

Word lists and teaching notes for Units 1-4

The teaching notes are suggestions of what you might include in your own words to the student.

Contents: Short, regular words (cvc consonant-vowel- consonant words)

Letter sounds of the alphabet Adding 's' to make simple plurals Short regular high frequency words

- Words after the asterisks in the following lists are further examples for each list and for when you might use the *Refresh* button in the program in *My Play words*.
- Teaching notes anything between slashes refers to a sound.

These first sounds and words will need a lot of oral work - listening for sounds, linking them with letters, awareness of how you make the sounds, blending the sounds into simple words, segmenting the sounds to spell them and then writing them, being able to picture the words accurately after building them, and knowing how to enter them efficiently on a keyboard.

Always look at 'My Play Words' before attempting the games. Click on the words to hear them and see their picture, and on the phonics slider at the bottom to see and hear them split up.

Each list will benefit from writing in addition to typing them in Wordshark, and from saying them out loud (like in the Say word game).

1) CVC - 3 letter words with vowels a, i

introduce a (with s, t, p) at sat pat tap * sap

Listen for the vowel sound /a/ in all these short words. Look in a mirror to you see how you make the /p/ sound using your lips - and flip the end of your tongue to make /t/. The letter s represents a sound like a snake.

Look carefully at the letters and try to 'blend' the separate sounds they represent to make them into words. Try to split the words up again (segment them) into separate sounds to spell them. The game 'Split sound' is useful for this. Write the letters in each word as well as type them. Try to see each word with your eyes closed. This will all need lots of help and practice.

introduce i it sit pit tip pip

* sip

Listen for the vowel sound /i/ in all these short words. Try to remember the sounds you learnt in the first list – you will need them again in this list.

a and i, (introduce n)

nip pan pin tin tan nap

in



Detect the new letter in every one of these words. Listen for the new sound /n/ this letter represents. If you hold your nose you can feel the sound you make! Try to detect which words have /a/ and which have /i/ when someone says the words to you.

a and i, (introduce m, d)

, ,

Look for the new letter and listen for the sound /m / it makes - you can feel it through your nose but you use the lips to make it – easy to see in a mirror. Try to feel the /d/ that you make with the tip of the tongue.

Look carefully at the letters for each word and try to 'blend' the separate sounds they represent to make them into words. Try to split the words up again (segment them) to spell them. The game 'Split sound' is useful for this.

Write the letters in each word as well as type them. Try to see each word with your eyes closed.

a and i, (introduce g, c)

gap
gas
pig
dig
cap
cat
dad

Practise the new letters and their sounds /g/ and /c/. Look carefully at the letters for each word and try to 'blend' the separate sounds they represent to make them into words. Try to split the words up again (segment them) to spell them. The game 'Split sound' is useful for this. Write the letters in each word as well as type them. Try to see each word with your eyes closed.

revise letters aistpmdgc

g

C

a	ten
i	net
S	per
t	peg
p	me
m	me
d	
	5 .

These are all the letters and their sounds that you have learnt so far. Match each sound to its letter and match each letter to its sound. Write each letter as well as type it and say its sound out loud. Picture each letter with your eyes closed. Learn where each letter is on the keyboard and try to use the right finger for each letter if you have a typing program.

End of Unit 1 test (Supershark)

2) CVC words (add vowels o, e, u)

introduce e

introduce c)
got	
on	
pot	
top	
dog	
pop	
dot	
cot	

Detect which new letter is in each of these words.

Practise this new vowel with its sound /o/.

Look carefully at the letters for each word and try to 'blend' the separate sounds they represent to make them into words. Try to split the words up again (segment them) to spell them. The game 'Split sound' is useful for this.

Write the letters in each word as well as type them. Try to see each word with your eyes closed.

introduce e

get

pet

n

t

٩n

Detect which new letter is in each of these words

Practise this new vowel with its sound /e/.

Look carefully at the letters for each word and try to 'blend' the separate sounds they represent to make them into words. Try to split the words up again (segment them) to spell them. The game 'Split sound' is useful for this.

Write the letters in each word as well as type them. Try to see each word with your eyes closed.

introduce u

up mum mug cup sun cut nut

Detect which new letter is in each of these words.

Practise this new vowel with its sound /u/.

Look carefully at the letters for each word and try to 'blend' the separate sounds they represent to make them into words. Try to split the words up again (segment them) to spell them. The game 'Split sound' is useful for this.

Write the letters in each word as well as type them. Try to see each word with your eyes closed.

CVC (all with r)

rip run rat rag rug rot red



Detect which new letter is in each of these words.

Practise this letter and its sound /r/
- it curls your tongue – helping you
to know when it occurs in a word.
Look carefully at the letters for each
word and try to 'blend' the separate
sounds they represent to make
them into words. Try to split the
words up again (segment them) to
spell them. The game 'Split sound' is
useful for this.

Write the letters in each word as well as type them. Try to see each word with your eyes closed.

CVC (all with h)

him hot hut hop hat hit hug

Detect which new letter is in each of these words

Practise this letter and its sound /h/. You can feel your breath if you place your hand in front of you mouth when you say /h/ – helping you to know when it occurs in a word.

Look carefully at the letters for each word and try to 'blend' the separate sounds they represent to make them into words. Try to split the words up again (segment them) to spell them. The game 'Split sound' is useful for this.

Write the letters in each word as well as type them. Try to see each word with your eyes closed.

revise letters o e u g n d c r h

o e u g n d c r

End of Unit 2 test (Supershark)

This will draw on single sounds and words from all the lists so far learnt. Practise some on paper for an additional way of learning them.

3) CVC - introduce remaining consonants

CVC (all with b)

but
big
bag
bed
beg
bun
bus
bat

Practise these sounds with new sound /b/ introduced, blending them into words, and segmenting them for spelling. /b/ is made with your lips —so look in a mirror and it will help you to know when it occurs in a word.

CVC (all with f or I)

fat
fan
fun
fog
leg
lip
log

Practise the new sounds /f/ made with the lips, and /l/ made with the tip of the tongue. Blend the sounds into words, and segment them for spelling.

CVC (all with j or v)

jam jet jog job jug van vet vat Practise the new sounds /f/ made with the lips, and /l/ made with the tip of the tongue. Blend the sounds into words, and segment them for spelling.

CVC (all with w or x)

win
wag
wet
wig
mix
box
fox
six

Practise the new sounds /w/ made with the lips, and /x/ which is really 2 sounds /ks/. Blend the sounds into words, and segment them for spelling

CVC (all with k, y or z)

kit kid yes yet yap zip zap

Practise these new sounds for letters k, y and z. The letter k has only one sound associated with it /k/. Blend the sounds into words, and segment them for spelling.

revise letters b f l j v w x k y z

b f l j v w x k

alphabet sounds mixed

*a b c d e f g



Orinite		
	bat	nut
h	bed	on
i	beg	pan
j	big	pat
k	box	peg
I	bun	pet
m	bus	pig
n	but	pin
0	сар	pip
р	cat	pit
q	cot	рор
r	cup	pot
S	cut	rag
t	dad	rat
u	did	red
V	dig	rot
W	dip	rug
x	dot	run
У	fan	sad
Z	fat	sat
	fog	sit
	fox	six
Practise these letters – writing them	gap	sun
as well as typing them, saying them	gas	tan
out loud as you do so. Watch out for	get	ten
reversals like b and d.	got	tip
	hat	top
End of Unit 3 test (Supershark)	him	up
This will draw on single sounds and	hit	van
words from all the lists so far learnt.	hop	vat
	hot	wag
	hug	wet
Practise some on paper for an	hut	wig
additional way of learning them.	in	win
	it	уар
Revision to end of Unit 3	jam	yes
(Revision test of words in Units 1-3)	jet	yet
	job	zap
	jog	zip
	jug	

4) CVC add s, High Frequency Words

revise short vowel words

tap tin rip dog pen vet bug fun am at bag

leg lip log lot man map mat

men met mix mug mum nap net nip

kid

kit

Click on 'More words' in 'My Play Words' to bring in different words to practise with the games. These are all words with vowel sounds known as 'short vowels'.

adding s

dogs cats pips pens hats mugs bats

buns



caps	
cups	
dots	
fans	
huts	
jobs	
kids	
legs	
lips	
logs	
maps	
mats	
nuts	
rags	
rugs	

Detect what all the words in this list have in common. They are all words you have learnt so far with an s on the end to make more than 1 of something – a list of plurals. Note that the s sounds sometimes like /s/ and sometimes like /z/

HFW: at am it in is

at am it in is

These are useful words. Note the s sounds /z/ in is.

HFW: on got can not get

on got can not get

Useful, regular words where the letters are associated with their expected sounds.

HFW: had has his him if

had has his him if

Useful, regular words where the letters are associated with their

expected sounds— apart from *s* sounding like /z/.

HFW: big but mum dad

big but mum dad

Useful, regular words where the letters are associated with their expected sound.

Tricky Words (TW): and to the

of and to the of

Note the /oo/ in to, the /th/ in the, and the /v/ in of.

End of Unit 4 test (Supershark)

Practise these revision words on paper for an additional way of learning them.



SUPERSHARK and the WORDSHARK COURSE Word lists and teaching notes for Units 5-6

The teaching notes are suggestions of what you might include in your own words to the student.

Contents: Short, regular words with sh ch th

Short regular high frequency words

A list of 3 high frequency words ending in long vowels A list of 3 high frequency words with irregular spelling

- Words after the asterisks in the following lists are further examples for each list and for when you might use the *Refresh* button in the program in *My Play words*.
- Teaching notes anything between slashes refers to a sound.

These words introduce the idea of more than one letter working together with another to make a new sound. Example 'shop' has 4 letters but only 3 sounds because the letters 'sh' together make a new and single sound.

sh ch th

sh shop shut shot ship shed fish wish cash * mash rush

Detect what all the words in this list have in common. Note the *sh*. These TWO letters - **sh** - work together to represent a single sound. They are not be 'sounded out' separately - but to be seen working together as a single unit (grapheme). Recognising this idea - and these letter combinations in words is a very important skill in reading and spelling.

ch chip

chop chin chat rich much

Detect what all the words in this list have in common. Note the *ch*. These TWO letters - **ch** - work together to represent a single sound /ch/ and are not to be 'sounded' out separately. They should be seen working together as a single unit Recognising this idea and these letter combinations in words is a very important skill in reading and spelling.

th
the
this
that
then
them
thin

with

moth

Detect what all the words in this list have in common. Note the *th*.

These TWO letters - th - work together to represent a single sound. They are not to be 'sounded' out separately. They should be seen working together as a single unit. You can use your voice for this sound like in 'the' - or not use your voice - like in 'thin'.

sh ch th mixed

ship shop chin chips thin that

This list has words with sh, ch, and th

End of Unit test (Supershark)



6) HFW - High Frequency Words

Revise easy HFW
got
get
big
did
if
not
can
had

These words are used frequently in reading and writing and have letters and sounds already learnt.

Revise TW: has his him but

has his him but

These words are used frequently in reading and writing and have letters and sounds already learnt. Note the *s* sounds like /z/.

Revise TW: and the to is of

and the to is of

These words are used frequently in reading and writing and have letters and sounds already learnt.

HFW: them then that this the with

them then

that

this

the

with

These words are used frequently reading and writing and have letters and sounds already learnt.

Tricky Words (TW): no go I

no go I

These 3 words have a vowel at the end and the sound of the vowel is the same sound as the letter's name. They are sometimes known as 'long vowels'. See later – in Unit 9 - for more about 'open syllables'.

Tricky Words (TW): to my you

to my you

These 3 words are used a lot. They have irregular spellings. They are best just learnt as they are – or make up a special way to remember them.

End of Unit test (Supershark)

Revision test to end of Unit 6



Word lists and teaching notes for Units 7-9

The teaching notes are suggestions of what you might include in your own words to the student.

Contents: Consonant blends – two consonants blended together at the start of words.

Consonant blends – two consonants blended together at the end of words.

nch

ng

Open and closed syllables - introduced

- Words after the asterisks in the following lists are further examples for each list and for when you might use the *Refresh* button in the program in *My Play words*.
- Teaching notes anything between slashes refers to a sound.

Each consonant has its own sound and is blended with the second consonant. It is easy to miss the second one at the beginning of words – and to miss the penultimate sound when the blend is at the end. It is useful to detect how you make the sounds – and to use a mirror to help identify which consonants are in the word.

7) Initial consonant blends	introduce blends 2	consonant blends mixed 1
•	pan	blob
introduce blends	plan	brush
cap	pod	clap
clap	prod	clip
cab	sick	crab
crab	stick	drum
dip	tin	flag
drip	twin	from
fat	tick	*
flat	trick	blip
fog		blot
frog	You can feel the difference in how	blush
G	you say the word pan and plan.	bran
You should be able to feel the	The tip of your tongue flips down	clot
difference in how you say the	in <i>plan</i> but not in <i>pan</i> . You feel the	cloth
word <i>cap</i> and <i>clap</i> . You feel the tip	r in prod but not in pod. You feel	crash
of your tongue flip down in <i>clap</i>	the w with your lips in twin but	crop
but not in <i>cap</i> . You feel and hear	not in tin and so on.	crush
the <i>r</i> in <i>frog</i> as you say it but not		drip
in fog.		drop



drug	consonant blends mixed 3	
flap	smash	
flash	snap	
flat	swim	
flip	spot	Υ

There are two alternative sounds in second place in all these words. You can detect them by the way you say them -the flip of your tongue for I and the roll of your tongue for the r.

frog

Using a mirror will help. Click on 'More words' in 'My Play Words' to bring in different words to practise with the games.

consonant blends mixed 2	
glad	
grip	
plan	
prod	
slim	
slot	
skip	
*	
glum	
grab	
plop	
plot	
plug	
plus	
pram	
prop	
skid	
skim	
skin	
slam	
slip	
slug	

You can detect three different sounds in second place in all these words.

You can detect them not only by hearing them but also how you say them – the flip of your tongue for I the roll of the tongue for the r, and the feel of the k at the back of the tongue.

Click on 'More words' in 'My Play Words' to bring in different words to practise with the games.

snap
swim
spot
step
trap
twin
*
smug
snip
snob
snug
spin
spit
stab
stop
swam
tram
trash
trip
trot

twig

These words have different sounds is second place - listen and become aware of them as you say them - and link them to the correct letters.

Click on 'More words' in 'My Play Words' to bring in different words to practise with the games.

End of Unit test (Supershark)

8) End blends

bad	
band	
bed	
bend	
had	
hand	
wet	
went	
hut	
hunt	
*	
bled	
blend	
lad	

introduce final blends

You should be able to feel the difference in how you say the word bad and band. You can detect the/n/sound in band as a sound you make through your nose, and if you hold the bridge of your nose you can feel it vibrate. It is a good way to be aware of the

land sad sand

There is no *n* in *bed* but there is in bend – and so on.

spelling as it is easy to miss out

the n. You cannot hear or feel an n

-nd
and
band
hand
land
sand
end
bend
mend
send
*
blend
brand
grand
lend
spend

stand strand trend

These words all have the same sound just before the last sound. You can detect it -/n/ as a sound you make through your nose, and if you hold the bridge of your nose can feel it vibrate. It is a good way to be aware of the spelling as it is easy to miss out the n.

-nt -nch bent sent tent went hunt lunch bunch



pinch

*

bench
blunt
branch
crunch
flint
grant
grunt
mint
munch
plant
print
punch
spent

These words all have the same sound just before the last sound. You can detect it -/n/ as a sound you make through your nose, and if you hold the bridge of your nose you can feel it vibrate. It is a good way to be aware if this letter is present in the word in order to spell it - it is easy to miss out the letter n.

Click on 'More words' in 'My Play Words' to bring in different words to practise with the games.

-mp
camp
damp
lamp
stamp
tramp
dump
jump
lump
pump
*
hump
stump
stump
thump

Detect the sound just before the last sound (different to the previous list). This is m - a sound you make with your lips but feel through your nose. These are good ways to be aware if this letter is present in the word in order to spell it - it is easy to miss out the letter m.

-lp -lk -lt -lf -pt
help
gulp
milk
silk
felt
melt
shelf
golf
kept
*
belt
crept
slept
sulk

These words all have one of 2 alternate sounds just before the last one. You need to detect which these are (I and p).

-ft -ct -sk -sp left lift soft act fact risk desk * crisp drift sift tuft tusk

swept

wept

You need to detect which letter comes before the last in each of these words. Listening well and being aware of how you make the sounds as this will help – as these can be easy to miss when spelling the words.

-st -xt
cost
lost
list
must
best
nest
next
text

just
pest
quest
rest
test
trust
twist
west

Detect the sound that comes just before the end in these words. It is mostly the sound of a hissing snake /s/. In a couple it is the x which is a letter which sounds as 2 sounds /ks/.

end blends mixed

help milk felt kept soft fact cost next act and band bend bent best bunch camp damp desk dump end golf gulp hand hunt jump lamp

left
lift
list
lost
lump
lunch
melt
mend
must
nest
pinch

land



pump
risk
sand
send
sent
shelf
silk
stamp
tent
text
tramp
went

You need to detect all of the sounds in these words. Listening well and being aware of how you make the sounds will help – as some of them can be easy to miss out when spelling them.

Each time you click on 'More words' you refresh the selection of words.

End of Unit test (Supershark)

9) ng, nk, Open & Closed syllables

ring
ring
king
sing
wing
ping
thing
*
bring
cling
spring
string
string
swing

Detect what each of these words has in common. *ing* is always consistent for reading and spelling. The letters *ng* make a single sound – through your nose.

-ng		
king		
ring		
sing		

wing
bang
hang
long
song
lung
*
fang
hung
rang
sang
swing
thing

You need to detect what these words have in common. The letters *ng* make one sound. Listen carefully for which vowel sound comes before them.

-nk pink sink think drink bank tank thank bunk sunk blank blink drunk honk ink plank sank shrink skunk stink trunk wink

You need to detect what these words have in common. The spelling for the nasal sound for *ng* drops the letter *g* when it comes before /k/ and is spelt *nk* and not *ngk*.

HFW: went from help just ask went

from help just ask

These high frequency words (HFW) are often needed in early reading and writing.

TW: he she we be me

he she we be me

These short words have a vowel at the end of the syllable – an *open* syllable – and the vowel is 'long' – you can hear its name not its 'short' sound. See the notes for the next list.

Open & closed syllables

we
wet
she
shed
he
help
go
got
by
big
*
me
men
no
not
so

sob

These are single syllable words with a single vowel. Looking at these swords - detect which of them has a vowel at the end - a, e, i. o, u, (but also y) - and which words have consonants (the rest of the alphabet).

When there are one or more consonants at the end of the syllable closing it in, it is called a **closed syllable** and you hear it has a 'short' vowel sound.



When the syllable has the vowel left on the end it is called an **open syllable** and you hear it has a 'long' vowel sound.

An added confusion is that the long vowel sound is the same sound as the vowel's actual name. You have to be clear whether you are talking about a sound or a name as we can hear these can be one and the same in some words. The idea of OPEN AND CLOSED SYLLABLES NEED LOTS OF PRACTICE AND REPETITION and is especially useful in reading.

End of Unit test (Supershark)

Revision test to end of Unit 9



Word lists and teaching notes for Units 10

The teaching notes are suggestions of what you might include in your own words to the student.

Contents: Short words ending in II, ss, ff, ck

- Words after the asterisks in the following lists are further examples for each list and for when you might use the *Refresh* button in the program in *My Play words*.
- Teaching notes anything between slashes refers to a sound.

Simple short words with a short vowel, if the last sound/letter is I, s, z or f - it is doubled. ck behaves in the same way.

10) Il ss ff ck	fall	have in common – double ss (or
-,	wall	zz) on the end – following a short
-II	*	vowel, and are of one syllable.
bell	small	Some people use the mnemonic
fell	stall	'flossy words' as a these end in /f/
tell		/l/ or /s/ after a short vowel.
hill	Detect what all of these words	Detect the rhymes in this set.
kill	have in common – double // on	
fill	the end – and are of one syllable.	-ff
doll	 but also note the altered sound 	off
roll	for a.	cuff
*	Detect the rhymes in this set.	huff
pill		puff
sell	-SS -ZZ	tiff
well	mass	*
Detect what all these words have	less	cliff
in common – double // on the end	mess	fluff
 following a short vowel, and are 	kiss	gruff
of one syllable.	miss	sniff
Some people use the mnemonic	boss	staff
'flossy words' as a these end in /f/	fuss	stuff
/l/ or /s/ after a short vowel.	fizz	
Detect the rhymes in this set.	buzz	Detect what all these words have
,	*	in common – double ff on the end
-all	jazz	 following a short vowel, and are
all	loss	of one syllable.
ball	pass	Some people use the mnemonic
call	toss	'flossy words' as a these end in /f/
tall		/I/ or /s/ after a short vowel.
hall	Detect what all these words	Detect the rhymes in this set.



-ck

back

pack

neck

pick

thick

lock

duck

luck

*

deck

kick

lick

peck

quack

quick

rock

sack

shock

sick

sock tick

Detect what all these words have in common -ck on the end.

They are similar to the earlier lists – the /k/ sound follows a **short vowel,** and the words are of **one** syllable.

HFW: all will off back

all

will

off back

These high frequency words match the words just learnt.

End of Unit test (Supershark)



Word lists and teaching notes for Units 11-12

The teaching notes are suggestions of what you might include in your own words to the student.

Contents: ing, ed

2 syllable words

ee, oo

- Words after the asterisks in the following lists are further examples for each list and for when you might use the *Refresh* button in the program in *My Play words*.
 - Teaching notes anything between slashes refers to a sound.

Words already learnt that can take an ing or ed ending, are introduced.

2 syllabe words are introduced where each syllable has a regular spelling - with sound/letter correspondences that have already been learnt.

Easy ee and oo words are introduced.

11) 2 syllables -ing, -ed etc

longer words with -ing

wishing jumping landing holding bending ending *

missing sticking

Detect why these are in pairs. The first of the pair is the root word. The second adds *ing* which will be useful in writing and telling stories. The words ending in *ing* have 2 beats – 2 syllables.

longer words - adding -ed

jump jumped help helped wish wished land landed end ended

Detect why these are in pairs. The first of the pair is the root word. The second adds ed for using the word in the past tense. The ed sounds quite different in different words – but always means that the action is not happening now -but in the past. It is no good 'sounding it out' but just learn to recognise the past tense and add the ed. This will need lots of practice and revisiting.

2 syllables with short vowels

picnic plastic dragon comic edit project Detect how many syllables (beats) these words have. They all have a rhythm of 2 beats when you say them out loud - 2 syllables. Spell out the first from its sound then add the second.

These will ned practice.

2 syllables with short vowels 2

exit lemon upset dustbin invent laptop

Detect how many syllables (beats) these words have. They all have a rhythm of 2 beats when you say them out loud - 2 syllables. Spell out the first from its sounds then add the second.
These will ned practice.

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End of Unit test (Supershark)



12) ee oo HFW

-ee -eep -eet see tree sleep keep deep feet meet sweet bleep creep fleet greet peep sheep sheet steep street sweep weep

Detect what these words all have in common. They all have *ee* in them sounding 'long e' - where the vowel sound is the same as its letter name. The brain seems to handle these doubles fairly easily so this list appears early in the course. It has many words beyond the standard list if you click on 'More Words' in 'My Play Words'.

-ee- mixed

green week feel feet sweet sleep sheep three

bee been bleep cheek creep deep fee fleet free greet keen keep meet peep see seek seen sheet steep street sweep tree

-oo- as in 'food'

weep

food

moon shoot boot root spook roof hoop gloom * noon room soon spoon zoo zoom

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-oo- as in 'book' (southern English)

book look took cook shook foot good wood * hook rook

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longer words with ee, oo

cooking keeping feeling weekend football footprint

Discuss how you would break these words up into 2 syllables and recognise the root word and its ending.

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