedition

9

The Tour Guide says...



You know the letters - *every one!*

Learning can be so much fun!

A job well done - right from the start.

I can tell that YOU are smart!

Short "a" says "aaah". Keep listening to Audio Guide Lessons 1, 2, 3 and 4!

at

an

ag

ad

ap

ab

as

am

ax

Remember to blend sounds smoothly. Use your running finger! The sounds should not be broken or disjointed. Track 31 of the CD provides examples of how to blend sounds.

As each list is mastered, ask your reader to sound out the blends in random order as you point to each one.

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Blending Sounds with Short "e"



For Use with Reading Expedition

10

The Tour Guide says...



Come along and blend some sounds!
Soon, you'll read by leaps and bounds!
Six "e" sounds for you to know,
Get ready, set...now, let's go!

What does the short "e" say? "eh". Audio Guide Lesson 5 will help you blend!

eg

el

em

en

es

et

Before you begin, it may be helpful to cover up the "e" in each of these blends and review the sound of each consonant. Then, blend the sound of the short "e" ("eh") with each consonant sound, making sure that the new, blended sound is smooth and continuous.

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Blending Sounds with Short "i"



For Use with Reading Expedition

11

The Tour Guide says...



Come and sit - pull up a chair,
Let's get ready; let's prepare!
Keep your blending finger flowing,
Turn the page and let's get going!

The sound of the short "i" is "ih".

im

ib

ip

id

ig

it

il

in

ix

iss

Here's a fun idea to try. There are ten blends to master with the short "i" sound. After mastering them here in *The Reading Place*, write the blends on your reader's fingernails in washable marker. Then, write them on your fingernails, too. As you call the blends out, ask your reader to find that blend and touch their matching finger to yours!

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Blending Sounds with Short "o"



For Use with Reading Expedition

12

The Tour Guide says...



Once you've learned to smoothly blend
Your reading skills will have no end!
Try these "o" sounds - concentrate!
You're doing well! You're doing great!

What does short "o" say? It says the sound heard in ostrich! Listen to the sound demonstrated for you in Audio Guide Lesson 4.

ob

ot

od

og

Mastered 

ol

os

on

Mastered 

op

om

ox

Mastered 

Listening to the "Long and Short Sounds" song on track 6 of the CD is a good way to review the sounds of all of the vowels. Remember, the long vowels sound just like the names of the letters - a, e, i, o, u. The short sounds are a little trickier, but you can learn them easily. Listen to the song together and sing along!

Blending Sounds with Short "u"



For Use with Reading Expedition

13

The Tour Guide says...



Look how far you have progressed!

Who would have known? Who would have guessed?

One more blending group to go...

Then your skills will grow and grow!

(You're a star!)

The sound of short "u" is "uh".

ul

un

ud

uf

ut

ug

ub

um

up

us

uz

The short "u" sound is the sound of the bee "buzzing" around. Pretend you are that bee - "buzz!" Perhaps that bee can land on each of these blends as your reader learns them.

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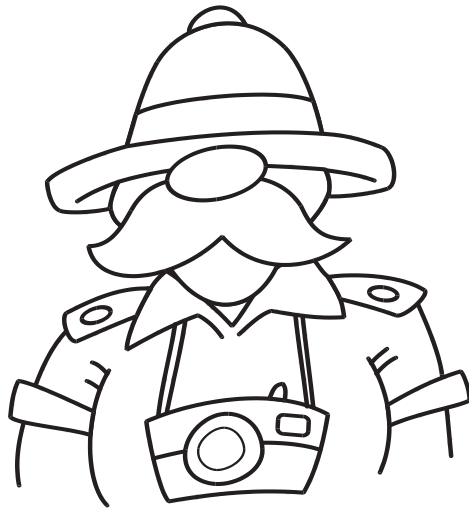
Reading Words with Short "a"



For Use with Reading Expedition

14

The Tour Guide says...



Now, our reading fun will double
Do not fear - you'll have no trouble!
Our blending sounds make words galore.
Turn the page and we'll explore!

You already know the blended sounds at the top of each of the pages that follow. Now, you'll make words from them!

_at

bat

cat

vat

fat

hat

mat

pat

rat

sat

Matt

Mastered 

_an

can

fan

Jan

man

pan

ran

tan

van

Dan

Nan

Mastered 

_ag

bag

rag

sag

tag

wag

nag

lag

gag

zag

Mastered 

ad

bad

dad

mad

sad

had

fad

pad

lad

add

Mastered 

_ap

cap

gap

lap

map

nap

rap

sap

tap

zap

yap

Mastered



_ab

cab

jab

lab

tab

gab

nab

Mastered



_as

gas

bass

mass

pass

Mastered



_am

dam

ham

jam

Pam

ram

Sam

Mastered



_ax

Max

tax

wax

lax

sax

Sight Words

is

the

took

and

in

Sam's

Sight Words

wags

was

pats

look

no

Your safari mate is now taking the blended sounds that have been mastered and is forming familiar words from them. After mastering the words in each list, point to the words randomly. This ensures that real learning is taking place and that the reader has not simply memorized the words in the order in which they are shown.

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Making Tracks with Words



The man is sad.

Dad can nap.

Pat the fat cat.

The tan rat ran.

Pass the ham.



The Tour Guide says...
draw a picture of someone you love.

Reading Words with Short "e"



For Use with Reading Expedition

15

The Tour Guide says...



*As we explore The Reading Place,
Keep that smile on your face!
There's so much more to do and see,
Why not try these words with "e"?*

See how well you can blend the short "e" sounds to make words!

_ed

bed

fed

led

Ned

red

Ted

wed

Mastered 

_eg

beg

egg

leg

Meg

peg

Peg

Mastered 

_el

bell

fell

Mel

sell

tell

well

yell

dell

jell

Nell

Mastered 

_em

hem

Mastered 

_en

Ben

den

hen

men

pen

ten

yen

Mastered



_es

Bess

less

mess

yes

Mastered



_et

bet

get

jet

let

met

net

Mastered



_et

pet

set

vet

wet

yet

Mastered



Sight Words

Ted's

puts

gets

has

for

likes

too

Your reader is learning to decode words in a very logical, step-by-step way. He or she is learning that letters represent sounds and that most words are formed by putting those sounds together. The ability of a reader to decode words will make that reader better able to compare words, rhyme words and break words apart by their syllables. The foundation you are helping to establish will prepare your reader for future reading and learning success.

Mastered



Making Tracks with Words



Meg has a bad leg.

The egg is in the pan.

Ted fell in the well.

The hen is red.

Get the net.



The Tour Guide says...
draw a picture of a big red hen.

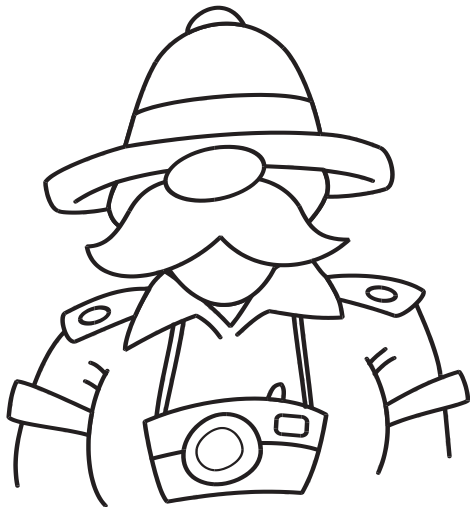
Reading Words with Short "i"



For Use with Reading Expedition

16

The Tour Guide says...



Well, my young safari mate,
So far, you really are first - rate!
(That means you're tops - you're really swell!
You're doing very, VERY well!)

You know just what to do with these short "i" words that have the "ih" sound!

_im

dim

him

Jim

Kim

rim

Tim

Mastered



_ib

bib

fib

rib

Mastered



_ip

dip

hip

lip

rip

sip

tip

zip

nip

pip

Mastered



_id

bid

did

hid

kid

lid

rid

Mastered



_ig

big

dig

fig

pig

wig

rig

jig

gig

Mastered



_it

bit

fit

hit

kit

lit

mitt

pit

sit

wit

Mastered



_il

bill

fill

hill

ill

Jill

dill

gill

Bill

Mastered



_il

kill

mill

pill

sill

will

Mastered



_in

fin

in

inn

pin

sin

tin

win

din

bin

kin

Mastered



_ix

fix

mix

six

Mastered



_is

hiss

kiss

miss

"is" is also listed as a sight word, since the pronunciation varies.

Mastered



Sight Words

this

look

is

his

now

boy

silly

tells

laugh

wigs

pigs

Mastered



Making Tracks with Words



Kim is a kid.

Tim will fix the van.

The man is big.

Jill has a pet.

Did the bag rip?



The Tour Guide says...
draw a picture of a sunny day.

Reading Words with Short "o"



For Use with Reading Expedition

17

The Tour Guide says...



Remember to use the one-vowel rule;

It is like a handy tool.

Sing it loudly, if you please.

It will help you read with ease!

Sing "The One Vowel Rule" song out loud so all of the antelope can hear!

_ob

bob

cob

job

mob

rob

sob

gob

lob

Bob

Mastered



_ot

cot

dot

got

hot

lot

not

pot

rot

jot

tot

Mastered



_od

cod

God

nod

odd

rod

sod

pod

god

Mastered



_og

bog

dog

fog

hog

jog

log

nog

Mastered



_ol

doll

Mastered



_os

boss

loss

moss

toss

Ross

Mastered



_on

con

Don

on

Ron

non

Mastered



_op

hop

mop

pop

top

cop

Mastered



_om

mom

Tom

pom

_ox

box

fox

lox

ox

pox

Sight Words

with

for

Tom's

what

no

Just as you blended word sounds smoothly, try to emphasize the same idea when reading the sentences for each expedition. All of the words used in the sentences have already been mastered, so after a few practice tries, encourage your reader to read each sentence smoothly to the end. Explain the difference between an "asking" sentence (with a "?" mark) and a "telling" sentence (with a period at the end).

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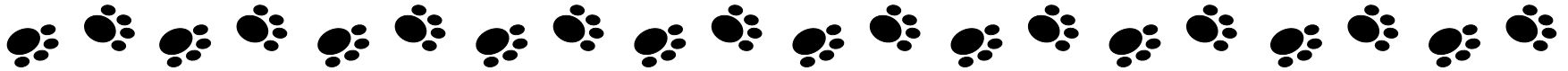
Mastered



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Making Tracks with Words



Toss the doll in the box.

Will Mom get a dog?

The dog can sit and wag.

Dad got a job.

Tom had a big hog.



The Tour Guide says...
draw a picture of something that is hot.

Reading Words with Short "u"



For Use with Reading Expedition

18

The Tour Guide says...



Wiggle your fingers and wiggle your toes!

Wiggle your mouth and wiggle your nose!

Then, get comfy. (I will too.)

We'll read some words that have short "u".

What are the two sounds of the vowel "u"? ("u" and "uh") Which sound is the short sound? ("uh")

_ul

dull

gull

hull

lull

mull

null

Mastered



_un

bun

fun

gun

nun

run

sun

pun

Mastered



_ud

bud

dud

mud

cud

Mastered



_uf

buff

cuff

huff

puff

guff

muff

Mastered



_ut

but

cut

gut

hut

mutt

nut

putt

rut

jut

Mastered



_ug

bug

dug

hug

jug

mug

rug

tug

lug

pug

Mastered



_ub

cub

hub

rub

sub

tub

dub

nub

pub

Mastered



_um

gum

hum

sum

bum

mum

Mastered



_up

cup

pup

sup

up

Mastered



_us

bus

fuss

Gus

pus

CUSS

US

Mastered



_uz

buzz

fuzz

Mastered



Sight Words

hubcaps

here

runs

happy

Mastered



Making Tracks with Words



The cub ran to his mom.

Run up the hill, Bob.

Fill up the red jug.

Mud is on his cuff.

The fun pup will run and run in the hot sun.



The Tour Guide says...
draw a picture of something that makes you happy.

Plurals and Possessives



For Use with Reading Expedition

19

The Tour Guide says...



There's magic in the letter "s"
That you and I can't see, unless...
We want to make things "more than one".
The letter "s" is so much fun!

What happens when we add an "s" to the end of a word? Listen to the Plural Song and watch the video, too!

Words in Singular Form

Words in Plural Form

bat → bats

cat → cats

hat → hats

mat → mats

pat → pats

rat → rats

can → cans

van → vans

bag → bags

Words in Singular Form

Words in Plural Form

cap → caps

lap → laps

map → maps

nap → naps

rap → raps

tap → taps

zap → zaps

cab → cabs

jab → jabs

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Words in Singular Form

Words in Plural Form

tab → tabs

ham → hams

bed → beds

bell → bells

sell → sells

tell → tells

yell → yells

hem → hems

den → dens

Words in Singular Form

Words in Plural Form

hen → hens

pen → pens

bet → bets

get → gets

jet → jets

let → lets

net → nets

pet → pets

bib → bibs

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Words in Singular Form

Words in Plural Form

rib → ribs
dip → dips
hip → hips
lip → lips
zip → zips
kid → kids
dig → digs
pig → pigs
fit → fits

Words in Singular Form

Words in Plural Form

sit → sits
fill → fills
win → wins
job → jobs
dot → dots
pot → pots
dog → dogs
jog → jogs
hop → hops

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Words in Singular Form

Words in Plural Form

mop → mops

doll → dolls

top → tops

run → runs

puff → puffs

gill → gills

jig → jigs

bin → bins

There are several other ways in which to make words plural. These are discussed much later in this program in Navigation Tip A of *The Reading Place* on page 261. Adding an "s" at the end of a word is the simplest way to make a word mean "more" than "one". Most of the words the beginning reader learns will follow this rule.

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Words in Singular Form

Words in Possessive Form

Sam → Sam's

Ned → Ned's

Ted → Ted's

Mel → Mel's

Ben → Ben's

Meg → Meg's

Jim → Jim's

Kim → Kim's

Peg → Peg's

Words in Singular Form

Words in Possessive Form

Tim → Tim's

Jill → Jill's

Bob → Bob's

Mom → Mom's

Don → Don's

Tom → Tom's

Ron → Ron's

Dad → Dad's

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Making Tracks with Words



Jim's pigs run in the mud.

Jill puts the dolls in the box.

Kids jog up hills.

Let Dad's dogs get in the van.

Fill Tom's pots with eggs.



The Tour Guide says...
draw a picture of your favorite things to eat.

Counting the Vowels = Long or Short



For Use with Reading Expedition

20

The Tour Guide says...



"One" means short and "two" means long.

Sing the "Count the Vowels" song!

Let me hear you sing it out!

You know what it's all about!

(Now, try and count the vowels on the next few pages. You are not supposed to read the words.)

What does the "Count the Vowels" song teach us? If we count the vowels in these words, we can tell whether the vowel sound will be long or short.

Circle the number
of vowels.

Circle "u" for short sound.
Circle "-" for long sound.

cat

1 2

u -

gate

1 2

u -

make

1 2

u -

pan

1 2

u -

peep

1 2

u -

men

1 2

u -

bet

1 2

u -

cried

1 2

u -

fill

1 2

u -

dive

1 2

u -

Circle the number
of vowels.

Circle "u" for short sound.
Circle "-" for long sound.

job

1 2

u -

toss

1 2

u -

goat

1 2

u -

tube

1 2

u -

cup

1 2

u -

fruit

1 2

u -

gull

1 2

u -

big

1 2

u -

him

1 2

u -

need

1 2

u -

Mastered 

Mastered 

Mastered 

Mastered 

Circle the number of vowels.

Circle "u" for short sound.
Circle "—" for long sound.

deep

1 2

u -

cap

1 2

u -

race

1 2

u -

seam

1 2

u -

six

1 2

u -

file

1 2

u -

pole

1 2

u -

mom

1 2

u -

but

1 2

u -

bus

1 2

u -

Circle the number of vowels.

Circle "u" for short sound.
Circle "—" for long sound.

true

1 2

u -

dog

1 2

u -

robe

1 2

u -

loaf

1 2

u -

tip

1 2

u -

kiss

1 2

u -

hem

1 2

u -

leg

1 2

u -

yes

1 2

u -

beat

1 2

u -

Mastered



Mastered



Mastered



Mastered



Circle the number of vowels.

Circle "◡" for short sound.
Circle "-" for long sound.

see

1 2

◡ -

mine

1 2

◡ -

tin

1 2

◡ -

doe

1 2

◡ -

tub

1 2

◡ -

ride

1 2

◡ -

fell

1 2

◡ -

hike

1 2

◡ -

road

1 2

◡ -

on

1 2

◡ -

Circle the number of vowels.

Circle "◡" for short sound.
Circle "-" for long sound.

cute

1 2

◡ -

rope

1 2

◡ -

tie

1 2

◡ -

bed

1 2

◡ -

bake

1 2

◡ -

ax

1 2

◡ -

pie

1 2

◡ -

bone

1 2

◡ -

hue


1 2

◡ -

doll

1 2

◡ -

Mastered 

Mastered 

Mastered 

Mastered 

Circle the number of vowels.

Circle "u" for short sound.
Circle "-" for long sound.

Joe

1 2

u -

blue

1 2

u -

page

1 2

u -

ham

1 2

u -

did

1 2

u -

cod

1 2

u -

mud

1 2

u -

hop

1 2

u -

cane

1 2

u -

pine

1 2

u -

Circle the number of vowels.

Circle "u" for short sound.
Circle "-" for long sound.

kit

1 2

u -

wait

1 2

u -

hot

1 2

u -

bag

1 2

u -

poke

1 2

u -

use

1 2

u -

sail

1 2

u -

jab

1 2

u -

box


1 2

u -


rib

1 2

u -

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Circle the number
of vowels.

Circle "◡" for short sound.
Circle "-" for long sound.

fad

1 2

◡ -

cape

1 2

◡ -

hug

1 2

◡ -

rain

1 2

◡ -

sum

1 2

◡ -

has

1 2

◡ -

sun

1 2

◡ -

puff

1 2

◡ -

Your reader is not expected to read the words presented in this expedition. Instead, these words have been presented so that the concept of the Two Vowel Rule can soon be mastered. The first step in understanding how to apply the Two Vowel Rule is learning to count the vowels.

We will learn many words that do not follow the two-vowel rule, later. Words that do not follow the rule have "irregular" vowel combinations. First, the reader will learn to decode words that follow the rules. Most of the English language will follow the One Vowel Rule and the Two Vowel Rule, and that is why these rules are taught when the reader is first learning to read.

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The Silent "e"



For Use with Reading Expedition

22

The Tour Guide says...



Sneaking in so quietly,
Learn to spot the silent "e".
While it sleeps, it doesn't snore;
Changing vowel sounds is its chore.

(Silent "e" sleeps at the end of a word and
makes the first vowel sound long.)

Be sure to listen to the song entitled "e' on the End" before looking and listening to these words.

Look how the silent "e" magically changes these words from a short vowel sound to a long vowel sound. Notice that the words in the first column follow the One Vowel Rule, and the words in the second column follow the Two Vowel Rule. **The reader should not read the words in the second column.** He or she should look at them and listen to the vowel sound change as the Tour Guide reads each word in the left column first and then reads how the word changes when a silent "e" is added.

Reader Reads

Tour Guide Reads

can → cane

hat → hate

mad → made

tap → tape

fad → fade

rat → rate

van → vane

fat → fate

Reader Reads

Tour Guide Reads

cap → cape

Sam → same

pet → Pete

bit → bite

rid → ride

dim → dime

hid → hide

fin → fine

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Reader Reads


Tour Guide Reads

kit	→	kite
hop	→	hope
rob	→	robe
not	→	note
rod	→	rode
gap	→	gape
at	→	ate
fad	→	fade

Reader Reads

Tour Guide Reads

man	→	mane
pin	→	pine
rip	→	ripe
cop	→	cope
tot	→	tote
mat	→	mate
rat	→	rate
pip	→	pipe

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Mastered 

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Here are some other words that have a silent "e". The Two Vowel Rule is at work in these words, too! Listen as the Tour Guide reads these words. The child is not expected to read these words.

ape

bake

cake

date

cave

make

game

late

wave

dive

fire

life

tide

wide

time

nine

home

poke

bone

cone

woke

zone

tune

dune

June

came

dame

Jane

pane

same

mite

ripe

tame

wine

mope

rode

tone

dine

Mastered 

Mastered 

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Mastered 

Reading Words with Long "a"



For Use with Reading Expedition

23

The Tour Guide says...



I hope you're at your best today,
We're hunting for long sounds of "a".
Remember, when the sound is long,
The *first* vowel is the one that's strong!
(It says its name!)

Can you sing "The Two Vowel Song"? What happens to the second vowel in these words? It doesn't make any sound at all!

ai

rain

wait

bait

aim

pain

sail

maid

mail

Mastered



ai

rail

main

tail

fail

nail

gain

tail

wail

Mastered



ai

vain

bail

pail

jail

hail

Mastered



_a_e

ape

ate

bake

base

cake

cave

date

Dave

make

same

Mastered



_a_e

came

fate

fame

vane

dame

cape

cane

haze

Jane

pane

Mastered



_a_e

tape

game

gave

hate

Jake

lake

Kate

gaze

lane

late

Mastered



_a_e

made

name

wake

lame

wave

sane

safe

Nate

rate

tame

Mastered



_a_e

gate

rave

tale

gape

sale

fade

male

pale

save

case

Mastered



_a_e

nave

rake

fake

take

pave

jade

wade

tale

dale

gale

Sight Words

today

her

mailman

surprise

mailbox

there

where

mailbag

birthday

quail

As your reader begins to read words with long vowel sounds, you may find it helpful to write the words on a separate piece of paper and have your reader mark the vowel that says its name and cross out the vowel that doesn't make a sound. Here are some examples:

rāīn wāīt

ātē cākē mālē

fākē pāvē jādē

(Remember, the silent "e" is the second vowel in some of these two-vowel words!)

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Making Tracks with Words



Nate hates to wait in the rain.

Will you make her a cake?

The ape had a pain in its tail.

Jake waves to Nan at the gate.

Jill gave rakes and pails to Dave and Max.



The Tour Guide says...
draw a picture of a rainy day.

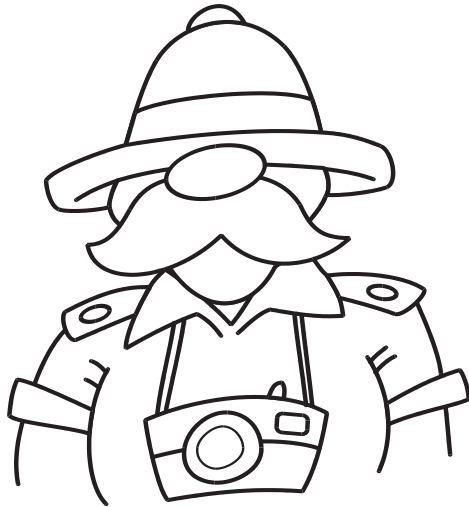
Reading Words with Long "e"



For Use with Reading Expedition

24

The Tour Guide says...



Long vowels say their names, it's true!
Try these next words - they're all new.

With a bit of good direction
You can read them with perfection!

The first vowel says its name and the second vowel says not one thing!

ee

deep

need

seen

deer

see

bee

seed

week

feet

beet

Mastered



ee

mEEK

seem

weed

seek

beef

teen

beep

deed

feel

keep

Mastered



ee

feed

keen

reed

weep

meet

peer

peep

been

peek

tee

Mastered



ee

heed

peel

reel

jeer

Mastered



ea

wean

bead

teal

beak

beat

leak

team

veal

leaf

bean

Mastered



ea

tea

eat

zeal

deal

jean

peak

fear

hear

tear

leaves

Mastered



ea

meat

ear

near

seal

read

dear

seat

seam

heat

neat

Mastered



ea

mean

lean

wean

meal

year

weak

sea

heal

Neal

peal

Mastered



ea

beam

dean

leap

rear

_e_e

eve

Pete

geese

Eve

here

Sight Words

where

oh

do

you

day

thank

As with long "a" words, you may find it helpful to write these words on paper for your reader, marking and crossing out the vowels. After mastering all of the words in order, try pointing to them in random order. Positive praise and a great attitude will help to keep your reader happy and eager to learn more!

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Mastered 

Making Tracks with Words



Pete's feet feel weak.

The geese eat leaves and bugs.

Can you hear Neal read?

Meet Dan and Meg here.

Do you see the tame deer?



The Tour Guide says...
draw a picture of where you live.

Reading Words with Long "i"



For Use with Reading Expedition

25

The Tour Guide says...



Now you have the hang of it!
Learning long sounds, bit by bit.
Long "i" sounds aren't very tricky
(Your Tour Guide helps if things get sticky.)

The long "i" sounds just like its name - "i"!

_ie

die

pie

tie

lie

_i_e

bite

file

ride

dime

dive

fire

life

vine

mile

tide

_i_e

wide

bike

hide

tile

fine

pipe

five

time

dine

side

_i_e

ripe

tire

pine

line

hike

wire

Mike

wipe

kite

nine

Mastered 

Mastered 

Mastered 

Mastered 

_i_e

hire

size

mine

hive

wife

lime

fife

Sight Words

now

call

all

ice

that

come

flies

untie

It might be a great time for a photograph!
You're halfway through reading words
with long vowel sounds, so preserve the
moment with a picture of your reader.
We've created a spot for that glowing,
proud smile below!

Place
Photo
Here

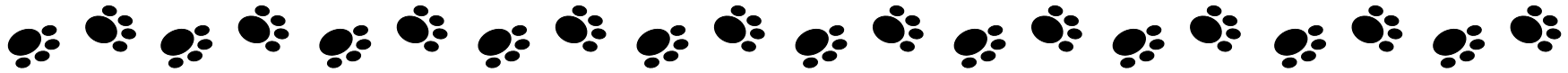
Mastered



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Making Tracks with Words



Kim rides the red bike.

Hike up to the peak.

I made five pies, in all.

Fire is hot, but ice is not.

Wipe the tile with the wet rag.

Reading Words with Long "o"



For Use with Reading Expedition

26

The Tour Guide says...



Choose a bright and sunny spot,
Where you like to read a lot,
Set a pace that's nice and slow,
To read these words that have long "o".

Long "o" says "o"! What does the second vowel say? (Nothing at all!)

oa

oat

goat

boat

coat

road

toad

moat

coal

Mastered



oa

soak

foam

loaf

soap

roam

oak

goal

moan

Mastered



_oe

toe

woe

Joe

doe

foe

hoe

Mastered



_o_e

hope

nope

ode

robe

role

joke

bode

poke

home

vote

Mastered



_o_e

bone

lobe

cone

mope

pole

Rome

hose

pope

note

tone

Mastered



_o_e

mole

dope

hole

tote

nose

dome

rope

doze

woke

lone

Mastered



_o_e

rose

zone

dose

rode

Mastered



Sight Words

have

friends

became

too

said

saw

my

more

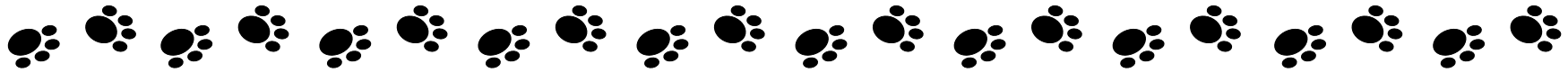
he

went

Mastered



Making Tracks with Words



Joe's boat sails on the sea.

The toad hops and hops on the road.

Tell him a joke!

"Put on a coat", said Mom.

"I like my home", said Jill.

Reading Words with Long "u"



For Use with Reading Expedition

27

The Tour Guide says...



Pretend that you are on a mission,
While mastering this expedition.
Try to spy the two-vowel clue
In every word that has long "u".

The two-vowel clue is the same as the Two Vowel Rule. What is that rule? Can you sing "The Two Vowel Rule" song?

ue

due

rue

Sue

hue

cue

fuel

Mastered



ui

suit

Mastered



_u_e

use

tube

June

dune

rude

tune

cute

cure

cube

Mastered



_u_e

fume

nude

Luke

rule

mule

duke

lute

Mastered



Sight Words

swim

sure

play

cool

all

around

How does your reader feel about himself or herself? Is he or she proud of all the reading expeditions mastered so far? It's a good idea to talk about how your reader sees himself or herself. Praise your reader's accomplishments and emerging reading independence. Along the way, share how you feel about reading and about books. Your reader may not really know the important role that reading plays in everyday life. You are not just the Tour Guide, but also a reading mentor for life. Your enthusiasm can eventually become your reader's enthusiasm.

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Making Tracks with Words



Do not be rude to the man.

Sue has a cute red hat.

June is a time for fun.

Luke said, "Use my pen, Bob".

Put ice cubes in the cup.

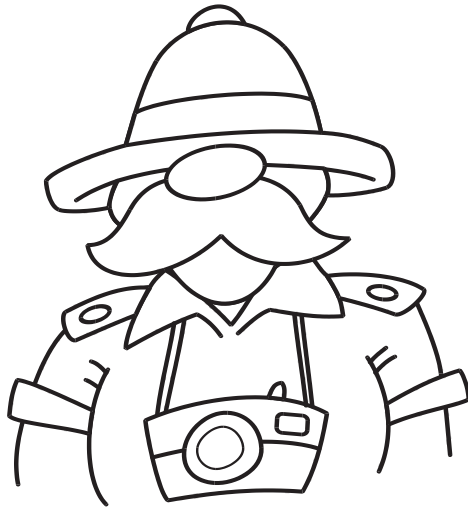
Reading Consonant Blends - Group 1



For Use with Reading Expedition

29

The Tour Guide says...



Watch the chetahs run with ease!

Hear the chimps up in the trees!

Zebras dash from sun to shade,

Safari animals on parade!

(Look at some of the words we can make with consonant blends.)

You know how to blend vowels. Now, let's blend consonants, too! You can do it!

sh_

shut
shone
ship
shade
shop
shed
shell
shear
shake
shag

Mastered 

sh_

shot
shave
shape
shame
sheet
shin
sheep
sheer

Mastered 

_sh

rash
sash
fish
dish
bash
cash
mesh
wish
dash
hush

Mastered 

_sh

gash
lash
gush
rush
mash

Mastered 

ch_

chip

chop

chap

chin

chum

chat

chase

chug

choke

chill

Mastered



ch_

cheap

chain

cheat

chose

cheese

Mastered



_ch

reach

teach

pinch

ranch

punch

much

rich

such

inch

hunch

Mastered



_ch

munch

lunch

bunch

each

beach

peach

coach

poach

roach

Mastered



wh_

whip

when

which

while

white

wheat

whale

whim

whiz

wheel

Mastered 

wh_

whiff

Mastered 

th_

that

this

them

then

than

thus

those

these

Mastered 

th_

thin

thud

Mastered 

_th

bath

with

faith

teeth

path

math

Sight Words

there

once

lived

love

wished

magic

day

push

heart

years

Sight Words

even

were

old

they

who *

whole *

whose *

whom *

*("wh" sounds like "h"
when followed by "o".)

Sometimes, when two consonants are blended together an entirely new single sound is made. That is called a digraph. Digraphs are blends such as "ch" or "sh". Other times, two consonants are blended together and the sounds of each of the two letters can be heard in the combination. In this reading system, we refer to all of these combinations as "consonant blends".

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Making Tracks with Words



Teach me to read and then I will lead.

Mike will shear the sheep on the ranch.

The white shell was on the beach.

Mom put a peach in my lunch to eat.

When you take a bath, use soap.

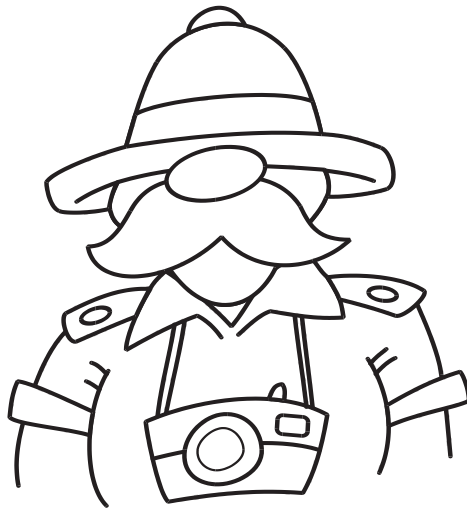
Reading Consonant Blends - Group 2



For Use with Reading Expedition

31

The Tour Guide says...



Feel that crisp, clean jungle air
Flowing through your sun-drenched hair?
Put on a grin and grab a seat!
How many words will we complete?

(There are lots of words to master in this expedition. Take it slowly...enjoy the safari.)

You're doing well! Keep using that blending finger my little safari friend!

bl_

blue

bleed

blade

bless

blot

blame

bled

bluff

bliss

blob

Mastered 

br_

Brad

brag

braid

brain

bran

brass

brute

brig

Mastered 

br_

brat

brave

brake

bride

brim

breeze

brush

Mastered 

cl_

clam

clone

clap

clip

clop

cloak

cliff

clod

claim

clear

Mastered 

cl_

cleave

cleat

clog

club

clue

clean

clash

Mastered



cl_

clove

class

close

cloth

clef

clod

Mastered



cr_

crab

cram

crash

crate

cream

crib

cross

crest

creep

Mastered



cr_

crane

crop

creek

crime

cries

crave

craze

Mastered



dr_

dress

drag

drab

drain

drape

dream

drill

drench

Mastered



dr_

drip

drive

drop

drove

drug

drum

drake

drone

Mastered



fl_

flag

flop

flap

flat

flesh

flee

flit

flake

fluff

Mastered



fl_

flash

flame

float

flies

flab

flake

flea

fleet

Mastered



fl_

flip

flue

flush

flute

fr_

frog

froth

free

fresh

freeze

fret

frizz

from

frill

frail

fr_

fruit

freak

froze

frame

_ft

gift

loft

left

drift

tuft

soft

sift

lift

raft

shaft

Mastered



Mastered



Mastered



Mastered



_ft

craft

drift

shift

draft

Mastered



gl_

glad

glass

glaze

glean

glum

glue

gleam

glee

glen

Glen

Mastered



gl_

gloss

glob

glade

glide

globe

Mastered



gr_

greet

graze

grass

green

greed

grill

grit

grub

grin

gruff

Mastered



gr_

grave

grime

grate

grip

grim

grab

grid

groan

grade

grain

Mastered



gr_

grape

gripe

grove

Mastered



Sight Words

are

way

bye

they

scene

from

school

tomorrow

again

bring

Mastered



As the word lists become longer, remember the importance of good modeling for your student. Read each list slowly and clearly, emphasizing the blended sound. Then, ask your reader to give it a try. Patience and leadership are key elements to success! Do only a few lists at each session.

Making Tracks with Words



Glen grabs the green frog in the grass.

Brad left a clue at the crime scene.

I ate the fresh fruit from the vine.

Mom made a dress with soft blue cloth.

The red crab creeps up from the sea.

Reading Consonant Blends - Group 3



For Use with Reading Expedition

33

The Tour Guide says...



As the sleek snake slips and slides,
Cleverly, its scared prey hides.
(I'm so glad I'm not that snake,
I prefer sweet chocolate cake!)

Slither like a snake into a cozy reading spot and try reading these new consonant blends.

pl_

plan

plate

plot

plop

plum

plume

plush

plod

Mastered



pl_

plug

plus

plea

plane

please

plain

plead

Mastered



pr_

prep

press

prone

price

pride

prime

probe

prop

prize

prod

Mastered



_pt

kept

wept

crept

Mastered



sc_

scan

Scott

scab

scat

scale

scum

scope

Mastered



sk_

skate

skill

skip

skin

skit

skim

skull

skid

Mastered



_sk

ask

desk

risk

husk

task

whisk

mask

disk

dusk

frisk

Mastered



_sk

tusk

brisk

bask

flask

Mastered



sl_

sled
sleep
slim
sleek
slime
slop
slot
slob
slide
slave

Mastered



sl_

slid
slip
sleet
slap
sleeve
slosh
slope
slash
sloth
slam

Mastered



sl_

slug
slush
slit
slate
slept

Mastered



sm_

smash
smell
smog
smile
smug
smoke
smear

Mastered



sn_

snip

sneak

snug

sneeze

snag

snide

snap

snub

snob

sniff

Mastered



sn_

snail

snake

Mastered



sp_

spot

spade

spit

span

spell

spun

spill

spike

spine

sped

Mastered



_sp

gasp

rasp

lisp

grasp

cusp

crisp

clasp

asp

Mastered



Sight Words

mother

eyes

into

astronaut

place

space

air

oops

okay

reaches

As reading becomes more natural and easy for your student, you'll be able to talk more about the stories that he or she reads instead of mainly concentrating just on individual words or reading techniques. Ask your reader questions such as:

"From the title, what do you think this story will be about?"

"What do you think will happen next?"

"Who were the main characters in this story?"

"Did you like the main characters? Why or why not?"

"Did you like the ending?"

"If you could push a rewind button and re-write the ending, what would you write?"

These kinds of questions help to expand the reading process into a creative thinking process. They serve to foster critical thinking and conversation skills as well.

Mastered



Making Tracks with Words



“Please do not smoke”, said Sue.

Scott kept his skates in a box.

Bill smiles as he sees a hot dog on his plate.

The snail crept up the hill.

Do dogs have tusks?



The Tour Guide says...
draw a picture of your favorite place to be.

Reading Consonant Blends - Group 4



For Use with Reading Expedition

35

The Tour Guide says...



Three more groups of blends to go-
Think of all the words you'll know!
Some have two letters, some have three,
Turn the page and read with me!

Blending three consonant sounds is just like blending two consonant sounds. Let's go read together!

st_

stop
stain
stake
stab
staff
stale
stub
stiff
stud
still

Mastered 

st_

stand
steam
stem
step
stuff
steep
stove
stone
stole

Mastered 

_st

just
chest
boast
coast
list
toast
nest
beast
east
past

Mastered 

_st

yeast
fast
jest
test
lest
rest
zest
lost
least
dust

Mastered 

_st

vest

fist

west

mast

mist

best

last

pest

blast

gust

Mastered



_st

rust

vast

taste

Mastered



sw_

swim

swell

swam

sweep

sweet

swept

swift

swipe

Mastered



tr_

true

tree

train

tram

tress

trade

trail

treat

trait

trim

Mastered



tr_

trap

trash

trip

trace

tribe

trek

trot

trust

Mastered



tw_

twin

twine

twill

twist

tweet

twice

twig

Mastered



qu_

quit

quip

quote

quail

quite

quill

quest

queen

quiz

Mastered



spl_

split

splash

spleen

Mastered



spr_

sprite

sprig

spree

sprain

scr_

scrape

scram

scrod

scrap

scruff

scrub

scr_

script

scribe

screen

scream

screech

shr_

shred

shrub

shrug

shrine

shrill

Mastered 

Mastered 

Mastered 

Mastered 

str_

strap

strain

strip

stream

stress

strobe

stripe

street

stride

strive

Mastered



str_

strike

stroke

streak

Mastered



squ_

squid

squish

Mastered



Sight Words

by

move

come

two

school

engine

girls

women

special

track

Mastered



Sight Words

shriek

sprung

next

people

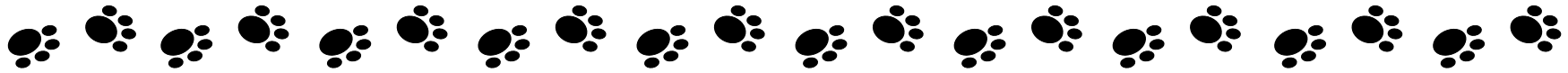
water

Here's a fun game to play in a classroom setting. It's called "The Four Consonant Blends". Place four signs in different parts of the room. Each sign should have a different consonant blend written on it in big letters. One person is "the caller", who faces a wall with their back to the rest of the group. On the count of three, the caller says, "Run, run my special friends! Run to all of the consonant blends!" Everyone scatters, choosing a sign under which to stand. The caller then reads a word containing one of the blends on the signs. All of those children standing under that sign are "out". The game continues until only one person is left standing. That person is the winner (and the next caller). Each time the game is played; new consonant blends can be used.

Mastered



Making Tracks with Words



This toast tastes stale.

My school is at the end of this street.

That steam train moves fast.

Let's take a rest and sleep.

Come and stand here on the step.

Reading Consonant Blends - Group 5



For Use with Reading Expedition

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The Tour Guide says...



Gather 'round this reading camp,
Bring your word lists and your lamp.
Let us read these words together...
The skies are clear - we've got good weather.

Can you point to the silent letters in these next word lists?

thr_

three

thrash

thrush

thrice

thrift

throb

thrill

throat

thrust

Mastered



ph_

(makes the same sound as
the letter "f")

phone

Phil

Mastered



_ph

(makes the same sound as
the letter "f")

graph

Mastered



wr_

(makes the same sound as
the letter "r")

wren

write

wrote

wrap

wreath

wrist

wrench

wreak

wrath

Mastered



kn_

(makes the same sound as
the letter "n")

knee

knot

knit

knife

knob

knell

Mastered



gn_

(makes the same sound as
the letter "n")

gnat

gnome

gnash

Mastered



_lk

milk

silk

bulk

sulk

hulk

yolk

elk

Mastered



_lt

tilt

belt

knelt

felt

hilt

melt

silt

wilt

welt

bolt

Mastered



_lt

molt

quilt

jolt

colt

Mastered



_mp

jump

damp

lump

limp

chimp

lamp

champ

thump

grump

primp

Mastered



_mp

bump

cramp

dump

slump

ramp

camp

pump

clamp

stump

stamp

Mastered



_mp

stomp

blimp

clump

frump

shrimp

romp

hump

Mastered



Sight Words

he

canoe

eyes

little

kissed

before

sure

adult

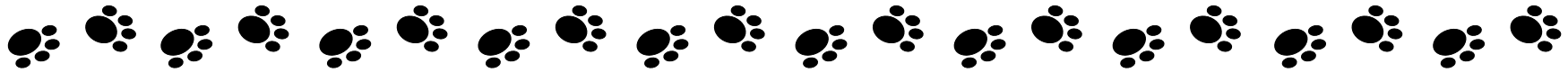
pizza

Your reader is now able to read many simple children's books in addition to the ones provided in this reading system. Look for "My Reading Journal" on the Expeditions to Excellence website. There, you and your reader can record all of the books he or she reads. Keeping a reading journal such as the one provided in Expeditions to Excellence is a great way to record reading success, build self-confidence and memorialize reading accomplishments forever.

Mastered



Making Tracks with Words



Three wrens sat on the phone wire.

The chimp will jump from tree to tree.

The colt limps on its bad knee.

Please write a note to Dad.

Wrap me up in this quilt, please.

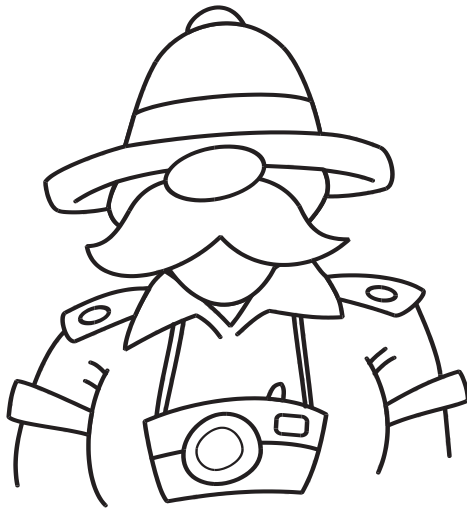
Reading Consonant Blends - Group 6



For Use with Reading Expedition

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The Tour Guide says...



Can you hear the toucan sing?

Can you hear his chattering?

He's telling you, "You're doing fine!"

"Your blending simply is divine!"

(I can speak fluent Toucan, you know...)

Congratulations! This is your last group of consonant blends! Take a bow!

_nk

pink

blink

sink

clank

think

brink

skunk

clink

junk

prank

Mastered



_nk

sunk

slink

bank

yank

spank

wink

thank

blank

drink

drank

Mastered



_nk

stink

mink

dunk

rink

crank

Frank

Mastered



_ng

sing

clung

bang

song

sang

bring

wing

stung

spring

long

Mastered



_ng

lung

sprung

king

rang

along

fang

twang

prong

strong

wrong

Mastered



_ng

rung

strung

clang

hang

sting

string

hung

Mastered



_ck

back

pack

stock

pick

wick

rock

pluck

sock

neck

trick

Mastered



_ck

sick

stick

stuck

shock

duck

block

Jack

click

tuck

clock

Mastered



_ck

tack

thick

peck

flock

tick

tock

black

quack

brick

chick

Mastered



_ck

lock

chuck

struck

truck

dock

kick

quick

struck

luck

check

Mastered



_ck

crack

slick

track

Mastered



_nd

send

and

sand

end

pond

mend

hand

fund

wind

land

Mastered



_nd

trend

stand

bond

grand

spend

brand

Mastered



_nd

blond

fond

bland

lend

strand

blend

Mastered



_nt

grant

blunt

paint

plant

saint

bent

sprint

chant

ant

Mastered



_nt

pant

tent

went

hunt

grunt

sent

rent

stunt

dent

mint

Mastered



_nt

hint

lint

slant

quaint

Mastered



_dge

Sounds like "j" at the end

edge

judge

bridge

lodge

wedge

fudge

smudge

dodge

sludge

pledge

Mastered



_dge

Sounds like "j" at the end

ledge

badge

budge

hedge

ridge

grudge

trudge

hodge-podge

Mastered



Sight Words

friend

my

one

out

could

should

would

from

all

your

Mastered



Sight Words

beautiful

animals

until

hooray

very

two

pretty

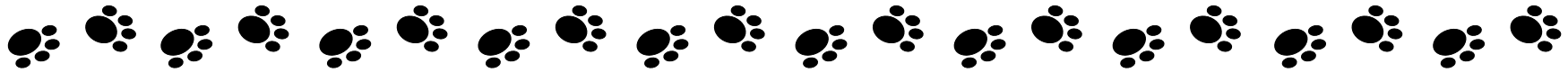
want

Let's Review Some Tour Guide Tips

1. You are the model for our reader. If you are relaxed and positive about the reading experience, your student will be relaxed and positive, too.
2. Several sessions of fifteen or twenty minutes per day is better than one very long session, especially for a young child.
3. Continue to always review past concepts and words. Practice really does make perfect.
4. Make each expedition fun. Remember, you are on a phonics safari, where imagination is "king of the jungle"!

Mastered 

Making Tracks with Words



The truck drove on the bridge.

Pledge to do your best.

Do not budge from the edge of that seat.

Should I paint it pink and black?

Chuck will plant a hedge of trees.

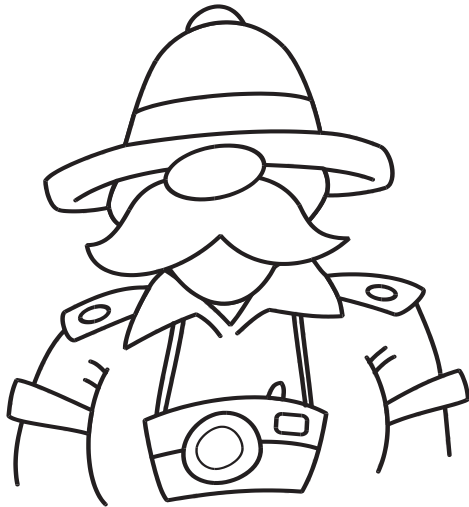
Reading Irregular Vowel Combinations with "a"



For Use with Reading Expedition

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The Tour Guide says...



Irregular vowels aren't as hard as they seem;
You just need to learn them - that's not too extreme!
As you can pronounce each new combination,
Take some time out for some grand celebration!

Words with irregular vowels are *exceptions* to the rules!

_aw

law

jaw

saw

claw

draw

raw

thaw

straw

paw

Mastered



aw

hawk

prawn

lawn

yawn

crawl

fawn

pawn

drawl

gawk

shawl

Mastered



_ay

say

bray

bay

hay

gray

day

way

jay

ray

stray

Mastered



_ay

pay

gay

play

stay

tray

sway

pray

slay

Mastered



au

haul

Paul

fraud

laud

launch

haunt

taut

Mastered



al

salt

halt

walk

talk

malt

chalk

Mastered



air

fair

air

chair

pair

flair

stair

hair

Mastered



all

all

ball

small

call

fall

mall

stall

tall

wall

Mastered



_are

hare

bare

care

dare

fare

flare

share

glare

mare

pare

Mastered



_are

rare

stare

spare

The word "are" does not follow this pronunciation. It has been included in the sight words for this lesson.

Mastered



Sight Words

shall

are

artist

young

picture

says

carry

winter

museum

Mastered



Your reader is ready to begin playing simple word games such as crossword puzzles. Why not consider adding these to playtime?

Making Tracks with Words



A small gray cat walks on top of the wall.

Can you draw and paint well?

A pair of fawns crept on to the lawn.

I saw a hawk up in the tree!

Paul said, "Please do not stare at me."



The Tour Guide says...
draw a picture of someone who loves you.

Reading Irregular Vowel Combinations with "e"



For Use with Reading Expedition

43

The Tour Guide says...



Across the plains the zebras flew,
They stopped to drink, to eat and chew.
Then, trotted onward to explore
With thundering hooves, on the savannah floor.

(Do you like to read about animals? Why not find an animal story to read at bedtime tonight?)

What are irregular vowels? Can you sing the "Irregular Vowels" song?

_ed

Sounds like "d" at the end

smelled

chilled

swelled

crawled

buzzed

jammed

called

gasp

tucked

Mastered 

_ed

Sounds like "d" at the end

pulled

prayed

praised

reached

laughed

wailed

named

smiled

Mastered 

_ed

Sounds like "ed" at the end

handed

granted

blasted

frosted

drifted

pleated

mended

landed

trotted

Mastered 

_ed

Sounds like "ed" at the end

braided

floated

melted

ended

greeted

hinted

nodded

added

Mastered 

_ed

Sounds like "t" at the end

brushed

mixed

missed

helped

pressed

tossed

passed

thanked

fished

Mastered



_ed

Sounds like "t" at the end

wished

ripped

stopped

jumped

stuffed

crossed

crashed

packed

walked

Mastered



_ed

Sounds like "t" at the end

stamped

stomped

stepped

Mastered



_ew

Sounds like long "u"

chew

dew

brew

new

grew

flew

few

drew

threw

Mastered



_ew

Sounds like long "u"

stew

slew

crew

blew

Mastered



_ey

Sounds like long "a"

hey

grey

they

prey

whey

Mastered



ea

Sounds like "eh"

bread

breath

deaf

dead

head

death

tread

read

dread

Mastered



ea

Sounds like "eh"

ahead

spread

sweat

Mastered



_eigh

Sounds like long "a"

sleigh

weigh

neigh

eigh

Sounds like long "a"

freight

weight

Mastered 

_ey

Sounds like long "e"

donkey

monkey

trolley

volley

honey

key

Mastered 

Sight Words

some

horse

fireplace

great

been

across

outside

snow

idea

Mastered 

Sight Words

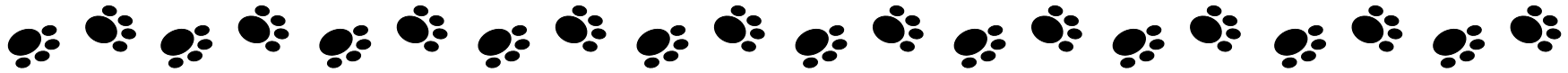
perfect

reins

reigns

Mastered 

Making Tracks with Words



The big, black bug buzzed and landed on my leg.

What do you like to eat on bread?

The mare trotted off at dawn.

The panes of glass were chilled and frosted with ice.

I helped Mom and Dad make lunch.

Reading Irregular Vowel Combinations with "i"



For Use with Reading Expedition

45

The Tour Guide says...



Irregular vowels with "i" are a breeze;
You'll learn them with style, with grace and with ease.
By now, you are learning to read like a "pro".
It's been my great pleasure, watching you grow!

Reading words with irregular vowels...you can do it! Listen to the Irregular Vowels Song.

_ild

wild

mild

child

Mastered



_ing

thing

sting

ring

sling

wing

swing

king

bring

fling

string

Mastered



_ing

ding

sing

Mastered



_ing

singing

telling

kissing

packing

wishing

rushing

milking

helping

pushing

Mastered



_ing

resting

mixing

fishing

buzzing

drawing

reading

eating

doing

crossing

Mastered



_ind

bind

find

kind

mind

rind

wind

blind

grind

Mastered



Sight Words

were

be

asked

being

own

other

most

notice

sidewalk

guard

Mastered



Sight Words

because

sound

wind*

*This has two different pronunciations. Teach the irregular sound of "ind" as in, "I will wind up the yo-yo." and, alternately, "The wind blew through the trees."

Mastered



Making Tracks with Words



The child is helping her friend play the game.

Bring the book here and we will read it.

Fishing is a fun thing to do.

Can you sing a song to me?

Be kind to others.

Reading Irregular Vowel Combinations with "o"



For Use with Reading Expedition

47

The Tour Guide says...



Huddle around me - I'll tell you the scoop...
There are *so* many words in this next reading group.
Don't ever give up - no, don't ever quit!
Just read them all slowly, bit by bit.

Try learning two sections at a time. Color in your mastery stars as you go!

_old

old

bold

cold

fold

gold

hold

sold

scold

told

Mastered



_olt

bolt

colt

molt

jolt

holt

Mastered



_oy

boy

coy

joy

toy

soy

ploy

employ

enjoy

Roy

Leroy

Mastered



oi

oil

boil

join

coil

broil

oink

foil

void

soil

coin

Mastered



oi

spoil

joint

point

loin

noise

hoist

toil

poison

Mastered



_ost

most

post

host

ghost

Mastered



oo

as in "moon"

boo

boot

bloom

broom

cool

food

goo

goose

hoop

Mastered



oo

as in "moon"

spook

coop

hoot

loop

moo

mood

moon

moose

noon

Mastered



oo

as in "moon"

pool

fool

proof

room

root

scoop

soon

spoon

too

Mastered



oo

as in "moon"

tool

toot

school

booth

tooth

stool

zoo

Mastered



oo

as in "look"

book

brook

cook

crook

foot

good

hood

hook

look

Mastered



oo

as in "look"

shook

took

wood

woof

stood

Mastered



_OW

as in "cow"

cow

now

how

pow

wow

plow

brow

Mastered



OW

as in "cow"

owl

brown

clown

howl

down

town

gown

fowl

growl

Mastered



OW

as in "cow"

crown

drown

prowl

frown

Mastered



_OW

as in "glow"

bow

low

row

sow

tow

flow

stow

crow

glow

Mastered



_OW

as in "glow"

grow

show

slow

snow

know

mow

throw

sown

Mastered



OW

as in "glow"

thrown

known

grown

own

Mastered



OU

as in "soup"

soup

coup

troupe

group

Mastered



OU

as in "house"

our

out

ouch

house

loud

noun

couch

found

cloud

Mastered



OU

as in "house"

ground

aloud

about

proud

shout

mouse

mouth

hound

bound

Mastered



OU

as in "house"

sprout

trout

sound

scout

pound

south

pout

snout

round

Mastered



OU

as in "house"

mound

around

flour

sour

count

Mastered



Sight Words

says

done

roar

soar

everything

both

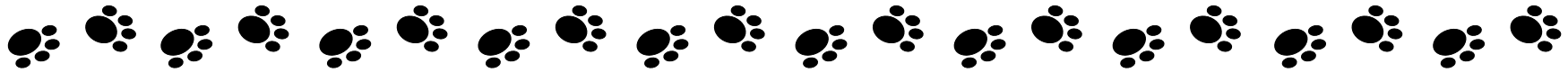
voice

sister

Mastered



Making Tracks with Words



The boy took the wood in the house to make a fire.

Will you scoop out some ice cream for me?

The king had a crown of gold.

The brown mouse will scout for food on the ground.

When the moon is full, the wild dogs will howl.

Reading Irregular Vowel Combinations with "u"



For Use with Reading Expedition

49

The Tour Guide says...



What's this I see? What's this I've heard?

This lesson contains only two words!

Well, what do you think, safari mate?

This is awesome! This is great!

(You still get to earn a sticker
on the Safari Success Trail, too!)

Irregular vowels will be your irregular friends...forever!

_uy

guy

buy

Did you know...

According to the U.S. Department of Education, the average kindergarten student has seen more than 5,000 hours of television - more time than it takes to earn a bachelor's degree.

The U.S. Department of Education has reported that students who watched three or fewer hours of television each day had higher average reading scores than students who reported watching more television.

Mastered



Making Tracks with Words



Will you buy me a toy?

Do you know that guy?

How old is Paul?

Have I told you how much you have grown?

Can you play at my house?



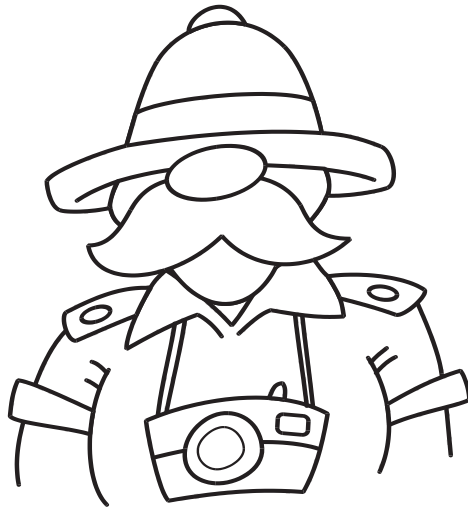
The Tour Guide says...
draw a picture of you helping someone.



For Use with Reading Expedition

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The Tour Guide says...



Travel near or travel far,
You'll find vowels placed next to "r".
"Sharks" and "horses", "girls" and "birds",
Are all examples of such words!

Can you count how many different sounds the vowels with the letter "r" can make?

_ur

blur

fur

spur

slur

Mastered



ur

burn

curb

turn

purr

surf

hurt

curl

churn

blurb

lurk

Mastered



ur

nurse

curve

church

lurch

Mastered



er

berth

fern

perk

term

were

verb

clerk

Mastered



_er

her

per

enter

butter

ever

river

better

never

boxer

farmer

Mastered



_er

zipper

cheaper

waiter

heater

cleaner

reader

leader

thinker

roamer

player

Mastered



_er

feather

weather

lather

rather

eater

later

Mastered



_ir

fir

stir

sir

Mastered



ir

girl

girth

bird

dirt

firm

shirt

skirt

third

birth

first

Mastered



ir

smirk

Mastered



or

or

for

Mastered



or

corn

horn

fort

horse

ford

torn

form

born

short

cork

Mastered



or

fork
more
sort
shore
store
storm
worn
north
sport

Mastered 

ar

bar
car
far
jar
star
tar

Mastered 

ar

are
farm
arm
art
wharf
cart
start
March
lark
Clark

Mastered 

ar

card
park
starch
shark
tart
bark
carve
arch
spark
dark

Mastered 

ar

part

march

ark

yard

hard

sharp

smart

chart

Mark

barn

Mastered



Sight Words

birthday

boar

pear

tear

wear

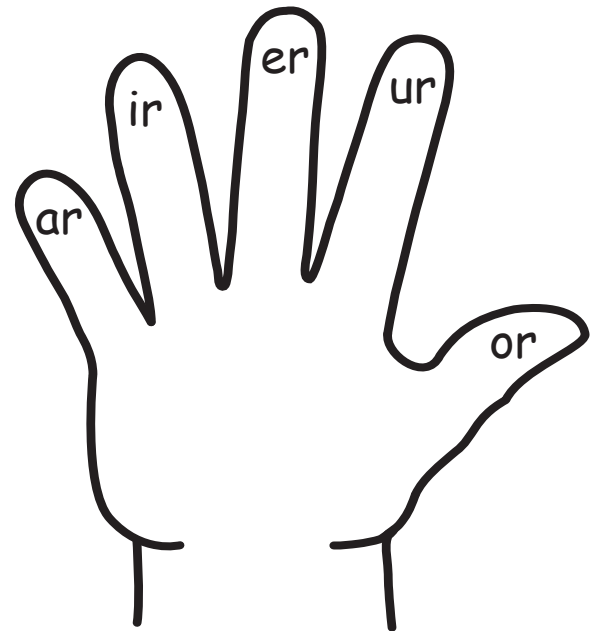
father

Mastered



Try this!

Using a washable marker, write the various sounds of the vowels with the letter "r" on the inside of your reader's fingertips. The three inside fingers all sound the same. The thumb and pinky do not. Try touching the thumb and pinky together, exposing only the three middle fingers. It's a good way to remember all of the different sounds.



Making Tracks with Words



The first storm of the year was in March.

Mark took the horse out of the barn.

Clark wore a dark shirt to church.

The farmer hopes the weather will be good.

You can see the river from our yard.



The Tour Guide says...
draw a picture of something that is loud.

Irregular Vowel Groupings with "ough"



For Use with Reading Expedition

52

The Tour Guide says...



I know that you though that you'd never get through it,
But you are so smart that I knew you would do it!
Irregular vowels are not tough at all.
Now, try this last group - it's really quite small.

Can you memorize all of the different sounds of O-U-G-H?

_ough

sounds like "oo"

through

Mastered



_ough

sounds like long "o"

dough

though

Mastered



_ough

sounds like "uf"

rough

enough

tough

Mastered



_ough

sounds like "ow"

bough

drought

Mastered



_ough

sounds like "off"

cough

trough

Mastered



ough

sounds like "aw"

bought

thought

fought

sought

wrought

ought

brought

Mastered



Sight Words

knocked

warm

glove

why

over

any

learn

heard

search

almost

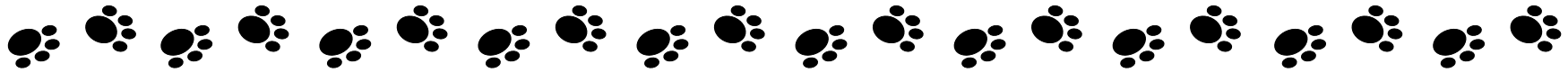
Mastered



The words in this expedition are tricky. To ensure mastery, try reading the words from the bottom up. Then, point to them randomly, from list to list.

Good luck!

Making Tracks with Words



I bought this toy at the store.

The bark on the tree feels rough.

We watched as Mom put the dough in the pan.

A bough is a branch on a tree.

I thought I had played enough, so I rested.

Clapping Syllables

Fun
with
Reading

For Use with Reading Expedition

53

The Tour Guide says...



You clap for me and I'll clap for you,
Clapping out syllables is so fun to do!
Don't try these words 'til you've sung the next song.
Listen and sing and then clap right along!

(The words on these lists are for the Tour Guide to read.
The student is to clap out the syllables only.)

Listen to the "Clap All the Syllables" song before you begin.

One Syllable Words

block

dog

cat

house

mouse

lunch

boy

girl

bat

bell

Mastered 

One Syllable Words

ball

hat

truck

doll

tree

nose

jump

whale

ax

cow

Mastered 

One Syllable Words

fish

name

beef

geese

vote

hope

beach

brush

west

quiz

Mastered 

One Syllable Words

king

brick

bridge

(Remember, the Tour Guide is to read all of these words. The student is to listen carefully and clap out the syllables in each word.)

Mastered 

Two Syllable Words

table

pencil

sneaker

crayon

balloon

breakfast

apple

clapping

laughter

angel

Mastered 

Two Syllable Words

puppy

rabbit

center

baby

station

blanket

cookie

movie

rainbow

jumping

Mastered 

Two Syllable Words

singing

muffin

snowman

reading

mommy

bubble

river

bedroom

pizza

raisin

Mastered 

Two Syllable Words

playground

tiger

highway

weather

jacket

mountain

pretty

music

soccer

eagle

Mastered 

Three Syllable Words

together

telephone

bicycle

triangle

animal

delicious

butterfly

banana

potato

elephant

Mastered 

Three Syllable Words

basketball

computer

hamburger

spaghetti

magical

umbrella

magician

ambulance

animal

astronaut

Mastered 

Three Syllable Words

instrument

dinosaur

evergreen

president

attention

strawberry

curious

creation

library

microphone

Mastered 

Three Syllable Words

volcano

hospital

committee

cucumber

(Remember, the Tour Guide is to read all of these words. The student is to listen carefully and clap out the syllables in each word.)

Mastered 

Four Syllable Words

television

helicopter

motorcycle

caterpillar

alligator

armadillo

ballerina

thermometer

transportation

watermelon

Mastered 

Four Syllable Words

asparagus

America

macaroni

aquarium

gymnasium

education

jack-o-lantern

graduation

independent

Mastered 

Five Syllable Words

auditorium

hippopotamus

abracadabra

(These are bonus words...just for fun!)

Mastered 

Six Syllable Words

paleontology

encyclopedia

(These are bonus words...just for fun!)

(Remember, the Tour Guide is to read all of these words. The student is to listen carefully and clap out the syllables in each word.)

Mastered 



The Tour Guide says...
draw a picture of a beautiful butterfly.

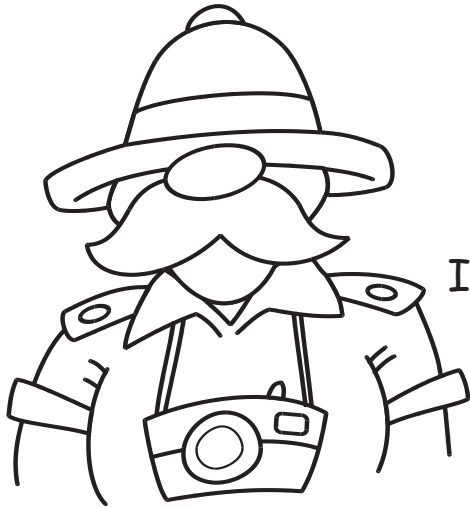
When "y" is at the End of a Word

Fun
with
Reading

For Use with Reading Expedition

54

The Tour Guide says...



Have you ever felt so lonely on a cloudy, windy day?

Has it ever been too rainy to go outside and play?

Have you ever sat and waited for the sun to grace the sky?

If you have, then you know lots of words that end with letter "y".

Be sure to listen to and learn the "y' at the End" song before you embark on this expedition!

_y

In one syllable words, "y"
says long "i" at the end.

my

cry

why

by

dry

fly

fry

Mastered



_y

In one syllable words, "y"
says long "i" at the end.

shy

spy

try

sky

pry

sly

Exceptions:

reply

deny

satisfy

Mastered



_y

In two syllable words, "y"
says long "e" at the end.

mommy

dizzy

daddy

classy

happy

frilly

funny

chubby

Andy

Mastered



_y

In two syllable words, "y"
says long "e" at the end.

handy

noisy

rainy

angry

cloudy

lonely

puppy

sleepy

windy

Mastered



_y

In two syllable words, "y"
says long "e" at the end.

goofy

stormy

spooky

silly

very

creepy

fairy

merry

stately

Mastered



_y

In two syllable words, "y"
says long "e" at the end.

penny

sunny

grouchy

Billy

Kitty

lovely

Jimmy

Kelly

Sammy

Mastered



_y

In two syllable words, "y"
says long "e" at the end.

Jacky

nicely

sweetly

kindly

Mastered



Sight Words

sometimes

give

can't

brother

airplanes

baby

pier

fierce

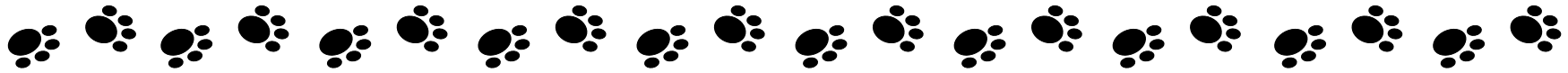
tier

blanket

Mastered



Making Tracks with Words



My puppy likes to lick my face.

Billy was grouchy at lunch today.

The witch was creepy and very spooky.

“Try your best,” my mom said, sweetly.

The new girl felt shy and lonely at school.

Hard and Soft "c"



*For Use with Reading Expeditions
55 and 56*

The Tour Guide says...



The mice tip-toed around the room
Trying to escape their doom.
A big fat cat soon came to call,
And ate those mice, soft "c" and all!

(Note to the Tour Guide: Read the soft "c" word lists for Reading Expedition 55. Read the hard "c" word lists for Reading Expedition 56.)

Remember, soft "c" sounds like "s"; hard "c" sounds like "k". Listen to the Soft C and G Song!

C

sounds like "s" before
"e", "i" and "y"

circus

cent

city

face

race

civil

cellar

cement

brace

Mastered



C

sounds like "s" before
"e", "i" and "y"

nice

ice

place

center

ace

Lucy

rice

slice

trace

Mastered



C

sounds like "s" before
"e", "i" and "y"

space

spice

twice

lace

fleece

pace

grace

mice

cell

Mastered



C

(Reading Expedition 56)
sounds like "k" when followed
by "a", "o", or "u"

cat

cup

cute

cure

cane

cone

cot

candy

cub

Mastered



C

(Reading Expedition 56)
sounds like "k" when followed
by "a", "o", or "u"

cube

cash

cast

car

cab

cake

call

camp

card

Mastered



C

(Reading Expedition 56)
sounds like "k" when followed
by "a", "o", or "u"

cart

coat

coin

cook

corn

cost

cow

curb

cut

Mastered



Sight Words

(Reading Expedition 56)

alligator

circle

belief

chief

relief

everyone

excite

only

Mastered



Sight Words

(Reading Expedition 56)

extra

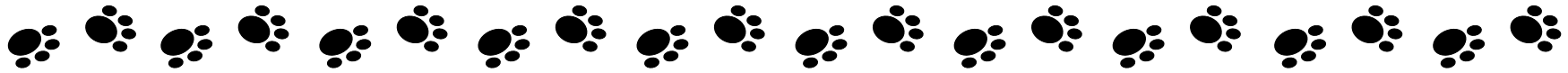
tiger

master

Mastered



Making Tracks with Words



Please cut a big slice of cake for me.

Mom bought a fleece coat to keep me warm.

Lucy bought a candy cane for ten cents.

We had a nice time at camp.

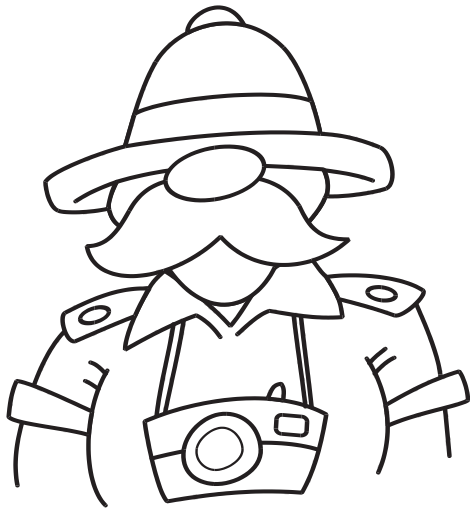
We slept on cots.

Hard and Soft "g"



*For Use with Reading Expeditions
57 and 58*

The Tour Guide says...



Gene, the giraffe, lived in a zoo.

He had a huge cage, but always felt blue.

Gene missed the plains, where he could run free.

Poor lonely Gene with the soft sound of "g".

Can you sing the "Soft 'c' and 'g'" song? What's the reading rule?

g

sounds like a "j" when followed by "e", "i", or "y"

gem

gym*

gent

gist

giraffe

gel

gene

huge

germ

Mastered



g

sounds like a "j" when followed by "e", "i", or "y"

age

cage

rage

stage

page

gee

sage

wage

(exceptions: give, get, gift and girl)

Mastered



g

sounds like a "g" when followed by "a", "o", or "u"

gum

gate

got

goat

game

good

gut

gold

goal

Mastered



g

sounds like a "g" when followed by "a", "o", or "u"

gosh

gain

gap

gutter

gun

gush

gut

gas

gag

Mastered



Sight Words

machine

steak

break

early

pearl

Have you visited the recommended book list yet? The back of *The Reading Place* includes comprehensive book lists, ready to accompany you and your reader to the local bookstore or public library. You'll find these lists helpful for many years to come. Even after your reader has graduated from this program, be sure to keep *The Reading Place* in a handy place!

*Sometimes, the letter y is used as a vowel. Many reading programs teach it as a vowel. We introduce it much later, as there are very, very few words your reader will encounter using y as a vowel and, in order to read those few words, many other rules need to be understood first.

Mastered



Making Tracks with Words



Chewing gum is not good for your teeth.

The stage at the civic center was huge.

The baby goats were not kept in a cage.

Let's play a game.

Turn the pages slowly, as you read this book.

Silent "gh"



For Use with Reading Expedition

59

The Tour Guide says...



"gh" is silent - it says not one thing.

"gh" does not talk - "gh" does not sing.

"gh" is quiet, as quiet can be.

"gh" leaves the talking to you and to me!

What does "gh" say in these words? Nothing!

gh

"gh" is silent, turns the "i"
into a long "i"

fight

night

light

plight

flight

right

might

sight

slight

Mastered 

gh

"gh" is silent, turns the "i"
into a long "i"

fright

tight

sigh

thigh

high

bright

nigh

Mastered 

gh

bought

fought

thought

taught

caught

brought

Mastered 

Sight Words

soar

don't

ghost

eight

softly

eyes

Mastered 

Making Tracks with Words



Those stars are bright in the dark night sky.

My teacher taught me how to read well.

“Turn on the light please,” I said to Dad.

I caught a big fish at the lake.

The witch gave me quite a fright.



The Tour Guide says...
draw a picture of something that is quiet.

Silent "t" in "tch"



For Use with Reading Expedition

60

The Tour Guide says...



"It's time for "tch", the "ch" said, without a moment's thought,
(The "t" came in, to be polite, but nothing had it brought.)

And there it sat, so quietly; it did not make a sound.

No letters paid it notice, as if it weren't around.

As you read these next words, imagine
that the "t" isn't even there!

As you read these next words, imagine that the "t" isn't even there!

tch

silent "t" makes no sound,
sounds like "ch"

witch

latch

clutch

notch

match

fetch

ditch

blotch

hutch

Mastered



tch

silent "t" makes no sound,
sounds like "ch"

pitch

patch

catch

batch

itch

hatch

Mitch

hitch

Mastered



Sight Words

pumpkin

father

people

carving

watch

cookie

court

pour

orange

warm

Mastered



Try writing "tch" words
in larger print on a
separate piece of paper.
Then, cover up the silent
"t" and read the word
without it! Learn to spot
the "tch" combination.

Making Tracks with Words



The mean witch cast a spell on the prince.

Mom made a batch of cookie dough.

Mitch pitched the ball to James.

I have an itch on my leg.

The people will watch as the baby birds hatch.



The Tour Guide says...
draw a picture of you reading to some friends.

The "Lonely" Vowel at the End of a Syllable



For Use with Reading Expedition

61

The Tour Guide says...



A vowel on the end of a syllable or word,
Is "longing" for a friend, and can be loudly heard.
It shouts its name out boldly, for others all to hear,
"I'm lonely on the end! Is anybody near?"

A vowel on the end of a syllable or word calls out its name! There are **no other vowels** with it!

a

a

Exceptions: names of people
and names of places ending in
"a", such as:

America

Africa

Antarctica

Oklahoma

Nevada

Tina

Nebraska

Florida

Canada

Gina

Mastered



e

be

he

me

she

we

ye

Mastered



i

I

hi

pi

Exceptions: words which
have "i" at the end,
pronounced as "ee", such as:

spaghetti

ski

macaroni

Mastered



o

go

no

so

lo

ho

Exceptions: do and to

Mastered



U

gnu

Samples of other words
which contain a lonely vowel
at the end of a syllable:

e-mo-tion-al

va-ca-tion

ha-lo

con-do

e-go

ho-bo

ju-do

may-be

hi-ber-nate

ra-dar

o-val

vi-o-lin

be-low

me-ow

lo-co-mo-tive

lo-cate

Don't forget to listen to "The Lonely Vowel at the End" song on track 25 of the CD. The Lonely Vowel Rule is different from the One Vowel Rule. The lonely vowel is the only vowel in the word or syllable and is *always* at the end.

Mastered



Mastered



Making Tracks with Words



She went on vacation with her dad.

We are going to the circus with him.

He has been my best friend for so very long.

Look out below!

Maybe you can go, too.

Reading Prefixes and Beginnings of Words - 1



For Use with Reading Expedition

63

The Tour Guide says...



Here's some great advice you should learn right from the start:

Prefixes are easy, if you break the word apart.

Cover up the prefixes, and then, just read the rest.

Put it all together - it's easier than you'd guessed!

Prefixes are letters or word parts that are added to the beginning of a word to change the meaning of the word.

ex_

expel

expert

exit

exhale

excite

extreme

exclaim

excuse

expose

export

Mastered



ex_

extent

express

explain

excess

exclude

Mastered



in_

inside

instep

inland

income

indeed

indoor

intend

insert

insight

inlet

Mastered



in_

intake

instill

inflamm

inlay

insect

indent

injure

insist

Mastered



con_

conform

contact

concrete

contain

consume

consent

confuse

consist

Mastered



com_

compute

compose

compete

combine

combat

comply

compress

compile

comfort

Mastered



pro_

protest

provoke

propose

promote

produce

profile

proclaim

pronoun

Mastered



en_

enjoy

enroll

enlist

ensue

endear

enclose

enchant

engrave

Mastered



re_

recall

remain

reduce

renew

remake

regain

refresh

restore

refill

reheat

Mastered



re_

remark

repeat

repaid

reclaim

reform

Mastered



un_

unhappy

unborn

unfold

unclear

unfit

uncut

Mastered



un_

unload

unwise

unwrap

unjust

unsafe

untrue

Mastered



Making Tracks with Words



I can not explain why I enjoy it so much.

“That story is untrue,” Dave remarked.

Can you unwrap this box?

The black insect crawled up my arm.

“Remain in your chair,” the teacher insisted.



The Tour Guide says...
draw a picture of a special friend.

Reading Prefixes and Beginnings of Words - 2



For Use with Reading Expedition

65

The Tour Guide says...



Are you very smart? Are you very wise?

Did you know that these big words are small words in disguise?

Learn to spot a prefix (and learn it very well).

Learn to see them hiding; it will help you read and spell.

Prefixes are hiding everywhere. Can you find them in the words on the following pages?

a_

about

around

away

aside

anew

amuse

agree

These words are
exceptions to the
Lonely Vowel Rule.

Mastered



a_

afraid

adore

across

ago

asleep

alone

alert

These words are
exceptions to the
Lonely Vowel Rule.

Mastered



be_

became

beside

betray

begun

between

belong

Mastered



de_

defame

defrost

defend

deform

depart

defeat

demote

Mastered



de_

define
depress
debate
devise
delay
deflate
demand

Mastered 

dis_

dispute
disclose
discuss
disease
dislike
dismiss

Mastered 

dis_

distrust
distress
display
dispose
disarm

Mastered 

pre_

precook
prejudge
predate
preheat
pretend
prescribe
preschool
prefer
prefix
prehistoric

Mastered 

tri_

tripod

triceps

trident

triplex

sub_

subway

subdue

sublet

subscribe

subsoil

subside

ad_

adhere

advent

adverb

advice

admire

adjust

mis_

misfit

mistake

mistreat

mistook

mislead

misplace

misquote

misfire

Mastered 

Mastered 

Mastered 

Mastered 

Making Tracks with Words



I will give you some good advice.

Are you afraid of the dark?

Let's pretend that we are grown up.

The preschool teacher loves her students.

Please come here, without delay.



The Tour Guide says...
draw a picture of a windy day.



For Use with Reading Expedition

67

The Tour Guide says...



Before you begin, you should be on your guard.
Some of these next words might be a bit hard.
Don't be concerned if their meanings aren't clear,
You'll learn them in time, with each passing year.

(We want you to be able to read and decode the words
with their prefixes. Don't dwell on the more complicated
definitions of the words.)

How many of the following words can you read?

super_

supercharge

superfine

superheat

superjet

superman

supermarket

superstar

supervise

superhero

Mastered



post_

postcard

postdate

postlude

postpaid

postman

postpone

Mastered



per_

percent

perfect

perform

perfume

permit

perplex

persist

pertain

Mastered



em_

embark

embed

emboss

embrace

empire

employ

empress

Mastered



non_

nonfat

nonskid

nonstop

nonstick

nonsense

ab_

absent

absorb

abstain

absurd

abstract

trans_

transact

transfer

transport

transplant

transform

transit

transmit

im_

imbed

immune

impact

impart

impel

implant

Mastered 

Mastered 

Mastered 

Mastered 

im_

imply

import

impose

impress

imprint

Mastered



anti_

antibody

antidote

antigen

antiaircraft

Mastered



inter_

interact

intercept

intercom

interface

interject

interlock

interlude

interstate

Mastered



The sentences presented from this point forward in the program may contain words that do not appear on *The Reading Place's* word lists. They are presented because the reader has learned all of the rules and all of the information necessary to decode them.

Making Tracks with Words



Randy was absent from school yesterday.

The man in the red cape is a brave superhero.

Please send me a postcard when you go away.

Dad goes to the supermarket to buy food.

My teacher says that I am a superstar!



The Tour Guide says...
draw a picture of anything you would like to draw.



For Use with Reading Expedition

69

The Tour Guide says...



Now, my best safari friend,
We'll add letters on the end.
Don't be fooled; don't get queasy!
You'll discover these are easy!

Remember, big words are just small word parts all put together!

_est

tallest

hardest

cleanest

richest

freshest

newest

smallest

Mastered



_est

soonest

weakest

dearest

fastest

plainest

strongest

boldest

Mastered



_ance

distance

abundance

performance

clearance

appearance

entrance

instance

substance

Mastered



_OUS

sounds like "us"

nervous

famous

marvelous

joyous

pompous

Mastered



_able

sounds like "uh-bull"

trustable

durable

enjoyable

payable

portable

taxable

available

Mastered



_ible

edible

incredible

possible

terrible

Mastered



_ent

content

comment

present

resident

president

Mastered



_al

sounds like "ul"

final

formal

pedal

causal

general

logical

terminal

central

musical

Mastered



_ant

tolerant

servant

instant

distant

applicant

merchant

important

Mastered



_ive

sounds like "iv"

active

captive

locomotive

selective

native

massive

passive

positive

inventive

Mastered



_es

sounds like "ez"

passes

buzzes

axes

foxes

wishes

dresses

lunches

rushes

Mastered



_le

little

apple

candle

twinkle

puddle

puzzle

handle

purple

gentle

Mastered



_ain

curtain

fountain

certain

mountain

captain

Sight Words

honest

America

science

scientist

people

Navigation Tip C (on page 267) at the end of *The Reading Place* includes a long list of suffixes and their meanings. Common ones have been included in this expedition. Good readers will learn to spot suffixes as word parts occurring at the end of words. You may want to share the longer list to introduce and pronounce other suffixes that might appear in more advanced books.

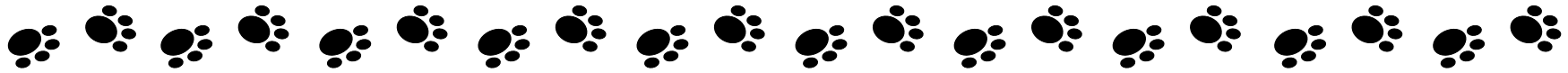
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Making Tracks with Words



You are my dearest and most incredible friend.

We watched a marvelous performance yesterday.

Someday, perhaps you will be the president.

The little candle twinkled in the dark of night.

Are you the strongest or the weakest on the team?



For Use with Reading Expedition

71

The Tour Guide says...



Our time together's almost through
I've been so very proud of you!
Someday, you will surely lead,
Because you now know how to read!

Are you getting ready to graduate?

_ion

sounds like "yun"

million

billion

onion

bunion

trillion

opinion

Mastered



_ian

sounds like "ee-an"

ruffian

amphibian

custodian

pedestrian

comedian

meridian

Mastered



_ly

sounds like "lee"

sadly

gently

justly

weekly

hardly

gladly

richly

deeply

Mastered



_ly

sounds like "lee"

plainly

closely

nearly

openly

yearly

sweetly

suddenly

Mastered



_ness

fitness

sadness

highness

goodness

illness

sickness

darkness

tallness

Mastered



_ment

pavement

movement

shipment

treatment

contentment

betterment

amusement

amazement

agreement

Mastered



_tion

action

motion

ration

option

invention

promotion

edition

construction

objection

education

Mastered



_tion

donation

perfection

eruption

formation

location

direction

rejection

redemption

suction

instruction

Mastered



_tion

solution

pollution

locomotion

promotion

nutrition

partition

expedition

repetition

composition

nation

Mastered



_tion

station

equation

frustration

relation

sensation

combination

contribution

revolution

production

conversation

Mastered



_tion

destination

exclamation

expectation

fascination

relaxation

separation

evaporation

organization

limitation

fiction

Mastered



_sion

tension

illusion

explosion

infusion

admission

intrusion

confusion

fusion

expansion

conclusion

Mastered



_iest

smelliest

neediest

muddiest

friendliest

funniest

happiest

creepiest

Mastered



_iest

trashiest

trickiest

dirtiest

silliest

stickiest

Mastered



Sight Words

laugh

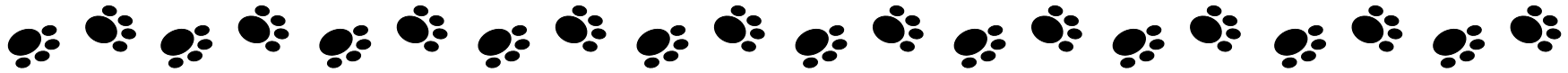
laughter

vegetable

Mastered



Making Tracks with Words



Sue had a feeling of sickness in her tummy.

Can you give me directions to Bob's house?

To my amazement, a million stars glowed in the sky!

I will gently hold the amphibian.

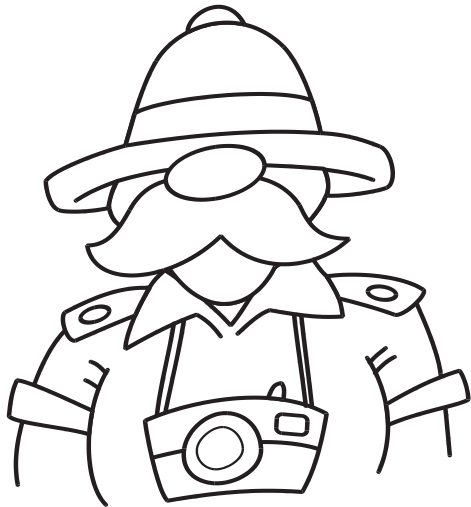
In my opinion, reading expeditions are great!



For Use with Reading Expedition

73

The Tour Guide says...



My, how your progress has blossomed and grown!
Proudly, you now will go forth on your own.
You'll do fine little mate - you're smart beyond measure.
Reading with you has been a real pleasure.

After this expedition, you'll have only two expeditions to go!

_ies

sounds like "eez"

pennies

armies

bodies

copies

oldies

duties

Mastered



_ies

sounds like "eez"

berries

cookies

stories

candies

lilies

Mastered



_age

sounds like "aj"

luggage

damage

image

manage

ravage

package

voltage

voyage

Mastered



_age

sounds like "aj"

message

village

baggage

Mastered



_ish

boyish

girlish

foolish

Spanish

Jewish

Scottish

British

feverish

greenish

Mastered



_cious

sounds like "shus"

delicious

gracious

ferocious

tenacious

spacious

precious

Mastered



_ence

difference

confidence

preference

prudence

residence

insistence

Mastered



_ic

artistic

basic

terrific

majestic

magnetic

traffic

organic

volcanic

historic

Mastered



_er

deeper

weaker

nearer

sadder

wetter

cleaner

fresher

greener

_ful

lawful

skillful

restful

powerful

painful

joyful

harmful

handful

grateful

bashful

Consider introducing your reader to one of the terrific children's magazines appropriate to your reader's age group. Magazines provide reading pleasure and good information, and children are often drawn to them because of their great illustrations and short articles. Some magazines to consider are:

Ranger Rick

Highlights for Children

American Girl

Guideposts

National Geographic

Time for Kids

Your local public librarian can help you determine which magazines may be best suited to your reader.

Mastered



Mastered



Making Tracks with Words



Lions and tigers can be ferocious.

The foolish girl ate too many cookies and got sick.

Your residence is the place where you live.

The air is cleaner and fresher in the mountains.

Never play where there is too much traffic.



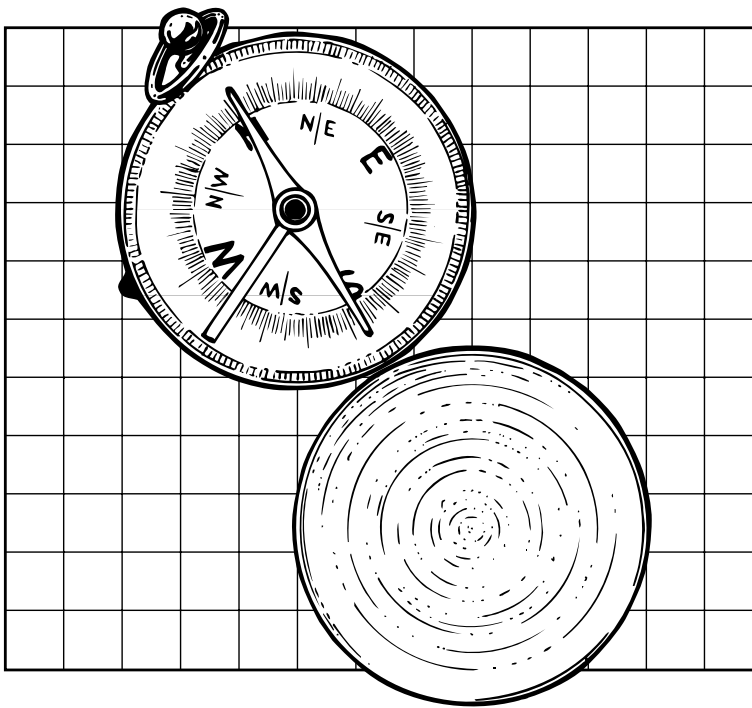
The Tour Guide says...
draw a picture of anything you would like to draw.

Beyond the Basics with Plurals

Fun
with
Reading

Navigation Tip

A



When a reader first learns about making words plural, he or she is reading very simple words, almost all of which can be made plural by adding the letter "s". "The Plural Song" teaches the concept of plural - "plural means more than one". It goes on to sing about making a toy into toys and a hug into hugs, and so on. Of course, while adding "s" is the simplest way to make the plural form of a word, there are several other ways to change certain words into their plural forms. This Navigation Tip explains a number of other rules to keep in mind when making the plural form of a word.

Add "es" to words that end in "o".

Examples:	potato	potatoes
	tomato	tomatoes
	volcano	volcanoes

Add "es" to words ending in "ch", "sh", "s", "z" and "x".

Examples:	peach	peaches
	fix	fixes
	pass	passes
	mash	mashes
	fizz	fizzes

An apostrophe and the letter "s" should be used to form the plurals of letters and numbers.

Examples: e's and f's
2's and 3's

Exception: When referring to years using a plural form, an "s" may be used without an apostrophe

Examples: 1920s
1990s
1600s

Some words that end in "f" need to be changed altogether to make the plural form. The "f" is eliminated, and "ves" is added.

Examples:	calf	calves
	leaf	leaves
	thief	thieves

Words that end in the letter "y" are changed in the process of being made plural. The "y" is dropped, and "ies" is added.

Examples:	baby	babies
	lady	ladies
	fly	flies
	harmony	harmonies
	melody	melodies
	story	stories

Exception: If the original word ends in "ey", only an "s" is added.

Examples:	key	keys
	monkey	monkeys

Sometimes, the plural form of a word follows no particular rule at all. We just need to learn a new form of the original, singular word. Some examples of "irregular" plural forms have been listed below.

Examples:	cactus	cacti
	child	children
	die	dice
	foot	feet
	goose	geese
	man	men
	mouse	mice
	tooth	teeth
	woman	women



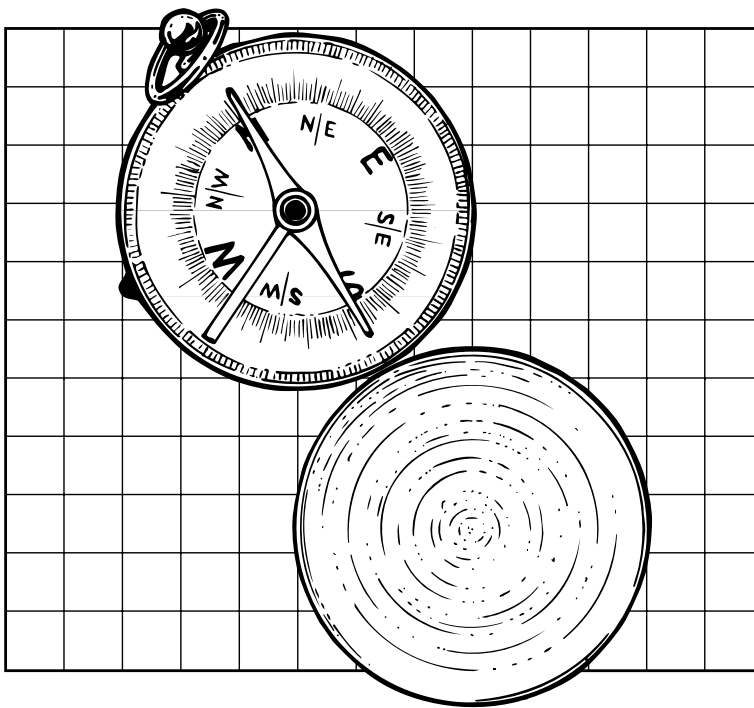
The Tour Guide says...
draw a picture of something that is plural (more than one).

More About Prefixes



Navigation Tip

B



Prefixes are letters or word parts that are added to the beginning of a base word. When a prefix is added, it changes the original meaning of the word.

The prefixes we have introduced in the Reading Expeditions folders are some of the most common ones. This section provides a more comprehensive list of prefixes, along with their meanings. We've also included an example of each.

Don't worry about teaching your young safari mate the complicated meanings of these prefixes or the meanings of all of the words they can make. For now, you may simply wish to point out that there are many different prefixes. You may wish to teach the pronunciation of each prefix (the first column of the chart only).

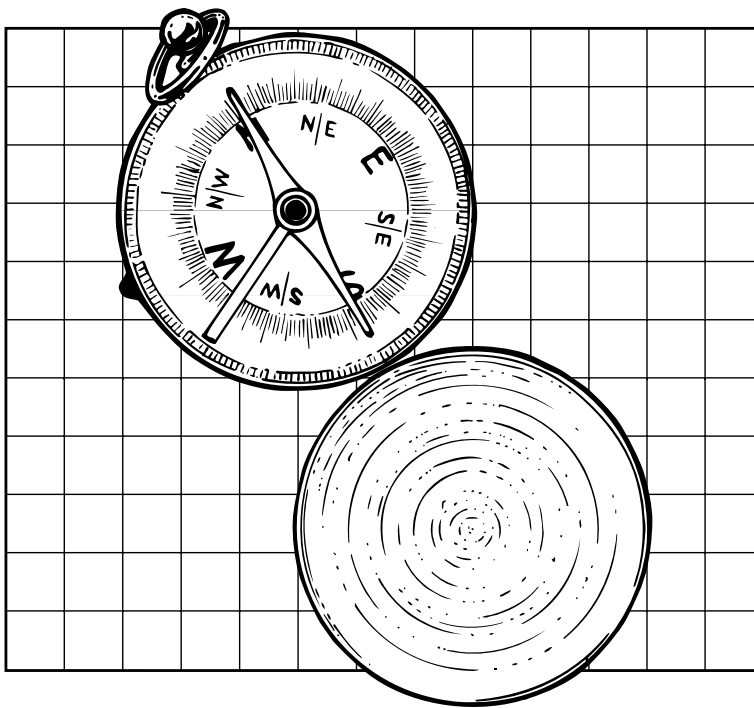
Prefix	Meaning	Example	Prefix	Meaning	Example
a-	on or in	amidst	intra-	inside, within, in, between	intramural
ad-	toward, to, near, in	adhere	intro-	into, in	introduce
anti-	against	antidote	micro-	small	microscope
auto-	self	automobile	mis-	wrongly, poorly, badly	mishandle
bi-	two	bicycle	mono-	one, single, alone	monorail
bio-	life	biology	multi-	many	multiplex
con-	together, with	contact	non-	not	nonfat
com-	together, with	compile	over-	beyond, too much	overexcited
contra-	against, opposite	contravene	post-	after	postdate
counter-	contrary, opposite	counterpart	pre-	before, in front of	prefix
de-	opposite of, reverse, remove	deodorize	pro-	for, forward	promote
dis-	reverse, absence, opposite	disable	re-	again, back	recall
ex-	out of, from, former, before	export	sub-	beneath, under, below	subway
hydro-	water	hydroplane	super-	beyond, in addition to	superman
hyper-	in excess, too much, beyond	hyperspace	tele-	distant	telescope
hypo-	too little, beneath, under	hypodermic	trans-	across, change, over	transport
im-	not, without	impossible	tri-	three	triangle
in-	not	inexact	un-	not, opposite of	unwelcome
inter-	between, together, among	interplay	uni-	one	unify

More About Suffixes



Navigation Tip

C



A suffix is an ending added to a base word or a word root to change the meaning of the word. Sometimes, when a suffix is added, the spelling of the original word doesn't change at all. Other times, the original word might change in order to accommodate the new ending. Your reader won't need to know all of the suffixes we've listed here. It's a good idea, though, to recognize that large words are often just small words with parts added on to the beginning or the end of the original, small word. Over time, your reader will recognize the suffixes that are common to many, everyday words.

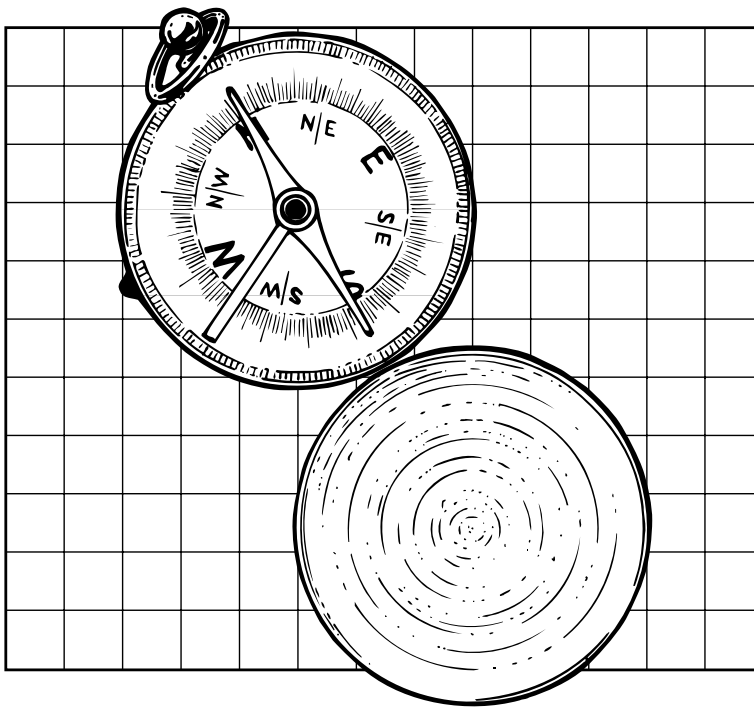
Suffix	Meaning	Example	Suffix	Meaning	Example
-able	able or capable of	trustable	-ous	full of	perilous
-ible	able or capable of	flexible	-ious	full of	spacious
-age	action, state of	encourage	-ship	quality or state of	friendship
-al	relates to	postal	-sion	action or condition of	decision
-ian	belong to	Californian	-tion	action or condition of	imagination
-ance	condition or state of	annoyance	-ity	quality of	humidity
-ence	condition or state of	dependence	-ward	toward, in the direction	backward
-er	more	bigger	-ery	occupation or condition of	bakery
-est	most	smallest	-ess	the feminine form of	countess
-ful	full of	useful	-fest	gathering for a common purpose	songfest
-ing	presently happening	exploring	-gen	that which produces	oxygen
-ish	relating to or illness	childish	-gram	written or drawn, message	telegram
-less	without	careless, happiness	-ics	field of study	physics
-ly	in a certain way	truly	-ite	from a place; mineral names	Israelite
-ment	state of or condition	achievement	-osis	condition or state of	hypnosis
-ness	quality or condition of	fullness	-scope	used for viewing	microscope

Compound Words



Navigation Tip

D



Compound words are words that are made by combining two smaller words together to make one word. A solid understanding of how compound words are formed will help when reading them. Understanding how compound words are formed will also enhance your reader's spelling ability. Here are some common compound words for your reader to master. He or she has all of the reading skills needed to read these words.

afternoon
aircraft
airplane
airport
anthill
anyone
anything
anyway
barefoot
baseball
basketball
bathtub
beanbag
bedroom
beeswax
birthday
blackboard
blacksmith
blowout
bookcase
bookmark
breakfast
broadcast
campfire

chessboard
classmate
classroom
clothesline
clubhouse
cookbook
countryside
cowboy
doghouse
doormat
downpour
downtown
drawbridge
evergreen
eyeball
eyeglass
faraway
fingernail
fingerprint
fingertip
fireman
flagpole
floodlight
football

gentleman
grapefruit
grasshopper
hatbox
herself
himself
homework
honeymoon
horseshoe
houseboat
inside
lifetime
lighthouse
lipstick
mailbox
meatball
motorcycle
needlepoint
nighttime
notebook
nowhere
oatmeal
otherwise
outside

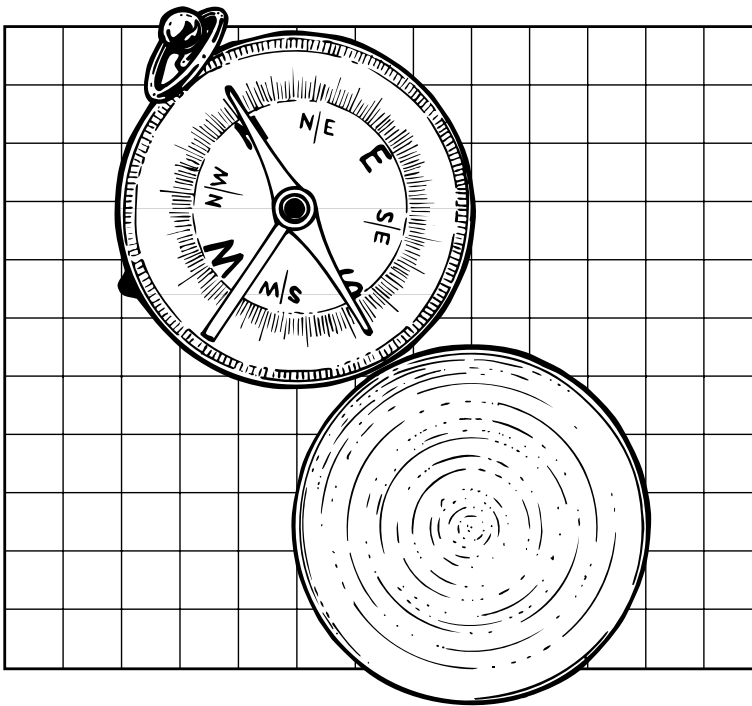
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pancake
peacetime
peanut
peppermint
pigtail
playground
pocketbook
policeman
railroad
raincoat
riverbank
rowboat
sailboat
salesman
sandbox
shortstop
sidewalk
skydive
slowpoke
snowball
snowman
someone
something

spacesuit
spellbound
strawberry
sweatshirt
teenage
toenail
toothache
toothbrush
toothpaste
touchdown
township
treetop
underground
upset
upstairs
wastebasket
weatherman
wheelbarrow
whenever
windshield
wishbone
without
wristwatch
yourself

Homophones



Navigation Tip E



Homophones are words that sound alike, but are spelled differently and have different meanings. On the following page, is a list of many common homophones. Learning homophones will improve your reader's ability to recognize and understand the different forms of these words when reading, and to spell these words correctly when writing.

ail ale
air heir
aisle isle
allowed aloud
altar alter
ant aunt
bail bale
bear bare
beet beat
bell belle
blew blue
bored board
bough bow
brake break
by buy
capital capitol
cell sell
cent sent
cheap cheep

chews choose
cymbal symbol
dear deer
do due
doe dough
eight ate
ewe you
fare fair
feet feat
flee flea
flew flu
flour flower
for four
foul fowl
gait gate
grate great
groan grown
guessed guest
heel heal

here hear
hole whole
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in inn
its it's
knew new
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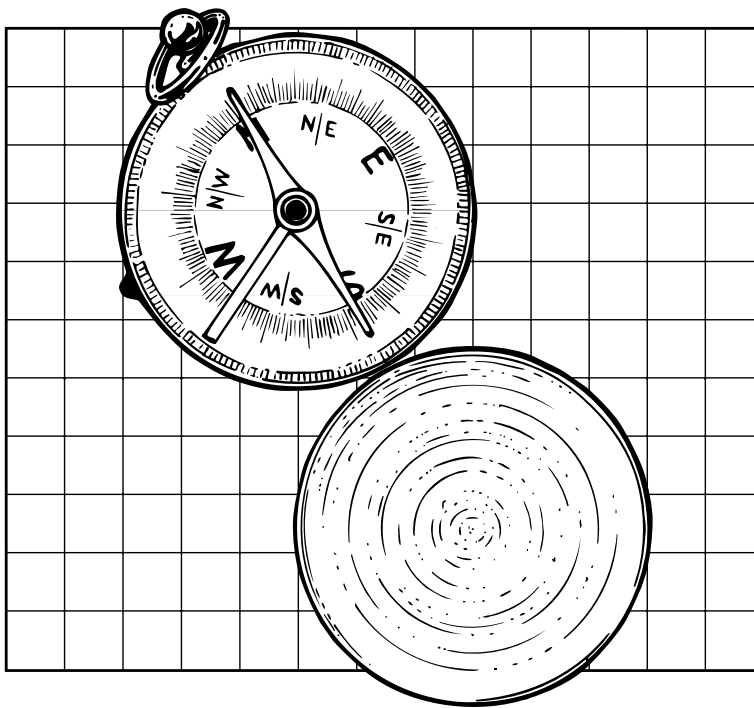
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sale sail
see sea
seem seam
seen scene
shear sheer

sighs size
so sew
some sum
stake steak
steel steal
suite sweet
tale tail
team team
there their
threw through
to two
tow toe
vein vain
waist waste
way weigh
wear ware
week weak
witch which
would wood

The Newbery Medal Award Books



Navigation Tip F



The Newbery Medal is an award given to each year's most outstanding book in the category of American Literature for children. It is presented by a division of The American Library Association.

2015	TBA	TBA
2014	TBA	TBA
2013	TBA	TBA
2012	TBA	TBA
2011	<i>Moon over Manifest</i>	by Clare Vanderpool
2010	<i>When You Reach Me</i>	by Rebecca Stead
2009	<i>The Graveyard Book</i>	by Neil Gaiman
2008	<i>Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village</i>	by Laura Ama Schlitz
2007	<i>The Higher Power of Lucky</i>	by Susan Patron
2006	<i>Cris Cross</i>	by Lynne Rae Perkins
2005	<i>Kira-Kira</i>	by Cynthia Kadohata
2004	<i>The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup and a Spoot of Thread</i>	by Kate DiCamillo
2003	<i>Crispin: The Cross of Lead</i>	by Avi
2002	<i>A Single Shard</i>	by Linda Sue Park
2001	<i>A Year Down Yonder</i>	by Richard Peck
2000	<i>Bud, Not Buddy</i>	by Christopher Paul Curtis
1999	<i>Holes</i>	by Louis Sachar
1998	<i>Out of the Dust</i>	by Karen Hesse
1997	<i>The View From Saturday</i>	by E. L. Konigsburg
1996	<i>The Midwife's Apprentice</i>	by Karen Cushman
1995	<i>Walk Two Moons</i>	by Sharon Creech
1994	<i>The Giver</i>	by Lois Lowry
1993	<i>Missing May</i>	by Cynthia Rylant
1992	<i>Shiloh</i>	by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
1991	<i>Maniac Magee</i>	by Jerry Spinelli
1990	<i>Number the Stars</i>	by Lois Lowry
1989	<i>Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices</i>	by Paul Fleischman

1988	Lincoln: A Photobiography	by Russell Freedman
1987	The Whipping Boy	by Sid Fleischman
1986	Sarah, Plain and Tall	by Patricia MacLachlan
1985	The Hero and the Crown	by Robin McKinley
1984	Dear Mr. Henshaw	by Beverly Cleary
1983	Dacey's Song	by Cynthia Voigt
1982	A Visit to William Blake's Inn	by Nancy Willard
1981	Jacob Have I loved	by Katherine Patterson
1980	A Gathering of Days	by Joan W. Blos
1979	The Westing Game	by Ellen Raskin
1978	Bridge to Terabithia	by Katherine Paterson
1977	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	by Mildred D. Taylor
1976	The Grey King	by Susan Cooper
1975	M.C. Higgins, the Great	by Virginia Hamilton
1974	The Slave Dancer	by Paula Fox
1973	Julie of the Wolves	by Jean Craighead George
1972	Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh	by Robert C. O'Brien
1971	The Summer of the Swans	by Betsy Cromer Byars
1970	Souder	by William H. Armstrong
1969	The High King	by Lloyd Alexander
1968	From the Mixed-up File of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler	by E.L. Konigsburg
1967	Up a Road Slowly	by Irene Hunt
1966	I, Juan De Pareja	by Elizabeth Borton De Trevino
1965	Shadow of a Bull	by Maia Wojciechowska
1964	It's Like This Cat	by Emily Cheney Neville
1963	A Wrinkle in Time	by Madeline L'engle
1962	The Bronze Bow	by Elizabeth George Speare
1961	Island of the Blue Dolphins	by Scott O'Dell

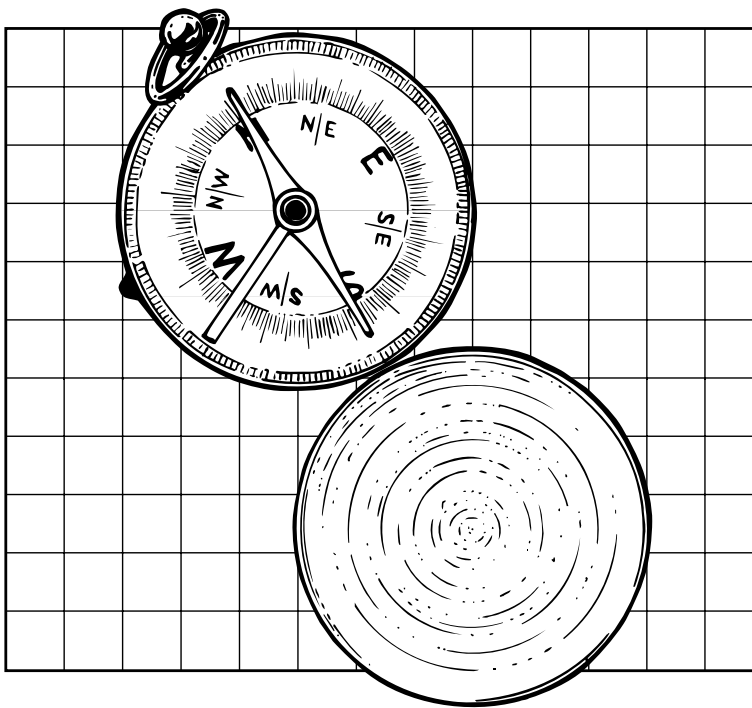
1960	Onion John	by Joseph Krumgold
1959	The Witch of Blackbird Pond	by Elizabeth George Speare
1958	Rifles for Watie	by Harold Keith
1957	Miracles on Maple Hill	by Virginia Eggertsen Sorensen
1956	Carry on Mr. Bowditch	by Jean Lee Latham
1955	The Wheel on the School	by Meindert De Jong
1954	And Now Miguel	by Joseph Krumgold
1953	Secret of the Andes	by Ann Nolan Clark
1952	Ginger Pye	by Eleanor Estes
1951	Amos Fortune, Free Man	by Elizabeth Yates
1950	The Door in the Wall	by Marguerite De Angeli
1949	Kind of the Wind	by Marguerite Henry
1948	The Twenty-One Balloons	by William Pene du Bois
1947	Miss Hickory	by Carolyn Sherwin Bailey
1946	Strawberry Girl	by Lois Lenski
1945	Rabbit Hill	by Robers Lawson
1944	Johnny Tremain	by Esther Forbes
1943	Adam of the Road	by Elizabeth Janet Gray
1942	The Matchlock Gun	by Walter D. Edmonds
1941	Call It Courage	by Armstrong Sperry
1940	Daniel Boone	by James Daugherty
1939	Thimble Summer	by Elizabeth Enright
1938	The White Stag	by Kate Seredy
1937	Roller Skates	by Ruth Sawyer
1936	Caddie Woodlawn	by Carol Ryrie Brink
1935	Dorby	by Monica Sannon
1934	Invincible Louisa: The Sory of the Author of Little Women	by Cornelia Meigs
1933	Young Fu of the Upper Yangtze	by Elizabeth Foreman Lewis

The Caldecott Medal Award Books



Navigation Tip

G



Each year, since 1938, the Association for Library Service to Children (a division of the American Library Association) has awarded The Caldecott Medal. This award recognizes the illustrator of an American picture book for children. Randolph J. Caldecott was an English illustrator in the nineteenth century. The Caldecott Medal is named in his honor and memory.

2015	TBA	TBA
2014	TBA	TBA
2013	TBA	TBA
2012	TBA	TBA
2011	<i>A Sick Day for Amos McGee</i>	by Phillip C. Stead
2010	<i>The Lion & the Mouse</i>	by Jerry Pinkney
2009	<i>The House in the Night</i>	by Susan Marie Swanson
2008	<i>The Invention of Hugo Cabret</i>	by Brian Selznick
2007	<i>Flotsam</i>	by David Wiesner
2006	<i>The Hello, Goodbye Window</i>	by Norton Juster
2005	<i>Kitten's First Full Moon</i>	by Kevin Henkes
2004	<i>The Man Who Walked Between the Towers</i>	by Mordicai Gerstein
2003	<i>My Friend Rabbit</i>	by Eric Rohmann
2002	<i>The Three Pigs</i>	by David Wiesner
2001	<i>So You Want To Be President?</i>	by Judith St. George
2000	<i>Joseph Had a Little Overcoat</i>	by Simms Taback
1999	<i>Snowflake Bentley</i>	by Jacqueline Briggs Martin
1998	<i>Rapunzel</i>	by Paul O. Zelinsky
1997	<i>Golem</i>	by David Wisniewski
1996	<i>Officer Buckle and Gloria</i>	by Peggy Rathmann
1995	<i>Smoky Night</i>	by Eve Bunting
1994	<i>Grandfather's Journey</i>	by Allen Say
1993	<i>Mirette on the High Wire</i>	by Emily Arnold McCully
1992	<i>Tuesday</i>	by David Wiesner
1991	<i>Black and White</i>	by David Macaulay
1990	<i>Lon Po Po: A Red-riding Hood Story From China</i>	by Ed Young
1989	<i>Song and Dance Man</i>	by Karen Ackerman
1988	<i>Owl Moon</i>	by Jane Yolen

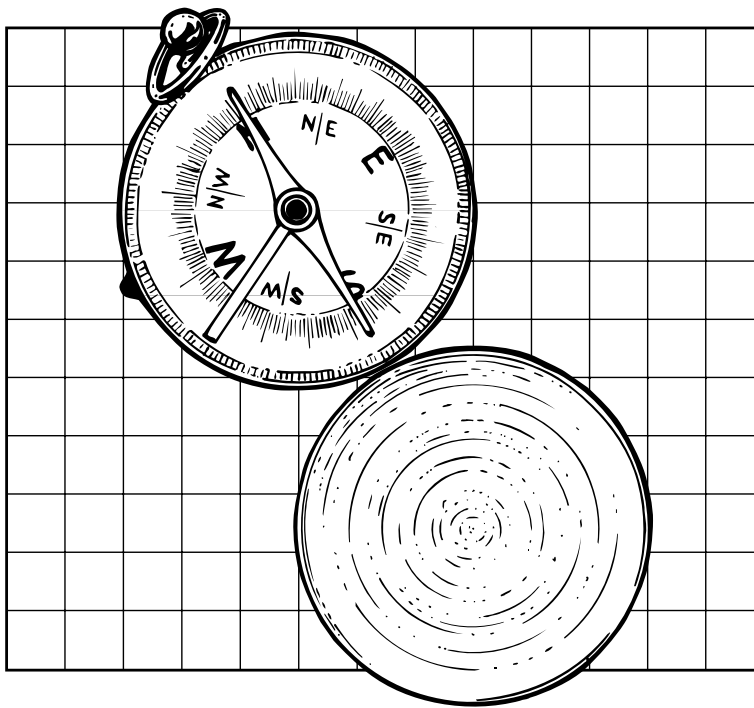
1987	Hey, Al	by Arthur Yorinks
1986	The Polar Express	by Chris Van Allsburg
1985	Saint George and the Dragon	by Margaret Hodges
1984	The Glorious Flight: Across the Channel With Louis Bleriot, July 25, 1909	by Alice Provensen
1983	Shadow	by Blaise Cendrars
1982	Jumanji	by Chris Van Allsburg
1981	Fables	by Arnold Lobel
1980	Ox-cart Man	by Donald Hall
1979	The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses	by Paul Goble
1978	Noah's Ark	by Peter Spier
1977	Ashanti To Zulu: African Traditions	by Margaret W. Musgrove
1976	Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears: A West African Tale	by Verna Aardema
1975	Arrow To the Sun: A Pueblo Indian Tale	by Gerald McDermott
1974	Duffy and the Devil	by Harve Zemach
1973	The Funny Little Woman	by Arlene Mosel
1972	One Fine Day	by Nonny Hogrogian
1971	A Story, A Story	by Gail E. Haley
1970	Sylvester and the Magic Pebble	by William Steig
1969	The Fool of the World and the Flying Ship	by Arthur Ransome
1968	Drummer Hoff	by Barbara Emberley
1967	Sam Bangs and Moonshine	by Evaline Ness
1966	Always Room for One More	by Sorche Nic Leodhas
1965	May I Bring a Friend?	by Beatrice Schenk De Regniers
1964	Where the Wild Things Are	by Maurice Sendak
1963	The Snowy Day	by Ezra Jack Keats
1962	Once a Mouse...A Fable Cut in Wood	by Marcia Brown
1961	Baboushka and the Three Kings	by Ruth Robbins

1960	Nine Days To Christmas	by Marie Hall Ets
1959	Chanticleer and the Fox	by Geoffrey Chaucer
1958	Time of Wonder	by Robert McCloskey
1957	A Tree Is Nice	by Janice May Udry
1956	Frog Went A-Courtin'	by John Langstaff
1955	Cinderella	by Charles Perrault
1954	Madeline's Rescue	by Ludwig Bemelmans
1953	The Biggest Bear	by Lynn K. Ward
1952	Finders Keepers	by Nicolas Will
1951	The Egg Tree	by Katherine Milhous
1950	Song of the Swallows	by Leo Politi
1949	The Big Snow	by Berta Hader
1948	White Snow, Bright Snow	by Alvin Tresselt
1947	The Little Island	by Golden MacDonald
1946	The Rooster Crows: A Book fo American Rhymes and Jingles	by Maud Petersham
1945	Prayer for a Child	by Rachel Field
1944	Many Moons	by James Thurber
1943	The Little House	by Virginia Lee Burton
1942	Make Way for Ducklings	by Robert McCloskey
1941	They Were Strong and Good	by Robert Lawson
1940	Abraham Lincoln	by Ingri D'aulaire
1939	Mei Li	by Thomas Handforth
1938	Animals of the Bible: A Picture Book	by Dorothy P. Lathrop

The Coretta Scott King Award Books



Navigation Tip H



This award honors the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the efforts of Dr. King's widow, Mrs. Coretta Scott King. Individuals who receive the award are of African descent. Their works must somehow reflect an understanding and appreciation for the American Dream. There are two categories for the Coretta Scott King Award - "Author" and "Illustrator". Past winners are listed on the following pages, by category.

Coretta Scott King Award - Author Award Winners

2015	TBA	TBA
2014	TBA	TBA
2013	TBA	TBA
2012	TBA	TBA
2011	One Crazy Summer	by Rita Williams-Garcia
2010	Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal	by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson
2009	We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball	by Kadir Nelson
2008	Elijah of Buxton	by Christopher Paul Curtis
2007	Copper Sun	by Sharon Draper
2006	Day of Tears: A Novel in Dialogue	by Julius Lester
2005	Remember: The Journey to School Integration	by Toni Morrison
2004	The First Part Last	by Angela Johnson
2003	Bronx Masquerade	by Nikki Grimes
2002	The Land	by Mildred Taylor
2001	Miracle's Boys	by Jacqueline Woodson
2000	Bud, Not Buddy	by Christopher Paul Curtis
1999	Heaven	by Angela Johnson
1998	Forged by Fire	by Sharon M. Draper
1997	Slam	by Walter Dean Myers
1996	Her Stories	by Virginia Hamilton
1995	Christmas in the Big House, Christmas in the Quarters	by Patricia C. & Frederick L. McKissack
1994	Toning the Sweep	by Angela Johnson
1993	Dark Thirty: Southern Tales of the Supernatural	by Patricia A. McKissack
1992	Now is Your Time: The African American Struggle for Freedom	by Walter Dean Myers
1991	The Road to Memphis	by Mildred D. Taylor
1990	A Long Hard Journey: The Story of the Pullman Porter	by Patricia C. & Frederick L. McKissack

1989	Fallen Angels	by Walter Dean Myers
1988	The Friendship	by Mildred L. Taylor
1987	Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World	by Mildred Pitts Walter
1986	The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales	by Virginia Hamilton
1985	Motown and Didi	by Walter Dean Myers
1984	Everett Anderson's Good-bye	by Lucille Clifton
1983	Sweet Whispers, Brother Rush	by Virginia Hamilton
1982	Let the Circle Be Unbroken	by Mildred D. Taylor
1981	This Life	by Sidney Poitier
1980	The Young Landlords	by Walter Dean Myers
1979	Escape to Freedom	by Ossie Davis
1978	Africa Dream	by Eloise Greenfield

Coretta Scott King Award - Illustrator Award Winners

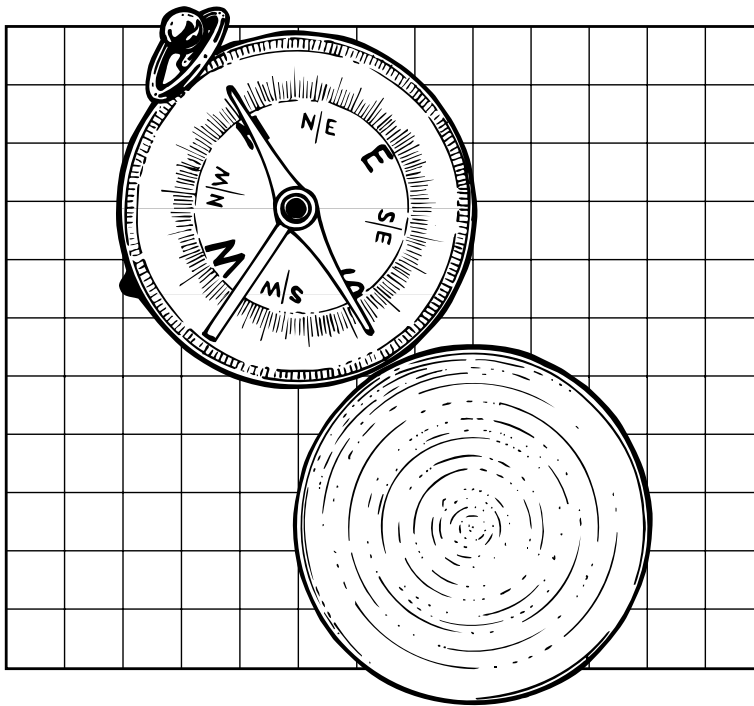
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2013	TBA	TBA
2012	TBA	TBA
2011	Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave	ill. by Bryan Collier
2010	My People	ill. by Charles R. Smith, Jr.
2009	The Blacker the Berry	ill. by Floyd Cooper
2008	Let it Shine	ill. by Ashley Bryan
2007	Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom	ill. by Kadir Nelson
2006	Rosa	ill. by Bryan Collier
2005	Ellington Was Not a Street	ill. by Kadir Nelson
2004	Beautiful Blackbird	ill. by Ashley Bryan
2003	Talkin' About Bessie: The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman	ill. by E. B. Lewis
2002	Goin' Someplace Special	ill. by Jerry Pinkney

2001	Uptown	ill. by Bryan Collier (Henry Holt)
2000	In the Time of the Drums	ill. by Brian Pinkney
1999	I See the Rhythm	ill. by Michele Wood
1998	In Daddy's Arms I am Tall: African Americans Celebrating Fathers	ill. by Javaka Steptoe
1997	Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman	ill. by Jerry Pinkney
1996	The Middle Passage: White Ships Black Cargo	ill. by Tom Feelings
1995	The Creation	ill. by James Ransome
1994	Soul Looks Back in Wonder	ill. by Tom Feelings
1993	The Origin of Life on Earth: An African Creation Myth	ill. by Kathleen Atkins Wilson
1992	Tar Beach	ill. by Faith Ringgold
1991	Aida	ill. by Leo and Diane Dillon
1990	Nathaniel Talking	ill. by Jan Spivey Gilchrist
1989	Mirandy and Brother Wind	ill. by Jerry Pinkney
1988	Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: an African Tale	ill. by John Steptoe
1987	Half a Moon and One Whole Star	ill. by Jerry Pinkney
1986	The Patchwork Quilt	ill. by Jerry Pinkney
1985	No award	
1984	My Mama Needs Me	ill. by Pat Cummings
1983	Black Child	ill. by Peter Mugabane
1982	Mother Crocodile; An Uncle Amadou Tale from Senegal	ill. by John Steptoe
1981	Beat the Story Drum, Pum-Pum	ill. by Ashley Bryan
1980	Cornrows	ill. by Carole Byard
1979	Something on My Mind	ill. by Tom Feelings
1978	Africa Dream	ill. by Carole Byard
1977	No award	
1976	No award	
1975	No award	
1974	Ray Charles	ill. by George Ford

The Young Readers Choice Award Books



Navigation Tip I



The Young Readers Choice Awards have two divisions. One division (the Youth Division) recognizes the authors of outstanding books for readers in grades 4-8. A second division, added in 1991, recognizes the authors of outstanding books for grades 9-12. Only the Youth Division Books have been listed here.

2015	TBA	TBA
2014	TBA	TBA
2013	TBA	TBA
2012	TBA	TBA
2011	Amulet: The Stonekeeper	by Kazu Kibuishi
2010	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Greg Heffley's Journal	by Jeff Kinney
2009	Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane	by Kate DiCamillo
2008	A Dog's Life: Autobiography of a Stray	by Ann Martin
2007	Dragon Rider	by Cornelia Funke
2006	The Tale of Despereaux	by Kate DiCamillo
2005	The Thief Lord	by Cornelia Funke
2004	Skeleton Man	by Joseph Bruchac
2003	Because of Winn-Dixie	by Kate DiCamillo
2002	Bud, Not Buddy	by Christopher Paul Curtis
2001	Holes	by Louis Sachar
2000	A Mouse Called Wolf	by Dick King-Smith
1999	Frindle	by Andrew Clements
1998	Wayside School Gets a Little Stranger	by Louis Sachar
1997	Nasty Stinky Sneakers	by Eve Bunting
1996	The Boys Start the War	by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
1995	Terror at the Zoo	by Peg Kehret
1994	Shiloh	by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
1993	Maniac Magee	by Jerry Spinelli
1992	Danger in Quicksand Swamp	by Bill Wallace
1991	Ten Kids, No Pets	by Ann M. Martin
1990	There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom	by Louis Sachar
1989	Wait Till Helen Comes	by Mary Downing Hahn
1988	Sixth Grade Can Really Kill You	by Barthe DeClements

1987	The War With Grandpa	by Robert Smith
1986	The Dollhouse Murders	by Betty Ren Wright
1985	Thirteen Ways to Sink a Sub	by Jamie Gilson
1984	The Indian in the Cupboard	by Lynne Reid Banks
1983	Superfudge	by Judy Blume
1982	Bunnicula: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery	by Deborah and James Howe
1981	Hail, Hail Camp Timberwood	by Ellen Conford
1980	Ramona and Her Father	by Beverly Cleary
1979	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Call	by Mildred Taylor
1978	The Great Brain Does It Again	by John D. Fitzgerald
1977	Blubber	by Judy Blume
1976	The Great Brain Reforms	by John D. Fitzgerald
1975	Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing	by Judy Blume
1974	Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH	by Robert C. O'Brien
1973	No Award	
1972	Encyclopedia Brown Keeps the Peace	by Donald J. Sobol
1971	Ramona the Pest	by Beverly Cleary
1970	Smoke	by William Corbin
1969	Henry Reed's Baby-Sitting Service	by Keith Robertson
1968	The Mouse and the Motorcycle	by Beverly Cleary
1967	Chitty-Chitty-Bang-Bang	by Ian Fleming
1966	Rascal	by Sterling North
1965	John F. Kennedy and PT-109	by Richard Tregaskis
1964	The Incredible Journey	by Sheila Burnford
1963	Danny Dunn on the Ocean Floor	by Jay Williams
1962	The Swamp Fox of the Revolution	by Stewart Holbrook
1961	Danny Dunn and the Homework Machine	by Jay Williams
1960	Henry and the Paper Route	by Beverly Cleary

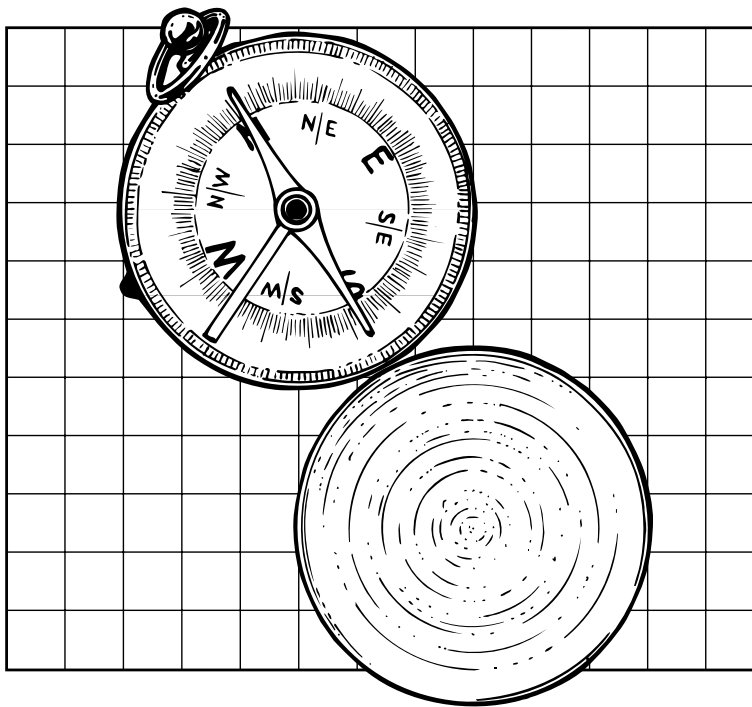
1959	Old Yeller	by Fred Gipson
1958	Golden Mare	by William Corbin
1957	Henry and Ribsy	by Beverly Cleary
1956	Miss Pickerell Goes to Mars	by Ellen MacGregor
1955	No Award	
1954	No Award	
1953	No Award	
1952	Sea Star	by Marguerite Henry
1951	King of the Wind	by Marguerite Henry
1950	McElligot's Pool	by Dr. Seuss
1949	Cowboy Boots	by Shannon Garst
1948	The Black Stallion Returns	by Walter Farley
1947	Homer Price	by Robert McCloskey
1946	The Return of Silver Chief	by Jack O'Brien
1945	Snow Treasure	by Marie McSwigan
1944	The Black Stallion	by Walter Farley
1943	Lassie Come Home	by Eric Knight
1942	By the Shores of Silver Lake	by Laura Ingalls Wilder
1941	Mr. Popper's Penguins	by Richard and Florence Atwater
1940	Paul Bunyan Swings His Axe	by Dell J. McCormick

The Edgar Juvenile Awards



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The Edgar Juvenile Awards are given in honor of Edgar Allan Poe. These awards are given for great mystery fiction for young readers. Keep in mind that many of these books may not be suitable for a very young child. It is a good idea to either preview the books or talk to a librarian about them, to determine the appropriateness of the book for your particular child.

2015	TBA	TBA
2014	TBA	TBA
2013	TBA	TBA
2012	TBA	TBA
2011	The Buddy Files: The Case of the Lost Boy	by Dori Hillestad Butler
2010	Closed for the Season	by Mary Downing Hahn
2009	The Postcard	by Tony Abbott
2008	The Night Tourist	by Katherine Marsh
2007	Room One: A Mystery or Two	by Andrew Clements
2006	The Boys of San Joaquin	by D. James Smith
2005	Chasing Vermeer	by Blue Balliett
2004	Bernie Magruder & the Rats in the Belfry	by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
2003	Harriet Spies Again	by Helen Ericson
2002	Dangling	by Lillian Eige
2001	Dovey Coe	by Frances O'Roark Dowell
2000	The Night Flyers	by Elizabeth McDavid Jones
1999	Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief	by Wendelin Van Draanen
1998	Sparrows in the Scullery	by Barbara Brooks Wallace
1997	The Clearing	by Dorothy Reynolds Miller
1996	Looking for Jamie Bridger	by Nancy Springer
1995	The Absolutely True Story..How I Visited Yellowstone Park with the Terrible Rubes	by Willo Davis Roberts
1994	The Twin in the Tavern	by Barbara Brooks Wallace
1993	Coffin on a Case!	by Eve Bunting
1992	Wanted...Mud Blossom	by Betsy Byars
1991	Stonewords	by Pam Conrad
1989	Megan's Island	by Willo Davis Roberts
1988	Lucy Forever and Miss Rosetree, Shrinks	by Susan Shreve
1987	The Other Side of Dark	by Joan Lowery Nixon

1986	The Sandman's Eyes	by Patricia Windsor
1985	Night Cry	by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
1984	The Callender Papers	by Cynthia Voigt
1983	The Murder of Hound Dog Bates	by Robbie Branscum
1982	Taking Terri Mueller	by Norma Fox Mazer
1981	The Séance	by Joan Lowery Nixon
1980	The Kidnapping of Christina Lattimore	by Joan Lowery Nixon
1979	Alone in Wolf Hollow	by Dana Brookins
1978	A Really Weird Summer	by Eloise Jarvis McGraw
1977	Are You in the House Alone?	by Richard Peck
1976	Z for Zachariah	by Robert C. O'Brien
1975	The Dangling Witness	by Jay Bennett
1974	The Long Black Coat	by Jay Bennett
1973	Deathwatch	by Robb White
1972	Nightfall	by Joan Aiken
1971	The Intruder	by John Rowe Townsend
1970	Danger at Black Dyke	by Winfred Finlay
1969	The House of Dies Drear	by Virginia Hamilton
1968	Signpost to Terror	by Gretchen Sprague
1967	Sinbad and Me	by Kin Platt
1966	The Mystery of 22 East	by Leon Ware
1965	Mystery at Crane's Landing	by Marcella Thum
1964	Mystery of the Hidden Hand	by Phyllis A. Whitney
1963	Cutlass Island	by Scott Corbett
1962	The Phantom of Walkaway Hill	by Edward Fenton
1961	The Mystery of the Haunted Pool	by Phyllis A. Whitney

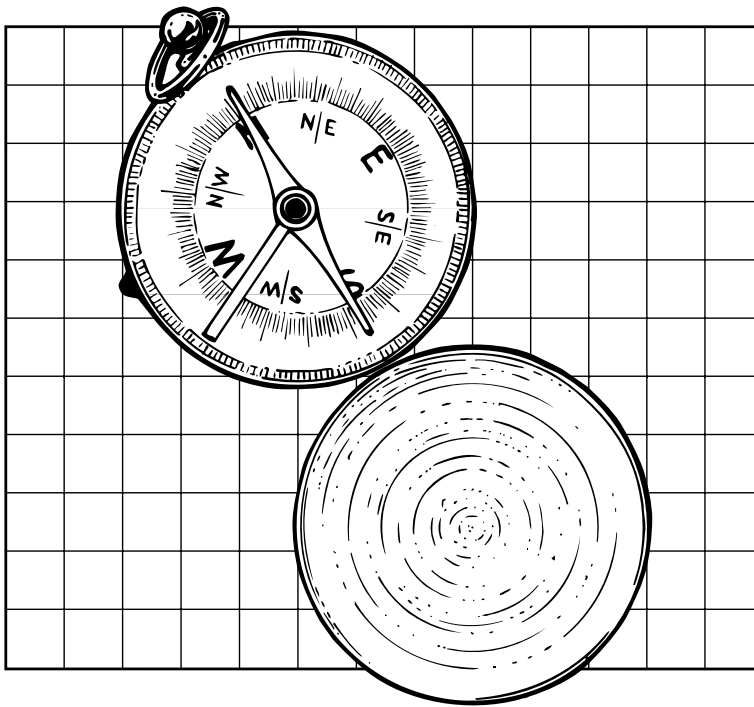


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Other Recommended Books and Authors



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As your reader is becoming more proficient, it is important that you read to him or her as much as possible. We have compiled this comprehensive reading guide to assist you in your search for good children's literature. Many of these books are appropriate selections for the beginning reader. The books listed on the following pages are excellent choices for children ages four through twelve years old. Also provided is a list of recommended authors.

List 1 Ages 4 - 8

A Fly Went By	by Mike McClintock
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day	by Judith Viorst
Amos and Boris	by William Steig
Are You My Mother?	by P.D. Eastman
The Bee Tree	by Patricia Ploacco
Blueberries for Sal	by Robert McCloskey
Bread and Jam for Frances	by Russell Hoban
The Cat in the Hat	by Dr. Seuss
The Cat in the Hat Comes Back	by Dr. Seuss
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs	by Judith Barrett
Corduroy	by Don Freeman
Curious George	by H.A. Rey
Days with Frog and Toad	by Arnold Lobel
Dr. Seuss's A B C	by Theodor S. Geisel
Fox in Socks	by Dr. Seuss
Frederick	by Leo Lionni
Frog and Toad Together	by Arnold Lobel
George and Martha	by James Marshall
Go, Dog, Go	by P.D. Eastman
Green Eggs and Ham	by Dr. Seuss
Harry the Dirty Dog	by Gene Zion
The House on East 88th Street	by Bernard Waber
If You Give a Moose a Muffin	by Laura Joffe Numeroff
In A People House	by Theo. LeSieg
It's Not Easy Being a Bunny	by Marilyn Sadler
Little Bear	by Else Holmelund Minarik
Madeline	by Ludwig Bemelmans

List 1 (continued) Ages 4 - 8

Make Way for Ducklings	by Robert McCloskey
Many Moons	by James Thurber
The Mitten	by Jan Brett
Mr. Rabbit and the Lovely Present	by Charlotte Zolotow
Music, Music Everywhere	by Vera B. Williams
A New Coat for Anna	by Harriet Ziefert
No Roses for Harry!	by Gene Zion
One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish	by Dr. Seuss
Peppe the Lamplighter	by Elisa Bartone
The Polar Express	by Chris Van Allsburg
The Purple Coat	by Amy West
The Snowy Day	by Ezra Jack Keats
Stellaluna	by Janell Cannon
Stone Soup	by Marcia Brown
Stop That Ball!	by Mike McClintock
Sylvester and the Magic Pebble	by William Steig
The Tale of Peter Rabbit	by Beatrix Potter
Ten Apples Up On Top!	by Theo. LeSieg
A Three Hat Day	by Laura Geringer
Uncle Jed's Barbershop	by Margaree King Mitchell

List 2 Ages 5 - 10

The Amazing Bone	by William Steig
Amelia Bedelia	by Peggy Parish
Annie and the Wild Animals	by Jan Brett
Brave Irene	by William Steig

List 2 (continued) Ages 5 - 10

Caleb and Kate	by William Steig
A Child's Garden of Verses	by Robert Louis Stevenson
Comet's Nine Lives	by Jan Brett
The Complete Adventures of Curious George	by Margret & H.A. Rey
Doctor De Soto	by William Steig
Emily	by Michael Bedard
Fox and His Friends	by Edward Marshall
The Giving Tree	by Shel Silverstein
Griselda's New Year	by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
Harold and the Giant Knight	by Donald Carrick
I'll Meet You Halfway	by John Schindel
The Magic Finger	by Roald Dahl
The Magic School Bus At the Waterworks	by Joanna Cole
The Magic School Bus Inside the Earth	by Joanna Cole
The Magic School Bus Inside the Human Body	by Joanna Cole
The Magic School Bus On the Ocean Floor	by Joanna Cole
Mouse Tales	by Arnold Lobel
Mr. Popper's Penguins	by Richard and Florence Atwater
Nate the Great	by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
Nate the Great and the Sticky Case	by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
The New Kid on the Block	by Jack Prelutsky
Nobody's Cat	by Miska Miles
Now We Are Six	by A.A. Milne
Perfect the Pig	by Susan Jeschke
Ramona Quimby, Age 8	by Beverly Cleary
The Rough-Face Girl	by Rafe Martin
Town Mouse, Country Mouse	by Jan Brett

List 2 (continued) Ages 5 - 10

The Velveteen Rabbit	by Margery Williams
The Wednesday Surprise	by Eva Bunting
Where the Sidewalk Ends: Poems and Drawings	by Shel Silverstein
Magic Treehouse Book Series	by Mary Pope Osborne

List 3 Ages 7 - 12

Abel's Island	by William Steig
The Adventures of Pinocchio	by Carlo Collodi
The American Girls Collection	by Various Authors
Anne of Green Gables	by L.M. Montgomery
Baseball in April	by Gary Soto
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever	by Barbara Robinson
Black Beauty	by Anna Sewell
The Borrowers	by Mary Norton
The Brave Little Toaster	by Thomas M. Disch
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	by Roald Dahl
Charlotte's Web	by E.B. White
A Christmas Carol	by Charles Dickens
The Chronicles of Narnia	by C.S. Lewis
The Cricket in Times Square	by George Selden
Freaky Friday	by Mary Rogers
The Hobbit	by J.R.R. Tolkien
The Hundred Dresses	by Eleanor Estes
Just So Stories	by Rudyard Kipling
Lassie-Come-Home	by Eric Knight
The Last of the Mohicans	by James Fenimore Cooper

List 3 (continued) Ages 7 - 12

The Light in the Attic	by Shel Silverstein
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe	by C.S. Lewis
Little Women	by Louisa May Alcott
The Magic Attic Collection	by various authors
The Moffats	by Eleanor Estes
Pippi Longstocking	by Astrid Lingren
The Secret Garden	by Frances Hodgson Burnett
Souder	by William H. Armstrong
The Story of King Arthur and His Knights	by Howard Pyle
Thank You, Jackie Robinson	by Barbara Cohen
Heidi	by Johanna Spyri
Treasure Island	by Robert Louis Stevenson
Watership Down	by Richard Adams
The Wind in the Willows	by Kenneth Grahame
Winnie-the-Pooh	by A.A. Milne
The Wonderful Wizard of Oz	by L. Frank Baum
The Yearling	by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings
The Harry Potter Series	by J. K. Rowling

Recommended Authors

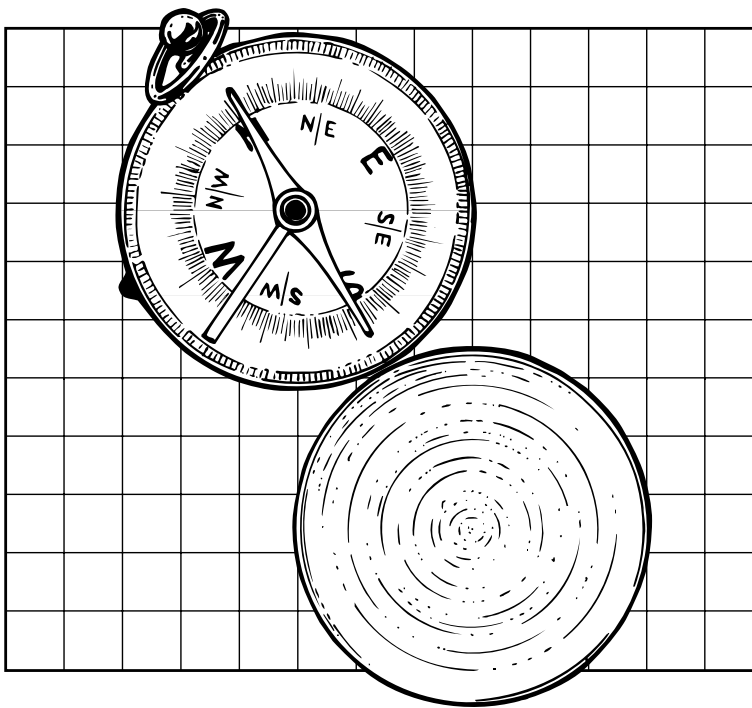
Louisa May Alcott	Carolyn Keene	J.K. Rowling	Chris Van Allsburg
Natalie Babbitt	C.S. Lewis	Cynthia Rylant	Judith Viorst
William J. Bennett	Lois Lowry	Dr. Seuss	Gertrude Chandler Warner
Eric Carle	L.M. Montgomery	Shel Silverstein	E.B. White
Roald Dahl	Mary Pope Osborne	William Steig	Laura Ingalls Wilder
P.D. Eastman	Katherine Paterson	James Thurber	Gene Zion

Continuing the Reading Journey



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Share your reading journey with everyone! Keep a record of your reading accomplishments to cherish forever. Each entry has a space for the title of the book, the author's name, and the date the book was completed. A space to the right of each box is reserved to signify the importance of the completion. The reader can feel a great sense of pride by coloring the space or by placing a favorite sticker on top of it. This special diary is a long-lasting reminder of the joy of reading and of the wonderful moments captured from the pages of books.