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BOOK ONE

Building Spelling Skills



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LEARNING HOW TO SPELL WORDS



1. Look at the word. Study every letter.
2. Say the word to yourself.
3. Say it again aloud, and then spell it.
4. Copy the word on paper, naming the letters as you write.
5. Close your spelling book, and test yourself.
Write the word.
Do not worry if you do not get it right the first time.
6. Open your spelling book again. Check the word.
7. Study the word one more time, and test yourself by writing the word again.

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As with all of your school work, always remember to ask God to help you learn and understand what you are doing. Thank Him for His help with every lesson.

UNIT 1

SHORT VOWELS

Short a

THE PHONICS-SPELLING CONNECTION:

If a word has only one vowel, and it comes at the beginning or between two consonants, the vowel usually has a short sound. Short **a** is the **a** in "bat."

"The short 'a' sound all by itself doesn't mean anything.

But a sound that means something is a word."

— Samuel L. Blumenfeld



A Day at the Ball Game

WORD LIST

am

has

man

bag

an

sad

cap

clap

at

glad

bat

hand

as

ran

candy

taffy

had

sat

lap

Dad

UNIT 10

LONG VOWELS

Long a Silent e

THE PHONICS-SPELLING CONNECTION:

If a one-syllable word has two vowels, the first vowel usually has a long sound and the second vowel is silent. Long **a** is the **a** in "gaze."

*"Father of Jesus, Love Divine,
With rapture will it be,
Prostrate before thy throne to lie,
And gaze and gaze on Thee!"*

— Frederick W. Faber, 1848

A Birthday Party



WORD LIST

make	came	late	case	cape
bake	name	hate	sale	maze
cake	game	cane	pale	gaze
made	date	vase	tape	cave

UNIT 18

VOWEL DIGRAPHS

Digraph oo
has three
sounds

THE PHONICS-SPELLING CONNECTION:

A vowel digraph is a double vowel that stands for one new sound and does not follow the usual two-vowel rule (if a one-syllable word has two vowels, the first vowel usually has a long sound and the second vowel is silent.)

The vowel digraph **oo** stands for the sounds in "moon," "book," and "flood."



*"A good book is the best of friends,
the same today and forever."*

— Martin Farquhar Tupper (1810–1889)

The Kooky World of Goofy Tooth

WORD LIST

tool	broom	roost	hook	foot
spoon	moon	rooster	took	wood
tooth	good	school	book	flood
room	cartoon	gloom	look	blood



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The spelling concepts presented in this workbook instruct children how to spell words with short and long vowel sounds, double consonants, special blends, digraphs *oo* and *or*, diphthongs, word endings, prefixes, suffixes, and compound words.



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