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# **Phonics 2a**Intermediate Level

Blends, Digraphs, Rhyming, Diphthongs, Antonyms, Homonyms, Synonyms, Compound Words, Reading, Spelling & More

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## **Phonics 2a: Overview/Helpful Tips**

(Appropriate for Grades 1 - 3, target grades 1 - 2)

#### Dear Teachers:

It is through you that students inherit their love of reading. The more children read, the more they will understand that there are rules about words that are an important aspect of reading. These rules will help the students perfect their reading skills and prepare them for the magical world of books that awaits them.

By playing Phonics 2a, your class will learn all about:

- Beginning reading
- Blends
- Digraphs
- Diphthongs
- Compound Words
- Rhyming words
- Antonyms
- Synonyms
- Homonyms
- And more!!!!!!

While we pride ourselves on making our courses easy-to-use and user friendly, we believe that our courses are most effective when used with the guidance of a teacher or a parent.

Phonics 2a includes all the components necessary for effective learning:

- 1. Instruction in the form of animated songs and/or interactive stories
- 2. "Learn the Words" and Speed Round to build the vocabulary needed to complete the activity or game
- 3. Engaging Activity or Game a fun way to use the letters, sounds or words used in the lesson
- 4. Pre-Test and Post-Test proof of progress and mastery of the lesson
- 5. The Super Star Motivational and Data Tracking System
- 6. Teacher Features to give teachers the controls and reports they need

**Instruction** – Phonics 2a gives features 8 instructional and wonderful songs from Twin Sisters. Music can be a powerful tool to help students learn. In Phonics 2a students have the option of listening to a song or an animated presentations from our Super Star Kids. There is no tracking of right or wrong responses in the presentations or songs. Once a student completes listening to a song or a presentation, they will earn a gold star. This makes it very easy to earn some gold stars. The student can listen to both, but only one is required for a gold star.

Our instructional presentations or songs make learning fun and easy. Many kids love to sing-a-long with the songs, but for those who are "too grown-up", we offer the animated presentations.

**"Learn the Words" and Speed Round -** Teachers (or parents) can be most useful in helping kids with the parts of the lessons that are most difficult or not as much fun. Some kids find that our "Learn the Words" and Speed Rounds are not as much fun as the games. Hard to believe!

Our "Learn the Words" and Speed Rounds are one of the most unique and important component of our courses. These activities not only prepare kids for the games or activities that follow, but they show how words are formed from sounds and we give kids an opportunity to relate pictures to words. Our approach is a blended approach because we are using a combination of phonics sounds and whole words.

Here are some suggestions and tips for using our "Learn the Words" and Speed Rounds:

- If possible, make the "Learn the Words" and Speed Rounds a whole class activity (you may want to create a new user account for class presentations; you can make this account active or inactive as needed). If you can project the "Learn the Words" and Speed Rounds to a screen and lead the class through the words, asking the class to repeat the sounds and words, you will find that the kids will be more engaged. You can blend the sounds by moving through the sound boxes to hear how the sounds make the words. If your kids are old enough and good with the mouse, you can let them attempt to blend the sounds.
- When appropriate, let your kids complete the speed rounds by taking turns. For small classes you can let each kid complete the speed round. For larger classes you can create teams and let them take turns. You will find that this will encourage them to do the speed rounds on their own account.
- If a whole class activity is not possible or after the presentation when the kids are working on their own, work with the kids to make sure that they are not skipping over the "Learn the Words" and Speed Rounds. Show them how to listen to the words and sounds that make up the words and show them how to blend the sounds. Watch them complete the speed rounds and make sure that they complete the speed round to the required level before going on.
- Our "Speed Rounds" are basically timed flash cards that allow the student to build immediate recognition of the words and sounds. A cumulative point total of the "Speed Rounds" can be found by clicking on the "Speed Round" button from the "Super Star" page. Check the speed rounds tab to make sure that students are completing the speed rounds to the required level.
- Speed rounds are not required to earn a silver or gold star certificate of achievement. Students are encouraged to score 15 points or higher before going to the game. You can make the courses progressive, thus requiring completion of the speed rounds.

**Engaging Activity or Game** – Each animated story and "Learn the Words" with a Speed Round is followed by an activity or a game. We hear it all the time how much the kids love Super Star and our activities and games are the reason why.

Students who go directly to the games may find that they don't know the words or have the skills required to complete the games. If necessary, teachers can make the course progressive to require the student to complete each part of the lesson before going on.

Another reason that our activities and games are among the best is that we offer a wide variety of games and game types. Our games not only require knowledge of the lesson objectives, but require problem solving and critical thinking. If a student is unable to complete an activity of game to the gold star level on the first try, they can repeat until they do earn a gold star. Teachers also have the ability to set the game level difficulty, so that the games are appropriate for the student.

We also suggest that whenever possible, the activities and games also be used as a whole class activity or competition. We make several suggestions in our lessons to encourage teachers to use different methods of using our games as a whole class activity. When teachers are able to do this, it takes our lessons to a much higher level of engagement and fun, making the class and school exciting.

The main objective of the songs, activities, and games is to engage the student in learning and give the student a way of applying and using the knowledge they have gained in the lesson. We love to hear that students are learning, but they think they are just playing games. "Your kids will love learning with Super Star!" Isn't that what is all about, developing a love of learning?

**Pre-Test and Post-Tests program** – Phonics 2a is really two programs; the instructional program and a Pre-Test and Post-Test program. We highly recommend that you take advantage of our pre and post-tests. These tests assess and give you a detailed report of each student's ability before and after they use our instructional program. All of the Pre-Tests should be given to your students prior to using our program, and the Post-Tests after. There are 8 sections and 25 random questions in each section. The student has a maximum of 2 minutes to complete each section, but if they complete the 25 questions before the 2 minutes is up that section will end, so the tests should not take longer than 20 minutes to complete. Once a student completes a segment, a check will appear on the main menu showing the pre-test was completed. A student cannot retake a pre-test but can retake a post-test. If a student retakes a post-test, only the last results will show.

The Pre-Test can be an important tool to determine if the student is ready for Phonics 2a or if the student has already mastered the lessons of Phonics 2a. Phonics 2a does require that students have some reading skills. If they are unable to complete the Pre-Test or

complete it below a random guessing level, you should consider starting them in a lower level course.

To view the Pre-Test and Post-Test results, you will need to login using your teacher account and access the Student Management section from the Teachers & Admins button on the main contents screen of Phonics 2a.

**Super Star Motivation and Tracking System** - This is a simple and effective way to keep track of your students as they progress through the activities. It keeps track of their right and wrong answers. By using positive reinforcement and a star system, students are provided with incentives to get the correct answers. If students complete an activity with some incorrect answers, they will earn a Silver Star. If the activity is completed to a very high level, they earn a Gold Star.

The Silver, and Gold stars that they have earned are displayed on the Super Star page along with the student's name. The idea is stellar: students will go for the Gold as they successfully complete activities and master Phonics 2a - Intermediate Level!

If a student wants to earn a Gold Star on an activity where a Silver Star was earned, they can click on the star and they can replay the activity. This motivational system allows teachers to track an individual student's progress. With your permission, once a student has a star on every page, they can print out the Silver Star, or Gold Star Certificate, depending on their accomplishments.

Teachers can also access the "Super Star" page by clicking on the "Star" button at the bottom center of any page. Other buttons show the Speed Round scores, the lesson view progress and the detailed progress page. More information is available in the back of this guide.

# **Teacher Features Navigation:**

With you, the teacher, in mind, we have created a simple and intuitive program. Although the English language can be difficult and confusing, we have broken the process of reading into easy to learn steps. We developed the program so that almost any child can use the program successfully with a minimum amount of supervision. However, the program is most effective when teachers supervise their class while using this program.

Simply use the "Next" and "Back" buttons to navigate through the program. You can also use the buttons on the Table of Contents screen. Organized like a traditional book, the first set of buttons takes you to the major sections, while the smaller buttons takes you to individual pages of this "electronic" book. You can always return to the main page of the Table of Contents by clicking on the "Contents" button. While we have provided these "easy to use" navigation systems, most students will eventually learn that they can easily

navigate the program by using our "Super Star" page, by clicking on the star in the bottom center of the page and then clicking on a star to go to that activity.

### **Class Management System:**

In most cases, teachers are allowed (managed by the site administrator) to manage their classes. Teachers can then add or remove the courses that are assigned to the class and add or remove students assigned to the class. Teachers can also create sub-classes and add students and courses to the sub-class so that students can have access to the courses that are most appropriate to them. Teachers may also have the ability to add new students to their class or make students inactive if they leave the class.

**Student Management System:** The Student Management features can be accessed from the Teachers & Admins button found on the main contents screen of Phonics 2a. You must sign-in using your teacher account to access these features. From the Student Management screen, you have several options:

- Class Progress Course Report
- Class Pre-test and Post Test Report
- Feature Locks
- Users' Guide and Lesson Plans

You can read a complete explanation of each of these features in the Student Management section of this guide found near the end of the guide.

- Using your Super Star Online teacher account, be sure to explore our Teacher & Admins Resource course which has written and video tutorials of our teacher features.
- Our 8 instructional songs are fun to sing along in the classroom! Music and learning phonics go together like peanut butter and jelly! Be sure to break up the content into small, bite-sized pieces as your students learn phonics in each lesson every day.

**Print Pages:** Our courses feature many print pages which are designed to be a way for students to do the activities in our lessons on paper. You will find the print pages in each lesson of this guide or you can find them in our Student Management section of Phonics 2a. Teachers have permission to print any or all of the pages of this guide and the activity print pages for use in their classroom (teachers may not sell or make the pages available for commercial purposes). Some teachers like to print the activity pages and laminate them so they can be reused.

Have fun!

We congratulate you for your dedication in teaching children through the wonders of technology. We know you will love this program, please consider some of our other titles:

Letters and Numbers
Beginning Reading with Phonics

Silly Pictures
Silly Sentences

Phonics 1 a – Vowel Sounds

Phonics 1 b – Consonant Sounds

Phonics 2b – Intermediate Level II

Language Arts Review 3a – Advanced Level, with Sports

Language Arts Review 3b – Advanced Level II, with Sports

Spanish 1a with Phonics/ Inglés 1a con Fonética

Games of Math 1 – Addition and Money

Games of Math 2 – Subtraction and more

Games of Math 3 – Multiplication

Games of Math 4 – Division and Fractions

**Super Star Movies** 

Teachers and Admins Resources

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toll free: 800-460-7001 fax: 888-391-8415

Download our free app to help make it easier for students to sign-in: https://helpme2learn.com/school/apps

#### **WORD LISTS**

Kids can play, sing, and learn while using the Phonics 2a. They will also learn over 180 words!

Included in each lesson is a word list for each of the "Learn the Words" that you can use away-from-the-computer.

One recommendation would be to make a copy of each word list for your students. You can use these word lists at the end of each day to help build your students' vocabulary!.

At the end of the year, you can help your class build their very own vocabulary book to take home with them over the summer! They can compile these lists in a folder and bind them together. The students can decorate their book with crayons and color pencils. If you plan this activity to time out with the end of the year, a nice suggestion would be to present this to their parents at Open House or your year-end party.

Not only is it a nice gift, it's something your students will remember for a long time to come. Pat yourself on the back! You helped your class learn phonics, and turned your pre-readers into readers by teaching them to read special vocabulary words.

### **Lesson Plans for Phonics 2a**

## **Lesson 1: A Phonics Review**

- The Alphabet and Sounds
- Letters and Sounds
- Phonics Rules
- Sounding out Words
- Spelling

#### **OBJECTIVE**

The students will review their knowledge about basic phonics concepts with a little lesson from Scooter, Curly, Penny, Buddy and Jo. They will be prepared for more great phonics learning.

### **STANDARDS**

- Distinguish long from short vowel sounds in spoken single-syllable words.
- Recognize and read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.
- Decode regularly spelled one-syllable words.

#### **ACTIVITY**

All the students in the classroom have important information about the alphabet. Letters of the alphabet make sounds that make words. Most words follow the rules and sound the way they should. Words that don't sound like they look are called sight words and must be memorized.

Remind your students that the letters of the alphabets are very special. The vowels A, E, I, O, and U can make short or long sounds in words. Also the consonants have sounds. The consonants, C, G, and X make two different sounds and Y makes three sounds.

Click on the students in the classroom to hear about the alphabet and sounds. Then review the short and long vowel sounds, consonant sounds and special consonant sounds.

### OTHER RELATED ACTIVITIES

Divide your students into two teams. Take a round piece of cardboard and write SHORT on one side and LONG on the other side. Take turns and have the students spin the cardboard circle. If it lands on SHORT, everyone on that team needs to say a word with a short vowel in it. If it lands on LONG, everyone needs to say a long vowel word.

They get a tally mark for every correct answer. The play continues as the other team spins. The team with the most tally marks wins.

Divide your class into 3 or 4 teams. Write a consonant on the board. Have the students write as many words as they can that begin with the consonant. After five minutes have them read their list. The team with the most words wins. You can vary this game by having students write words that end with the consonant as well.

Sound sort: Write words with the different sounds for C, G, X, and Y. Have the students sort the words by sound on a pocket chart or on a table or floor.

# Lesson 2: Long and Short Vowels Review

• Review – Talking Letter Sounds – Vowels

#### **OBJECTIVE**

Review your knowledge about long and short vowels, the sounds they make and how they are used in words.

### **STANDARDS**

- Distinguish long from short vowel sounds in spoken single-syllable words.
- Decode regularly spelled one-syllable words.
- Know final-e and common vowel team conventions for representing long vowel sounds.

### **ACTIVITY**

Mouse over each of the letters to hear its vowel sound. Then you can click on the letter where you will hear the letter name, the sound it makes and how it is used in various words. See if your class can come up with more words for each vowel sound. Do this for both the long vowel and short vowel sounds.

If you want, you can click on the "Movie" button at the bottom where you will see the same presentation as if you clicked on all of the vowels consecutively. This is a great tool to use if you want to see and hear the vowel concepts taught all together without having to click on each one individually.

### **Lesson 3: One Sound Consonants Review**

• Review – Talking Letter Sounds – One Sound Consonants

### **OBJECTIVE**

Review your knowledge about one sound consonants and how they are used in words.

### **STANDARDS**

- Demonstrate basic knowledge of one-to-one letter-sound correspondences by producing the primary or many of the most frequent sound for each consonant.
- Decode regularly spelled one-syllable words.

### **ACTIVITY**

Mouse over each of the letters to hear its sound. Then you can click on the letter where you will hear the letter name, the sound it makes and how it is used in various words. See if your class can come up with more words for each consonant sound.

If you want, you can click on the "Movie" button at the bottom where you will see the same presentation as if you clicked on all of the letters consecutively. This is a great tool to use if you want to see and hear the one sound consonants taught all together without having to click on each one individually.

### **Lesson 4: Multi-sound Consonants Review**

• Review – Talking Letter Sounds – Multi-sound Consonants

### **OBJECTIVE**

Review your knowledge about Multi-sound consonants and how they are used in words.

### **STANDARDS**

• Decode regularly spelled one-syllable words.

### **ACTIVITY**

Mouse over each of the letters to hear its sound. Then you can click on the letter where you will hear the letter name, the sound it makes and how it is used in various words. See if your class can come up with more words for each multi-sound consonant.

If you want, you can click on the "Movie" button at the bottom where you will see the same presentation as if you clicked on all of the letters consecutively. This is a great tool to use if you want to see and hear the multi-sound consonants taught all together without having to click on each one individually.

### **Lesson 5: Consonant Blends sn, sk, gl, fr**

- Blends Are Consonant Friends song
- Learn the Words and Speed Round
- Consonant Blends sn sk gl fr game

### **OBJECTIVE**

The students will know what consonant blends are and will be able to read and write the blends sn, sk, gl, and fr.

### **STANDARDS**

- Orally produce single-syllable words by blending sounds (phonemes), including consonant blends.
- Isolate and pronounce initial, medial vowel, and final sounds (phonemes) in spoken single-syllable words.
- Segment spoken single-syllable words into their complete sequence of individual sounds (phonemes).
- Decode regularly spelled one-syllable words.
- Distinguish long and short vowels when reading regularly spelled single syllable words.

### **ACTIVITY**

You have three choices. You can play the "Blends Are Consonant Friends" song and encourage the students to sing along, or listen to the presentation, or both.

Click the "Next" button to go to the "Learn the Words" section. Slowly go over each word. First point to the picture, then to the whole word, and then put the curser over each sound in the word and have your students sound the words out along with the program. Be sure to point out to your students that all of the words have a consonant blend sound and have them practice consonant blend sounds with you. Click on "Next Word" and repeat instructions. When you see the "Speed Round" button click on it and then on "Start".

In the speed round section, have the students tell you which consonant blend is in the word shown, and then click on those letters and repeat until the time is up. You can call on individual students, the whole class, or split them into teams and make it a fun game.

Play the consonant blend game by dragging the correct consonant blend to fill in the blanks. You will hear the correct blend sounded out first and then it is up to the student to pick the right one. Pass out the "Consonant Blends" worksheet. (You can make copies of the worksheet provided in this manual, or print them out from your computer.) Have your students work on this for about 5-10 minutes. Go over the correct answers with them.

### **OTHER RELATED ACTIVITIES**

Write the target consonant blends at the top of the chalkboard or overhead projector. You can choose 3 or more at a time. Then write words that contain blends, leaving out the blends and inserting a blank, such as \_\_og (omitting fr). Have students choose the correct blend to put in the blank to make one or more words. Variation: Put these partial words on cards and write the blends on other cards so students can make words using a pocket chart.

Use the words from the consonant blend list and include other words with blends written on cards. Have your students sort the words by blend and read to words to each other.

### **Blends Are Consonant Friends**

In a consonant blend you hear two sounds. Each letter wants a turn. You see each letter, Hear each letter, Consonant blends are heard.

C and L, C and L, Like in clown and clock and clam, or cloud or class, click or clear, Consonant blends you hear.

S and T, S and T, Like in stop and stone and store, or step or star, stack or steer, Consonant blends you hear.

D and R. D and R, Like in drape and drill and drip, or drizzle, drive, drink and drum, Consonant blends are fun.

P and L, P and L, Like in plane and plant and plow, or planet, plum, please and play, Consonant blends - Hooray! S and N. S and N, Like in snake and snow and snore, or sniffle, snooze, snuggle, sneer, Consonant blends you hear!

F and R. F and R, Like in freeze and friend and frog, Or fragrant, frozen, fruit and free, Consonant blends are seen!

S and K, S and K, Like in skate and skirt and sky, or skid, or skip, skunk, or ski, Consonant blends are seen!

G and L, G and L, Like in glass and glide and glad, or glimmer, glove, glow and glue, Consonant blends are two. Consonant blends are two. Consonant blends are two. (two sounds!)

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# Learn the Words with consonant blends: sn, sk, gl and fr, used in Phonics 2a

### Consonant Blends (sn, sk, gl, fr)

skunk

frog

glass

skate

fruit

glue

snake

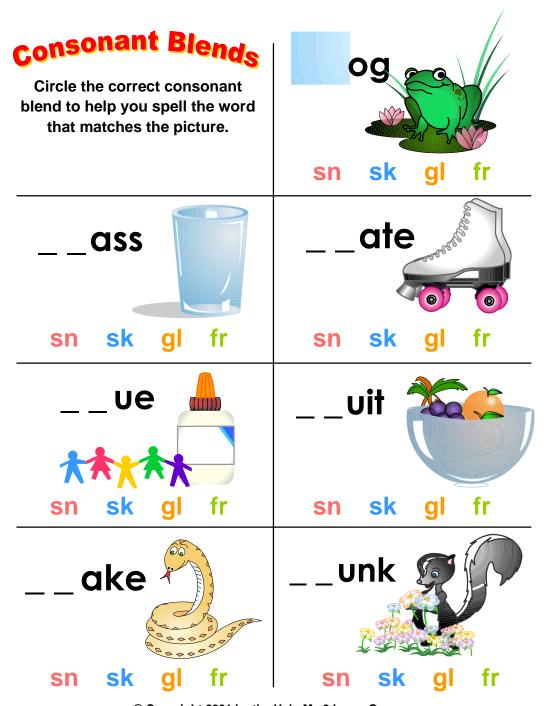
# Additional consonant blends used in the "Blends Are Consonant Friends" song

snow, snore, sniffle, snooze, snuggle and sneer,

freeze, friend, fragrant, frozen and free,

skirt, sky, skid, skip and ski,

glide, glad, glimmer, glove and glow



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### Lesson 6: Consonant Blends cl, pl, st, dr

- Learn the Words
- Consonants Blends cl pl st game

### **OBJECTIVE**

The students will be able to read and write the consonant blends cl, pl, st, and dr.

### **STANDARDS**

- Orally produce single-syllable words by blending sounds (phonemes), including consonant blends.
- Isolate and pronounce initial, medial vowel, and final sounds (phonemes) in spoken single-syllable words.
- Segment spoken single-syllable words into their complete sequence of individual sounds (phonemes).
- Decode regularly spelled one-syllable words.
- Distinguish long and short vowels when reading regularly spelled single-syllable words.

### **ACTIVITY**

Slowly go over each word in the "Learn the Words" section. First point to the picture, then to the whole word, and then put the curser over each sound in the word and have your students sound the words out along with the program. Be sure to point out to your students that all of the words have a consonant blend sound and have them practice consonant blend sounds with you. Click on "Next Word" and repeat instructions. When you see the "Speed Round" button click on it and then on "Start".

In the speed round section, have the students tell you which consonant blend is in the word shown, and then click on those letters and repeat until the time is up. You can call on individual students, the whole class, or split them into teams and make it a fun game.

Play the consonant blend game by dragging the correct consonant blend to fill in the blanks. You will hear the correct blend sounded out first and then it is up to the student to pick the right one.

Pass out the "Consonant Blends" worksheet. (You can make copies of the worksheet provided in this manual, or print them out from your computer.) Have your students work on this for about 5-10 minutes. Go over the correct answers with them.

### Learn the Words with consonant blends: cl, pl, st and dr, used in Phonics 2a

### **Consonant Blends (cl, pl, st, dr)**

drums

clown

star

stairs

plane

plant

dream

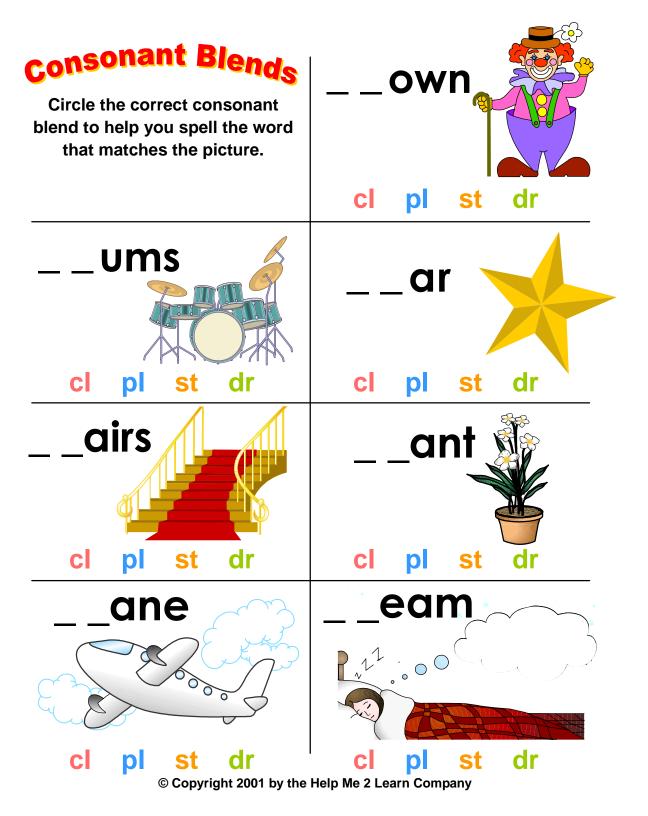
# Additional consonant blends used in the "Blends Are Consonant Friends" song.

stop, stone, store, step, stack and steer

clock, clam, cloud, class, click and clear,

drape, drill, drip, drizzle, drive and drink

plow, planet, plum, please and play



### **Lesson 7: Digraphs**

- Two Letters Are Hanging Around song
- Learn the Words (Buzz's Digraph Jukebox) and Speed Round
- The Digraph Game (Buzz)
- Learn the Words (Lilly's Digraph Jukebox) and Speed Round
- The Digraph Game (Lilly)

### **OBJECTIVE**

The students will be able to read and write the digraphs ch, qu, kn, sh, th, and wh.

### **STANDARDS**

- Know the spelling-sound correspondence for common consonant digraphs.
- Decode regularly spelled one-syllable words.
- Isolate and pronounce initial, medial vowel, and final sounds (phonemes) in spoken single-syllable words.
- Segment spoken single-syllable words into their complete sequence of individual sounds (phonemes).
- Distinguish long and short vowels when reading regularly spelled single-syllable words.

### **ACTIVITY**

You can play the "Two Letters Are Hanging Around" song for your class and encourage them to sing along, or listen to the presentation, or both.

Slowly go over each word in the "Learn the Words" section. First point to the picture, then to the whole word, and then put the curser over each sound in the word and have your students sound the words out along with the program. Be sure to point out to your students that all of the words contain digraphs and have them practice their digraphs with you. Click on "Next Word" and repeat instructions. When you see the "Speed Round" button click on it and then on "Start".

In the speed round section, have the students tell you the answers and then click on those letters or words and repeat until the time is up. You can call on individual students, the whole class, or split them into teams and make it a fun game.

In this activity, a word will be presented. If the word begins with a digraph, drag the word to the jukebox to see how well buzz and Lily can dance. If the word does not begin with a digraph, drag the word to the trashcan.

Pass out Buzz and Lily's digraph worksheets. (You can make copies of the worksheet provided in this manual, or print them out from your computer.) Have your students work on this for about 5-10 minutes. Go over the correct answers with them.

### **OTHER RELATED ACTIVITIES**

Create a paragraph with missing words that contain digraphs. Put a blank where the words belong and have the students help put the words in the paragraph.

Have students use the words from the digraph word list to use as flash cards. They can take turns reading the words and keep the card if they read it correctly. The student with the most cards wins.

### **Two Letters Are Hanging Around**

A digraph only makes one sound.

Although two letters are hanging around.

A digraph only makes one sound.

That is what I've found.

Sh, Sh, in sheep and ship. Sh, Sh, in shell and shoe. S and H together make A digraph with one sound.

Th, Th, in thin and thick.
Th, Th, in thank and thin.
T and H together make
A digraph with one sound.

Ch, Ch, in chair and chain. Ch, Ch in cheese and chalk. C and H together make A digraph with one sound.

Wh, Wh, in wheel and whale. Wh, Wh, in why and white. W and H together make A digraph with one sound.

Qu, Qu, in quack and quick. Qu, Qu, in quiet and queen. Q and U together make A digraph with one sound.

Kn, Kn, in knife and knee. Kn, Kn, in knot and know. K and N together make A digraph with one sound.

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# Learn the Words with digraphs sh, th and wh, used in Phonics 2a:

sheep whale thin \* show thick thank shell why ship white \* glass

- \* skate
- \* glove
- \* fruit

Additional digraphs used in the "Two Letters Are Hanging Around" song.

shoe, thin, and wheel

<sup>\*</sup> wrong answers







| sheep | skate | shell |
|-------|-------|-------|
| whale | shoe  | why   |
| glass | thick | fruit |
| thin  | glove | ship  |
| clown | thank | dream |

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# Words with digraphs sh, th and wh, used in Phonics 2a:

sheep whale thin \* show thick thank shell why ship white \* glass \* skate

\* glove \* fruit

# Additional digraphs used in the "Two Letters Are Hanging Around" song.

shoe, thin, and wheel

<sup>\*</sup> wrong answers







| chicken | star   | cheese |
|---------|--------|--------|
| drums   | knee   | quiet  |
| quack   | quick  | plane  |
| knife   | chalk  | queen  |
| clown   | stairs | know   |
| chain   | knot   | plant  |

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### **Lesson 8: Diphthongs**

- The Diphthong Song
- Learn the Words and Speed Round
- Diphthongs oi, oy, ew, au game

### **OBJECTIVE**

The students will be able to read and write the diphthongs oi, oy, ew, and au.

### **STANDARDS**

- Decode regularly spelled one-syllable words.
- Isolate and pronounce initial, medial vowel, and final sounds (phonemes) in spoken single-syllable words.
- Segment spoken single-syllable words into their complete sequence of individual sounds (phonemes).
- Know spelling-sound correspondence for additional common vowel teams.
- Recognize and read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.

### **ACTIVITY**

Play the "Diphthong" song for your class and encourage them to sing along, or listen to the presentation, or both.

Slowly go over each word in the "Learn the Words" section. First point to the picture, then to the whole word, and then put the curser over each sound in the word and have your students sound the words out along with the program. Be sure to point out to your students that all of the words contain diphthongs and have them practice their diphthongs with you. Click on "Next Word" and repeat instructions. When you see the "Speed Round" button click on it and then on "Start".

In the speed round section, have the students tell you the answers and then click on those letters or words and repeat until the time is up. You can call on individual students, the whole class, or split them into teams and make it a fun game.

In this activity, click on the correct letters to complete the diphthong in each word.

Pass out the diphthongs oi, oy, ew and au worksheet. (You can make copies of the worksheet provided in this manual, or print them out from your computer.) Have your students work on this for about 5-10 minutes. Go over the correct answers with them.

### **The Diphthong Song**

We have learned all the vowels and consonants too.

We have learned even blends and what letters can do.

But now it's time to explore in this song.

Listen as I tell you all about diphthongs.

Start with a vowel - Then add another.

O and I make a special sound, like in join and coin and oil and point.

We have learned all the vowels and consonants too.

We have learned even blends and what letters can do.

I want you to learn when a vowel is around,

How that vowel can make a special sound.

Let's start with E - Then W. E and W make a special sound, like in

flew and new and threw and grew.

We have learned all the vowels and consonants too.

We have learned even blends and what letters can do.

Vowels can make letters do funny things.

Listen and I'll show you just what I mean.

Let's take an A then add a U. A and U make a special sound, like in auto, auction, and author, too.

We have learned all the vowels and consonants too.

We have learned even blends and what letters can do.

Diphthongs are letters that make special sounds

When two little vowels start hangin' around.

Let's take an 0, then add a Y. O and Y make a special sound, like in toy and boy and even enjoy.

We have learned all the vowels and consonants, too.

We have learned even blends and what letters can do.

Now after we've sung this little bitty song.

We know all about those vowel diphthongs.

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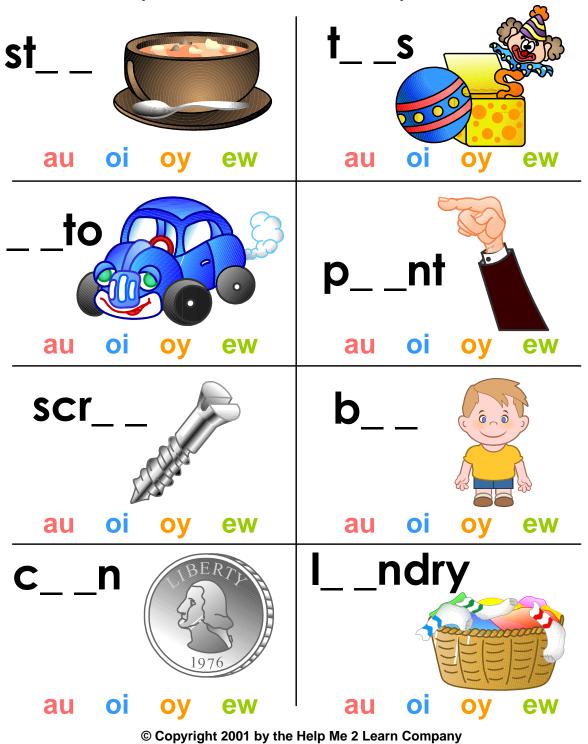
# Learn the Words with Diphthongs oi, oy, ew and au used in Phonics 2a

| coin  | auto    |
|-------|---------|
| point | laundry |
| voice | author  |
| noise | caught  |
| stew  | faucet  |
| screw | toys    |
| flew  | boy     |
| new   | enjoy   |
| threw | joy     |

### Additional diphthongs used in the "The Diphthong Song" song.

join, oil, flew, new, threw, grew, auction, author and enjoy

# Circle the correct diphthong to help you spell the word that matches the picture.



### **Lesson 9: Compound Words**

- The Butterfly and the Bullfrog Song
- Learn the Words and Speed Round
- Bullfrog and Butterfly Coloring

### **OBJECTIVE**

The students will be able to predict the meaning of compound words.

### **STANDARDS**

- Use knowledge of the meaning of individual words to predict the meaning of compound words.
- Decode two-syllable words following basic patterns by breaking the words into syllables.

#### **ACTIVITY**

Play the "Butterfly and the Bullfrog" song for your class and encourage them to sing along, or listen to the presentation, or both.

Slowly go over each word, in the "Learn the Words" section. First point to the picture, then to the whole word and then put the curser over each sound in the word, and have your students sound the words out along with the program. Be sure to point out to your students that all of the words are compound words and have them practice compound words with you. Click on "Next Word" and repeat instructions. When you see the "Speed Round" button click on it and then on "Start".

In the speed round section, have the students tell you the answers and then click on those letters or words and repeat until the time is up. You can call on individual students, the whole class, or split them into teams and make it a fun game.

In this activity, you will need to drag 2 of the words on the left to the blank spaces on the right. For example, the word "tooth" will need to be placed on the left blank space and the word "brush" will need to be placed on the right. When the compound word has been built correctly, it will appear behind the doors at the top.

The coloring activity is just for fun! There are no stars for the coloring activity.

Pass out the compound words worksheets. (You can make copies of the worksheet provided in this manual, or print them out from your computer.) Have your students work on this for about 5-10 minutes. Go over the correct answers with them.

#### OTHER RELATED ACTIVITIES

Divide your class into small teams. Tell them to think of as many compound words as they can. Have them write their compound words on a piece of paper. After five minutes have each team read the words to the class and give them a point for each correct compound word. The team with the most words wins.

Play the Clue Game. The teacher or students give clues and everyone else guesses what compound word they are thinking of. For example: I'm thinking of something you build in the winter.

(Snowman). The student with the right answer can give the next clue.

### The Butterfly and the Bullfrog

The butterfly and bullfrog lived outside

And ate popcorn in the summertime. They played hopscotch most any place or time

And chased a dragonfly.

They chased a dragonfly, And a grasshopper, my, oh my. Anywhere, anyplace or anytime, They chased a dragonfly.

Now the dragonfly, he said to the butterfly!

"Meet me in the highlands along the hillside.

You can't chase me and grasshopper all the time

So meet me at the hillside."

The grasshopper will be right by my side.

So meet me at the hillside."

The butterfly and bullfrog went halfway.

Turned around and went downhill so far away.

These scaredy-cats were overcome with fear.

Decided to just stay clear.

They decided to just stay clear.

For the dragonfly they now feared. These scaredy-cats were overcome with fear.

And decided to just stay clear.

But the dragonfly knew just where to find them both,
Hidden along the wetland's overgrowth.
He ran and scared the socks off the butterfly
And the bullfrog started to cry.

The bullfrog started to cry,
And the butterfly, my, oh my.
The dragonfly, knew just where to
find them both,
Near the wetland's overgrowth.

The butterfly and bullfrog had learned a lot.
Chasing dragonflies they now would not.

They all made friends and played outside

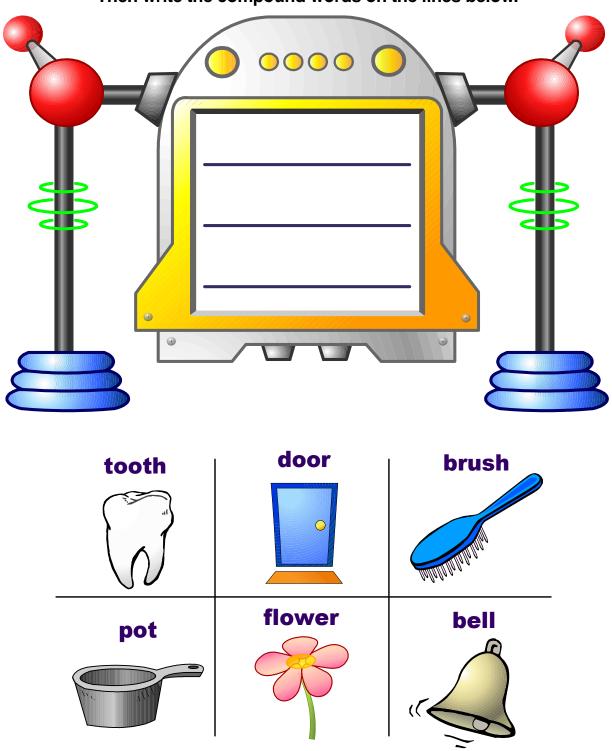
And ate popcorn in the summertime.

They ate popcorn in the summertime,
Made friends and played outside.
The butterfly and bullfrog had learned a lot
And never chased a dragonfly.

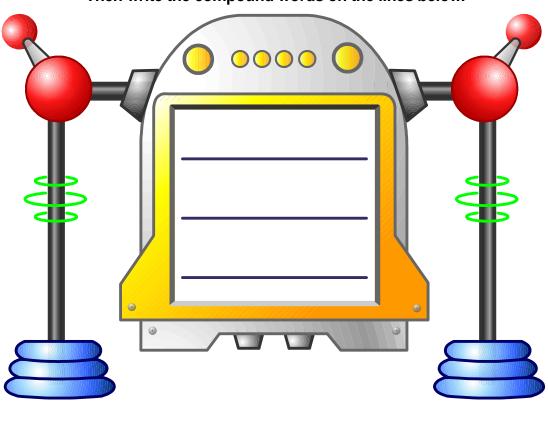
# Learn the Words with Compound Words used in Phonics 2a

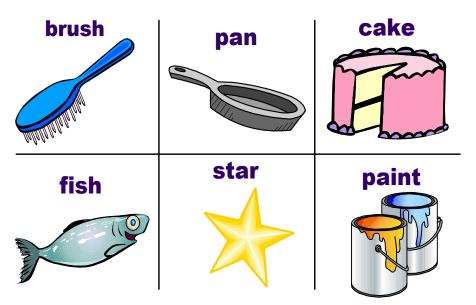
Toothbrush flowerpot doorbell mailbox basketball cupcake pancake paintbrush starfish candlestick dollhouse firefly

Draw a line between each pair of words that make up a compound word. Then write the compound words on the lines below.



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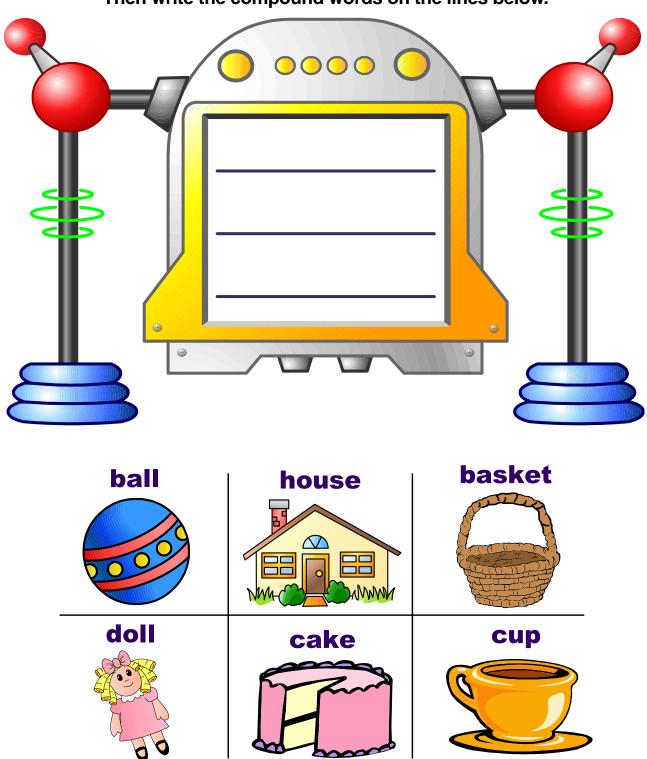




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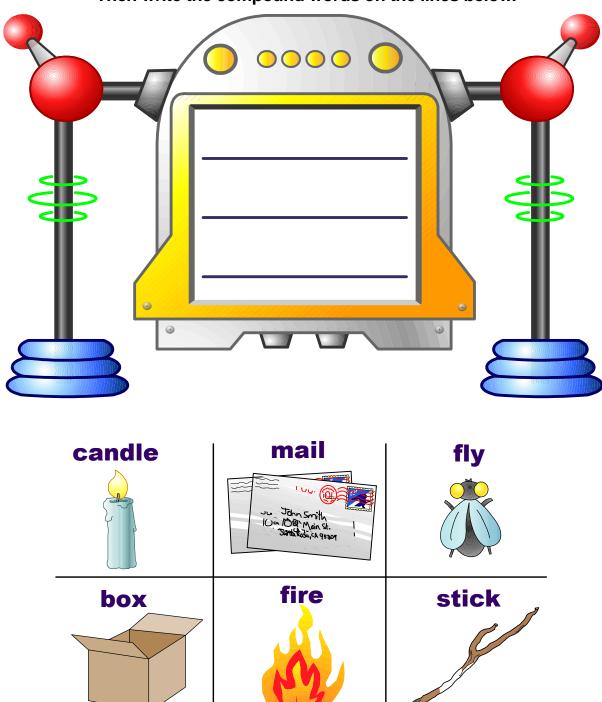
Then write the compound words on the lines below.



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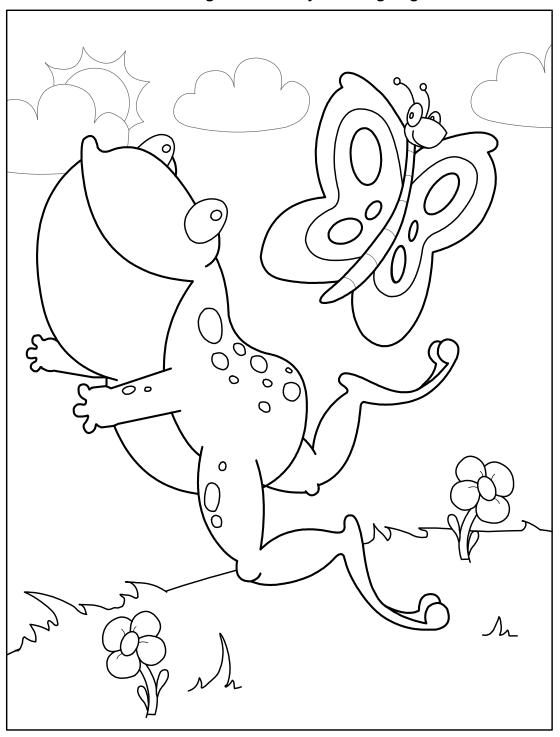
Draw a line between each pair of words that make up a compound word.

Then write the compound words on the lines below.



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# **Bullfrog and Butterfly Coloring Page**



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# **Lesson 10: Rhyming Words**

- Rhyming Word Rule Song
- Learn the Words (simple rhymes) and Speed Round
- Rhyming Painter
- Learn the Words (complex rhymes) and Speed Round
- Poem Builder

#### **OBJECTIVE**

The students will be able to identify and produce rhyming words.

#### **STANDARDS**

- Recognize and produce rhyming words.
- Decode regularly spelled one-syllable words.
- Isolate and pronounce initial, medial vowel, and final sounds (phonemes) in spoken single-syllable words.
- Segment spoken single-syllable words into their complete sequence of individual sounds (phonemes).
- Distinguish long and short vowels when reading regularly spelled single-syllable words.

#### **ACTIVITY**

Play the "Rhyming Word Rule" song for your class and encourage them to sing along, or play the presentation, or both.

Slowly go over each word, in the "Learn the Words" section. First point to the picture, then to the whole word and then put the curser over each sound in the word, and have your students sound the words out along with the program. Be sure to point out to your students that all of the words rhyme and have them practice rhyming words with you. Click on "Next Word" and repeat instructions. When you see the "Speed Round" button, click on it and then on "Start".

In the speed round section, have the students tell you the answers and then click on those letters or words and repeat until the time is up. You can call on individual students, the whole class, or split them into teams and make it a fun game.

Play the Rhyming Painter game. Click on one of the words on a paint can and then click on the word in the painting that rhymes with it. In the Poem Builder game help Scooter write a poem. Click on the words that rhyme to complete each line of the poem.

Pass out the rhyming words worksheets. (You can make copies of the worksheet provided in this manual, or print them out from your computer.) Have your students work on this for about 5-10 minutes. Go over the correct answers with them.

## **The Rhyming Word**

A rhyming word stays the same at the end, The same at the end, The same at the end. A rhyming word stays the same at the end. You only change the beginning.

Cat and bat are rhyming words. Hat and mat are rhyming words. The only letter that was changed Is found at the beginning.

Dog and frog are rhyming words. Jog and hog are rhyming words. The only letter that was changed Is found at the beginning.

Pan and man are rhyming words. Fan and van are rhyming words. The only letter that was changed Is found at the beginning.

Bee and see are rhyming words. Knee and tree are rhyming words. The only letter that was changed Is found at the beginning.

Coat and goat are rhyming words. Boat and float are rhyming words. The only letter that was changed Is found at the beginning.

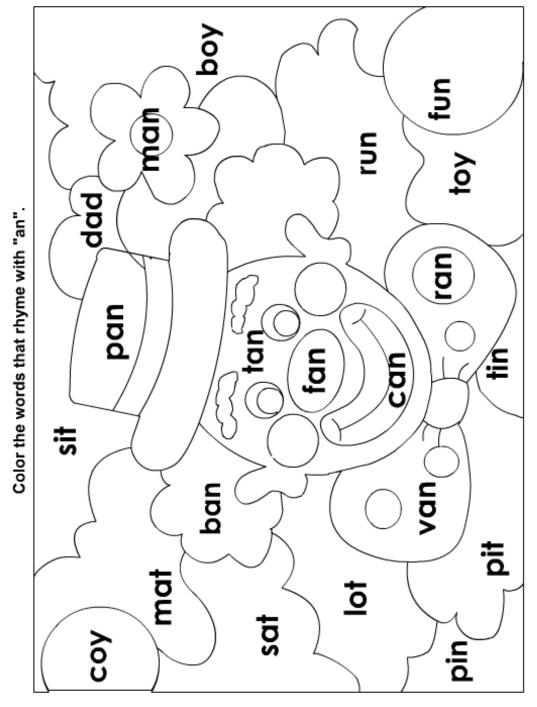
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# Learn the Words used in "Rhyming Painter" in Phonics 2a

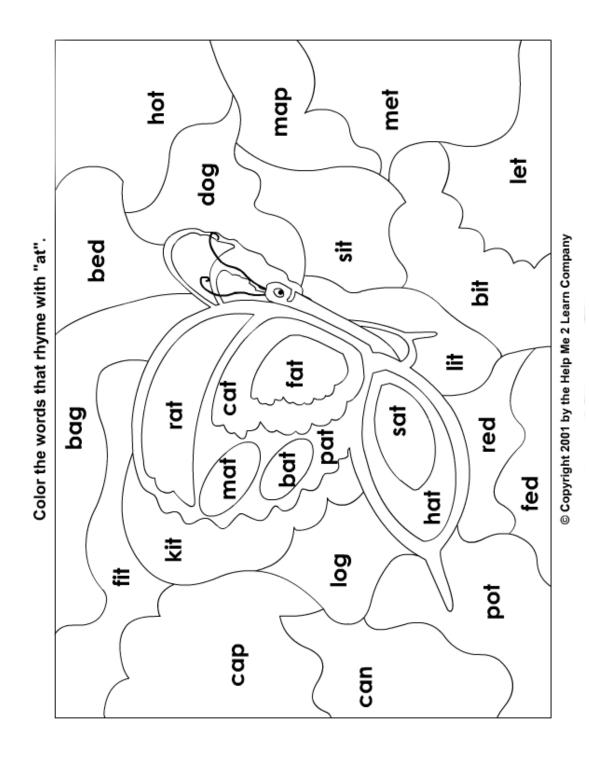
| rat | hot | lap  | pin |
|-----|-----|------|-----|
| cat | lot | log  | tin |
| bat | met | dog  | win |
| fit | pet | hog  | run |
| sit | let | can  | fun |
| bit | joy | man  | sun |
| fed | boy | ran  | dad |
| red | toy | bag  | sad |
| bed | cap | tag  | bad |
| pot | map | flag |     |

# Learn the Words used in "Poem Builder" in Phonics 2a

| late     | heat   | phone |
|----------|--------|-------|
| ate      | Z00    | bone  |
| skate    | you    | goat  |
| eight    | blue   | boat  |
| bait     | flew   | coat  |
| kite     | new    | note  |
| white    | two    | wrote |
| write    | wood   | vote  |
| night    | good   | eye   |
| right    | could  | buy   |
| sunlight | bird   | sky   |
| feet     | word   | cry   |
| street   | lizard | high  |
| meat     | own    | pie   |



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# Simple Rhymes

Draw a line connecting the words that rhyme.

| cat  | pot |
|------|-----|
| boy  | bat |
| ran  | map |
| fun  | dad |
| fit  | win |
| red  | let |
| hot  | sit |
| pet  | can |
| lap  | hog |
| dog  | bed |
| flag | bag |
| pin  | toy |
| sad  | run |
|      | hos |

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## **Complex Rhymes**

Write the words under the word that they rhyme with.

| ate           |                |       | ite         |
|---------------|----------------|-------|-------------|
| eye           |                | no    | ote         |
|               |                |       |             |
| white         | skate          | wrote | buy         |
| white<br>high | skate<br>eight | wrote | buy<br>boat |

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#### Poem

Finish Scooters Poem. Make the last word of the line you write rhyme with the line above it. If you want to, you can use the words at the bottom of the page to help you rhyme. Make up the last two lines yourself! Have fun.

| 0 | The Cat I saw a cat with a brown eye.                             |
|---|---|
|   | The cat jummped five feet!  |
| 0 | Through the air the cat flew,                                     |
| 1 |   |
|   | to a constitution of the  |
| 0 | buy new high eat you zoo pie<br>heat sky street cry blue two meat |

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## **Lesson 11: Antonyms**

- The Antonym Naming Game Song
- Learn the Words and Speed Round
- Antonym Game

#### **OBJECTIVE**

The students will be able to relate words to their opposite.

#### **STANDARDS**

- Demonstrate understanding of frequently occurring verbs and adjectives by relating them to their opposites (antonyms).
- Decode regularly spelled one-syllable words.
- Isolate and pronounce initial, medial vowel, and final sounds (phonemes) in spoken single-syllable words.
- Segment spoken single-syllable words into their complete sequence of individual sounds (phonemes).
- Distinguish long and short vowels when reading regularly spelled single-syllable words.

#### <u>ACTIVITY</u>

Play the "Antonym Naming Game" song for your class and encourage them to sing along. Click "Next" to go to the activity.

Slowly go over each word, in the "Learn the Words" section. First point to the picture, then to the whole word and then put the curser over each sound in the word, and have your students sound the words out along with the program. Be sure to point out to your students that all of the words are antonyms and have them practice antonyms with you. Click on "Next Word" and repeat instructions. When you see the "Speed Round" button click on it and then on "Start".

In the speed round section, have the students tell you the answers and then click on those letters or words and repeat until the time is up. You can call on individual students, the whole class, or split them into teams and make it a fun game.

Play the game. In this activity, the student will attempt to match the antonyms. Click on a gopher hole and try to find the antonym to match the word that the gopher gives you. The student will not only have to know their antonyms, but they will also have to remember where the match is placed.

Pass out the Antonym worksheets. (You can make copies of the worksheet provided in this manual, or print them out from your computer.) Have your students work on this for about 5-10 minutes. Go over the correct answers with them.

#### OTHER RELATED ACTIVITIES

Print antonyms on cards for the number of students you have in your class. Mix up the cards and pass them out to your students. Have them find their opposite and stand together. They then read their antonym cards.

Create sentences using antonyms. These sentences can be dictated to the teacher or written by the students. For example:

- A lion is fast but a snail is slow.
- The sun is hot but the snow is cold.
- Sally is first in line but Billy is last.

## **The Antonym Naming Game**

(Chorus)

Opposite antonyms,
Opposite antonyms,
Opposite antonyms,
Their meanings are not the same.

I know, I know, I know their meanings are not the same. I know, I know, I know it's the antonym naming game.

Big or small, new or old, Big or small, new or old, Big or small, new or old, Are antonyms, I'm told. Near or far, more or less, Near or far, more or less, Near or far, more or less, Are antonyms I guess.

(Chorus)

Strong or weak, walk or run, Strong or weak, walk or run, Strong or weak, walk or run, Yes, antonyms are fun.

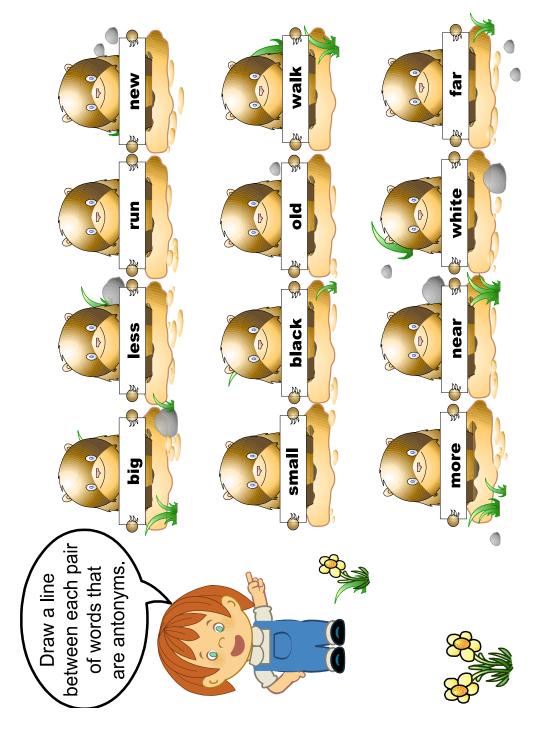
Black or white, sour or sweet, Black or white, sour or sweet, Black or white, sour or sweet, Boy, antonyms are neat!

(Chorus)

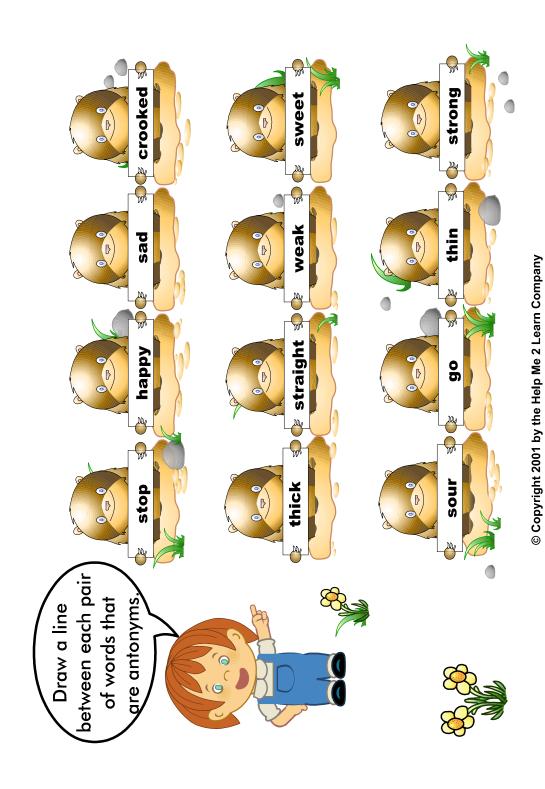
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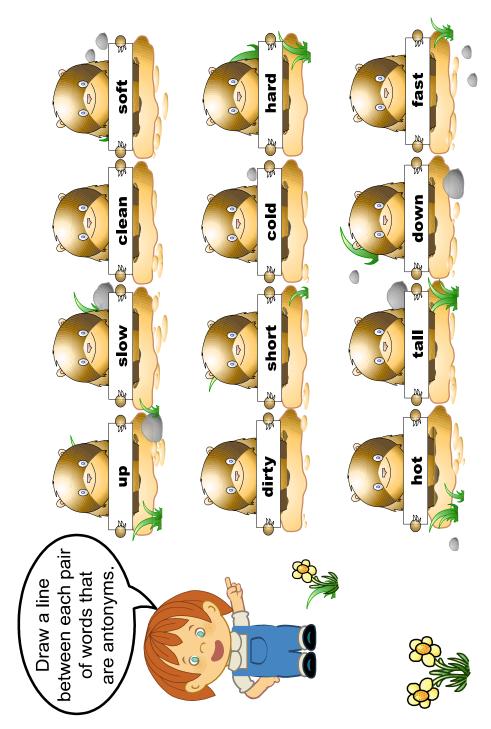
# Learn the Words with Antonyms used in Phonics 2a

straight / crooked slow / fast clean / dirty soft / hard sour / sweet short / tall cold / hot thick / thin weak / strong more / less small / big up / down stop / go happy / sad old / young far / near



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## **Lesson 12: Synonyms**

- Similar Synonyms Song
- Learn the Words and Speed Round
- Synonyms Game

#### **OBJECTIVE**

The students will demonstrate an understanding of words by being able to identify and produce synonyms.

#### **STANDARDS**

- Demonstrate understanding of words by relating them to their opposites (antonyms) and to words with similar but not identical meanings (synonyms).
- Know the spelling-sound correspondence for common consonant digraphs.
- Decode regularly spelled one-syllable words.
- Isolate and pronounce initial, medial vowel, and final sounds (phonemes) in spoken single-syllable words.
- Segment spoken single-syllable words into their complete sequence of individual sounds (phonemes).

#### **ACTIVITY**

Play the "Similar Synonyms" song for your class and encourage them to sing along, or listen to the instructions, or both.

Slowly go over each word, in the "Learn the Words" section. First point to the picture, then to the whole word and then put the curser over each sound in the word, and have your students sound the words out along with the program. Be sure to point out to your students that all of the words are synonyms and have them practice synonyms with you. Click on "Next Word" and repeat instructions. When you see the "Speed Round" button click on it and then on "Start".

In the speed round section, have the students tell you the answers and then click on those letters or words and repeat until the time is up. You can call on individual students, the whole class, or split them into teams and make it a fun game.

Play the game. In this activity, find the synonym for the word on the cloud and then drop your magnet on it.

Pass out the synonym worksheet. (You can make copies of the worksheet provided in this manual, or print them out from your computer.) Have your students work on this for about 5-10 minutes. Go over the correct answers with them.

#### OTHER RELATED ACTIVITIES

#### **Synonym Baseball**

Divide your class into two teams and have them line up on each side of the teacher. Tell them that they are going to play baseball and that the bases are located where you indicate around the room. The teacher says a word such as small and the first student from either team to tap the table gets to say a synonym for the word. If they are right they proceed around the room to first, second and third base and back to home, where the teacher is. They proceed to the next base when another player gets on base. Players from both teams can be going around the bases during the game. When they come home they put a tally mark on the chalkboard by their team. The team with the most tally marks wins.

Create a story or sentences using synonyms. Have the students circle or underline the synonyms in each sentence.

### **Similar Synonyms**

### (Chorus)

Synonyms are similar.
Synonyms are similar.
Synonyms are similar.
Their meanings are the same.

If you're happy then you are glad. If you're happy then you are glad. If you're happy then you are glad. The meaning is the same.

To be quick means to be fast. To be quick means to be fast. To be quick means to be fast. The meaning is the same.

If it's difficult it is hard. If it's difficult it is hard. If it's difficult it is hard. The meaning is the same.

### (Chorus)

If you're bashful, then you are shy. If you're bashful, then you are shy. If you're bashful, then you are shy. The meaning is the same.

If it's loud, then it is noisy. If it's loud, then it is noisy. If it's loud, then it is noisy. The meaning is the same.

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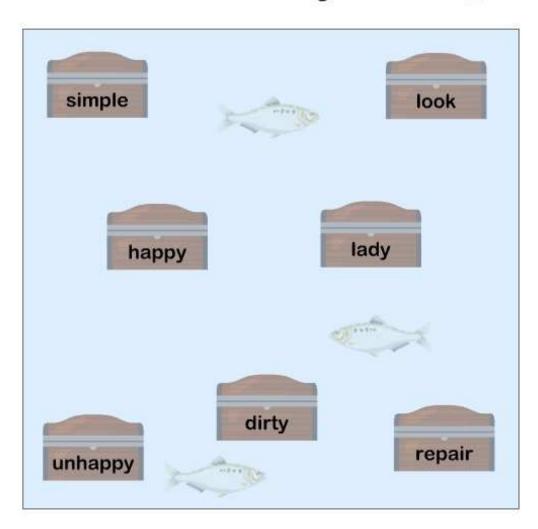
# Learn the Words with Synonyms used in Phonics 2a

easy / simple see / look filthy / dirty pretty / lovely large / big little / small sad / unhappy glad / happy woman / lady repair / fix speak / talk near / close start / begin silent / quiet

### **Synonyms**

Draw a line connecting the words to the chests that have the same meaning.

easy filthy woman see sad glad fix

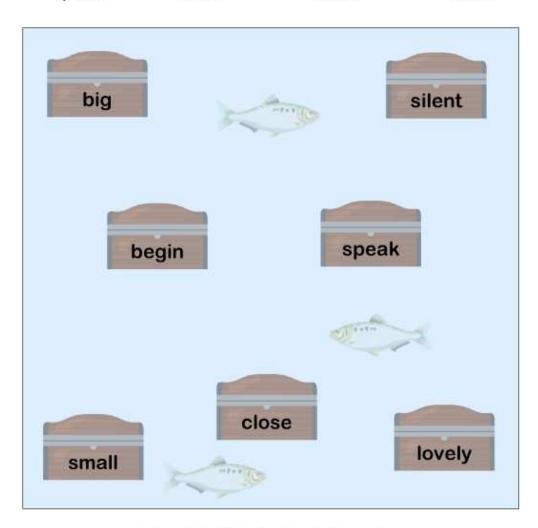


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## **Synonyms**

Draw a line connecting the words to the chests that have the same meaning.

little pretty large quiet start near talk



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## **Lesson 13: Homonyms**

- Blue and Blew Song
- Learn the Words and Speed Round
- Homonyms Game

#### **OBJECTIVE**

The students will show word knowledge by being able to identify and produce homonyms.

#### **STANDARDS**

- Decode regularly spelled one-syllable words.
- Isolate and pronounce initial, medial vowel, and final sounds (phonemes) in spoken single-syllable words.
- Segment spoken single-syllable words into their complete sequence of individual sounds (phonemes).
- Distinguish long and short vowels when reading regularly spelled single-syllable words.

#### **ACTIVITY**

Play the "Blue and Blew" song for your class and encourage them to sing along, or listen to the presentation, or both.

Slowly go over each word, in the "Learn the Words" section. First point to the picture, then to the whole word and then put the curser over each sound in the word, and have your students sound the words out along with the program. Be sure to point out to your students that all of the words are homonyms and have them practice homonyms with you. Click on "Next Word" and repeat instructions. When you see the "Speed Round" button click on it and then on "Start".

In the speed round section, have the students tell you the answers and then click on those letters or words and repeat until the time is up. You can call on individual students, the whole class, or split them into teams and make it a fun game.

Play the game. In this activity, drag the homonym pairs to the correct spots to complete the sentences.

Pass out the homonym worksheet. (You can make copies of the worksheet provided in this manual, or print them out from your computer.) Have your students work on this for about 5-10 minutes. Go over the correct answers with them.

#### **Blue and Blew**

(Chorus)
Homonyms, they sound alike.
Homonyms, they sound alike.
Homonyms, they sound alike,
But they have different meanings.

(Repeat Chorus)

Blue and blew are homonyms. Blue and blew are homonyms. Blue and blew are homonyms, But they have different spellings.

One describes the color blue. One the wind and how it blew. Blue and blew are homonyms, But they have different meanings.

See and sea are homonyms. See and sea are homonyms. See and sea are homonyms, But they have different spellings.

Eyes we use to S\_E\_E.
The water sea is S\_E\_A.
See and sea are homonyms,
But they have different meanings.

Red and read are homonyms. Red and read are homonyms. Red and read are homonyms, But they have different spellings.

One describes the color red. The other 'bout a book you've read. Red and read are homonyms, But they have different meanings.

Son and sun are homonyms. Son and sun are homonyms. Son and sun are homonyms, But they have different spellings.

A male child is called a son. Up in the sky you'll see the sun. Son and sun are homonyms, But they have different meanings.

(Chorus) (Repeat Chorus)

They have different spellings. They have different meanings. But they sound alike!

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# Learn the Words with Homonyms used in Phonics 2a

would / wood aunt / ant ate / eight blew / blue weak / week sail /sale hare / hair flour / flower stare / stair plane / plain four / for won / one sea / see red / read son / sun

## Circle the homonyms in each sentence.



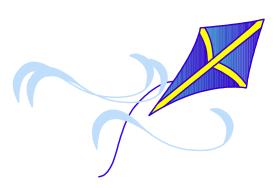
Would you chop some wood for me?



My aunt stepped on an ant hill.



The boy ate eight cookies



The wind blew the blue kite.



I have been weak for a week.



He got a sail for his boat at a sale.

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## **Lesson 14: Spelling**

• Skate Race spelling game

#### **OBJECTIVE**

The students will use common spelling patterns to spell words.

#### **STANDARDS**

- Use conventional spelling for words with common spelling patterns and for frequently occurring irregular words.
- Generalize learned spelling patterns when writing words.

#### **ACTIVITY**

In this activity, you will be challenged to quickly spell words that are displayed. You will get to be a skateboarder and can even choose which skateboarder they want to be. The faster you spell, the faster your skateboarder goes and the more tricks they will do as well. There are 3 levels of difficulty. There is a practice level, a Silver Star level and a Gold Star level. There is also a high score list that is a true motivator.

You can print out and make copies of the spelling list provided in this manual or print them out from your computer.

#### **OTHER RELATED ACTIVITIES**

Have a class Spelling Bee. Use the previous word lists and give each student a word to spell. If they spell it correctly, they can stay in but if they spell if incorrectly they sit down. You can give stickers or other items for the winners. Have several rounds at one time.

Divide your class into two teams. Use previous words on cards to have a relay race with your students. You start with one side and if they read the word correctly, you place it face down in a pile. After you have gone through all the words, see which side has the larger pile.

Spelling Baseball: See Lesson 12: Synonyms, modify the game to be a spelling game. Students tap if they think they can spell the word and if correct go around the bases in the classroom.

# Spelling List

| cup    | apple  | skate | foot    |
|--------|--------|-------|---------|
| stick  | flag   | glue  | kite    |
| candle | sock   | star  | key     |
| lip    | coin   | cloud | hand    |
| sun    | shark  | whale | pants   |
| frog   | car    | bell  | skunk   |
| clown  | basket | plane | fish    |
| broom  | cake   | boat  | pet     |
| clock  | flower | train | fan     |
| bee    | bat    | bone  | hat     |
| tree   | house  | dog   | balloon |
| snake  | hammer | cat   | button  |
| goat   | hose   | wagon | king    |
| clam   | chair  | stamp | belt    |
| net    | box    | lamp  | glass   |
| pan    |        | fork  |         |

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## **Lesson 15: Review**

Review Game

### **OBJECTIVE**

The students will show their understanding of the concepts taught in this program.

#### **STANDARDS**

- Recognize and read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.
- Decode regularly spelled one-syllable words.
- Isolate and pronounce initial, medial vowel, and final sounds (phonemes) in spoken single-syllable words.
- Segment spoken single-syllable words into their complete sequence of individual sounds (phonemes).
- Distinguish long and short vowels when reading regularly spelled single-syllable words.
- Know the spelling-sound correspondence for common consonant digraphs.
- Orally produce single-syllable words by blending sounds (phonemes), including consonant blends.
- Recognize and produce rhyming words.
- Use knowledge of the meaning of individual words to predict the meaning of compound words.

### **ACTIVITY**

This is a board game where you click on the spinner and watch the frog hop the number of spaces landed on. You will be prompted to a question and answer screen where you will be asked a question based on one of the concepts learned in this program. There will be 4 answer choices and only 1 of them will be the right answer. Click on the correct answer to advance back to the board game. Continue to spin and answer the questions until you get to the finish line.

You can print out and make copies of the review questions provided in this manual or print them out from your computer.

## **Review Questions**

| <ol> <li>How many sounds do you hear in a consonant blend?</li> <li>One</li> <li>Two</li> <li>Three</li> <li>Four</li> </ol>  |
|---|
| <ul><li>2. What letters make the consonant blend sound in the words "stop" and "stone"?</li><li>A. N and E</li><li>B. S and T</li><li>C. T and O</li><li>D. O and P</li></ul> |
| <ul><li>3. How many sounds does a digraph make?</li><li>A. One</li><li>B. Two</li><li>C. Three</li><li>D. Four</li></ul>  |
| <ul><li>4. How many letters are there in a digraph?</li><li>A. One</li><li>B. Two</li><li>C. Three</li><li>D. Four</li></ul>  |
| <ul><li>5. What two letters make one sound in the digraph words "quack" and "queen"?</li><li>A. e and e</li><li>B. a and c</li><li>C. e and n</li><li>D. q and u</li></ul>    |
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- 6. Diphthongs make a special sound when what kind of letters are combined?
- A. A vowel and a consonant
- B. Two consonants
- C. Two vowels
- D. A consonant and a vowel
- 7. Which word is an example of a diphthong?
- A. star
- B. planet
- C. frog
- D. auto
- 8. Which word is not an example of a diphthong?
- A. oil
- B. frog
- C. flew
- D. toy
- 9. Which of the following words is a compound word?
- A. sheep
- B. clam
- C. dragonfly
- D. frog
- 10. Which of the following words is not a compound word?
- A. butterfly
- B. bullfrog
- C. popcorn
- D. chased
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- 11. Which of the following sets of words rhyme?
- A. drape and drill
- B. stop and star
- C. dog and frog
- D. snake and snow
- 12. Which of the following sets of words rhyme?
- A. cat and bat
- B. plane and frog
- C. glad and glove
- D. please and play
- 13. What part of a rhyming word stays the same?
- A. the beginning
- B. the middle
- C. the end
- D. the vowels
- 14. The meaning of an antonym is:
- A. the same
- B. the opposite
- C. the same ending sound
- D. two words combined to make one word
- 15. Which word set is an example of an antonym?
- A. big and huge
- B. clock and clown
- C. kid and child
- D. sweet and sour

| <ul><li>B. blew</li><li>C. red</li><li>D. purple</li></ul>   |
|--|
| <ul><li>17. Which is a homonym for the word "red"?</li><li>A. sing</li><li>B. sea</li><li>C. blue</li><li>D. read</li></ul>                |
| <ul><li>18. The sound of a homonym is:</li><li>A. alike</li><li>B. different</li><li>C. opposite</li><li>D. made up of two words</li></ul> |
| <ul><li>19. Synonyms are:</li><li>A. different</li><li>B. similar</li><li>C. hard</li><li>D. antonyms</li></ul>                            |
| <ul><li>20. Which is a synonym for the word "happy"?</li><li>A. sad</li><li>B. mad</li><li>C. glad</li><li>D. shy</li></ul>                |

16. Which is a homonym for the word "blue"?

A. blow

| A.<br>B.<br>C. | . Which is a synonym for the word "tidy"? messy mad cool neat   |
|----------------|---|
| A.<br>B.<br>C. | . Which is a synonym for the word "cold"? chilly hot warm neat  |
| А.<br>В.<br>С. | . Which word is spelled correctly and completes the sentence I out the candles on my birthday cake. blue blew blowing blows |
| A.<br>B.<br>C. | . Which word has two consonant blends? clown clap hand blast  |
| A.<br>B.<br>C. | . What compound word names something you cannot eat? cupcake popcorn butterfly milkshake                                    |

| A.<br>B.<br>C. | Which words have the same diphthong sounds? slaw and haul boy and blew Stew and spoil Autumn and joy                    |
|----------------|---|
| A.<br>B.<br>C. | Which word is spelled correctly and completes the sentence:  It is very hot in the bright, yellow  son  sun  moon light |
| A.<br>B.<br>C. | What word is the antonym for "inside"? outside under behind over  |
| A.<br>B.<br>C. | Which word set is an example of homonyms? high and low in and out happy and glad pear and pair                          |
| A.             | Which sentence does <u>not</u> have homonyms in it? She blew out the blue candle He read the red book.                  |

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C. The maid made the bedD. The boy made a blue kite.

- 31. Find the word set that contains synonyms for the word "big".
- A. huge and tiny
- B. long and short
- C. huge and gigantic
- D. silly and funny
- 32. Replace the underlined word in the sentence with a synonym. Mary was <u>unhappy</u> when she fell down.
- A. sad
- B. glad
- C. mad
- D. happy
- 33. Find a word that rhymes with "stamp".
- A. stump
- B. plant
- C. hand
- D. lamp
- 34. Which word set does not rhyme?
- A. car and star
- B. hand and stand
- C. up and cup
- D. must and mist
- 35. What compound word names something you see in winter?
- A. dragonfly
- B. snowman
- C. buttercup
- D. butterfly

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| <ul><li>36. Which word has two digraphs?</li><li>A. church</li><li>B. splash</li><li>C. sharp</li><li>D. much</li></ul>  |
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| <ul> <li>37. Find the word spelled correctly to complete the sentence:         Did he fly the in the sky?</li> <li>A. plain</li> <li>B. playing</li> <li>C. plane</li> <li>D. plate</li> </ul> |
| <ul> <li>38. Which diphthong is missing from this word?</li> <li>s I</li> <li>A. ew</li> <li>B. au</li> <li>C. oy</li> <li>D. oi</li> </ul>  |
| <ul><li>39. Which words are antonyms?</li><li>A. blue and blew</li><li>B. small and little</li><li>C. first and last</li><li>D. under and below</li></ul>                                      |
| 40. Which word is <u>not</u> a synonym for "small"?  A. little  B. tiny  C. funny  D. short  © Copyright 2001 by the Help Me 2 Learn Company   |
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- 41. Which word goes with "play" to make a compound word?
- A. man
- B. ground
- C. cup
- D. light

## ADDITIONAL CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

- 1. Have your students stand in a circle. Write the consonants on separate cards. Mix them up and put then in a box or bag. The students pass the bag and pull out a consonant letter. They say a word that begins or ends with that consonant. If they are correct, they keep the letter. Continue around the circle.
- 2. Use the frame on the next page to make up a matching worksheet for your students to complete. They will draw a line to connect the words that match such as homonyms, synonyms, antonyms and compound words.
- 3. Create a BINGO game to play in your classroom. On your computer or on a piece of paper draw a grid for the game. Depending on the phonics skill you want to practice, fill in the boxes on the grid. Remember to vary the cards. Pass out the paper cards and play the game. You can use blends, digraphs, diphthongs, homonyms, synonyms, antonyms and compounds words as suggestions. You can also use long and short vowel words.

| sh | th | ch |
|----|----|----|
| ch | sh | ch |
| th | sh | th |

This is an example of BINGO for digraphs. You would write words that have these digraphs and the students would cover the space that contained the digraph in the word.

| Name                                       |        | Date |   |
|--|--------|------|---|
|  | Word M | atch |   |
| Find the word in the word in the first col |        |      |   |
|  | -      |      | _ |
|  |        |      | - |
|  |        |      | _ |
|  | -      |      | - |
|  | -      |      | - |
|  |        |      | _ |

Bonus: Write more words that match on the back of this paper.

- 4. Give the class a word that contains a Digraph. Have each student come up with 2 3 more words that start with the same digraph as the example. By having each child read off his/her word, write a list of all of the different words that they come up with on the board. You can go over these words in class the next day and see if you can come up with new words to be used the following day...etc....

  (for example: The teacher says, "Chair". The kids can come up with as many words that begin with "ch" as possible.)
- 5. Show the children a group of items. The names of some of the items will start with a consonant blend and some will not. Discuss which ones start with the consonant blend and which do not.
- 6. Play the Diphthong basketball game The teacher will hold up a piece of paper that has a word on it. There are 2 wastebaskets a good distance from the teacher. Once waste-basket is labeled "DIPHTHONG" and the other waste basket is labeled "NOT A DIPHTHONG." The teacher calls one student at a time to come up and tell her if he thinks the word contains a diphthong or not. If the student is correct, he/she is given the piece of paper with the word on it and is allowed to crumple it up and given 1 try to make it into the appropriate wastebasket.
- 7. Play the Diphthong song for your class to get them familiar with the concept of Diphthongs and how they are used. Do this before trying the activities.
- 8. Have your students look around the classroom. If they see something that is a compound word, have them write it down. After a designated period of time, have them read their answers. If you know of some that they did not get, inform them, (chalkboard, doorway, backpack, tabletop...).
- 9. Have the children make their own flash cards. They can write the compound word and then cut the word in half at the intersection of the compound word. They can then mix them up and then put them back together in the proper order.

- 10. Play the Butterfly and Bullfrog song before you do the activities. This will help them become familiar with the concept of compound words.
- 11. Have 2 teams. One team is the "at" team, and the other team is the "an" team. Have each team come up with as many words that end with their given ending. Then, the teacher will choose 2 words from each team to create one rhyming sentence. (i.e.: I will pat the cat that is next to the man with the fan that wears a red cap and holds a map.) Let each team pick the next 2 words to create a sentence.
- 12. See if anyone in the class has rhyming names (Kate and Nate, Jenny and Benny, Rob and Bob, Lisa and Teresa)
- 13. See if there are rhyming items around the classroom.
- 14. The teacher can display "\_at" on the chalkboard. Then, the kids see how many words they can make by filling in the blank with a different letter. (fat, hat, cat, bat....etc...)
- 15. Play the Rhyming Word Rule Song first before you begin the activities.
- 16. Say a word (Hot) then have the class come up with an antonym for your word (Cold). See how many different antonyms they can come up with for each word. (i.e.: Hot cold, freezing, frosty, icy, etc...)
- 17. Play The Antonym Naming Game Song first before you begin the activity. This way, they will be familiar with the concept of Antonyms.
- 18. Have one student say a word and see if another student can come up with a word to make it a synonym. See how many other students can come up with a different synonym. See how many different synonyms you can come up with overall.

- 19. Play the Similar Synonyms before you begin the activity. This will allow the students to become familiar with the concept of Synonyms.
- 20. Have the children make their own flash cards. They can write a sentence on one side and 2 homonyms on the other. Only one word will be the correct word for that sentence.
- 21. You can also make the flash cards with a homonym on one side and its definition on the other. This will teach the children the correct usage of that word.
- 22. Play the "Blue and Blue" song before you do the activities. This will give the students a better understanding of the concept of homonyms.
- 23. Give children a riddle for a compound word, using clues that include the word parts, and have them guess the word. For example, "I am made of corn. You pop me. What am I?" (popcorn) Have the children take turns giving riddles to a partner or to the whole group.
- 24. Read a story and tell the class to listen carefully while you read. For every time you hear a compound word read, they are to raise their hands. For the child who has his hand raised, ask them what the word was that he heard. If the child who raised their hand is incorrect, tell them that word is not a compound word and continue reading. If the child is correct, write his/her name on the board. Whoever has his/her name on the board the most at the end of the reading period gets a prize.
- 25. Have children cut pictures out of magazines that start with consonant blends. They can paste the pictures on a piece of construction paper and make their own consonant blend collage.

| Consonant Blends sn, sk, gl, fr                            |   |   | Consonar   | Consonant Blends cl, pl, st, dr                   |  |  |
|--|---|---|--|---|--|--|
| frog<br>glass<br>skate<br>glove<br>fruit<br>snake<br>skunk |   |   | clown<br>drums<br>star<br>stairs<br>plant<br>plane<br>dream              |   |  |  |
| Buzz's   | Digraph Ju  | kebox   | Lily's Digr  | aph Jukebox                                       |  |  |
| sheep<br>whale<br>thin<br>shoe<br>thick                    | thank<br>shell<br>why<br>ship                     |   | chicken<br>quack<br>knife<br>chain<br>knee<br>quick                      | chalk<br>knot<br>cheese<br>quiet<br>queen<br>know |  |  |
| Diphtho  | ngs oi, oy,                                       | ew, au  | Compoun  | d Word Game                                       |  |  |
| coin<br>point<br>voice<br>noise<br>stew<br>screw           | flew<br>new<br>threw<br>auto<br>laundry<br>author | caught<br>faucet<br>toys<br>boy<br>enjoy<br>joy | toothbrusl<br>doorbell<br>flowerpot<br>basketbal<br>dollhouse<br>cupcake | pancake<br>starfish                               |  |  |

### Simple Rhymes

| rat | fed | met | сар | can  | pin | dad |  |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|--|
| cat | red | pet | map | man  | tin | sad |  |
| bat | bed | let | lap | ran  | win | bad |  |
| fit | pot | joy | log | bag  | run |     |  |
| sit | hot | boy | dog | tag  | fun |     |  |
| bit | lot | toy | hog | flag | sun |     |  |

## Complex Rhymes

| late<br>ate<br>skate<br>eight<br>bait | kite<br>white<br>write<br>night<br>right<br>sunlight | feet<br>street<br>meat<br>heat | zoo<br>you<br>blue<br>flew<br>new<br>two | wood<br>good<br>could | bird<br>word<br>lizard | own<br>phone<br>bone |
|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|

bone eye
goat buy
boat sky
coat cry
note high
wrote pie
vote

## Antonym Game

| big, small                | stop, go                    | up, down              |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| less, more                | happy, sad                  | slow, fast            |
| run, walk                 | crooked, straight           | clean, dirty          |
| new, old                  | thick, thin                 | soft, hard            |
| black, white              | week, strong                | short, tall           |
| black, white<br>near, far | week, strong<br>sweet, sour | short, tall cold, hot |

## Synonym Game

| nice, kind    | sad, unhappy   |
|---------------|----------------|
| loud, noisy   | pretty, lovely |
| easy, simple  | filthy, dirty  |
| little, small | see, look      |

## Homonym Game

| would, wood | blew, blue | hare, hair    | plane, plain |
|-------------|------------|---------------|--------------|
| aunt, ant   | weak, week | flour, flower | four, for    |
| ate, eight  | sail, sale | stare, stair  | won, one     |

| Review Questions |              |                |                |  |
|------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|--|
| 1. B<br>2. B     | 6. C<br>7. D | 11. C<br>12. A | 16. B<br>17. D |  |
| 3. A             | 8. B         | 13. C          | 18. A          |  |
| 4. B             | 9. C         | 14. B          | 19. B          |  |
| 5. D             | 10. D        | 15. D          | 20. C          |  |
|                  |              |                |                |  |
| 21. D            | 26. A        | 31. C          | 36. A          |  |
| 22. A            | 27. B        | 32. A          | 37. C          |  |
| 23. B            | 28. A        | 33. D          | 38. D          |  |
| 24. D            | 29. D        | 34. D          | 39. C          |  |
| 25. C            | 30. D        | 35. B          | 40. C          |  |
|                  |              |                | 41. B          |  |



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## The Super Star Motivational and Data Tracking System

- The Super Star Page
- Speed Rounds

### **The Super Star Page**



Students (or teachers) can keep track of their Super Star status, by clicking on the Super Star button from any page or screen. The Super Star page displays the student's name and all of the Silver and Gold stars they have earned. Our Super Star Motivational and Data Tracking System serves as a way to reward students and motivate them to complete all of the songs, games and activities.



Most students love earning Silver and Gold Stars. Once they have earned a few stars, they want to keep earning stars until they have a Silver or Gold Star on every activity, game or song.

The Super Star page also serves as a guide to the teacher to all of the activities, games and songs in the program.

Students earn a Silver Star if they complete an activity with some mistakes. Students earn a Gold Star if they complete the activity without any mistakes or listen to a song or presentation all the way through. So some Gold Stars are much easier to earn than others. The activities at the beginning of the program tend to be easier than the activities at the end of the program. Note: our online version does allow the teacher to change the difficulty level so that students can make some mistakes and still earn a Gold Star.

Most students will use the Super Star page to navigate to the songs, games and activities that they have not completed to the Gold Star level. From the Super Star page, just click on a star to go to that song, game or activity. When students use the Super Star page as a navigational system, they do tend to overlook the "Learn the Words" sections and Speed Rounds. We encourage you to remind them to spend time in these activities before going on. The "Learn the Words" sections and Speed Rounds will help prepare the student for the games. The "Learn the Words" sections and Speed Rounds make excellent whole class activities.

Many teachers require the students to complete the stars in order before going on to the next star.

Once a student completes enough Silver or Gold Stars, the star at the bottom of the screen will turn silver. Once a student has completed all of the stars to the gold level, the star at the bottom of the page will turn gold. With your permission, they can print out the Silver Star or Gold Star Certificate, depending on their accomplishments by clicking on the Silver or Gold Star at the bottom of the page (note – you can lock the printing, if you wish).

The objective of the program is to have the students complete all of the games, songs and activities and to earn a Gold Star Certificate of Achievement. If a student has a Silver Star, they can repeat that activity as many times as they need until they earn a Gold Star.

Some teachers print the certificates and post them in the classroom. Other teachers create a Super Star necklace or badge as an additional reward for students who have achieved a Gold Star Certificate.

### **Speed Rounds**



Another feature in this program is our "Speed Rounds", which can be found at the end of our "Learn the Words" activities. Students are encouraged to score 15 points or higher before going on to the game. Our "Speed Rounds" are basically timed flash cards that allow the student to build immediate recognition (fluency) of the words and sounds. A cumulative point total of the "Speed Rounds" can be found by clicking on the "Speed Round" button from the "Super Star" page. Students can also click on the buttons for each

speed round to go to the "Learn the Words" page for that speed round.

The Speed Rounds are independent and optional to the Super Star System. We encourage you to require a score of 15 (note: the red label turns green) on each Speed Round. While the Super Star System is a fixed system with a set goal, the Speed Rounds are an open ended system. While a score of 15 is encouraged, there is no limit to the speed round scores. Students can compete with the class to see who can achieve the highest Speed Round score for an activity or for the overall score.

## **Educational Application**

- Uses
- Research and State Standards
- Instructional Design

### Use of this program and this guide:

There are numerous ways to use Phonics 2a - Intermediate Level. This guide is primarily intended for the classroom teacher who is doing a whole class presentation. The guide assumes that you have some way of displaying the program to the entire class and that all of the students will be actively engaged in the presentation of the program.

### Some of the other uses of the program:

Activity Centers: The program is certainly appropriate for use in activity centers because it is easy to use and students generally require very little assistance. Teachers can then use the progress page and reporting features to track the student's progress.

Some specific activity centers uses are:

- 1. Differentiated Instruction working on specific and different skills needed by different students.
- 2. Remediation working on specific below-grade-level skills.
- 3. Above Grade Level working on skills not covered in class for students who require more challenge.

Besides the classroom, this program is also very appropriate for:

- 1. Computer Lab site and network versions of this program are available to allow students to work at their own pace in a computer lab setting to build skills being covered in class or skills already covered above.
- 2. After-school programs using after-school time to build and review skills required for advancement.
- 3. At-home Use parents can purchase the program for additional reinforcement at home or schools can make the Super Star Online version available (at no additional cost) to students and parents for at-home use. Super Star Online features a special "Parent" button to encourage parents to work with their child at home.

#### **Research and State Standards Correlations:**

Phonics 2a - Intermediate Level is research based. You can review our research and effectiveness studies at: <a href="http://helpme2learn.com/school/research">http://helpme2learn.com/school/research</a> .

State Standards Correlations – Phonics 2a – Intermediate Level is correlated to the state standards of all 50 states. Each User's Guide and Lesson Plans contains the standards for that course. You can request standards for a specific state.

### **Instructional Design:**

Instructional Theory – You expect a lot out of educational software and we try to deliver everything you expect and more. We subscribe to the theory of Multiple Intelligences as developed by Howard Garner. We believe that educational instruction is most effective when it is presented in a way that reaches as many intelligences and as many students as possible. Because we use multi-media, we can be very effective at doing that. This is not just a language arts program that appeals to the logical intelligences; this program appeals to almost every intelligence to develop reading skills and other skills at the same time.

Since you are using our software, it is obvious that you are committed to using all the tools available to you to make your class instruction more interesting and more multi-dimensional. We applied your taking the extra effort to step away from the traditional lecture-only class instruction.

We also have the following objectives:

- Engaging and Fun We try to make sure that our program will be engaging and fun. Our objective is to take the work out of learning phonics and make it play. Our objective is to change students' perception about language arts as being difficult and boring; turning it into something they love. We want language arts to become easy and understandable. We want our language arts games to be challenging, yet give a sense of accomplishment as students progress through the songs, activities and games. We believe that using our software can help change students' attitudes about learning and about school. Our programs are often the school activity that they look forward to the most.
- Educationally appropriate This program was built on the topics as outlined
  in state standards. Our objective is to give you, the teacher, instructional
  support for the lessons you commonly teach in your classroom. Our goal is to
  help give your students a tool to master your lessons more quickly and retain
  the material longer. Our programs are particularly appropriate when students
  need a lot of repetitive practice. When students master the material quickly,
  you have more time to work on other or more advanced lessons.
- User-friendly this is a buzzword that a lot of companies use. Our customers repeatedly tell us how user-friendly our software is and we are continually looking for ways to improve the user-friendliness of our software. We also believe that the software should be user-friendly to the teacher, so we give you additional controls in the Student Management section of the Teachers and Parents section so you can make it even more appropriate to your class, if you want to.
- Reporting Besides our progress page, we offer printer-friendly reports that
  can be used to track the progress of the class or student. Our most detailed
  report is the Pre-Test and Post-Test report.

Multi-cultural – we are committed to multi-cultural diversity and believe that it
is important that kids recognize characters in the programs with similarities to
them and other characters that are different. The main characters of this
program are our "Super Star" kids which represent different races, skin and
hair colors. We also include both male and female characters.



"Super Star" Kids

Whether your class is using this program in a computer lab with headphones, or you're using an overhead projector to present lessons to the class, you're sure to find the activities and games motivating and rewarding.

## **Super Star Online**

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#### Overview

Our most powerful version of our programs has to be Super Star Online because of the additional teacher features and because of its combination of at school and at-home use. Super Star Online is a web delivered subscription service to one or all of our Super Star titles.

Some of the advantages of Super Star Online are:

- 1. Home use There is probably no greater advantage than home use. Students will have access to the subscription anywhere they have access to the Internet. Many schools have days that are very full and they just don't have time to let students access the software as much as they would like. With our online version, students with a broadband connection can work in our courses at home and take as much time as they need to complete the lessons. Our online version even records how much time the students are in each lesson.
- 2. Parental Involvement The next step with at-home use is to involve parents (or family members) in helping to motivate, track, and work with the child. One of the problems with parental involvement is that some parents don't know how to help their child with homework. We make it easy for them. We have added a special "Parent" button to help parents use Super Star Online. The "Parent" button allows parents to view the songs, vocabulary words, activities and games without data tracking, so they do not affect the scores or data tracking of the child. Parents can review the lessons so they know what is required of the child. We offer a wonderful and enjoyable way for parents to work with the school to become involved in the educational success of their child.
- 3. Family Literacy Some parents may not have the English language skills needed to help their child. Our "Parent" button gives the parent an opportunity to learn English language skills or math skills along with their child. We believe that a better educated parent will be better prepared to help their child.
- 4. Easy IT Our Online version makes it easier for the school's IT department. They don't have to maintain a server, they don't have to worry nearly as much about which operating system the software will run on, and they don't have to worry about security issues with their network. Our online system is supported by most modern operating systems and web browsers.

- 5. Quick Updates When we make improvements to our course titles or add course titles, the updates will be available to all students as soon as we make them. You don't have to be concerned with which version you have or if you need to upgrade.
- 6. Quick Delivery Once we receive your purchase order, we can get you online in a matter of hours.
- 7. Remote Administration For districts or schools that stretch their IT department, our online version allows complete administration of the courses from any location.

### **Class Management System**

Many of the features of Super Star Online are managed by the site administrator. Those features include: importing student names, assigning user names and passwords to the students and teachers, setting up classes and assigning students and teachers to those classes, assigning courses to the classes.

As a teacher, we encourage you to work with the site administrator to organize the system in the most effective way for your classroom. This may mean that you may request sub-classes for students with different program titles available to those in each group. For example, if your last name is Teacher, you might have a class called "Ms. Teacher A" with 14 students and access to Phonics 2a and Phonics 2b. You might also have a class called "Ms. Teacher B" with 8 students and access to Language Arts Review 3a for more advanced students.

It is relatively easy for the site administrator to add or change the names of classes and assign students and programs to classes. But, depending on your school or district, it may not be so easy to get the site administrator to do these tasks for you.

We now offer teachers a way to do most of the class management tasks. The teacher will login to Super Star Online using their teacher account and:

- 1. Click on "Classes", to see the courses that are assigned to the class by the site administrator. The teacher can then click on "Edit Class" and add or remove the assigned courses by checking or unchecking the courses. The students will only have access to the courses that are assigned to the class.
- 2. The teacher can then scroll down to Members and check that all that all of the students have been assigned to the class. If the teacher sees the name of a student who should be included in the class, the teacher can check the name or the teacher can uncheck a name to remove the student from the class. Then click on "Update" to make the changes.

- 3. **Adding a Student.** If the teacher needs to add students that are not already in the system, the teacher can click on "Students". To add a student, the teacher would click on "Add Student". The teacher would enter the first name and last name of the student, would check the class, would enter a login name (note: read the instructions below Login Name do not use a login name that is already in use and do not use capital letters), would enter a password, confirm, check Acitve? Click on "Create". (Note: the school has purchased a number of user seats and teachers cannot enter active students if that number has been exceeded.
- 4. Teachers can also remove a student from the class. Click on "Students", then I suggest next to "Arrange by" click on the down arrow and click on Class to get a class list. Click on "Edit" by the name of a student and uncheck the name of the class and then "Update".

If a student is no longer at the school, the teacher can make that student inactive (making a student inactive means that the student will no longer take an active seat and will no longer be counted against the number of seats the school has purchased) uncheck "Active?" at the bottom of the screen, then Update.

Note: the user/login name and password was probably determined by the site administrator. If you find user name or password to be too difficult for your students or if a student cannot remember their password, you can change it. For security purposes, our system does not show the password, but you can change it by entering a new password in the box and confirm. Please coordinate any changes with your site administrator. If the courses are also used in a computer lab, please coordinate any changes with the computer lab instructor.

#### **Teacher Resources**

Teachers should have access to our Teacher Resources class and our Teacher & Admins Resources course. The teacher will sign in to Super Star Online using their teacher account. Click on Class and locate the Teacher Resources class. Open the class and locate the Teacher & Admins Resources course. Open the course to find video tutorials and printed instructions that will help you use the many teacher features of Super Star Online.

Also in the Teacher Resources class, you should find Super Star Movies which are movies of our songs and presentations. These movies are meant to be projected to the class as you would project any movie. You may want to play the songs without projection.

### **Student Management System – Super Star Online**

To access the Student Management System, click on the Teacher & Admins button found on the contents page.



**Teachers & Admin button** 



The next screen shows the menu for the Teachers and Admin section. The Print Pages, Credits, and How To Use The Program sections are all very similar to the CD-ROM version and will not be covered.

Click on the Student Management button to enter the Student Management System.



The Student Management System is similar to the CD-ROM version except for the Class & Student Settings button. We will only cover the Class & Student Settings.

Click on the Class & Student Settings button to go the Class and Student Setting menu. These settings are all optional settings and it is not necessary that you use any of these settings, however, you may find some of these settings very useful.



The Class & Student Settings menu has four buttons:

1. Game Locks & Difficulty: contains the teacher controlled setting for the program. These controls allow the teacher to set the program to run in the progressive manner (meaning that students must earn a Gold Star in the activity they are working on before going on to the next activity), controls for the difficulty level, assignment of stars, and activity locks.

- 2. Test Locks & Features contains settings to control access to the program and to the pre-test and post-test as well as printing.
- 3. Parent Mode: contains setting to control the Parent Mode features.
- 4. Reset Default Class Settings: allows the teachers controls to be reset to the default.



The Game Locks & Difficulty menu allows you to apply the setting to all the students in the class or to an individual student. Our programs are designed to be fun and to make learning fun. Our programs are made so that students can easily navigate through the programs and they can earn Silver and Gold Stars and will be motivated to earn all Gold Stars. We call this an "open system" where all of the songs, games and activities are open to the student to enjoy. Unfortunately, some students need a more structured system. At the

request of teachers, we have given you the ability to control access to the songs, games and activities.

We also know of teachers (or lab instructors) who apply verbal structure setting. They instruct the students that they must earn a Gold Star before moving on to the next activity. We believe that this is a much easier and better approach, before applying the progressive game settings to the class. Then when necessary, the individual settings can be applied when a particular student does not comply with the verbal instructions.



Individual Student Game Settings – click on the Individual Student Game Settings button to start. The first screen shows a list of the students in the class, click on the name of the student that you want to apply the individual setting to.



Game Locks & Difficulty - The next menu has a list of activities in the Game Name column. Scroll down to the game you want to control. The Current Star column shows the current Star the student has earned. The teacher can click on this button to change the star. Presentations and Songs have a state of complete (Gold Star) or incomplete. Activities or games will be: No Star, Silver or Gold.

Set Star - It is possible that a teacher might want to award a student a Gold Star if they believe the student has earned one.





The Difficulty level setting can be changed to help make the course more appropriate for the student. Our default star system awards a student a Gold Star for listening to a song or presentation all the way through and for completing each activity/game without any mistakes. The Speed Rounds after the "Learn the Words" sections requires students to earn

a score of 15 in order for the display to show green (though the Speed Round scores to not affect the stars). If you want to allow students to make some mistakes, click on the button in the difficulty column for each game, you can chose from the most relaxed level of Casual to Standard. Generally, students are allowed one more mistake for each lower level of difficulty.



The final setting is the Lock, here teachers can lock or unlock specific activities. The most common activity to lock would be the Coloring Game which is a "just for fun" activity that does not earn the student a star. Click on an unlocked (open green lock) to lock it (turns red locked). Generally, you might rather use the class settings to set this lock for the entire class.



Click on the Class Game Settings button to apply settings to the entire class. These settings are similar to the individual settings only they will be applied to the entire class. The class settings will override individual settings.

Progress Tree – since the operation of the class settings is very similar to the operation of individual setting, I will only cover the Progress Tree. The Progress Tree can be used to require students to complete each activity to a Gold Star level (or 15 points for a Speed Round) before going on to the next activity. The Progress Tree can be used to keep students from jumping around from one activity to another. To start the Progress Tree, click on the red Progress Tree button.



The Progress Tree startup screen allows you select where you want the progress tree to start from. Normally, the first activity is selected, however you can chose any activity as the starting place. If you chose one of the later activities, then all the previous activities will be open to students. You might want to do this to give them a chance to explore the first few activities.

Once you have selected to use the Progress Tree, the Progress Tree button will show on and the starting place will be displayed. You can click on the starting place button to change the starting place.



Test Locks & Features – click on the Test Locks & Features button to see the Test Locks & Features menu.



The Lock Printing button is unlocked by default. This means that anyone can use the print features within the program to print pages such as the Super Star page reports, the Super Star Certificate of Achievement and any other print page. If you lock the printing, teachers will still be able to print the class and detailed reports.

To lock printing, click on the Lock Printing button. The button will turn red, the lock will

show locked and the check box will be checked. Locking printing will help prevent students from printing pages that you did not want them to print, but you will need to turn this feature on if you want them to print their certificates of achievement.

To lock the program, click on the Lock Program button. This would prevent students from having access to any of the main program. This would typically be used if you want them to do the pre-test or post-test.

Click on the Lock Post-Test button to lock the post-test portion of the program. This is usually a good idea; however, if a student does do a post-test, it will be replaced the next time they do a post-test, so it generally isn't a problem.



Click on the Lock Pre-Test & Post-Test button to lock the test portion of the program. This will prevent students from taking the tests without your permission. If you click on the Lock Pre-Test & Post-Test the button will appear grayed out on the

main contents page and will show locked.



Click on the Lock Individual Tests if you want to lock any of the individual tests.

#### **Parent Mode**



Parent Mode – we believe that our Super Star Online presents a wonderful opportunity for parental involvement. Parents will now have an opportunity to take a more active role in helping their child. Parents can review the lessons, review the progress of their child and print a report as often as they would like.

When parents use the Parent Mode, think of it as a practice mode. Parents can play the songs, games and activities and none of their

scores are permanently recorded, their scores do not affect the scores of their child. Parents can become familiar with the lessons their child is working on, so they will be better able to help their child with those lessons. Parents can practice the games and activities with their child, then exit the Parent Mode and let their child do the work. Parents who need help with their literacy and phonics skills can use the Parent Mode to learn along with their child.

We believe that there are many benefits to having the school, the teacher, the student and the parents all working together as a team to insure the success of the student. We believe that Super Star Online can greatly improve the effectiveness of this team. But we recognize that encouraging parental involvement takes a bit of work. Many parents aren't used to being involved. We believe that Super Star Online makes it easy and fun for them to be involved and is a unique way to encourage their involvement. But it

takes the school, the teacher, and the student to make sure that they know about Super Star Online and how they can be involved. Please make every effort to let the parents know about your subscription and encourage your students to involve their parents.

When the Parent Mode is enabled, the student and/or parent will see a Parent button on the main contents screen of the course. Parents can then click on the Parent button to enter the course in the Parent Mode. Should teachers decide that they don't want to use this feature, they can disable it by clicking on the Parent Mode button. The Parent Mode button will then show locked, will turn red and will be checked. The Parent button will not be displayed to the student.



Write a Message to Parent – click on this button to display the write a message screen. This screen allows you to write a message that can be viewed by all the parents who use the Parent Mode. The idea of this screen is to allow you to communicate with parents something about what the students are working on and what is expected of them. You can use it anyway you want. You can type directly into the box or you can paste text into the box (keyboard command: control + V).

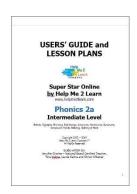
You should remember that all parents will see the same message and that you will need to change the message from time to time. Don't forget to click on Save to save the message.



View Parent Mode Data – once you have your parents working with their children, you can run a report to see how much time the parents are spending in the Parent Mode. Click on this button to see a report of the total parent time, student time and student program progress.

The final button on this menu resets all of the class settings to the default. Use this button if you have made some settings that are giving you some problems or if you just want a fresh start for your class settings.

Users' Guide/Lesson Plans – click on this button to view our Users' Guide and Lesson Plans. This is an Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) file and you will need to have the free Acrobat reader (www.adobe.com) installed on your computer in order to be able to view this file. Once you can view this file, you can print any of the pages you want. This file contains some helpful tips, a lesson plan for each of the lessons in the course, the words to the songs, the words in the Learn the Words sections, and printable activity pages.





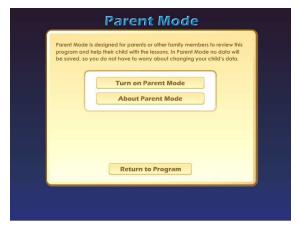
### **Understanding the Parent Mode**

The Parent Mode – teachers can only see the Parent Mode if they look at it from a student account. Students and Parents will see a "Parent" button on the main menu or contents page

(the button is in the same location as the Teachers' & Admins' button from a teacher account. Click on the Parent button to enter the Parent Mode menu.



Message from the Teacher – if the teacher has written a message, the parents will see the message when they first enter the Parent Mode. If the teacher has not written a message, this screen will not appear. The purpose of this screen is to give parents some guidance as to what lessons the child is working on and what is expected of the child.



Parent Mode Menu – the Parent Mode Menu is simple, there is a brief explanation of the Parent Mode, a button to start the Parent Mode and a button to read more about the Parent Mode. Parents can also return to the program without starting the Parent Mode.

Think of the Parent Mode as a practice mode. Parents can play any of the activities, games

or songs without affecting the reporting or the progress of the student. The only tracking that occurs is the total amount of time that the parent spends in the Parent Mode. This data is only available on a report to the teacher.



Parent Mode Menu 2 – when the parent clicks on the Turn on Parent Mode button, they will see the next screen that confirms they are now in the Parent Mode. They should notice the Parent Mode button at the bottom of the screen; this indicates that they are now in the Parent Mode.

From this screen they can turn off the parent mode, read about the Parent Mode, view a progress report for their child or view the

message from the teacher (if there is one).

View Your Child's Progress - click on this button to view or print a progress report. The top of the report will show the progress through the course and the bottom of the report will show the progress of the Pre-Test and Post-Test. Click on the Print button next to the Parent Mode button to print this report. Parents can also track the progress of their child from the Super Star page; however they need to turn off the Parent Mode in order to be able to navigate to the Super Star page. Super Star Page – Parents can view and print progress pages for their child from the Super Star page. There are four different views on the Super Star page:

- the Super Star view
- the Speed Round view
- the Whole Program view
- the Details view

Each view presents the progress in a different format and is designed to help track the progress of the student. Once a student has

earned enough stars, the star on the Super Star page will turn silver; parents can click on this star and print a Silver Star Certificate of Achievement.





The goal of the program is to earn a Gold Star on every star, then the star at the bottom of the Super Star page will turn gold and the parent can print the a Gold Star Certificate of Achievement. To print a Certificate of Achievement, click on the Silver or Gold Star, then click on Yes (note- the teacher has the option of turning the printing feature off, so if your students' certificates won't print, they must ask you to turn the printing feature on).



Parent Mode Button — to begin using the course in the Parent Mode, the parent would click on the Return to Program button. When in the Parent Mode, the Parent Mode button will be displayed at the bottom center of the screen. Parents can click on the Parent Mode button to return to the Parent Mode screen and turn off the Parent Mode.

It is our hope that the Parent Mode will be a valuable asset to the school, the teacher, the

student and to the parent. Super Star Online provides a unique opportunity for the school to provide an easy to use and fun way for parents to work with their child at home. The level of parent involvement will obviously vary greatly. Some parents will only occasionally check the progress of their child, while some parents will be actively involved. We also encourage parents to use Super Star Online to build their skills as they work with their child.

#### **At-home Use**

We have provided the tools to enable your students to use Super Star Online at home, however at-home use will need your support and encouragement to be used. Here are some suggestions for encouraging at-home use.

1. Send a letter home with your students advising the parents that Super Star Online is available and encouraging the parents to work with their child at home.

We have a sample parent letter available at <a href="https://www.helpme2learn.com/support/online">www.helpme2learn.com/support/online</a> . Please use this letter as a guide. To complete this letter you will need the user name and password of each student, you should be able to get these from your school's site administrator. You will use the same URL (web address) that you use in your classroom.

- 2. Remind your students to ask their parents to work with them at home.
- 3. After a couple of weeks, run a report to see how many parents have logged in and are using the program in the Parent Mode. You may need to send a follow up letter to parents who are not working with their child at home.
- 4. Whenever you have an open house or meeting with parents, let them know about Super Star Online and how they can use it to work with their child.
- 5. Suggest to your school administration that they hold a special Super Star Online night where your school explains the use of the program to the parents. You might be able to incorporate this as part of a back to school night or PTA meeting.
- 6. Use the message center and write a message on a regular basis to your parents. Let them know what lessons you are working on and what to expect from their child.

Some students will not have access at home. Encourage these students to seek out alternative access sites such as the public library, after school programs or relatives who do have Internet access.

The goal of Super Star Online is to build a better bond between the school, the teacher, the student and the parents. This stronger bond will build a better team all working together. We call this the Super Star Strategy for Success.

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