## Spelling Patterns

Key 1 Alphabet letters and sounds
Key 2 Blending short vowel words

Key 3 Sight words
These words do not follow patterns and must be memorized. They are learned using a single page dictionary.

Key 4 Long vowels with silent " $e$ " Examples: make, bike, rope, cube

Key 5 Two sounds of " $y$ " at the end of one and two syllable words Examples: make, bike, rope, cube

Key 6 Long Vowels with two vowels together Examples: plain, beet, team, boat

Key 7 Other Word Keys (two letters working together to form a single sound) Examples: ay, ou, ow, au, aw, er, ir, ur, or, ar, oi, oy, ce, ci, cy, ge, gi, gy, ph, wr, kn, gh, wh, ch, sh, th

Key 8 Word Families (rhyming words)
Key 9 Word Endings and Suffixes
Key 10 Compound Words

1. $Q:$ What does a child need to know in order to spell a word?

A: A child needs to know their alphabet letters and sounds. We use the names of letters to talk about them and to alphabetize words.
Problem: Many children add a schwa vowel sound when enunciating letter sounds.

## Teaching Tip:

When unsure of how to make your consonant letter sounds, verbalize a word which ends in the sound you want to teach. The final sound will be pure and accurate.

## Examples:

| $b=$ cub | $c=$ tack | $d=$ fad | $g=$ hug | $h / j=$ doesn't work |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $k=$ back | $l=$ fall | $m=$ hum | $n=$ pun | $p=$ cup |
| $q=$ doesn't work | $r=$ fur | $s=$ gas | $t=$ sat | $v=$ live |
| $w=$ doesn't work | $x=\operatorname{six}(k s$ sound $)$ | $y=$ doesn't work | $z=$ buzz |  |

$w=$ doesn' $\dagger$ work
$x=\operatorname{six}$ (ks sound)
$y=$ doesn't work
$z=b u z z$
To enunciate properly: big smile, open your mouth and keep your teeth more than a finger-width apart.
short vowel a


To enunciate properly: big smile, and keep your teeth exactly a finger-width apart.


To enunciate properly:
pretend you are saying "up" and leave off the "p".
short vowel i


Open up your mouth to form an oval and say "aw!"
short vowel o


To enunciate properly:
pretend you are saying "up" and leave off the "p".
short vowel u


## Word Key Placement Dictionary

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Name $\qquad$ Date $\qquad$
*starred concepts have been taught *highlighted concepts have not yet been mastered



\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{writen by Joanne Moore} \& \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{Sight Word Dictionary} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{www.books4resuls.com} <br>
\hline \& about \& above \& after \& again \& all \& always \& am <br>
\hline \& an \& and \& another \& any \& are \& around \& at <br>
\hline \& ate \& as \& ask \& away \& \& \& <br>
\hline \& back \& be \& beautiful \& beauty \& been \& because before \& behind <br>
\hline \multirow{2}{*}{B} \& below \& beneath \& beside \& best \& better \& betweenbig \& <br>
\hline \& black \& blue \& both \& bottom \& bring \& but \& brown <br>
\hline \& buy \& by \& \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{3}{*}{$c$} \& call \& came \& can \& carry \& caught \& circle \& clean <br>
\hline \& come \& cold \& could \& couldn't \& could've \& curious \& cut <br>
\hline \& cute \& \& \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{D} \& daughter \& decide \& did \& didn't \& different \& do \& does <br>
\hline \& done \& don't \& down \& draw \& drink \& \& <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{E} \& each \& eat \& eight \& enough \& even \& every \& everybody <br>
\hline \& everything \& everyone \& \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{3}{*}{F} \& fall \& fast \& felt \& fight \& find \& first \& five <br>
\hline \& fly \& for \& forget \& forgot \& found \& four \& from <br>
\hline \& full \& funny \& \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{$G$} \& gave \& get \& give \& go \& goes \& going \& good <br>
\hline \& good-bye \& got \& great \& grow \& \& \& <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{3}{*}{H} \& had \& has \& have \& he \& head \& hear \& heard <br>
\hline \& height \& help \& her \& here \& herself \& him \& himself <br>
\hline \& his \& hold \& hot \& hour \& how \& hurt \& <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{I} \& idea \& if \& important \& in \& include \& inside \& into <br>
\hline \& is \& it \& its/it's \& itself \& \& \& <br>
\hline \& jump \& just \& \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline \& keep \& kept \& key \& kind \& knew \& knock \& know <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{L} \& laugh \& let \& light \& like \& little \& live \& long <br>
\hline \& look \& \& \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{M} \& made \& make \& many \& matter \& may \& might \& minute <br>
\hline \& me \& move \& much \& must \& my \& \& <br>
\hline \& neighbor \& never \& new \& next \& no \& not \& now <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{0} \& of \& off \& old \& on \& once \& one \& only <br>
\hline \& open \& other \& or \& our \& out \& over \& own <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{P} \& patient \& patience \& people \& pick \& play \& please \& pretty <br>
\hline \& prove \& pull \& push \& put \& \& \& <br>
\hline \& queen \& quill \& quiet \& quieter \& quite \& \& <br>
\hline \& ran \& read \& red \& ride \& right \& round \& run <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{4}{*}{S} \& said \& saw \& say \& see \& seven \& shall \& she <br>
\hline \& should \& shouldn't \& should've \& show \& sing \& sit \& six <br>
\hline \& shoes \& sleep \& small \& so \& some \& soon \& sorry <br>
\hline \& stop \& straight \& sudden \& suddenly \& \& \& <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{5}{*}{T} \& take \& talk \& taste \& taught \& tell \& ten \& than <br>
\hline \& thank \& thank-you \& that \& the \& them \& then \& their <br>
\hline \& there \& these \& they \& there's \& they're \& think \& this <br>
\hline \& those \& though \& thought \& through \& three \& tight \& to <br>
\hline \& today \& tomorrow \& too \& together \& toward \& try \& two <br>
\hline \& under \& underneath \& up \& upon \& us \& use \& <br>
\hline \& vain \& vary \& vein \& very \& \& \& <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{8}{*}{w

x
y

$z$} \& walk \& want \& warm \& was \& wash \& we \& well <br>
\hline \& we'll \& went \& were \& what \& when \& where \& which <br>
\hline \& while \& who \& why \& will \& wish \& with \& without <br>
\hline \& work \& would \& wouldn't \& would've \& write \& \& <br>
\hline \& $x$-ray \& xylophone \& \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline \& yellow \& yes \& yoke \& yolk \& you \& you'll \& your <br>
\hline \& you're \& you've \& \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline \& zap \& zip \& zipper \& 200 \& zoom \& \& <br>
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Beginning on the fifth day students will begin spelling tests by printing the letters that make the sounds. For example: the teacher says "ee" and students print "ee". As soon as it is possible students will begin to spell words.

When dictating words say the spelling word once. Tell students how many letters each word contains before they spell it. Example: Spell "sock" with four letters. Have the student repeat the spelling word after you. Then say the first sound found in the word. Have the student repeat the spelling word after you, the first sound found in the word, and then print it. Repeat the word again and make the middle sound found in the word. Have the student repeat the spelling word after you, the middle sound found in the word, and then print it. Repeat the process for the last letter. Verbalize any spelling rules and have the student verbalize the rule after you. This process teaches a child from the start that words have spelling rules and separate sounds that are joined together to form words. It is important for a child to be able to identify the order (beginning, middle, end) that sounds come in.

Spelling rules are taught during spelling tests. The tests help review reading and spelling skills on a daily basis. Please note the spelling rules should be verbalized during the lessons given. Point to the rules on the chart found on page 768. In words that contain the " $k$ " sound such as "sink" tell the student that it does not contain the letter " $c$ " beforehand. On day four teach the rule that "ck" only comes together at the end of regular (short) vowel words. On day eight teach that "ur" only comes together in the middle or at the end of words. On day nine teach that "wh" is used at the beginning of words that make a windy sound like "what" vs. "wind". Tell students when you are dictating bumper words or mouse words. This will help them learn to apply their understanding and memorize words correctly. Once you get started teaching this will become evident. At the beginning of the year I usually have reluctant spellers, but by the middle of the year my classes always look forward to the challenge of spelling new words. They gain a tremendous amount of skill and confidence through this guided approach. Don't miss this opportunity to set your students up for success!
NOTE: On days when no spelling list is given, dicate spelling words from the family word chart or the sight word dictionary. Enlarge the family word chart to poster size and post it where students can easily reference it during spelling tests.

## Tests Studied at Home:

Although no lists of spelling words for memorization at home are included if you have parental support I strongly suggest that you begin sending home spelling lists of ten sight words on Mondays to be memorized for a test on Fridays. See sight word dictionary on daily work to choose words from. These spelling lists can begin in November and continue throughout the school year. It is valuable to create overlap of difficult words over a period of several weeks so that students have an opportunity to master them. Use the words listed on student work located on the sentence structure page to create weekly spelling lists.
Helpful Hint: If you send home a calendar to parents indicating monthly events put your spelling lists on it, too.

## Spelling Rules

## Vowel Rules

1. When silent e comes at the end of a one syllable word it makes the middle vowel say its name (or its long sound).
2. When two vowels come together the first one says its name and the second one is silent.
3. V-CV open syllable words

When the syllable break is after the vowel it makes its long sound like cli mate. (Does not include prefixes or suffixes)
4. VC closed syllable words

When the syllable break is after the consonant the vowel makes its short sound like splin ter. (Does not include prefixes or suffixes)

## Borrower Rules

1. When $y$ comes at the end of a one syllable word it says long i sound.
2. When y comes at the end of a two syllable word is says long e sound.
3. When $g$ is followed by $e, i, y$ it borrows the $j$ sound.
4. When $c$ is followed by $e, i, y$ it borrows the $s$ sound.
5. When $c$ is followed by $a, o, u$ it borrows the $k$ sound.
6. ph borrows the letter $f$ 's sound
7. gh can borrow the letter f's sound at the end of words (cough)
8. qu borrows the sound kw and usually comes at the beginning of words
9. $x$ borrows the sound of eks and always takes its friend $e$ with him.

## Vowel Digraph Rules

1. ai says long a sound and comes in the middle of words
2. ay says long a sound and comes at the end of words
3. ea says long e sound and comes in the middle of words
4. ee says long e sound and comes in the middle and at the end of words
5. oa says long o sound and comes in the middle of words
6. oo can say "ue" or the sound found in "book" and comes in the middle of words
7. ue says "oo" and can come in the middle or end of words.
8. au says "o" and comes in the middle of words.
9. aw says " 0 " and comes in the middle or on the end of words.
10. ew says "ue" and comes at the end of words.
11. oi makes sound in "choice" and comes in the middle of words.
12. oy makes sound in "joy" and comes at the end of words.
13. ou says "ow' and comes in the middle of words.
14. ow says long o or ou and comes at the end or in the middle of words.

## R Controlled Words

1. er says " $r$ " and comes at the end of words
2. ar makes $r$ say its name and comes anywhere in word
3. ur, ir, or can come anywhere in a word

## Consonant Digraphs

1. ch can come anywhere in a word
2. th is usually quiet at the end of words (with)
3. th is often noisy at the beginning of words (this)
4. wh is quiet and comes at the beginning of words
5. kn comes at the beginning of words and the $k$ is silent
6. wr comes at the beginning of words and the $w$ is silent
7. ck comes at the end of one syllable words when the vowel is short.
8. $f$ ' $s, l$ 's, s's, $z$ 's double at the end of a one syllable word when the vowel is short (puff, full, fuss, buzz)
9. sh comes anywhere in a word

## Other Rules

1. i comes before e except after cor when sounded as long a in neighbor
2. when the $j$ sound comes at the end of words it is often spelled dge
3. the ending ous may be spelled ious or eous
4. the ending ance may be spelled ence
5. the ending tion may be spelled cian, sian, sion, tian (motion, mortician,
6. Pluralize a word that ends in $y$ by changing $y$ to $i$ and adding es.
7. In a long vowel word that ends in e you drop the e before adding ing.
8. In a short vowel word that ends in one consonant you double the consonant before adding ing or ed.
9. When i comes before gh it usually says its long soung like in "night".
10. Vowels which come at the end of one syllable words are long. (me, be)
11. Each syllable of a word must contain a vowel.
12. The ch sound at the end of words is often spelled "tch" (catch).

## Spelling Tests

| Day 5 |
| :--- |
| ow (brown) |
| e |
| ck |
| ee |
| ow (yellow) |


| Day 7 |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| ow (brown) | or |
| e |  |
| ck |  |
| ee (yellow) |  |
| ow |  |


| Day 9 |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| ow (brown) | or |
| e | wh |
| ck | cow |
| ee (yellow) |  |
| ow |  |


| Day 11 |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| ow (brown) | or |
| e | wh |
| ck | cow |
| ee | see |
| ow (yellow) | mow |


| Day 13 |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| sock | sack |
| sam | sow |
| cow | mow |
| ur | mock |
| or | see |


| Day 15 |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| sock | set |
| sam | how |
| cow | tow |
| ur | mock |
| or | see |


| Day 17  <br> for bow <br> met hot <br> sit meet <br> bur mist <br> back see${ }^{2}$ |
| :--- | :--- |


| Day 19  <br> get got <br> bit stab <br> gift mob <br> burst sort <br> sit feet${ }^{2}$ |
| :--- | :--- |


| Day 21 |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| gut | gust |
| bus | whim |
| met | sob |
| fur | fort |
| bet | reek |


| Day 23 |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| gut | pest |
| row | whip |
| pet | sad |
| fur | port |
| Ted | peek |


| Day 25 |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| let | west |
| vest | dip |
| vet | hut |
| urn | let |
| bed | seek |


| Day 27 |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| six | just |
| pest | dip |
| vest | hug |
| burn | jet <br> split |


| Day 29 |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| zip | crust |
| yes | flip |
| turn | slug |
| pot | jump |
| spot | peel |


| Day 31 |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| zap | quit |
| yam | shut |
| burp | lash |
| past | quip |
| stomp | been |


| Day 33 <br> this <br> chap <br> much <br> ship <br> with | quick <br> mash |
| :--- | :--- |

## Spelling Tests

| Day 35  <br> chat quit <br> such lamp <br> that bath <br> stow cost <br> mast burnt |
| :--- | :--- |


| Day 37 <br> had | see |
| :--- | :--- |
| hue | born |
| mint | sack |
| gust | when <br> smack |


| Day 39 <br> stack |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| trick | track |
| stick | truck |
| chips | stuck |
| zap | hog |


| Day 41 |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| lost | smog |
| stand | fig |
| cup | back |
| lock | jog |
| pen | tent |


| Day 43 |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| slurp | whiz |
| flush | brush |
| chin | thin |
| stick | grow |
| blow | burn |


| Day 45 | Family word: all |
| :--- | :--- |
| ball | cal1 |
| stall | mall |
| wall | fall |
| hal1 | tal1 |
| small | flow |


| Day 47 Bumper Words |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| make | same |  |
| game | take |  |
| bake | male |  |
| mule | bike |  |
| like | bone |  |


| Day 49 <br> flip | ripe <br> fat |
| :--- | :--- |
| fake <br> red <br> pot <br> jug | here <br> stone <br> cute |


| Day | 51Family word: ight |
| :--- | :--- |
| stick | time |
| fast | fame |
| job | mane |
| fight | night |
| light | might |


| Day 53 |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| stow | sight |
| fall | file <br> pike <br> rule |
| stone <br> plane | cube <br> church |


| Day 55 Family word: ay Y at end of one beat word |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| says i. |  | fall |
| play | stay | gray |
| cry |  | shy |
| why | light | sight |


| Day 57 Y at end of two beat words says ee. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| baby |  | sticky |
| my | fly | name |
| pray | ball | time |
| cute |  | throw |


| Day $\mathbf{5 9}$ <br> fal1 |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| zip | pile |
| spray | stale |
| flight | try <br> fummy <br> churn |


| Day 61 | Family word:ook |
| :--- | :--- |
| shook | look |
| brook | took |
| plane | night |
| mute | tacky |
| by | bend |


| Day 63 Mouse Rule <br> chain rain <br> stain meat <br> wheat goat <br> boat wall <br> right why |
| :--- | :--- |

widerd banały vowels (short vowels), bumper words (words with a long vowel ending in silent e) and mouse words (long vowel words with two vowels together). Students print the corresponding letter in the blank.


Note: The bumper car graphic represents the concept of silent e bumping other vowels School Day 62
Spelling Review of Rules

| 1. whip= | 11. throne = | 21. freed= |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. lünch= | 12. liked $=$ | 22. sent= |
| 3. $\operatorname{tünĕ=~}$ <br> B | 13. beats = | 23. stroke= |
| 4. $\mathrm{cro} \bar{O}^{\prime} \mathrm{k}=\mathrm{M}$ | 14. fainting= | 24. cute= |
| 5. cheap $=$ | 15. steam= | 25. toast= |
| 6. flame= | 16. pinch $=$ | 26. fist= |
| 7. grip = | 17. petting= | 27. sheet= |
| 8. best $=$ | 18. roast= | 28. jumping= |
| 9. $\operatorname{bead}=$ | 19. skin= | 29. hitting= |
| 10. sitting $=$ | 20. lunch= | 30. stain= |



School Day 64
Name
Spelling Review of Rules

| 1. weep= | 11. stones = | 21. seeds= |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. stake $=$ | 12. liked $=$ | 22.bent= |
| 3. bone= | 13. beats = | 23. steal= |
| 4. choke $=$ | 14. painting= | 24. mute $=$ |
| 5. tip $=$ | 15. stem $=$ | 25. toast= |
| 6. flap= | 16. punch $=$ | 26. mist= |
| 7. goat $=$ | 17. wetting $=$ | 27. meal= |
| 8. $\mathrm{zips}=$ | 18. coast= | 28. bumping= |
| 9. bean $=$ | 19. skit= | 29. chatting $=$ |
| 10. sitting $=$ | 20. munch $=$ | 30. pain= |



## School Day 66 Name Spelling Review of Rules

| 1. teach= | 11. prunes = | 21. bleeds= |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. cake= | 12. hiked = | 22. went= |
| 3. $\mathrm{dog}=$ | 13. cheats $=$ | 23. steam= |
| 4. soak $=$ | 14. jail= | 24. mule= |
| 5. chips $=$ | 15. tent= | 25. roast= |
| 6. flop= | 16. hunch $=$ | 26. fist= |
| 7. moat $=$ | 17. betting= | 27. heel= |
| 8. traps $=$ | 18. toast= | 28. blinking= |
| 9. mean $=$ | 19. skim= | 29. wheeling= |
| 10. waiting $=$ | 20. crunch= | 30. rain= |



## School Day 68 Name Spelling Review of Rules

| 1. peach $=$ | 11. share $=$ | 21. best= |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. $\mathrm{poke}=$ | 12. biked $=$ | 22. west= |
| 3. $\mathrm{hogs}=$ | 13. bleats $=$ | 23. dream= |
| 4. $\mathrm{oak}=$ | 14. wail= | 24. rule= |
| 5. hips $=$ | 15. bent= | 25. coast= |
| 6. stop= | 16. meet $=$ | 26. crack= |
| 7. boat $=$ | 17. batting= | 27. feel= |
| 8. $\mathrm{fizz}=$ | 18. list= | 28. stinking=_ |
| 9. meal $=$ | 19. dad= | 29. peeling= |
| 10. baiting = | 20. chick= | 30. train= |



School Day $70 \quad$ Name
Spelling Review of Rules

| 1. peas= | 11. care = | 21. rest= |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. take= | 12. spiked = | 22. last= |
| 3. jogs= | 13. cheats $=$ | 23. cream= |
| 4. soak $=$ | 14. tail= | 24. jam= |
| 5. trips $=$ | 15. pants= | 25. toe= |
| 6. stick= | 16. sheet $=$ | 26. stack= |
| 7. moan $=$ | 17. butting= | 27. eel= |
| 8. whizz = | 18. which= | 28. selling= |
| 9. seal $=$ | 19. went= | 29. sacks= |
| 10. failing $=$ | 20. stick= | 30. train= |



School Day 72 Name
Spelling Review of Rules

| 1. greet $=$ | 11. came = | 21. french= |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. tame= | 12. spins $=$ | 22. lost= |
| 3. pigs= | 13. chats = | 23. steam= |
| 4. soap $=$ | 14. mail= | 24. jam= |
| 5. drops $=$ | 15. peeks= | 25. Joe= |
| 6. slick= | 16. $\mathrm{feet}=$ | 26. pick= |
| 7. $\mathrm{mops}=$ | 17. cream= | 27. seal= |
| 8. $\mathrm{fuzz}=$ | 18. hitch= | 28. hinting= |
| 9. seam $=$ | 19. lent= | 29. packs= |
| 10. falling = | 20. stuck= | 30. stain= |



School Day 74
Name
Spelling Review of Rules

| 1. jeep= | 11. cones = | 21. bleeds= |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. stale= | 12. risk $=$ | 22. rent= |
| 3. stone= | 13. seats $=$ | 23. meal= |
| 4. poke = | 14. tainting= | 24. fail $=$ |
| 5. flip $=$ | 15. men= | 25. boats= |
| 6. $\mathrm{map}=$ | 16. crunch $=$ | 26. lists= |
| 7. float $=$ | 17. letting= | 27. zeal= |
| 8. chips $=$ | 18. boast= | 28. jumping= |
| 9. mean $=$ | 19. bit= | 29. patting= |
| 10. hitting $=$ | 20. bunch= | 30. rain= |



School Day 76
Name
Spelling Review of Rules

| 1. steep= | 11.likes = | 21. seeds= |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. bale= | 12. film $=$ | 22. sent= |
| 3. stone= | 13. cheats = | 23. peal= |
| 4. stoke $=$ | 14. moaning $=$ | 24. tail $=$ |
| 5. $\mathrm{tip}=$ | 15. ten= | 25. goats= |
| 6. $\boldsymbol{t a c k}=$ | 16. cracks = | 26. fists= |
| 7. moan = | 17. wetting= | 27. teal= |
| 8. flips $=$ | 18. $\mathrm{toast}=$ | 28. bumping= |
| 9. jeans = | 19. $\mathrm{mith}=$ | 29. patting= |
| 10. zipping | 20. munch= | 30. stain= |



School Day 78
Name
Spelling Review of Rules

| 1. bleat= | 1 1.bikes = | 21. beads= |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. hike= | 12. fist = | 22. tent= |
| 3. bone= | 13. seals $=$ | 23. meal= |
| 4. stone $=$ | 14. zones= | 24. pail $=$ |
| 5. flop $=$ | 15. bend= | 25. moat= |
| 6. Jack= | 16. stacks $=$ | 26. last= |
| 7. float = | 17. setting $=$ | 27. bite= |
| 8. $\mathrm{buzz}=$ | 18. roast= | 28. stumps= |
| 9. beans = | 19. went= | 29. chatting= |
| 10. hopping $=$ | 20. crunch= | 30. drain= |



| 1. meat= | 11.Mike = | 21. bleeds= |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. tike= | 12. whisk = | 22. sent= |
| 3. zone= | 13. peals = | 23. teal $=$ |
| 4. rake = | 14. tones= | 24. rail $=$ |
| 5. stop $=$ | 15. went= | 25. gloat= |
| 6. stack= | 16. packs = | 26. past= |
| 7. goat = | 17. betting= | 27. bite= |
| 8. puffs = | 18. coast= | 28. lump= |
| 9. steams = | 19. sent= | 29. hitting $=$ |
| 10. zipping = _ | 20. bunch= | 30. chain= |

## Spelling Tests

| Day 65 <br> week <br> cheat | queer <br> float |
| :--- | :--- |
| blame <br> try <br> trazy | light <br> ball |


| Day 67 <br> wheat <br> chain | bleat <br> moan |
| :--- | :--- |
| shake <br> bait <br> way | fry <br> sort |


| Day 73 "ar" makes <br> "r" say its name   <br> star far tart <br> cart barn barter <br> mother loot  <br> fair stake  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |


| Day 79 <br> flipper | sticker <br> dry |
| :--- | :--- |
| bale | fuzzy |
| grope |  |
| cube | seat |
| pain | boast |


| Day 85 <br> quake | fire |
| :--- | :--- |
| zoom | shot |
| crashed | whined |
| poke | blame |
| farm | bumper |


| Day 91 "ce" \&"ci" <br> race pace <br> ice cinch <br> brook lend <br> blast quack <br> shrub feast${ }^{2}$ |
| :--- | :--- |


| Day 69 ui \& oo <br> fruit boot <br> jeep strain <br> coach wave <br> shine heat <br> funny crook${ }^{2}$ |
| :--- | :--- |


| Day 75 "ing" <br> sing floating <br> jumping parking <br> sorting whale <br> strand west <br> box slump${ }^{2}$ |
| :--- | :--- |


| Day 81 |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| park | shark |
| art | sanding |
| sanded | called <br> sight <br> book |

Day 87 ck comes at end of 1 beat words with short vowels. stick truck track rock shock stuck stay play gray

| Day 93 "cy" \&"ge" |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| cage | rage |
| fancy | least |
| faint | took |
| pay | shy |
| right | game |

## Spelling Tests

| Day 95 gy Family: ace |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| pudgy | pace |
| cheat | drain |
| float | race |
| funny | sight |
| gray | fall |


| Day 97 | Review ue |
| :--- | :---: |
| clue | wheat |
| grain | time |
| shook | stay |
| wait | pry |
| fight | horn |


| Day 99 ui \& oo  <br> blew stew <br> grew chew <br> fancy pail <br> splinter crazy <br> hook call |
| :--- | :--- |


| Day 101  <br> bold spice <br> floating took <br> stall flew <br> stick cart <br> wicker both |
| :--- | :--- |


| Day 103 oi \& oy <br> boil joy  <br> coin boy  <br> chew Billy  <br> pray chain  <br> pace rice  |
| :--- | :---: | :--- |


| Day 105 <br> bumping | coat |
| :--- | :--- |
| stick | mark |
| born | new <br> lice |
| lick <br> paint | slay |


| Day 107 <br> claw aw au <br> crew  | taut <br> join |
| :--- | :--- |
| ploy | plain |
| stray | hook |
| hall | vice |


| Day 109  <br> straw gaunt <br> dew flew <br> broil employ <br> count plow <br> start horn |
| :--- | :--- |



| Day 113 <br> bound | chow |
| :--- | :--- |
| foot | mood |
| pauper | thaw |
| shrew | void |
| ploy | parch |


| Day 115 <br> cloud <br> boy | brow <br> join <br> stew <br> audit |
| :--- | :--- |
| sprawl <br> foot | groom <br> cook |


| Day 117  <br> plain today <br> fireman sitter <br> maul mew <br> foil hoot <br> croak stuck |
| :--- | :--- |


| Day 119 <br> splay <br> cheap | pair <br> toast |
| :--- | :--- |
| queer <br> law <br> toy | void <br> round |


| Day 121 ph says $\mathbf{f}$ <br> graph phone <br> grump forgot <br> mister yelp <br> splash husk <br> probe trade${ }^{2}$ |
| :--- | :--- |


| Day 123 <br> buzz <br> fuss | fill |
| :--- | :--- |
| puff | spill |
| smoke | whizz |
| army | prune <br> spy |

Spelling Tests

| Day 124 | ph \& gh |
| :--- | :--- |
| phone | graph |
| nephew | gopher |
| orphan | dolphin |
| cough | rough |
| tough | trough |


| Day 126 <br> pf,11,ss,zz  <br> puff buzz <br> fuss pull <br> huff fizz <br> mass tall <br> cliff stiff${ }^{2}$ |
| :--- | :--- |


| Day 128 ff,11,ss,zz <br> brass bass <br> class whiff <br> miff pill <br> will ball <br> call fuzz |
| :--- | :--- |


| Day 130 | tion ending |
| :--- | ---: |
| action | motion |
| lotion | notion |
| nation | ration |
| emotion | diction |
| dictation | invention |


| Day | 132 |
| :--- | :--- |
| contractions |  |
| I'm | I've |
| should've | we'11 |
| don't | won't |
| can't | hasn't |
| they'11 | we're |


| Day 134 | contractions ND |
| :--- | :--- |
| bind | kind |
| mind | find |
| wind | rind |
| they've | she'11 |
| couldn't | they're |


| Day 136 |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| nap | napped |
| napping | strip <br> stripped <br> stripping <br> cup |
| cupping | cupped <br> spotted |


| Day 138 |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| make | making |
| rope | roping |
| shade | shading |
| cry | cries |
| cried | tried |


| Day 140 | wr \&kn key |
| :--- | :--- |
| wrath | wrap |
| wrench | wreck |
| wreath | wrist <br> knot |
| know | knit |
| knew |  |


| Day 142 tion " compound |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| loction | motion |
| suction | reaction |
| nation | snowman |
| gumballs | fireman |
| seashell | horserace |


| Day 144 oi \& ea <br> coins coiling <br> boiling broiled <br> foiled wear <br> sweater weather <br> feather bread |
| :--- | :---: |


| Day 146 change $y$ to i <br> hurry hurries <br> hurried worry <br> worries worried <br> study studies <br> studied buried |
| :--- | :--- |


| Day 148 | change y to i |
| :--- | :--- |
| study | studies |
| studied | bury |
| buries | buried |
| army | armies |
| baby | babies |


| Day 150  <br> choice  <br> straw pounce <br> haul  <br> avoid shouting <br> draw <br> enjoy${ }^{\text {daughter }}$ poised |
| :--- | :--- |



## Fixing Misspelled Words



The following pages have lists of misspelled words. Word keys have been misplaced in the words. Fixing the words requires a student to apply their phonics rules. This activity is much more powerful than simply reciting and memorizing phonics rules. A child with adequate practice applying the rules by correcting misspelled words, will slowly internalize them. Once the rules have been internalized, there
 will be transfer to everyday writing.



School Day 78

|  |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Fix the misspelled words. <br> Name |  |
|  |  |
|  | rayn $=$ |
|  | $\mathrm{fri}=$ |
|  | crazee= |
|  | sistir= |
|  | prai= |
|  | hou $=$ |
|  | abowt $=$ |
|  | Add ing to these short |
|  | vowel words which end in |
|  | one consonant. |
| 1. trim $=$ |  |
| 2. chat $=$ |  |
| 3. hum $=$ |  |

School Day 80
Fix the misspelled
words.
Name
cri= $\qquad$
trayn $=$ $\qquad$
funnee= $\qquad$
$\operatorname{sinnir}=$ $\qquad$
bou= $\qquad$
wai = $\qquad$
owt $=$ $\qquad$

Add ing to these short vowel words which end in one consonant.

1. $s t o p=$ $\qquad$
2. hit $=$ $\qquad$
3. $\mathrm{jog}=$

## School Day 82

Fix the misspelled words.
Name $\qquad$
chayn $=$ $\qquad$
$\mathrm{dri}=$ $\qquad$
windee= $\qquad$
brothur= $\qquad$
mai= $\qquad$
wou $=$ $\qquad$
owr = $\qquad$
Add ing to these short vowel words which end in one consonant.

1. hop= $\qquad$
2. fall= $\qquad$
3. sit $=$ $\qquad$
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## School Day 76

School Day 78
School Day 80

| Answer Key |
| :--- |
| Name__ = rain |
| fri = fry |
| crazee= crazy |
| sistir= sister |
| prai= pray |
| hou = how |
| abowt = about |
| Add ing to these short |
| vowel words which end in |
| one consonant. |
| 1. trim= trimming |
| 2. chat= chatting |
| 3. hum = humming |

Answer Key
Name $\qquad$
cri= cry
trayn $=$ train
funnee= funny
sinnir $=$ sinner
bou= bow
wai = way
owt = out

Add ing to these short vowel words which end in
one consonant.

1. stop= stopping
2. hit = hitting
3. $\mathrm{jog}=$ jogging

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School Day 84

| Answer Key |
| :--- |
| Name___ |
| stayn = stain |
| cri = cry |
| sillee silly |
| blistir= blister |
| prai= pray |
| pou = pow |
| owt =out |
| choo= chew |
| Add "d" to these long |
| vowel words which end in |
| one consonant. |
| 1. bake= baked |
| 2. wade= waded |
| 3. flare = flared |

School Day 86

| Answer Key |
| :--- |
| Name__ pail |
| tri = try |
| funnee= funny |
| stickir= sticker |
| strai= stray |
| cou = cow |
| bownd = bound |
| floo= flew |
| Add "d" to these long |
| vowel words which end in |
| one consonant. |
| 1. stare= stared |
| 2. stone= stoned |
| 3. shade= shaded |

## School Day 88

Answer Key
Name
$m i=m y$
trayn $=$ train
fuzzee= fuzzy
feathir= feather
howr= hour
hai $=$ hay
stoo $=$ stew

Add "d" to these long
vowel words which end in
one consonant.

1. poke= poked
2. wade= waded
3. glare = glared

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fix the misspelled words. | Fix the misspelled words. | Fix the misspelled words. | Fix the misspelled words. |
| Name | Name | Name | Name |
| brayn $=$ | rayl $=$ | $\mathrm{mi}=$ | rayd = |
| fri $=$ | tri $=$ | payd $=$ | fli $=$ |
| buree= | fairee= | familee= | gloree= |
| summir= | hir= | wintir= | weathur= |
| grai= | trai= | howr= | $\mathrm{rai}=$ |
| bou $=$ | $\mathrm{COU}=$ | hai $=$ | sou $=$ |
| showt $=$ | sownd = | owt $=$ | arownd = |
| Add ed to these short | Add ed to these short | Add ed to these short | Add ed to these short |
| vowel words which end in | vowel words which end in | vowel words which end in | vowel words which end in |
| one consonant. | one consonant. | one consonant. | one consonant. |
| 1. $\mathrm{pop}=\square$ | 1. trim $=$ | 1. stop $=$ | 1. hop= |
| 2. bat= | 2. chat= | 2. $m o p=$ | 2. jig $=$ |
| 3. jump $=$ | 3. hum $=$ | 3. $\mathrm{jog}=$ | 3. flop $=$ |

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Cut these dists into four strips. Students are to use thetron spelling rules to fix the misspelled words.

School Day 92

| Answer Key |
| :--- |
| Name___ brayn = brain |
| fri = fry |
| buree= bury |
| summir= summer |
| grai= gray |
| bou = bow |
| showt = shout |
| Add ed to these short |
| vowel words which end in |
| one consonant. |
| 1. pop= popped |
| 2. bat= batted |
| 3. jump = jumped |

School Day 94

| Answer Key |
| :--- |
| Name__ray = rail |
| tri = try |
| fairee= fairy |
| hir= her |
| trai= tray |
| cou = cow |
| sownd = sound |
| Add ed to these short |
| vowel words which end in |
| one consonant. |
| 1. trim= trimmed |
| 2. chat= chatted |
| 3. hum = hummed |

## School Day 96

Answer Key.
Name $\qquad$
$m i=m y$
payd = paid
familee= family
wintir= winter
howr= hour
hai = hay
owt $=$ out
Add ed to these short vowel words which end in one consonant.

1. stop= stopped
2. mop= mopped
3. jog = jogged

## School Day 98

## Answer Key

Name $\qquad$
rayd = raid
fli $=$ fly
gloree= glory
weathur= weather
rai= ray
sou $=$ sou
arownd = around
Add ed to these short vowel words which end in one consonant.

1. hop= hopped
2. jig= jigged
3. flop= flopped

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## School Day 102

|  |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Fix the misspelled words. |  |
|  | Name |
|  | stik $=$ |
|  | tri $=$ |
|  | tayl= |
|  | blistir= |
|  | clai= |
|  | cou $=$ |
|  | howse $=$ |
|  | broo= |
|  | Add "d" to these long |
|  | vowel words which end in |
|  | one consonant. |
| 1. doze $=$ |  |
| 2. cube= |  |
| 3. shade= |  |

School Day 104

| Fix the misspelled |
| :---: |
| words. |
| Name |
| pik $=$ |
| $\mathrm{mi}=$ |
| drayn $=$ |
| fuzzee= |
| wondur= |
| howr= |
| jai = |
| choo $=$ |
| Add "d" to these long |
| vowel words which end |
| one consonant. |
| 1. shade. $=$ |
| 2. tile= |
| 3. glare $=$ |

School Day 106

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School Day 100

| Answer Key |
| :--- |
| Name _ruc = truck |
| cri = cry |
| nayl= nail |
| huntir= hunter |
| sprai= spray |
| vou = vow |
| flowr = flour |
| droo = drew |
| Add "d" to these long |
| vowel words which end in |
| one consonant. |
| 1. base = based |
| 2. file= filed |
| 3.wade = waded |

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School Day 102
Answer Key
Name
stik $=$ stick
tri $=$ try
tayl= tail
aftir= after
clai= clay
cou = cow
howse $=$ house
broo= brew
Add "d" to these long vowel words which end in one consonant.

1. doze= dozed
2. cube $=$ cubed
3. shade= shaded

School Day 104
Answer Key
Name__pik = pick
mi= my
drayn = drain
luckee=lucky
wondur= wonder
howr= hour
jai = jay
choo = chew
Add "d" to these long
vowel words which end in
one consonant.

1. shade. = shaded
2. tile= tiled
3. glare = glared
la

School Day 106

## Answer Key

Name $\qquad$
stuc = stuck
snayl = snail
$b i=b y$
claym= claim
farmur= farmer
slai= slay
throo= threw
cowch $=$ couch

Add "d" to these long vowel words which end in one consonant.

1. time $=$ timed
2. hope= hoped
3. shade= shaded

School Day 108

|  |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Fix the misspelled words. |  |
|  | Name |
|  | chik $=$ |
|  | $\mathrm{fli}=$ |
|  | wayt= |
|  | flau= |
|  | boyl= |
|  | joi $=$ |
|  | cawse $=$ |
|  | droo= |
|  | Add ing to these long |
|  | vowel words which end in |
|  | silent $e$. |
|  | 1. base= |
| 3. tape= |  |
|  |  |

## School Day 110

School Day 112
School Day 114
Fix the misspelled
words.
Name
$\mathrm{pac}=$ $\qquad$
tri= $\qquad$
mayn $=$ $\qquad$
toi= $\qquad$
sau= $\qquad$
soyl= $\qquad$
lawndry $=$ $\qquad$
choo $=$ $\qquad$
Add ing to these long vowel words which end in
silent e.

1. gaze.= $\qquad$
2. file= $\qquad$
3. $\mathrm{fade}=$ $\qquad$
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## School Day 108

| Answer Key |
| :--- |
| Name__ chik = chick |
| fli = fly |
| wayt= wait |
| flau= flaw |
| boyl= boil |
| joi = joy |
| cawse = cause |
| droo= drew |
| Add ing to these long |
| vowel words which end in |
| silent e. |
| 1. base= basing |
| 2. pile= piling |
| 3. tape= taping |

## School Day 110

| Answer Key |
| :--- |
| Name__rack |
| whi = why |
| rayn= rain |
| drau= draw |
| boi= boy |
| coyl = coil |
| pawse = pause |
| broo= brew |
| Add ing to these long |
| vowel words which end in |
| silent e. |
| 1. ice= icing |
| 2. face= facing |
| 3. wade= wading |

School Day 112
Answer Key
Name__ pac = pack
tri= try
mayn = main
toi= toy
sau= saw
soyl= soil
lawndry = laundry
choo = chew
Add ing to these long
vowel words which end in
silent e.

1. gaze. = gazing
2. file = filing
3. fade = fading
fat

## School Day 116

|  | Fix the misspelled words. |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Name |
|  | pik $=$ |
|  | whi $=$ |
|  | sayl $=$ |
|  | pau= |
|  | coyn= |
|  | Roi $=$ |
|  | lawnch $=$ |
|  | broo= |
|  | Add ing to these long |
|  | vowel words which end in |
|  | silent e. |
|  | 1. space $=$ |
|  | 2. file= |
|  | 3. drape $=$ |

## School Day 118



School Day 120

## Fix the misspelled

words.
Name
SOC = $\qquad$
tri= $\qquad$
payn $=$ $\qquad$
joi= $\qquad$
rau= $\qquad$
spoyl= $\qquad$
faun $=$ $\qquad$
choo $=$ $\qquad$

Add ing to these long vowel words which end in silent e.

1. race. $=$ $\qquad$
2. pile= $\qquad$
3. stare $=$

School Day 122

| Fix the misspelled |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | words. |
|  | Name |
|  | truk $=$ |
|  | fayl $=$ |
|  | $\mathrm{mi}=$ |
|  | voyd= |
|  | sau= |
|  | voyce= |
|  | frawd= |
|  | enjoi= |
| Add ing to these long |  |
|  | vowel words which end in |
| silent e. |  |
| 1. cope= |  |
| 2. gripe= |  |
|  | 3. choke= |

## School Day 116

| Answer Key |
| :--- |
| Name_ pik = pick |
| whi = why |
| sayl= sail |
| pau= paw |
| coyn= coin |
| Roi = Roy |
| lawnch = launch |
| broo= brew |
| Add ing to these long |
| vowel words which end in |
| silent e. |
| 1. space= spacing |
| 2. file= filing |
| 3. drape= draping |

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Answer Key
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pik $=$ pick
hi = why
sayl= sail
Add ing to these long
vowel words which end in
silent e.

1. space= spacing
2. file= filing
3. drape= draping

## School Day 118

| Answer Key |
| :--- |
| Name__ stac = stack |
| fli= fly |
| agayn= again |
| sau= saw |
| coi= coy |
| moyst = moist |
| pawse = pause |
| stoo= stew |
| Add ing to these long |
| vowel words which end in |
| silent e. |
| 1. ice = icing |
| 2. lace= lacing |
| 3. fade= fading |

School Day 120

## Answer Key

Name $\qquad$
soc $=$ sock
tri= try
payn = pain
joi= joy
rau= raw
spoyl= spoil
faun $=$ fawn
choo $=$ chew

Add ing to these long vowel words which end in silent e.

1. race. $=$ racing
2. pile= piling
3. stare = staring

| School Day 124 | School Day 126 | School Day 128 | School Day 130 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fix the misspelled words. | Fix the misspelled words. | Fix the misspelled words. | Fix the misspelled words. |
| Name | Name | Name | Name |
|  |  | blac $=$ | flik = |
| $l o c=$ | wik $=$ |  |  |
|  |  | tri= | tayl $=$ |
| Shi $=$ | whi $=$ |  |  |
|  |  | gayn $=$ | $\mathrm{fli}=$ |
| bayt= | payn= |  |  |
|  |  | fuzzee= | funnee= |
| jumpir= | runnir= |  |  |
|  |  | sinnur | killur= |
| sprai= | clai $=$ |  |  |
|  |  | coy | joi= |
| vou $=$ | boyl = |  |  |
|  |  | mowse | throo= |
| owr $=$ | howse $=$ |  |  |
|  |  | choo $=$ | voyce= |
| droo= | broo= |  | add d to these long |
| Add d to these long | Add d to these long vowel | Add d to these long vowel | vowel words which end in |
| vowel words which end in | words which end in | words which end in | silent e. |
| silent $e$. | silent $e$. | silent $e$. |  |
|  |  |  | 1. cope $=$ |
| 1. space $=$ | 1. name $=$ | 1. gaze. $=$ |  |
|  |  |  | 2. gripe $=$ |
| 2. file $=$ | 2. $\mathrm{face}=$ | 2. file $=$ |  |
|  |  |  | 3. choke $=$ |
| 3. drape $=$ | 3. wade $=$ | 3. glare $=$ |  |

## School Day 124

| Answer Key |
| :--- |
| Name__loc = lock |
| shi = shy |
| bayt= bait |
| jumpir= jumper |
| sprai= spray |
| vou = vow |
| owr = our |
| droo= drew |
| Add d to these long |
| vowel words which end in |
| silent e. |
| 1. space = spaced |
| 2. file= filed |
| 3. drape= draped |
| la |

## School Day 126

Answer Key
Name $\qquad$
wik = wick
whi= why
payn= pain
runnir= runner
clai= clay
boyl = boil
howse $=$ house
broo= brew
Add d to these long vowel
words which end in
silent $e$.

1. name= named
2. face= faced
3. wade= waded

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## Answer Key

Name $\qquad$
blac = black
tri= try
gayn = gain

Billee= Billy
sinnur= sinner
coyl= coil
mowse $=$ mouse
choo = chew

Add d to these long vowel
words which end in
silent e.

1. gaze.= gazed
2. file= filed
3. glare = glared

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## Keys for Teaching Emergent Readers how to Unlock Words:

## Key \# 1: Alphabet Letters \& Sounds

Children are taught the names and sounds of alphabet letters using little stories. One letter and sound is taught each day. For example: "e" is the happy letter, because you have to smile to make his sound. The names of letters will be useful for alphabetizing later on. The sounds of letters are used to teach blending skills. Children learn that letters are like animals. They have a name and a sound. Explanation: Cows don't walk around the barn yard saying their name "Cow!" They make their sound "Moo!". Alphabet letters are the same. We use their names to talk about them, but to read words, we make their sounds.

## NOTE: Count on at least

 three weeks of time to teach these concepts.

Key \# 3: Looking at the End of a Word for "e" Once the children can confidently blend three letter words and have gained mastery of short vowel sounds it is time to introduce the bumper word principle. Bumper words end in silent e. The "e" is a tricky letter. He jumps the letter beside him and hits the middle vowel on the head to make him say his name. Then he sits perfectly quiet, because he doesn't want to get caught. For example: bake. In this word the "e" jumps the "k" to hit "a". This causes the letter "a" to say his name instead of his regular sound. Children need about a month to learn to differentiate between silent "e" words and regular vowel words. Hint: Use spelling sheets to solidify this concept.

## Key \# 2: Blending Three-letter Words

Children are taught to blend three-letter words with regular vowels by making the sound of the first letter until they can join it into the sound of the second letter and again into the third letter. Example: bbbbaaaat! bbaat! bat! Review all letter sounds daily. Count on ten weeks for mastery. In my experience three letters is the maximum amount of sounds an emergent reader can handle blending. If you give them a word with more than three sounds they should learn to cover up the remaining letters, blend only three letters at a time, and then add on the remaining ones. This is especially true when adding "s" onto a word. Teach children to blend the word without the " s " and add it on once they know what the word is. The challenge in blending is always the vowel sounds. It is helpful to focus on mouth positioning to teach them.

1. "A" is the crybaby letter. He cries "Aaaa!" (This one is the easiest to learn.)
2. " E " is the happy letter. To enunciate properly smile, and keep your teeth a finger-width apart.
3. "I" is the sick puppy dog letter. He isn't feeling well and cries "Iiii!" To enunciate properly smile, and close your teeth a fingernail-width apart 4. "O" is the doctor letter. Open up your mouth to form an oval and say "aw!" 5. "U" is the muscleman letter. He is trying to lift his heavy weight up. To enunciate properly pretend you are saying "up" and leave off the "p".

## Key \# 4: Looking at the End of a Word for " $y$ "

While you are teaching children to look at the end of a word for the silent " e ", it makes sense to also teach them about what happens when " y " comes at the end of a word. Children are taught that when " $y$ " comes at the end of a one-beat word (one-syllable word) it says " i ". For example: cry. When " y " comes at the end of a two-beat word it says "ee". For example: baby. This is taught through a clapping game which helps children learn the differences between one and two-beat words ending in " y ".


## Key \# 5: Two Vowels Together

The next step is to teach students that when two vowels come together the first one says its name and the second one is silent. Any time we have two letter friends working together we call this a word key. Children learn that you can't unlock a word if you don't use the right word keys.


1. "ai" makes "a" say its name and comes in the middle of words. 2. "ea" makes "e" say its name and comes in the middle of words. 3. "ee" makes "e" say its name and comes in the middle or end 4. "oa" makes "o" say its name and comes in the middle of words. 5. "oe" makes "o" says its name and comes at the end of words.
*This concept is extremely challenging. The task is to help students master identifying the difference between regular vowel words, bumper words, and mouse words. Word analysis exercises are very helpful. If the children do not master the differences between identifying these different kinds of words they will become confused and unable to progress further. Count on six weeks to master this.

## Word Key \# 7: Family Words

The English language contains a number of words that end in the same way. These are called "family words". Just like a family has a last name shared between family members so do "family words". For example "ice" is a word family. It includes "dice, lice, mice, nice, rice, spice". These are written on a family word poster and taught in the context of new reading vocabulary.

## Key \# 8: Word Endings

Children learn to identify the following endings: ed, s , es, ing, tion, sion
Key \# 9: Naughty Words: These are words which break rules.

Key \# 6: Other Word Keys
Once a child understands that a word key occurs when two letters work together to do one job, they can be taught all the other two-letter combinations. This must be done slowly and methodically with lots of practice. The other two-letter combinations are:

1. th (noisy and quiet sounds), sh, ch, wh
2. R-controlled vowels
"ar" makes " r " say its name anywhere in a word
"er" says " $r$ " and comes at the end of two-beat words
"ir" says " r " and comes anywhere in a word
"or" makes sound found in "fort" and comes anywhere in a word
"ur" says " $r$ " and comes anywhere in a word
3. "oo", and "ui" come in the middle of words (boot, suit) "ue" comes at the end of words (blue)
"ew" comes in the middle and end of words (chew) 4. "oi" comes in the middle of words (coin) "oy" comes at the end of words (boy)
4. "ai" says " $a$ " and comes in the middle of words
"ay" says " $a$ " and comes at the end of words
5. ce, ci, cy borrow the " s " sound
6. ge, gi, gy borrow the " j " sound
7. "ck" says " $k$ " and comes at the end of a one-beat word when the vowel is regular (short)
8. "gh" are the ghost letters which don't say anything
9. "ph" says " f " anywhere in a word
10. "ou" says "ow" in middle of words
"ow" says "ou" or long " o "in middle and end of words
11. "au" says short " o " in middle of words
"aw" says short " o " in middle and end of words
Hint: Using spelling exercises in which children are required to circle the word keys and count them is a valuable activity for learning to quickly identify the word keys needed to unlock new words.

## Key \# 10: Compound Words

Learning that many long words are made up of two words joined together is a very helpful tool. To teach this students can be given compound words and asked to break them apart or take two words and join them together to form a compound word. Students can be taught to circle word keys, look for a word they know, and then draw a line down to split the word into two words. Example: dogheusd

## Introductory Reading Lessons

Decoding is a time-consuming process which requires a clear and systematically ordered presentation of skills combined with enough practice, direct feedback, and review. What a task! What a chal-lenge-and what rewards! To me, it’s like watching popcorn pop! The kernel absorbs heat, begins to bounce around and then explodes. A child learning to decode first absorbs, then attempts and practices, and finally achieves the most amazing ability-that of deciphering printed text!

## Days 1 to 46: The Alphabet and Short Vowel Sounds (See Puppet Show Lessons in this book for Days 1 to 33)

Knowing the names and sounds of alphabet letters is the highest predictor of reading success when entering grade one. This step is the foundation for decoding. Out of all the letters in the alphabet the short vowel sounds are the most challenging for many students to master. Using mouth positions along with your finger has made this activity tactile, fun and much easier. Daily practice and review of these mouth positions for two months should result in mastery for most students. The bonus is to watch what happens in spelling when the children can differentiate between the short vowels in words such as: bit, bet, bat, but, and bought.

Let's begin with the short " i " sound. This is made when you smile and keep your teeth a fingernail width apart. Have the children smile, bite one fingernail (between top and bottom front teeth), and make the short "i" sound. When blending three letter short vowel words such as "sit" have the children practice smiling and putting their mouths in the proper position using their fingernails when they reach the short vowel "i". Note: if you don't smile the sound won't come out properly.

The short "e" sound is one frequently confused with the short "i" sound because they are so similar. Have the children smile, bite on finger (between top and bottom front teeth), and make the short "e" sound. When blending three letter short vowel words such as "bet" have the children practice smiling and putting their mouths in the proper position using their fingers when they reach the short vowel "e". Note: if you don't smile the sound won't come out properly.

Next comes the short "a" sound. This is made when you smile and drop your jaw so that your top and bottom teeth cannot touch your finger. When blending three letter short vowel words such as "sat" have the children practice smiling and putting their mouths in the proper positions using their fingers to make sure their jaw doesn't close too much when they reach the short vowel "a". Once again, without the smile position the sound won't come out properly.


Short "o" is the doctor letter. Ask the children, "What does the doctor ask you to do when he wishes to look in your mouth?" The answer of course is, "Open up and say "Awww"". Use Popsicle sticks to help the children drop their jaws and make the correct sound. When blending three letter short vowel words such as "pop" have the children practice opening their mouths and completely dropping their jaws for the short "o" sound. This is not a smile position.

The muscle man letter is "u". Ask the children, "What do muscle men do?" The answer is "They lift heavy weights above their heads. As they lift the weights they grunt "Uuu!!" because the weights are so heavy. When their arms are above their heads they even form the shape of the letter "u". Take a muscle shirt and weights to class and have the children practice being the muscle man as they lift weights and make the short vowel sound of "u". This is not a smile position.

Daily review of all five vowels should be part of reading and spelling lesson routines. I prefer to do the review sounds using fingers and actions (as described above) in the order of "i", "e", "a", "o", and "u" because it illustrates the gradual lowering of the jaw. Student mirrors are an invaluable asset during this process as they allow children to visually see the changes. They are especially helpful for the kinesthetic and visual learners. Mirrors can be incorporated as sounds are taught and reviewed.

## Days 47 to 50: Silent "e" Words

The next big step in the decoding process is learning to differentiate between short vowel words and long vowel words with silent "e" on the end. My experience has been that while children seem to readily make this connection from initial presentations they shortly afterwards begin to do one of three things: confuse short and long vowel words, ignore silent "e" altogether, or decode all words as long vowel words. This is especially frustrating if it continues on in independent reading where the teacher has little control over the process and the student's comprehension is directly effected. In my early years of teaching there were numerous daily occurrences of listening to a child read and finding he/she had ignored the silent "e". Whereupon, I would ask two questions, "Does that make sense?" and "What does the "e" on the end of that word do?" Interestingly enough, the majority of children explained what should happen and made the correction. However, without constant prompting the situation continued daily. It is time consuming and exhausting for the teacher to continuously prompt twenty-five early readers all day long to pay attention to the "e" at the end of the word. My question became, why do the children appear to understand the concept and yet do not apply it?


The answer is three-fold in nature. First of all, in the process of independent reading the child is not just grappling with the complex process of decoding. He/she must also grapple with comprehension. This means that if the decoding strategies are not at a mastery level they will likely not be applied with any consistency once the comprehension factor is thrown in. Secondly, in the early readers a child may encounter a maximum of sixteen to twenty silent "e" words in a single story/book. Most children are tired from decoding after they have read one or two stories of this length. This practice is not sufficient to create mastery of the silent "e" concept. Finally, a child's mind works differently than an adult's. Children at this level attack the decoding process as a game. Their primary goal is to figure out what the word says. However, a teacher's goal is to teach the child strategies to implement prior to decoding. Therefore, the teacher wants the student to think "Which strategy do I need to use before I attack this word?", while the child is thinking "What is this word?" Children tend to use the strategies as a last line of defence when they fail to decode something that makes sense to them. To reverse this process I created practice exercises which do two things: first, they ask the child to identify which strategy will be applied in order to decode the word, and secondly they give the child the systematic decoding practice required for this skill to enter long-term memory and become automatic. Exercises should be completed as shown in the answer key on the next page and then each word should be sounded out to a partner for decoding practice. Using this type of exercise (with different words) daily for one month is usually sufficient for developing mastery. After this step of decoding is in place it is so fun to hear the children read and watch them apply the silent "e" strategy independently and consistently! (More exercises like the one below are found in the word key exercise section.

## R = regular vowel <br> B =bumper word (long vowel with silent e")

| sat | - |
| :--- | :--- |
| plate | - |
| chips | - |
| grunt | - |
| stone | - |
| times | - |



| notes | - |
| :--- | :--- |
| stick | - |
| shop__ | - |
| closes | - |
| film | - |
| rest | - |

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* When teaching this concept, be sure to teach that "e" can only reach over one consonant when bumping and he only ever bumps one of his vowel pals (a,e,i,o,u). Once bumped, a vowel is so surprised he says his name instead of his regular (short vowel) sound.


## Answer Key

## R = regular vowel

## B =bumper word


*Regular (short) vowel words on the exercises should each be marked with a happy face above the vowel. I tell the children that we mark him this way, because he is a happy vowel that did not get bumped on the head.

*Bumper words (long vowel with silent e) should be marked on the exercises by crossing off the "e" and drawing an arrow from the "e" pointing to the vowel in the middle. The middle vowel should have a straight line over his head to show that he was bumped on the head and in great surprise responded by saying his name.


You will notice that the silent "e" words on the exercises add the endings "ed" and " s ". That is the way words will appear in books and children need to be able to identify the principle operating with or without word endings.

## Exceptions to Long Vowels with Silent "e"

Exceptions to long vowels with silent "e" are introduced as sight words and not included in the teaching of silent "e" so as not to confuse the students. Some examples of these sight words include: there, where, were, one, done, are, some.

## Centre Activity to Reinforce Long Vowel Words with Silent "e"

1. Make a poster with at least one hundred long vowel words with silent "e" on them or purchase one from the Trend poster company.
2. On 52 squares of 5 cm by 8 cm construction paper write one alphabet letter in lower case letters. At the end you should have two squares of every letter. e.g.

3. Make a bumper arm with a pool noodle, garden glove, tape from a tape gun, egg crate packing foam bits. Fill the garden glove with egg crate packing foam bits and tape it onto the end of the pool noodle. This will create the bumper arm.

4. Assign five children to the centre at a time. Each child takes turns being the teacher and holding letters. The child teacher looks at the poster, chooses a silent "e" word and gets out the corresponding construction paper letters. The child teacher gives the other four children one letter each to hold. The children stand in a row and the last child holds the " e " and the bumper arm. To practice decoding the word each child makes its letter sound in order from left to right as the child teacher points to him/her. When it is the middle vowel's turn, the child holding silent "e" takes the bumper arm and gently bumps that child on the head. This child pretends to be so surprised that the vowel he/she is holding says its name instead of its short vowel sound. Once the word has been decoded by the group the children switch roles and choose a new word to practice with.


## Days 51 to 53: Ghost Words (contain the silent "gh" letters)

Word Family "ight"
Ghost words are words which contain the letters (gh) in the middle. Children can be told that these letters are like a ghost, because they are silent when they come in the middle of words. I often tease my students that they are there to trick you, because ghosts like to play tricks. Ghost letters are most often found in the family of "ight".


Words that end in the "ight" sound are frequently spelled with the ghost letters in the middle. Children can complete exercises such as the one below to practice sounding out and identifying the tricky ghost letters of "gh". If "gh" comes at the end of words it may be silent (as in the words "high" and "sigh") or it may borrow the sound of the letter " f ". The concept of "gh" making the sound of the letter " $f$ " will be taught at a later date.
*IMPORTANT: Many tricky ghost words have been included in the list below for your information. ONLY introduce the words ending with "ight" for now and the others will be introduced later.



## Class Activity:

Make a book of the family of "ight". List all the "ight" words on the chalkboard and discuss their meanings. For the cover of the book write "Family of ight". Provide sixteen blank pages. On each page write down a different "ight" word leaving room on the paper for drawing a picture. Divide the children into as many groups as there are "ight" words. Have each group of children take their "ight" word and draw an illustration of the meaning of the word beside it. Collect all the papers in and bind the book together in alphabetical order to create a class book of the family of "ight". This activity will build vocabulary and reinforce the spelling and reading of the "ight" words. It also creates a quick review of the "ight" family at any time.

## Sample Page from the "Family of ight: class book:

| Family of ight |
| :--- |
| blight |
| bright |
| fight |
| flight |
| fright |
| height |
| knight |
| light |
| might |
| night |
| plight |
| right |
| sight |
| slight |
| tight |
| wright |



## Day 54: Word Family (ay)

## "ay" is a vowel digragh

Families usually share the same last name. Words that rhyme share the same last name (last part of the word). We call words that rhyme "word families". So far we have learned about the ghost word family "ight". Now, we would like to add the new family of "ay". We will call "ay" the cool word family. Tell your students we call them this, because when you're really cool you say "Eh!" (long vowel sound of a). For fun hold up both your thumbs while holding your fingers in a fist (just like the Fonz from the old television show Happy Days) as you say "Eh!".


Add to Word Families Poster (Share the same Last Name)


## Class Activity:

Make a book of the family of "ay". List all the "ay" words on the chalkboard and discuss their meanings. For the cover of the book write "Family of ay". Provide twenty-three blank pages. On each page write down a different "ay" word leaving room on the paper for drawing a picture. Divide the children into as many groups as there are "ay" words. Have each group of children take their "ay" word and draw an illustration of the meaning of the word beside it. Collect all the papers in and bind the book together in alphabetical order to create a class book of the family of "ay". This activity will build vocabulary and reinforce the spelling and reading of the "ay" words. It also creates a quick review of the "ay" family at any time.

Sample Page from the "Family of ay" class book:

| Family of ay |
| :--- |
| bay |
| bray |
| clay |
| day |
| fray |
| gay |
| gray |
| hay |
| jay |
| lay |
| may |
| pay |
| play |
| pray |
| ray |
| say |
| slay |
| spray |
| stay |
| stray |
| sway |
| tray |
| way |



## Days 55 to 57: "Y" at the end of one and two syllable words

It makes sense to teach children " $y$ " at the end of one and two syllable words after teaching the silent "e" rule, because it is another time when the letter at the end of the word determines the pronunciation. " Y " at the end of a one syllable word (one beat word) makes the long "i" sound. "Y" at the end of a multisyllablic word (two or more beat word) makes the long "e" sound.

First, establish how many beats are in a word by playing a clapping game with your students. Begin by clapping the number of syllables in your name as you say it. For example: Mrs. Moore (three beats would be clapped). Have each child say his name and clap the number of beats found in it. Next, play the game a different way by having each child count the number of times his/her jaw drops as he says his name. The jaw drops at each syllable break so that if the word has one syllable the jaw would drop only once. If it had four syllables the jaw would drop four times, etc. Now, move to words ending in " $y$ ". Below are some to practice with. The class should be taught the different sounds of " $y$ " at the end of one and two beat words.

| Y at end of one beat words: |
| :---: |
| buy |
| by |
| cry |
| dry |
| fly |
| fry |
| my |
| ply |
| pry |
| shy |
| sky |
| sly |
| spry |
| spy |
| sty |
| try |
| why |
| wry |
|  |


| Y at end of two beat words: |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| alley | party |
| army | quickly |
| baby | study |
| bunny | sticky |
| busy | sloppy |
| city | tabby |
| copy | taffy |
| country | tiny |
| dizzy | twenty |
| easy | ugly |
| family | very |
| funny | windy |
| happy | yummy |
| hungry | zippy |
| lady |  |
| lazy |  |
| lucky |  |
| plenty |  |

Sample Exercise for solidifying "y" at the end of one and two syllable words. Children should identify the sound " $y$ " makes by putting an "i" or "ee" on the blank beside the word and decode it to a partner afterwards.
$i=y$ says long i sound at end of one beat word ee = y says long e sound at end of two beat word

| cry | bumpy | by |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| lumpy | shy | why |
| try | hazy | mommy |
| muddy |  | daddy |
| fuzzy | hilly | baby |
| sly | crazy | dry |

## Answer Key:

$i=y$ says long $i$ sound at end of one beat word ee = y says long e sound at end of two beat word


## Days 62 to 67: Long Vowels with Two Vowels Together (Mouse Words)

As mouse words are introduced it is critical that children master this principle, because the concept is foundational to acquiring all other phonetic concepts. Mouse words contain two vowels which come side by side. In a mouse word key the first vowel says its name and the second follows along as quietly as shadow. Some examples of mouse words are: pain, lead, green, boat. What we are trying to teach kids is to look at a word and decide if it has a regular (short) vowel, a long vowel due to a silent e (bumper words), or a long vowel due to two vowels together (mouse words). When we add the other phonetic sounds such as ew, au, aw, etc. they are all based on the mouse word principle of two letters working together to form a single sound. Mouse words are a kind of word key. We have already taught the word keys: ee, ow, ck, ue, or, ur, wh, ch, sh, th, qu. It is now our specific focus to teach students to master looking for two letter friends (word key) working together in a word. Otherwise they will likely be unable to assimilate other two letter combinations and recall them in the context of a word. For example in the word "charge" there are six letters, but only three sounds. Ch, ar, and ge are letter friends that work together to form three single sounds. The second difficulty that you could run into is that the child may begin to guess whether the vowel is long or short. A child that can identify the principle operating (regular vowel, bumper word or mouse word) can verify his knowledge and becomes a confident reader. Please make the poster shown on the next page for your students to use for help in reviewing. On page twenty you will find a sample exercise for how to solidify these concepts. More exercises are located in the book Smart Start in Language Arts under the spelling section. Daily review of the differences between regular words, bumper words, and mouse words should be done orally and with word key exercises for the next three weeks. If you spend enough time on these concepts assimilating the rest of the two-letter phonetic combinations will be much easier. Not enough time spent on this can be disastrous.

## Class Activity:

Use the partial word list found on page 19. Take the cards made for teaching bumper words and have four children stand in front of the class each holding a letter as shown below. The letters should spell a mouse word from the word list. The child that holds the vowel which says its name should also be given a picture of a mouse to show the vowel is saying its name. The child that holds the silent vowel should be given a picture of a mouse shadow to show the vowel is silent like a shadow. The class should practice blending the word until it has been decoded successfully and then a new word may be chosen. This can be placed into a center activity for additional work.


## When two vowels come together the first one says its name and the second one is silent like a shadow.

ai


| ai |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| aid | drain | lain | raid | tail |
| ail | fail | mail | rail | train |
| bail | faint | main | rain | vain |
| braid | gain | pail | snail | wail |
| chain | hail | plain | stain | waive |
| ea |  |  |  |  |
| beach | crease | heal | peach | seat |
| bead | deal | heap | peak | sneak |
| beam | dream | lead | plead | steal |
| bleach | each | beak | preach | teach |
| clean | eat | meal | scream treat |  |
| ee |  |  |  |  |
| bee | feed | keen | screen | steel |
| beech | feet | knee | seed | steep |
| bleed | free | meet | seen | teeth |
| cheek | freeze | peep | sleep | tree |
| deep | jeep | reel | speed | wheel |
| oa |  |  |  |  |
| bloat | croak | load | oat | soak |
| boast | float | loaf | poach | soap |
| boat | foam | loan | road | toad |
| coal | goat | moan | roast | toast |
| coat | groan | oak | shoal | toaster |

These spelling exercises direct the student to apply a decoding strategy prior to decoding. The child will mark the vowels as regular, bumper, or mouse and will then sound them out to a partner. It takes a fair amount of practice to bring these concepts to where they have been assimilated well enough for the child to apply them automatically. Mouse vowels are marked by placing a straight line just above the first vowel to indicate he is saying his name and crossing out the second vowel to show he is silent. Other vowel markings are shown on p. 9. Sample exercise \& answer key shown below.

| $R=$ regular vowel <br> (short vowel) | $B=$ bumper word <br> (long vowel with silent "e") | $M=$ mouse word <br> (two vowels together) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |


| sat | mends | notes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| plate | goat | stick |
| clear | shades | sheet |
| grunt | buzz | closes |
| stone | blue | film |
| rain | faded | toes |


| $R=$ regular vowel | B =bumper word <br> (long vowel with silent e") | $M=$ mouse word <br> (two vowels together) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |



| mends | ___r |
| :---: | :---: |
| goat | _m |
| shades | b |
| buzz | _-r |
| blue | __m |
| faded | _b |


| notes | b |
| :---: | :---: |
| stick | $\ldots$ |
| sheet | __m |
| closes | $\ldots$ |
| film | _-r |
| toes | __m |

## Days 68 \& 69: The Scary Word Keys of ue, ui, ew, 00

Now, that we have learned what a word key is we will introduce the children to all the possible word key combinations for the "ue" sound. These include: ue, ew, oo, and ui. We call them the scary word keys because they say "Ooooo!" to scare you. For practice and mastery of these keys see the sample exercise on the next page.

## Scary Word Keys ui ue 00 ew



spern


Sample Exercise for the scary word keys of ew, ui, oo, and ui:

| Name $\qquad$ print them | Scary Word Keys / 15 Read the words. Circle the word keys and nes. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. bloom | 6. blue | 11. new |
| 2. fruit | 7. pool | 12. clue |
| 3. flew | 8. suit | 13. roost |
| 4. jewel | 9. duel | 14. threw |
| 5. boot | 10. mew | 15. glue |

Answer Key:

| Scary Word Keys /15 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Name $\qquad$ Read the words. Circle the word keys and |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. blom | 00 | 6. blue |  | 11.new | ew |
| 2. frail | ui | 7. poo |  | 12. cl(e) | ue |
| 3. flew | ew | 8. sait | ui | 13. roost | 00 |
| 4. jewel | ew | 9. dee |  | 14. (thew | th ew |
| 5. boot | 00 | 10. mew | ew | 15. glae | ue |
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## Class Activity:

Make a book of the family of "ue" and "ew". List all the "ue" and "ew" words on the chalkboard and discuss their meanings. For the cover of each book write "Family of ue" and "Family of ew". Provide twenty-nine blank pages. For the first book write down all the "ue" words leaving room on the paper for drawing a picture. Divide the children into as many groups as there are "ue" words. Have each group of children take their "ue" word and draw an illustration of the meaning of the word beside it. Collect all the papers in and bind the book together in alphabetical order to create a class book of the family of "ue". This activity will build vocabulary and reinforce the spelling and reading of the "ue" words. It also creates a quick review of the "ue" family at any time. Repeat steps for the family of "ew".

Sample Pages from the "Family of ue" and "Family of ew" class books:

| Family of ue |
| :--- |
| blue |
| clue |
| cue |
| due |
| glue |
| hue |
| rue |
| Sue |
| sue |
| true |



## Days 70 to 74: The R Word Keys

Our next word keys are called the "r" word keys. They include: or, er, ur, ir, and ar. As taught earlier "ur" are the rooster letters who wake everyone up with their "rrr" sound, and "or" are the parrot letters who cry "Or! Or!". "Ir" is a little bird who calls "rrr" for his bird friends the rooster letters (ur) and the parrot letters (or). "Ar" are the pirate letters who cry "Ar, ar, ar!" when they find gold. "Er" likes to cry "r" at the end of two beat words. For practice and mastery of these keys see the sample exercise on the next page.

## R Word Keys



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Sample Exercise for the r word keys of er, ur, ir, ar, and or Rules:er says " $r$ " and often comes at the end of two beat (syllable) words
ur says " $r$ " and comes anywhere in a word
ir says " $r$ " and comes anywhere in a word
or says "or" and comes anywhere in a word
ar makes " $r$ " say its name and comes anywhere in a word

| Name $\qquad$ print them | R Word Keys / 15 Read the words. Circle the word keys and lines. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. barn | 6. serve | 11. chirp |
| 2. cork | 7. curb | 12. harp |
| 3. enter | 8. squirt | 13. snore |
| 4. turn | 9. scar | 14. thirst |
| 5. winter | 10. sport | 15. lurk |

Answer Key:

| R Word Keys / 15 <br> Name $\qquad$ Read the words. Circle the word keys and print them on the lines. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |
| 1. barim ar | 6. serve |  | 11. Chile ch ir |
| 2. cork or | 7. cirb |  | 12. hatp ar |
| 3. enter er | 8. squit | qu ir | 13. snote or |
| 4. titin ur | 9. scar |  | 14. thirst th ir |
| 5. winter er | 10. spo斤 | or | 15. lank ur |



## Class Activity:

Make a book of the family of "ar" and "ir". List all the "ar" and "ir" words on the chalkboard and discuss their meanings. For the cover of each book write "Family of ar" and "Family of ir". Provide fifteen blank pages. For the first book write down all the "ar" words leaving room on the paper for drawing a picture. Divide the children into as many groups as there are "ar" words. Have each group of children take their "ar" word and draw an illustration of the meaning of the word beside it. Collect all the papers in and bind the book together in alphabetical order to create a class book of the family of "ar". This activity will build vocabulary and reinforce the spelling and reading of the "ar" words. It also creates a quick review of the "ar" family at any time. Repeat steps for the family of "ir".

Sample Pages from the "Family of ar and ir" class books:

| Family of ar |
| :--- |
| afar |
| bar |
| car |
| char |
| far |
| jar |
| mar |
| par |
| scar |
| star |
| tar |



## Class Activity:

When the "or" sound comes at the end of a word it is usually spelled "ore" with the exceptions of the words "for, nor, or". When the "or" sound comes in the middle or beginning of a word it is spelled "or". Make a book of the family of "ore". List all the "ore" words on the chalkboard and discuss their meanings. For the cover of the book write "Family of ore". Provide nine blank pages. On each page write down a different "ore" word leaving room on the paper for drawing a picture. Divide the children into as many groups as there are "ore" words. Have each group of children take their "ore" word and draw an illustration of the meaning of the word beside it. Collect all the papers in and bind the book together in alphabetical order to create a class book of the family of "ore". This activity will build vocabulary and reinforce the spelling and reading of the "ore" words. It also creates a quick review of the "ore" family at any time. Create a poster of the three exceptions to the "ore" family. These are: for, nor, and or.

## Sample Page from the "Family of ore" class book:

| Family of ore |
| :--- |
| bore |
| core |
| score |
| shore |
| snore |
| sore |
| store |
| tore |
| wore |



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## Days 75 to 81: Word Endings (s, es, ed, ing)

## Background Knowledge:

We are now going to introduce word endings. "s", "ed" and "ing" are joined to verbs (action words) to show present or past states. "s" and "es" can be added to nouns to show plurals (or possession if used with an apostrophe) and to verbs to show present state.

## Decoding Strategy

For decoding it is easiest to have children cover the ending with their finger, blend the word and then add the ending on. For example the word "sits" would be blended as "sit" and then "sits". This strategy prevents students from reversing the last two letters and reading the word as "sist". It also shortens the word and helps the child from feeling intimidated by its length. When the "ed" ending is introduced, children should be made aware that it can make three different sounds. The "ed" ending can say "t", "d", or "ed". In the word "wanted" it says "ed". In the word "watched" it says " t ". In the word "blamed" it says " d ". Therefore, the child may have to try different sounds when decoding "ed" at the end of words. When "ed" is added to a short vowel (regular vowel) word ending in a single consonant, the single consonant is doubled before adding "ed" or the word will become a long vowel bumper word. For example: "bat" becomes "batted" not "bated". When adding "ed" to a bumper word (long vowel with silent e) just add "d" because the "e" is already present. For example: "fade" becomes "faded", not "fadeed". These rules also follow for the "ing" ending. When "ing" is added to a short vowel word ending in a single consonant, the single consonant is doubled before adding "ing" or the word would be decoded as a long vowel word by an experienced reader. For example: "hit" becomes "hitting" not "hiting". When adding "ing" to a long vowel word ending in "e" drop the "e" before adding "ing". For example: "fade" becomes "fading", not "fadeing" or "fadding". Practicing and identifying how the endings are added enables a child to tell if the vowel will be sounded out as a short vowel or a long vowel. Without understanding this the child is left to guess whether the vowel will be short or long. See the exercise example on the next page for practice. These may also be done on the overhead projector together.


Sample Exercise with Short Vowel Words:

| Name___ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mark the vowels with a happy face for a short vowel. Highlight the word endings and then sound out the word. |  |  |
| asks | asked | asking |
| blesses | blessed | blessing |
| dips | dipped | dipping |
| bosses | bossed | bossing |
| hums | hummed | humming |

Sample Exercise with Long Vowel Words:

Answer Key:

| Name |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mark the vowels with a happy face for a short vowel and a straight line for a long vowel. Highlight the word endings and then sound out the word. |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| asks | asked | asking |
| blesses | blessed | blessing |
| dips | dipped | dipping |
| bosses | bossed | bossing |
| hums | hummed | humming |

Answer Key:

## Name

$\qquad$
Mark the long vowels with a straight line and cross out the silent vowels. Highlight the word endings and then sound out the word.

| brakes | braked | braking |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| chimes | chimed | chiming |
| closes | closed | closing |
| fumes | fumed | fuming |
| mails | mailed | mailing |
| beams | beamed | beaming |
| needs | needed | needing |
| coasts | coasted | coasting |

## Day 82: When "ea" breaks the mouse or shadow rule.

The letters "ea" sometimes say the short "e" sound instead of the long "e" sound. It is best to sound out the word as a long vowel word and if it doesn't make sense to change it to a short vowel and blend it a second time. You may want to make a poster of these exception words. I highlighted the ones useful for grade one. A rebus picture beside each word on the poster is a good idea.

The letters "ea" sometimes say the long "a" sound as in the word great, instead of the long "e" sound. This second part of the rule shouldn't be taught until grade two or grade three.

| When "ea" says short |
| :--- |
| vowel sound of "e" |
| deadly |
| deaf |
| head |
| healthy |
| heavy |
| jealous |
| measure |
| pleasant |
| ready |
| steady |
| sweater |
| thread |
| tread |
| wealthy |
| weather |


| When "ea" says long |
| :--- |
| vowel sound of "a"" |
| great |
| steak |
| break |
|  |
|  |

## Day 84: The family of "ook"

## Class Activity:

Make a book of the family of "ook". List all the "ook" words on the chalkboard and discuss their meanings. For the cover of the book write "Family of ook". Provide eleven blank pages. On each page write down a different "ook" word leaving room on the paper for drawing a picture. Divide the children into as many groups as there are "ook" words. Have each group of children take their "ook" word and draw an illustration of the meaning of the word beside it. Collect all the papers in and bind the book together in alphabetical order to create a class book of the family of "ook". This activity will build vocabulary and reinforce the spelling and reading of the "ook" words. It also creates a quick review of the "ook" family at any time.

## Sample Page from the "Family of ook: class book:

| Family of ook |
| :--- |
| book |
| brook |
| cook |
| cookie |
| cookies |
| crook |
| hook |
| look |
| nook |
| shook |
| took |



Add "ook" to the word family poster.

Teach this concept by having children fix the misspelled words as shown in the exercises below.

Sample Exercise

| Fix only the misspelled words. Remember "ck" comes at the end of a one beat word when the vowel is short. |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Name |
|  | bake |
|  | bric |
|  | stik |
|  | bike |
|  | lic |
|  | poke |
|  | roc |
|  | thik |
|  | weak |
|  | thic |
|  | joke |

Answer Key
Fix only the misspelled
words. Remember "ck"
comes at the end of a
one beat word when the
vowel is short.
Name
bake

lick
poke
rOC rock
thik thick
weak
chic
chick
joke

## ck says " $k$ " and comes at the end of one beat (syllable) words when the vowel is short.

| back | lack | smack |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| black | lick | snack |
| block | lock | sock |
| brick | luck | speck |
| buck | mock | stack |
| check | muck | stick |
| chick | neck | stock |
| clack | nick | struck |
| click | pack | stuck |
| clock | peck | suck |
| cluck | pick | tack |
| crack | pluck | thick |
| dock | prick | tick |
| duck | quack | track |
| flick | quick | trick |
| flock | rack | truck |
| hick | rock | tuck |
| jack | sack | whack |
| kick | shack | wick |
| knock | shock |  |

## Days 90, 91, 92: The S Copycat Word Keys of ce, ci, cy

Now, that we have learned what a word key is we will introduce the children to all the possible word key combinations for the "s" sound. These include: ce, ci, and cy. We call them the s copycat word keys because they copy the letter s's sound. For practice and mastery of these keys see the sample exercise on the next page.


## Phonetic Rules:

ce says "s" and comes anywhere in a word. Example: nice
ci says " $s$ " and comes at the beginning of words. Example: cider
cy says " $s$ " and comes anywhere in a word. Example: bicycle

## Sample Exercise \& Answer Key




## Practice with the Word Key "ce"

Name $\qquad$

1. I like to eat $\qquad$ for breakfast.
2. The bubblegum costs one $\qquad$ .
3. The spider is hanging from the $\qquad$ .
4. There are mice down in the $\qquad$ .
5. I am $\qquad$ that $2+3=5$.
6. That wall is made out of $\qquad$ .
7. A room in a jail is called a $\qquad$ .


## Practice with the Word Key "ci"

Name $\qquad$

1. I live in a big $\qquad$ .
2. That man smokes a $\qquad$ .
3. To make something tight is to $\qquad$ it.
4. I like to have $\qquad$ on my toast.
5. Hot apple $\qquad$ tastes yummy.
6. My favorite shape is a $\qquad$ .
7. I like to ride on my $\qquad$ .


| cider |
| :---: |
| cigar |
| cinch |
| cinnamon |
| circle |
| city |
| bicycle |

## Practice with the Word Key "cy"

Name $\qquad$

1. That lady's dress is very $\qquad$
2. A wedding dress is very $\qquad$ .
3. A small child rides on a $\qquad$ .
4. $A$ $\qquad$ is a big wind.
5. Some people like to $\qquad$ .
6. A can is the shape of a $\qquad$ .
7. A $\qquad$ is a loud instrument in the band.


## Practice with the Word Keys "ce, ci, cy"

Name $\qquad$

1. That can is the shape of a $\qquad$ .
2. $A$ $\qquad$ has animals that do tricks.
3. Children like to ride their $\qquad$ .
4. $A$ is round.
5. The top of a room is called the $\qquad$ .
6. People eat $\qquad$ for breakfast.
7. One $\qquad$ is not very much money.


## Practice with the Word Keys "ce, ci, ry"

Name $\qquad$

1. $A$ $\qquad$ is the shape of a can.
2. It is fun to eat a snack at $\qquad$ time.
3. $A$ $\qquad$ has two wheels.
4. $A$ $\qquad$ is fun to watch.
5. The man made a funny $\qquad$ .
6. A place where lots of people live is a $\qquad$ .
7. Another name for basement is $\qquad$ .


## Days 93, 94, 95: The J Copycat Word Keys of ge, gi, gy

Now, that we have learned what a word key is we will introduce the children to all the possible word key combinations for the " $j$ " sound. These include: ge, gi, and gy. We call them the j copycat word keys because they copy the letter j's sound. For practice and mastery of these keys see the sample exercise on the next page.


## Phonetic Rules:

ge says " j " and comes anywhere in a word. Example: page
gi says " j " and comes at the beginning of words. Example: ginger
gy says "j" and comes anywhere in a word. Example: gypsy
Sample Exercise \& Answer Key



## Common Exceptions to J Copycats

gear
get

give

Practice with the Word Keys "ge"
Name $\qquad$


1. Animals are put in a $\qquad$ at the zoo. (wage germ cage)
2. I like to put $\qquad$ in my hair. (edge gel gem)
3. You should be $\qquad$ to babies. (germ gel gentle)
4. Don't stand near the $\qquad$ of a cliff. (edge wedge sled)
5. When you are sick you have bad $\qquad$ . (gems gel germs)
6. Turn the $\qquad$ in your book. (rage page gesture)
7. Another name for a jewel is a $\qquad$ (germ gel gem)
Practice with the Word Keys "gi"

* "gi" usually says "j"

Name $\qquad$


1. I like to drink $\qquad$ .
(gill ginger ale gibber)
2. We will give her a $\qquad$ for her birthday.
(give giant gift)
3. $A$
(giraffe giblet gird)
4. That $\qquad$ is so nice to play with.
(gird girl ginger)
5. That $\qquad$ (gild gifted is as tall as a hill. giant)
6. It is fun to presents.
(giddy
giggle give)
7. I like to eat $\qquad$
(ginger
giant snap cookies. ginger ale)

## Practice with the Word Keys "gy"

Name


1. It is fun to play in the $\qquad$ .
(gymnasium gypsy cagy)
2. There was a $\qquad$ lady at the circus. (gym gypsy cagy)
3. A wild animal is very $\qquad$ .
(gypsy gym cagy)
4. In school I like to have
(gym gymnasium
gypsy)
5. That $\qquad$ (gild gifted is very strong. giant)
6. I like to $\qquad$ presents at Christmas.
(giddy giggle give)
7. $\qquad$ snap cookies taste yummy. (ginger giant ginger ale)

## Practice with the Word Keys "ge, gi, gy"

Name $\qquad$


1. Plays happen on a $\qquad$ .

## (gymnasium stage <br> cagy)

2. There was a $\qquad$ at the zoo.
(giraffe gypsy germ)
3. It is fun to have
(rage gym girl)
4. Wash with soap to get rid of $\qquad$ .
(gifted
gypsy
germs)
5. That is a very large $\qquad$
(edge gifted giant)
6. That lady is called $\qquad$ .
(gypsy ginger page)
7. $\qquad$ is a good pop to drink.

## Practice with the Word Keys "ge, gi, gy"

Name $\qquad$


1. It is fun to play in the $\qquad$ .

## (gymnasium stage cagy)

2. 

 can make you sick.
(giraffe gypsy germs)
3. That boy and $\qquad$ are friends.
(rage
gym
girl)
4. That $\qquad$ is in the circus. (gifted gypsy germs)
5. Don't stand too close to the $\qquad$ .
(edge
gifted
giant)
6. I like to eat $\qquad$ snap cookies.
(gypsy ginger page)
7. That $\qquad$ is taller than a house.
(ginger
giant ginger ale)

## Days 102, 103, 104, 105: The "oi" and "oy" piglet word keys

The next word keys we will introduce are the "oi" and "oy" word keys. They make the sound found in the words joy and boil. These are the piglet word keys because they both make a pig's sound of "oi"!

## Phonetic Rules:

oi says "oy" and comes at the beginning and in the middle of words. Examples: boil, oil
oy says "oi" and comes at the end of words. Example: boy
Use the word key exercises found on the next page to teach and reinforce them.


## Phonetic Rules:

oi says "oy" and comes in the middle of words. Example: boil
oy says "oi" and comes at the end of words. Example: boy

## Sample Exercise \& Answer Key

| Name $\qquad$ Read the words. Circle the word keys and print them on the lines. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
| 1. boil | 6. joy | 11. foil |
| 2. point | 7. foil | 12. toy |
| 3. boy | 8. Ioyal | 13. point |
| 4. choice | 9. coin | 14. destroy |
| 5. annoy | 10. join | 15. ploy |



| oi words |
| :---: |
| appoint |
| avoid |
| boil |
| broil |
| choice |
| coil |
| coin |
| devoid |
| disappoint |
| foil |
| hoist |
| join |
| joint |
| joist |
| loin |
| moist |
| noise |
| oil |
| ointment |
| point |
| recoil |
| rejoice |
| rejoin |
| soil |
| spoil |
| toil |
| turmoil |
| voice |
| void |


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| boy |
| convoy |
| coy |
| decoy |
| deploy |
| destroy |
| employ |
| enjoy |
| joi |
| loyal |
| ploy |
| royal |
| toy |
| Troy |

## Days 106 to 110: The "au" and "aw" doctor word keys

The next word keys we will introduce are the "au" and "aw" word keys. They make the same sound as the short vowel "o" so we will call them the doctor word keys. Tell the students that when you go to the doctor and he wants to look in your mouth he tells you to open up and say " o ". There are three ways to spell this sound. The first one is with a single "o", the second is with "au", and the third is with "aw".

Use the word key exercises found on the next page to teach and reinforce them.

## Doctor Word Keys au aw


haul
saw

## Phonetic Rules:

au says " 0 " and comes at the beginning and middle of words. Example: haul aw says "o" and comes anywhere (beginning, middle or end) of words. Examples: awning, drawn, jaw

Sample Exercise \& Answer Key

| Name $\qquad$ Read the words. Circle the word keys and print them on the lines. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
| 1. author | 6. flaw | 11. launch |
| 2. bawl | 7. cause | 12. fault |
| 3. auto | 8. crawl | 13. Iaw |
| 4. caught | 9. hawk | 14. haunt |
| 5. claw | 10. taunt | 15. straw |


| Name $\qquad$ Read the words. Circle the word keys and print them on the lines. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
| 1. author au th or | 6. flaw aw | 11. Iunchau ch |
| 2. baw $a w$ | 7. c@use au | 12. fault au |
| 3. auto au | 8. crawl aw | 13. IVW aw |
| 4. caught au gh | 9. hawk aw | 14. haunt au |
| 5. claw aw | 10. taut au | 15. straw aw |


| au words <br> auction audit <br> August author auto autumn caught cause caution daughter daunt exhaust fault faun fraud haughty haul haunt launch laundry maul naughty paunch pause sauce saunter taught taunt vault | aw words <br> awe <br> awesome awning bawl caw claw crawl dawn draw drawn fawn flaw hawk jaw Iaw lawn paw pawn prawn raw saw shawl squaw thaw withdraw yawn |
| :---: | :---: |

## Days 111, 113, 114, 115: The "ou" and "ow" Pinch Letter Word Keys

The next word keys we will introduce are the "ou" and "ow" word keys. They make the sound as in "ouch" so we call them the pinch letter word keys. Since we have already learned the "ow" word key when we learned the colour brown we are only adding to our knowledge as we learn the "ou" key as well. There are two ways to spell this sound. The first one is "ow" and the second is "ou".

## Pinch Letter Word Keys OU OW


mouse


# Teaching about words that end in silent " e " and contain a word key such as the "ou" in the word "mouse". 

Bring a rope to class and put two children on one end of the rope and only one child on the other end of the rope. Instruct them to have a tug of war. Most children will say "Two children against one is not fair!" That is precisely the point you want to make. A word key always beats the silent "e" because two against one always wins.
Therefore, in a word with a word key ending in silent "e" the word key wins and gets to make its noise while the "e" remains silent and can't bump as in the word "mouse".

ou says "ow" and comes at the beginning and in the middle of words.
Example: shout
ow says "ou" or long "o" and comes in the middle and end of words.
Examples: cow, blow
Sample Exercise \& Answer Key



| OU WOrds |
| :---: |
| about |
| aground |
| aloud |
| amount |
| announce |
| astound |
| blouse |
| bounce |
| bound |
| cloud |
| couch |
| count |
| crouch |
| doubt |
| flour |
| foul |
| found |
| grouch |
| ground |
| hound |
| house |
| loud |
| mound |
| mouse |
| mouth |
| ouch |
| our |
| out |
| round |
| scout |
| shout |
| slouch |
| sound |
| sour |
| south |
| spout |
| sprout |
| stout |
| surround |
| trout |
| vouch |
| without |
| wound |
|  |


| ow words |
| :---: |
| allow |
| bow |
| brow |
| brown |
| chow |
| choder |
| clown |
| cow |
| crowd |
| crown |
| down |
| drown |
| flower |
| fowl |
| frown |
| glower |
| gown |
| growl |
| how |
| howl |
| now |
| owl |
| plow |
| pow |
| powder |
| power |
| prow |
| prowl |
| shower |
| town |
| vow |
| wow |
| yowl |

## Days 116 to 120: The "ay" and "ai" Cool Word Keys

Next, we will review "ay" and "ai" word keys and link the keys together by calling them the cool letter word keys. Tell your students we call them this, because when you're really cool you say "Eh!" (long vowel sound of a). For fun hold up both your thumbs while holding your fingers in a fist (just like the Fonz from the old television show Happy Days) as you say "Eh!".
Note: This makes the "ai" key a mouse key and a cool word key. If you think this is too confusing for your students just review the two keys and leave the "ai" key only on the mouse chart and the "ay" key only on the word family chart. I like to do it this way in addition to the other ways for the purpose of teaching the placement of these word keys as shown in the rules below.
ai says long "a" sound and comes at the beginning and in the middle of words. Example: rain
ay says long "a" sound and comes at the end of words.
Example: day


## Phonetic Rules:

ai says long "a" sound and comes at the beginning and in the middle of words. Example: rain
ay says long "a" sound and comes at the end of words.
Example: day
Sample Exercise \& Answer Key

| "ai" and "ay" Cool Word Keys /15 <br> Name $\qquad$ Read the words. Circle the word keys and print them on the lines. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
| 1. aid | 6. chain | 11. waist |
| 2. bay | 7. play | 12. pay |
| 3. clay | 8. stray | 13. tray |
| 4. braid | 9. stain | 14. plain |
| 5. hay | 10. paint | 15. wail |


| Name $\qquad$ Read the words. Circle the word keys and print them on the lines. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
| 1. (aid ai | 6. Chain ch ai | 11. waist ai |
| 2. bay ay | 7. play ay | 12. pey ay |
| 3. clay dy | 8. stray ay | 13. $\operatorname{tr}(1 y$ ay |
| 4. braid ai | 9. staii ai | 14. plail ai |
| 5. hey dy | 10. paint ai | 15. wail) ai |



## Review Class Book made on Day 54:

Review the class book made of the family of "ay" by reading all the "ay" words on in the book and discussing their meanings.

Sample Page from the "Family of ay" class book:

| Family of ay |
| :--- |
| bay |
| bray |
| clay |
| day |
| dray |
| fray |
| gay |
| gray |
| hay |
| hooray |
| jay |
| lay |
| may |
| okay |
| pay |
| play |
| pray |
| ray |
| say |
| slay |
| spray |
| stay |
| stray |
| tray |
| way |



## Days 121 to 125: The "F" Copycat Word Keys of "ph" and "gh"

The next word keys we will introduce are the "ph" and "gh" word keys. We have already taught that "gh" is silent when it comes in the middle of words. Today we will learn that "ph" copycats the " f " sound anywhere in a word, and "gh" usually copycats the " f " sound when it comes at the end of a word. The words which contain "gh" at the end are words in which the vowel word keys break the rules and make unusual sounds such as the "ou" in "cough". The "ou" in "cough" makes the short " 0 " sound instead of the pinch letter sound in "shout". These words have been introduced as sight words throughout the Smart Start program for that very reason. Therefore, it is imperative that the word key exercises be worked through together as a class in order to teach these challenging words.

## Ph \& Gh Copycat Word Keys <br> gh


phone

cough

## Phonetic Rules:

ph says " f " sound and comes anywhere in a word.
Examples: phone, dolphin, triumph
gh usually says " f " sound at the end of words.
Example: cough Common Exceptions are: though, through, sigh, high
Sample Exercise \& Answer Key (Practice decoding together)

|  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Name $\qquad$ Read the words. Circle the word keys and print them on the lines. |  |  |
| 1. alphabet | 6. orphan | 11. typhoon |
| 2. cough | 7. gopher | 12. triumph |
| 3. elephant | 8. nephew | 13. trough |
| 4. tough | 9. rough | 14. autograph |
| 5. laugh | 10. enough | 15. dolphin |


| "ph" and "gh" Copycat Word Keys /15 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Name $\qquad$ Read the words. Circle the word keys and print them on the lines. |  |  |
| 1. al@habet ph | 6. Orphon or ph | 11. typhoon ph 00 |
| 2. ceugh ou gh | 7. go¢herph er | 12. trium@h ph |
| 3. eleehant ph | 8. ne(blew ph ew | 13. troughou gh |
| 4. teugh ou gh | 9. reuph ou gh | 14. autographau ph |
| 5. laugh au gh | 10. en®ugh ou | 15. dolphin ph |

## Days 129 to 131: "tion" word ending

The next word ending we will introduce is "tion" which says "shun" and comes at the end of words. This word ending as three meanings. It can mean "to act", "the condition/state of something" or "the process of something".


## Class Activity:

Make a book of the word ending "tion". List all the "tion" words on the chalkboard and discuss their meanings. For the cover of each book write "Word Ending of tion". Provide twenty-five blank pages. For the book write down all the "tion" words leaving room on the paper for drawing a picture. Divide the children into as many groups as there are "tion" words. Have each group of children take their "tion" word and draw an illustration of the meaning of the word beside it. Collect all the papers in and bind the book together in alphabetical order to create a class book of the word ending of "tion". This activity will build vocabulary and reinforce the spelling and reading of the "tion" word ending. It also creates a quick review of the "tion" word ending at any time.

|  | SOme tion words |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| action | foundation | relaxation <br> admiration |
| aeneration | separation |  |
| atraction | graduation | situation |
| collection | hesitation | transportation |
| concentration | illustration |  |
| correction | information |  |
| creation | medication |  |
| decoration | occupation |  |
| demonstration | operation |  |
| education | population |  |
| election | preparation |  |
| fire station | protection |  |

## Sample Page from the "Word ending of tion" class book:



## Days 132 to 134: Contractions

Contractions are two words joined together to form one word using an apostrophe. The second word will be: not, will, are, or have. The "not" would be changed to n't.
The "will" would be changed to 'll. The "are" would be changed to 're. The "have" would be changed to 've.

## Class Activity

Divide the class into two teams and line up at the chalkboard. Give the first member of each team two words to change into a contraction. The first team member to correctly change the two words into a contraction and write the contraction on the chalkboard gets a point. Then the next two team members take a turn and so on. The team with the most points wins. This is a fun drill and can be used for review.

## Contractions

| are not | aren't |
| :--- | :--- |
| is not | isn't |
| can not | can't |
| do not | don't |
| will not | won't |
| could not | couldn't |
| should not | shouldn't |
| would not | wouldn't |
| has not | hasn't |
| have not | haven't |
| I will | I'll |
| you will | you'll |
| they will | they'll |
| we will | we'll |
| you are | you're |
| they are | they're |
| we are | we're |
| I have | I've |
| you have | you've |
| they have | they've |

## Day 135: Compound Words

Compound words are two words joined together to form a new word with a new meaning. Example: "snow" and "man" can be joined to make "snowman".

## Class Activity:

Give each child a card which is folded into three parts. The two outer parts should fold to meet in the middle as shown below. When folded shut the card should look like the second diagram

| fold line |  | fold line |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | DIAGRAM 1 |  |
|  |  |  |

Inside of Completed Card


Outside of Completed Card


Brainstorm compound words on the board. Have each child make several compound word cards by writing and illustrating the two words separately on the front flaps of the card. Then have them draw a single illustration of a compound word on the center of the inside of the card as shown above. There is a list of compound words on the next page. These cards can be hole punched and put on a metal ring for review. This activity can be done for a number of days to reinforce the concept and add to the knowledge of compound words.



## Days 139 \& 140: The "kn" and "wr" silent letter word keys

The next word keys we will introduce are the "wr" and "kn" silent letter word keys. During these two days we will learn that when "kn" comes at the beginning of words the " $k$ " is silent, and that when "wr" comes at the beginning of words the " $w$ " is also silent.

## Phonetic Rules:

wr comes at the beginning of words and says "r"
Example: write
kn comes at the beginning of words and says " $n$ "
Example: know

## wr \& kn Silent Letter Word Keys


know

## Phonetic Rules:

wr comes at the beginning of words and says " $r$ " Example: write
kn comes at the beginning of words and says " n " Example: know
Sample Exercise \& Answer Key

| Name $\qquad$ Read the words. Circle the word keys and print them on the lines. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
| 1. knapsack | 6. wreak | 11. knock |
| 2. knee | 7. wrestle | 12. knew |
| 3. wrap | 8. knife | 13. wrist |
| 4. wrench | 9. knight | 14. wrote |
| 5. knelt | 10. wrong | 15. knuckle |


| Name $\qquad$ Read the words. Circle the word keys and print them on the lines. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
| 1. Knapsa¢kkn c | 6. vreak wr | 11.6nOck kn ck |
| 2. Knee kn ee | 7. Wrestle wr | 12. knew kn ew |
| 3. Wrap wr | 8. Knife kn | 13. Wrist wr |
| 4. Wrench wr ch | 9.(6night kn gh | 14. Wrote/ wr |
| 5. Knelt kn | 10. Wrong wr | 15. knuckle kn |


Word Key exercises are designed to help the students master the word keys presented by the teacher in the reading lessons. The goal for the children is to find and circle the word keys (digraphs, diphthongs, r-controlled vowels, variant consonants (ce, ci, cy, ge, gi, gy) prior to decoding. Regular practice teaches the children to automatically search with ease for word keys prior to decoding in their reading of lengthier materials. Without this strengthening process, the children will usually try to decode the word without applying any strategies because they may know the keys, but they aren't used to searching for them. Once the word keys have been circled the children decode them with a partner to practice their decoding of the word keys within words. Please note that the word key exercises for long vowels (ee, ea, oa, ai) are found in the book Smart Start in Language Arts.
The purpose of the "Fixing Misspelled Word Sheets" is to help the children master the correct placement of the word keys and other spelling rules. In these exercises the children identify why the word is misspelled according to the rules they have learned and fix the problem by spelling the word correctly. There are more of these exercises in the book Smart Start in Language Arts.
If you find through the assessment that children who enter late into your classroom have not learned any of the word keys, introduce them verbally and then use these word key exercises to catch them up. It is amazing how quickly many children have caught up or solved decoding difficulties using such a simple process.

## Word Key Exercises

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| Regular and Bumper Words |  |  | Regular and Bumper Words |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Name | $B=$ bumper (long vowel with silent e) |  | Name | $\mathrm{B}=$ bumper (long vowel with silente) |  |
| $\mathrm{R}=$ regular vowel |  |  | $\mathrm{R}=$ regular vowel |  |  |
| 1. clip _r | 6. fumed | 11. crust | 1. whip | 6. piled | 11. rust |
| 2. ducks__r_ | 7. clock | 12. chimes | 2. kicks | 7. stock | 12. times |
| 3. raked__b | 8. scraps | 13. voted | 3. baked | 8. traps | 13. holed |
| 4. munched | 9. lakes | 14. drum | 4. crunched | 9. wakes | 14. slum |
| 5. flakes | 10. flush | 15. lined | 5. shakes | 10. crush | 15. fined |
| Regular and Bumper Words |  |  | Regular and Bumper Words |  |  |
| $R=\text { regular vowel }$ | $\mathrm{B}=$ bumper (long vowel with silent e) |  | $R=\text { regular vowel }$ | $\mathrm{B}=$ bumper (long vowel with silent e) |  |
| 1. flip | 6. slipped | 11. crust | 1. trip | 6. flames | 11. just |
| 2. sticks | 7. stuck | 12. crimes | 2. clucks | 7. crack | 12. robes |
| 3. biked | 8. flaps | 13. joked | 3. faked | 8. scabs | 13. pruned |
| 4. dumped | 9. chokes | 14. plum | 4. bunches | 9. whales | 14. glum |
| 5. glides | 10. blush | 15. whined | 5. stakes | 10. fish | 15. wiped |
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| Regular and Bumper Words |  |  | Regular and Bumper Words |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Name | $\mathrm{B}=$ bumper (long vowel with silent e) |  | Name |  | /15 |
| $\mathrm{R}=$ regular vowel |  |  | $\mathrm{R}=$ regular vowel | $B=$ bumper (long vowel with silent e) |  |
| 1. slip | 6. doted | 11. rust | 1. ship | 6. tiled | 11. rust |
| 2. jacks | 7. shock | 12. times | 2. licks | 7. clock | 12. times |
| 3. baked | 8. plucks | 13. doted | 3. taped | 8. maps | 13. holed |
| 4. crunched | 9. lanes | 14. plum | 4. hunched | 9. takes | 14. slum |
| 5. miles | 10. hush | 15. mined | 5. vines | 10. brush | 15. fined |
| Regular and Bumper Words |  |  | Regular and Bumper Words |  |  |
| Name $\qquad$ $R=$ regular vowe | $\mathrm{B}=$ bumper (long vowel with silent e) |  | Name $\qquad$ <br> $R=$ regular vowel | $B=$ bumper (long vowel with silent e) |  |
| 1. slip | 6. flipped | 11. rust | $1 . \mathrm{flip}$ | 6. blames | 11. just |
| 2. risk | 7. truck | 12. chimes | 2. trucks | 7. nine | 12. robes |
| 3. hiked | 8. slaps | 13. choked | 3. raked | 8. tabs | 13. pruned |
| 4. bumped | 9. strokes | 14. slum | 4. lumps | 9. fame | 14. glum |
| 5. slides | 10. slush | 15. mined | 5. cones | 10. dish | 15. wiped |
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 Name $\qquad$ Read the words. Circle the word keys \& print or count them on the lines. See examples below of printing/counting.

| 1. ark_1_ | 6. after | 11. dirt | 1. car | 6. herb | 11. birth |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. pereh)2 | 7. blur | 12. charm | 2. torch | 7. blurf | 12. chart |
| 3. clerk er | 8. quirk | 13. chore | 3. perch | 8. mirth | 13. pork |
| 4. nurse | 9. hurt | 14. market | 4. purse | 9. start | 14. persist |
| 5. offer | 10. firm | 15. record | 5. shirt | 10. horse | 15. hurl |


| 1. ©rk_1_ | 6. after | 11. dirt |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. p®reh $2^{2}$ | 7. blur | 12. charm |
| 3. clerk er | 8. quirk | 13. chore |
| 4. nurse | 9. hurt | 14. market |
| 5. offer | 10. firm | 15. record |
| r-controlled Word Keys /15 |  |  |
| Name $\qquad$ Read the words. Circle the word keys \& print or count them on the lines. |  |  | Name $\qquad$ Read the words. Circle the word keys \& print or count them on the lines.

1. park
2. mermaid
3. stir $\qquad$ 1. barn $\qquad$ 6. serve $\qquad$ 11. chirp__
4. short $\qquad$ 7. slur $\qquad$ 12. dark $\qquad$
5. cork $\qquad$
6. curb $\qquad$
7. harp $\qquad$
8. perk $\qquad$
9. birch
10. fork $\qquad$
11. enter $\qquad$
12. squirt
13. snore $\qquad$
14. surf $\qquad$
15. cart $\qquad$
16. yard $\qquad$
17. score $\qquad$
18. first
$\qquad$
19. turn $\qquad$ 9. scar $\qquad$ 14. thirst $\qquad$
20. person
$\qquad$ Read the words. Circle the Name $\qquad$ Read the words. Circle the word keys \& print or count them on the lines. word keys \& print or count them on the lines.
21. bloom $\qquad$ 6. blue $\qquad$ 11. new $\qquad$ 1. moose $\qquad$ 6. fruit $\qquad$ 11. grew $\qquad$
22. fruit
23. pool
24. clue $\qquad$ 2. true
25. about $\qquad$ 12. blow $\qquad$
26. flew $\qquad$ 8. suit $\qquad$ 13. rooster $\qquad$ 3. clown $\qquad$ 8. roost $\qquad$ 13. due $\qquad$
27. jewel___
28. duel $\qquad$ 14. threw
29. knew $\qquad$ 9. house $\qquad$ 14. shower $\qquad$
30. boot $\qquad$ 10. mew $\qquad$ 15. glue $\qquad$ 5. flow $\qquad$ 10. proof
31. chew $\qquad$

Scary Word Keys / 15
Name $\qquad$ Read the words. Circle the word keys \& print or count them on the lines.

Name $\qquad$ Read the words. Circle the word keys \& print or count them on the lines.

1. room $\qquad$ 6. cue $\qquad$ 11. fruit $\qquad$ 1. droop $\qquad$ 6. suit $\qquad$ 11. gruel__
2. newt $\qquad$ 7. pout $\qquad$
3. show $\qquad$
4. crew
5. count
6. grow $\qquad$
7. flower $\qquad$ 8. moose
8. Sue $\qquad$ 3. owl $\qquad$ 8. gloom
9. cruel $\qquad$
10. renew $\qquad$ 9. couch $\qquad$ 14. round $\qquad$ 4. stew $\qquad$ 9. hound
11. crowd $\qquad$
12. slow $\qquad$
13. growl $\qquad$
14. stew $\qquad$ 5. shown $\qquad$ 10. doom $\qquad$ 15. threw $\qquad$
 Name $\qquad$ Read the words. Circle the word keys \& print or count them on the lines.

Name $\qquad$ Read the words. Circle the word keys \& print or count them on the lines.

1. ice
$\qquad$ 6. gypsy__ 11. giant__
2. spice $\qquad$ 6. circus $\qquad$ 11. gentle $\qquad$
3. cinder $\qquad$ 7. cigar $\qquad$ 12. center $\qquad$ 2. $\mathrm{gym}_{\text {_ }}$
4. city $\qquad$ 12. cycle $\qquad$
5. age $\qquad$ 8. face $\qquad$ 13. giraffe $\qquad$ 3. rage $\qquad$ 8. lace $\qquad$ 13. germ $\qquad$
6. ginger $\qquad$ 9. cymbal $\qquad$ 14. cagy $\qquad$ 4. gem $\qquad$ 9. cylinder $\qquad$ 14. page $\qquad$
7. fancy $\qquad$ 10. cereal $\qquad$ 15. gentle $\qquad$ 5. civil $\qquad$ 10. gelatin $\qquad$ 15. dice $\qquad$

S and J Copycat Word Keys / 15
Name $\qquad$ Read the words. Circle the word keys \& print or count them on the lines.

S and J Copycat Word Keys / 15
Name $\qquad$ Read the words. Circle the word keys \& print or count them on the lines.

1. rage $\qquad$ 6. pace $\qquad$ 11. dirt $\qquad$ 1. page $\qquad$ 6. sledge $\qquad$ 11. citrus $\qquad$
2. spice $\qquad$ 7. blur $\qquad$ 12. cylinder $\qquad$ 2. slice $\qquad$ 7. general
3. gypsy $\qquad$
4. pace $\qquad$ 8. cage $\qquad$ 13. gesture $\qquad$ 3. rice $\qquad$ 8. cage $\qquad$ 13. race $\qquad$
5. edge $\qquad$ 9. mice $\qquad$
6. giraffe $\qquad$
7. giant $\qquad$ 9. dice $\qquad$ 14. cycle $\qquad$
8. gypsy 10. city $\qquad$
9. wedge $\qquad$
10. germ $\qquad$ 10. gym
11. ledge $\qquad$
 Name $\qquad$ Read the words. Circle the word keys \& print or count them on the lines. Name $\qquad$ Read the words. Circle the word keys \& print or count them on the lines.

| 1. haul | 6. law | 11. avoid | 1. Roy | 6. haunt | 11. dawn |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. fawn | 7. boil | 12. toy | 2. fault | 7. draw | 12. boil |
| 3. join | 8. joy | 13.autumn | 3. crawl | 8. choice | 13. loyal |
| 4. boy | 9. fault__1 | 4. flaw | 4. disappoint__ 9. toy__ |  | 14. because |
| 5. author | 10. claw | 15. foil | 5. boy | 10. caught | 15. yawn |
| Doctor and Piglet Word Keys /15 Name $\qquad$ Read the words. Circle the word keys \& print or count them on the lines. |  |  | Doctor and Piglet Word Keys / 15$\qquad$ Read the words. Circle the eys \& print or count them on the lines. |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. coil | 6. destroy | 11. daughter | 1. bawl | 6. broil | 11. joy |
| 2. royal | 7. fault | 12. straw | 2. avoid | 7. loyal | 12. laundry |
| 3. August | 8. straw | 13. joint | 3. toy | 8. flaunt | 13. crawl |
| 4. lawn | 9. oil | 14. employ | 4. fault | 9. thaw | 14. voice |
| 5. coin | 10. toy | 15. gaudy | 5. jaw | 10. choice | 15. convoy |
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Name $\qquad$ Read the words. Circle the Name $\qquad$ Read the words. Circle the word keys \& print or count them on the lines.

1. wrack $\qquad$ 6. wrong $\qquad$ 11. knot $\qquad$ 1. knap $\qquad$ 6. knife $\qquad$ 11. knit $\qquad$
2. knee $\qquad$ 7. knight $\qquad$ 12. wrist $\qquad$
3. wrinkle $\qquad$ 3. wrong $\qquad$ 8. know $\qquad$ 13. knee $\qquad$
4. know $\qquad$ 8. wrung _
5. wren $\qquad$ 14. knob $\qquad$ 4. knit $\qquad$ 9. wrote $\qquad$ 14. wretch $\qquad$
6. knit $\qquad$ 10. knock $\qquad$ 15. wrench $\qquad$ 5. wrath $\qquad$ 10. known
7. knoll $\qquad$
Mixed Word Keys
/ 15
Name $\qquad$ Read the words. Circle the word keys \& print or count them on the lines.

Name $\qquad$ Read the words. Circle the word keys \& print or count them on the lines.

1. ark $\qquad$ 6. coil $\qquad$ 11. know $\qquad$ 1. bicycle $\qquad$ 6. destroy $\qquad$ 11. winner $\qquad$
2. porch
3. joy $\qquad$ 12. trace $\qquad$ 2. $9 y m$
4. face $\qquad$ 12. charm $\qquad$
5. clerk $\qquad$ 8. Iawn $\qquad$ 13. age $\qquad$ 3. daughter $\qquad$ 8. cinder 13. chore $\qquad$
6. nurse $\qquad$ 9. faun $\qquad$
7. giraffe $\qquad$
8. cider $\qquad$ _
9. write $\qquad$


Fix the misspelled
words.
Name_
puf $=$
mise $=$
folde $=$
waje $=$
tor $=$
nite $=$
fixs $=$
funcshun =____
Add ing to these short
vowel words which end in
one consonant.
10. trim=
11. chat=
12. hum =___

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| Fix the misspelled |
| :--- |
| words. |
| Name |
| ful = full |
| spise = spice |
| childe = child |
| paje = page |
| cor= core |
| mite = might |
| punchs= punches |
| acshun = action |
| Add ing to these short |
| vowel words which end in |
| one consonant. |
| 1. pop= popping |
| 2. sit= sitting |
| 3. tan= tanning |


| Fix the misspelled |
| :--- |
| words. |
| Name |
| puf = puff |
| mise = mice |
| folde = fold |
| waje = wage |
| tor = tore |
| nite = night |
| fixs = fixes |
| funcshun = function |
| Add ing to these short |
| vowel words which end in |
| one consonant. |
| 1. trim= trimming |
| 2. chat= chatting |
| 3. hum = humming |

Fix the misspelled
words.
Name
fiz = fizz
lise = lice
wilde = wild
caje = cage
site = sight
bor = bore
tabl = table
lov = love
Add ing to these short
vowel words which end in
one consonant.

1. stop= stopping
2. hit = hitting
$3 . ~ j o g=$ jogging
3

| Fix the misspelled |
| :--- |
| words. |
| Name |
| fus = fuss |
| nise = nice |
| raje = rage |
| tite = tight |
| giv = give |
| mor = more |
| milde = mild |
| fabl = fable |
| Add ing to these short |
| vowel words which end in |
| one consonant. |
| 1. hop= hopping |
| 2. fall= falling |
| 3. sit = sitting |

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| Fix the misspelled words. <br> Name $\qquad$ <br> pul = $\qquad$ |
| :---: |
| dise $=$ |
| milde $=$ |
| caje $=$ |
| mor= |
| brite= |
| crunchs= |
| attenshun = |
| Add ing to these short vowel words which end in one consonant. |
| 1. $\mathrm{hop}=$ |
| 2. $\mathrm{fit}=$ |
| 3. run= |



| Fix the misspelled words. <br> Name $\qquad$ fiz = $\qquad$ |
| :---: |
| twise $=$ |
| wilde $=$ |
| engaje $=$ |
| lite $=$ |
| $\mathrm{bor}=$ |
| gabl = |
| giv $=$ |
| Add ing to these short vowel words which end in one consonant. |
| 1. hop= |
| 2. sit $=$ |
| 3. $\mathrm{jog}=$ |


| Fix the misspelled words. <br> Name $\qquad$ <br> fus = $\qquad$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| tite $=$ |  |  |  |
| liv = |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{cor}=$ |  |  |  |
| milde $=$ |  |  |  |
| cabl $=$ |  |  |  |
| Add ing to these short vowel words which end in one consonant. |  |  |  |
| 1. flop= |  |  |  |
| 2. call= |  |  |  |
| 3. hit = $\qquad$ |  |  |  |


| Fix the misspelled |
| :--- |
| words. |
| Name |
| pul = pull |
| dise = dice |
| milde = mild |
| caje= cage |
| mor= more |
| brite= bright |
| crunchs= crunches |
| attenshun = attention |
| Add ing to these short |
| vowel words which end in |
| one consonant. |
| 1. hop= hopping |
| 2. fit= fitting |
| 3. run= running |


Fix the misspelled
words.
Name
fus = fuss
slise = slice
waje = wage
tite = tight
liv = live
cor = core
milde = mild
cabl = cable
Add ing to these short
vowel words which end in
one consonant.

1. flop= flopping
2. call= calling
3. hit = hitting
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| Fix the misspelled words. <br> Name $\qquad$ <br> wil = $\qquad$ |
| :---: |
| rise $=$ |
| shoock $=$ |
| aje $=$ |
| cor $=$ |
| mite $=$ |
| punchs= |
| acshun = |
| Add ing to these short vowel words which end in one consonant. |
| 1. pop= |
| 2. sit= |
| 3. $\tan =$ |



Fix the misspelled
words.
Name
fus $=$
spise $=$
raje $=$
tite $=$
giv $=$
mor $=$
milde $=$
fabl $=$
Add ing to these short
vowel words which end in
one consonant.

1. hop= =___
2. fall=
3. sit = ___
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| Fix the misspelled |
| :--- |
| words. |
| Name |
| wil = will |
| rise = rice |
| shoock = shook |
| aje= age |
| cor= core |
| mite= might |
| punchs= punches |
| acshun = action |
| Add ing to these short |
| vowel words which end in |
| one consonant. |
| 1. pop= popping |
| 2. sit= sitting |
| 3. tan= tanning |


Fix the misspelled
words.
Name
fus = fuss
spise = spice
raje = rage
tite = tight
giv = give
mor =more
milde = mild
fabl = fable
Add ing to these short
vowel words which end in
one consonant.

1. hop= hopping
2. fall= falling
3. sit =sitting
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