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A STUDENT’S ABILITY to read affects every academic area. More than 20 years of scientific, evidence-based reading research makes clear that all good readers must master certain basic skills. Unfortunately, millions of students fail to master these basic skills. Many of these students never received the high-quality, age-appropriate reading instruction they needed in the early grades. Really Great Reading is proud to announce Blast Foundations G1A™ (Grade 1 Aligned), a product designed to prevent reading difficulties by providing strong foundational skills for young and emerging readers.

THIS PACKET provides information about Really Great Reading’s Blast Foundations. Blast Foundations is a set of units that help students achieve proficiency with foundational skills; skills that are essential to becoming fluent and accurate readers.

BLAST FOUNDATIONS – G1A (GRADE 1 ALIGNED) is a series of units focused on the essential foundational skills that students should master by the end of first grade. It includes explicit instruction and progress monitoring of letter sounds, phonemic and phonological awareness, sight word fluency, and phonics knowledge. These are the sub-skills that lead to strong decoding and fluent, accurate reading. The units can be completed in just 16–24 weeks.

BLAST FOUNDATIONS is appropriate for students of various grades and skill levels. Most emerging readers (particularly students from the middle of Kindergarten through the end of 1st grade) qualify for Blast Foundations. If students are unable to read simple words like lid, rag, dust, shop, or tack, and they haven’t yet mastered their letter sounds and beginning sight words, they are probably good candidates for Blast Foundations. The curricular goals are strictly aligned with Common Core State Standards foundational skills for the end of 1st grade.

BLAST FOUNDATIONS has been successfully used in a variety of settings:

In 1st Grade
- As a whole group supplemental program for schools without a strong phonemic awareness and phonics component in their core reading program.
- As a small group intervention for students at risk for falling behind.

In 2nd Grade and Beyond
- As a small group intervention for students who are still emerging readers. Typically, this means students who are very low cognitively or new to English reading.

HD WORD is the continuation of Blast Foundations. It is commonly used in 2nd and 3rd grade after students have completed Blast Foundations instruction in 1st grade. HD Word leverages the skills and knowledge from the Blast lessons to teach more advanced concepts and word structures. HD Word is a logical next step for students who complete the Blast Foundations lessons.
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OVERVIEW

Contains 25 units which are comprised of 5 lessons each. Each lesson keeps students actively engaged in the learning process with multisensory teaching. Each daily lesson is designed to be completed in 15-30 minute sessions. In one week, students are immersed in 75-150 minutes of explicit foundational skills instruction.

SYSTEMATIC, EXPLICIT, MULTISENSORY

Research makes clear that reading instruction is most effective when it is systematic, explicit, and multisensory.

SYSTEMATIC – Blast Foundations follows a detailed scope and sequence that systematically progresses from easier to more difficult concepts. The lessons are cumulative and carefully designed so that students are taught all the necessary skills to decode the words that they encounter when reading controlled text.

EXPLICIT – Blast Foundations lessons provide explicit instruction, and all concepts are explained in a way that students easily understand. Because all instruction is based on an "I Do, We Do, You Do" teaching methodology, students are able to observe the teacher modeling the concepts correctly for every task, and the teacher is able to scaffold the level of support required by the students until the students can complete the tasks independently.

MULTISENSORY – Blast Foundations lessons are multisensory. Students use manipulatives such as color tiles, letter tiles, and SyllaBoards™ to build words and gain a deep understanding of how sounds are represented by letters.

CCSS GRADE 1 ALIGNMENT

BLAST FOUNDATIONS lessons are aligned with Common Core Foundational Skills Reading Standards for Grade 1. Blast Foundations has four main areas of focus, each of which helps students master these standards:

- Letter Sound Fluency
- Sight Word Fluency
- Phonemic Awareness
- Phonics

When the lessons are taught with fidelity, most students are able to:

- Demonstrate a clear understanding of letter sounds (phonemes) in syllables and spoken words.
- Distinguish long from short vowel sounds in spoken single-syllable words.
- 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.
- Decode and encode regularly spelled one-syllable words.
- Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.
- Read grade-level text orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings.
What will students learn?

STUDENTS LEARN THE ESSENTIALS
The scope and sequence for Blast Foundations provides explicit instruction in the foundational skills needed to help students who struggle with basic skills in Kindergarten through second grade. Students will master words with a CVC pattern, digraphs, two-sound blends, trigraphs, vowel teams, and the vowel-consonant-e spelling. Students also learn how to apply functional strategies to successfully read multisyllabic words with ease. Blast Foundations will increase students’ confidence and improve their decoding skills so they can become accurate and fluent readers.

What are the components of Blast Foundations?

TEACHER GUIDES (BLAST1LP, $225)
The Teacher Guides provide teachers with all the information they need to effectively present the Blast Foundations lessons. All the lessons are built for the teacher and include a thorough explanation of the concepts, routines, and procedures. The lessons are easy to follow so they can be taught by a wide range of educators, not just seasoned literacy professionals and phonics specialists. For those unfamiliar with teaching phonemic awareness and phonics, the guide includes incremental professional development for each lesson.

STUDENT WORKBOOK SET (BLAST1SW, $19)
This set of 2 books contains the phonics practice activities that help students develop mastery and automaticity with key skills. The activities are engaging and age-appropriate for students in grades K-2 and for older emerging readers. There are two different workbook sets for you to choose from: the Primary Student Workbook (PRSW) and the Elementary Student Workbook (ELSW). The PRSW set should be used with Kindergarten and most 1st grade students and the ELSW set is for more advanced students, including those in 2nd grade and beyond. The Teacher Guides provide the information necessary to use either student workbook.

BLAST FOUNDATIONS ONLINE (BLAST1OL, $95)
This interactive teaching tool can be used with Blast Foundations to add a new dimension to instruction. This set of online manipulatives works great on any interactive whiteboard and helps to engage emerging and struggling readers in grades K-3. These virtual manipulatives help make important phonics concepts come alive for students. Students learn concepts faster and retain them better when the teacher uses these online tools. Blast Online includes teachers’ instruction visuals for Units 1-25, virtual letter tiles, vowel posters, and virtual SyllaBoards™.

BLAST STUDENT KIT (BLASTKIT, $55)
The Blast Student Kit provides the vehicle for effective multisensory phonics instruction. Students learn concepts faster and retain them better when they use our magnetic letter tiles and SyllaBoards. These kits are specially designed for smaller hands and the red vowels help students gain key knowledge about word structure. The Blast Student Kit is durable and can be used year after year without replacement.
Unit Structure of
Blast Foundations G1A™

Blast Foundations G1A (Grade 1 Aligned) has 25 units, each with 5 daily lessons. Each lesson keeps students actively engaged in the learning process with multisensory teaching. Each daily lesson is designed to be completed in 15-30 minute sessions. In one week, students are immersed in 75-150 minutes of explicit foundational skills instruction.

1. **LESSON 1 (MONDAY) – Letter Sounds / Sight Words**
   In the first lesson of the week, students focus on building their fluency with letter sounds and high-frequency words. The target is automaticity. Concepts are taught and practiced in a manner that helps students quickly recall what they have learned. Teachers have the flexibility to teach the words and letter sounds that their students still need to learn, rather than those that they have already mastered.

2. **LESSON 2 (TUESDAY) – Phonemic Awareness**
   The phonemic awareness components of Blast Foundations start with blending and segmenting single-syllable words and then moves onto blending and segmenting multisyllabic words. These core skills are taught and practiced in a high-impact, engaging, and multi-sensory manner. The phonemic awareness instruction is pure; students concentrate on speech sounds without linking them to letters or spellings. There is high concentration on vowel phonemes which helps promote reading and spelling success.

3. **LESSON 3 (WEDNESDAY) – Phonics Instruction**
   The phonics lessons of Blast Foundations build from simple concepts (letter-sound correspondence, CVC words, digraphs, blends) to progressively more complex concepts of word structure (advanced vowel spellings, multisyllabic words, inflectional endings). By Unit 14 of Blast Foundations, students are reading multisyllabic words like cactus, nutshell, and index. By Unit 21, students are reading words like nickname, escape, and seamless. By the last unit, students are reading words like rented, reaches, and coastline.

4. **LESSON 4 (THURSDAY) – Student Practice**
   Each unit has a series of high-impact practice activities that focus on the phonics concepts taught. The practice is cumulative and controlled. Students only practice with the items that have been explicitly taught. These activities include Detective Work, Word Sort, and Phrase and Sentence Reading. Each student reads aloud several times during each lesson so the teacher can provide immediate feedback through Positive Error Correction.

5. **LESSON 5 (FRIDAY) – Wrap-up**
   Each unit wraps up with a Show What You Know lesson. Students practice their letter sounds and sight words and then read a series of phrases and sentences aloud. These activities allow teachers to see who has mastered the concepts and who needs more help. Lastly, students are asked to spell phonetically predictable words.
OBJECTIVES

• To build automatic recognition of some grapheme-phoneme combinations.
• To build automatic recognition of some Heart Words.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

• When a consonant letter makes multiple sounds, we teach the most common sound first. For instance, the consonant letter c can make both a hard and a soft sound, /k/ and /s/. In the early lessons of Blast Foundations, only the hard sound, /k/, is taught and practiced.
• There are four standard routines in a typical Blast Lesson 1:
  - Look, Think, Say!
  - Pop-Up
  - 3-Up
  - Read a Row

Read a Row Overview

• In this lesson, students are introduced a new activity called Read a Row. Read a Row is used to measure how well students are acquiring grapheme-phoneme knowledge and Heart Word fluency.
• During this activity, Blast Online displays rows of graphemes or rows of Heart Words.
• Students are either Readers or Checkers. If a student is a Reader, he or she will read a row out loud to the group as the rest of the group acts as Checkers.
• The graphemes or Heart Words that are displayed in Read a Row are dictated by the Blast Online Generator. If you prefer to teach something other than the defaults, you should use the Generator to customize the lessons.
• You can print a Read a Row Teacher Recording Form from Blast Online. This form can be used to record a student's accuracy and reading rate as they read from the screen. This information can be used to help students build automaticity with these key sub-skills.
• To access this form, go to the Letter-Sound Generator in Blast Online, choose the letter-sounds you want to teach and practice, and then hit "Print." A new window will pop up with the Read a Row Teacher Recording Form. You can print this document like any other web-based PDF.

BEFORE TEACHING:
Letter-Sound & Heart Word Fluency Set-Up

Open Blast Online to Unit 4, Letter-Sound Generator.  
Choose three letter sounds to teach and three letter sounds to review and practice.

Open Blast Online to Heart Word Generator.  
Choose five Heart Words to teach and five Heart Words to review and practice.  
Optional: Print Read a Row Teacher Recording Forms.

START TEACHING:
Letter-Sound & Heart Word Fluency

1 STATE OBJECTIVES

Explain that in this lesson, we will learn the sounds for three new consonant letters, and we will also learn five new Heart Words. We will play Look, Think, Say!, Pop-Up, 3-Up, and Read a Row to help us remember them.

2 TEACH LETTERS & SOUNDS WITH LOOK, THINK, SAY!

Open Blast Online to Unit 4, Lesson 1, Letter-Sound Look, Think, Say!  
Say “We are going to learn three new letters and their sounds today. We will start with the game Look, Think, Say!”  
Point to the g letter tile.  
Say “This is the letter g and it makes the sound /g/.”  
Students chorally repeat the letter name and its sound.
**Click** and the red light will appear, reminding students to “Look” at the letter tile carefully and make the “Look” motion.

**Click again** and the yellow light will appear, reminding students to “Think” about the sound that this letter makes, and make the “Think” motion.

**Click again** and the green light will appear, reminding students to “Say” the sound out loud.

**Click again** and the letter tile will disappear, revealing the letter **g** in a sound box, /g/.

**Remind:**
- If a letter is written in a sound box, we say the sound, not the name of the letter.
- The letter **g** is between two slashes. It is in a sound box, so we will say the sound.
- The letter **g** makes the /g/ sound.

**Students chorally repeat** the /g/ sound.

**Explain** that it is important to remember that we are very quiet when we are “Looking” and “Thinking,” and then we are LOUD when we are “Saying.” Look quietly. Think quietly. Say loudly.

**Repeat** the process for each remaining letter sound: I & **h**.

### 3 POP-UP LETTER-SOUND PRACTICE WITH LOOK AND SAY!

**Open** Blast Online to Unit 4, Lesson 1, Letter-Sound Pop-Up.

**Say:**
- “Now that we have learned the new letter names and sounds, we are going to see if we can just “Look” quickly and “Say” the sound that we remember.
- This is a fluency activity, so it is important for you to Look and Say! as quickly as possible. Remember, it is still more important to “Say” the correct sound than to be fast.
- I will model it, and then we will do some together.”

**I DO: Demonstrate with example letter**

**Click** and a letter tile will appear. “Look” through a telescope at the letter tile.

**Say** the phoneme.

**Click again** and the letter tile will disappear, revealing the corresponding sound in a sound box. This serves to reinforce or correct the response.

For letters that are continuants, elongate the sound for 1-2, seconds as you teach it to the students. For a list of continuant consonants, see Appendix B.
WE DO:

Explain that we will all be working to “Say” the rest of the sounds together.

Use Look and Say! to review the individual sounds as the sound boxes appear.

3-UP LETTER-SOUND REVIEW WITH LOOK, THINK, SAY!

Open Blast Online to Unit 4, Lesson 1, Letter-Sound 3-Up.

Say “Now, we are going to Look, Think, Say! with groups of letter tiles and their sounds.”

I DO: Demonstrate with example letters

Click and three letter tiles will appear above a stoplight.

Click again and the red light will appear, indicating that students should “Look” at the letter tiles.

Click again and the yellow light will appear, indicating that students should “Think” about the sounds that the letter tiles make.

Click again and the green light will appear, indicating that students should “Say” the sounds out loud.

Click a fourth time and the letter tiles will disappear, revealing the corresponding sound boxes.

WE DO:

Explain that we will all be working to say the rest of the sounds together.

Remember, it is more important to read accurately than to read fast.

Use Look, Think, Say! to review the grouped letter tiles and their sounds.

READ A ROW GAME TO PRACTICE LETTER SOUNDS

Open Blast Online to Unit 4, Lesson 1, Letter-Sound Read a Row.

For Read a Row, you need a copy of the student tracking chart if you choose to record the students’ performance. The tracking chart can be printed from the Generator on Blast Online, and a sample can be found in Appendix B.
Say  “Now we are going to use Look, Think, Say! with a whole group of letter tiles. When we see a bunch of letter tiles in a line, we call that a “Row.” This activity is called Read a Row.

Explain how the Read a Row activity works:

• In this activity, I will be calling on one student at a time to read a row of letter sounds out loud to the group.

• When it is your turn to read, read loud enough so everyone can hear you.

• If you are not a Reader, you are called a Checker. When you are a Checker, your job is to Look, Think, Say! silently in your head as you listen to and track the Reader. Checkers will be listening for accuracy.

• If the Reader reads all of the letter sounds correctly, then we are going to give them a thumbs-up. If the Reader makes a mistake, then we are going to give them a thumbs-to-the-side motion.

• If you are the Reader, your job is to read the entire row of letter sounds as accurately and quickly as possible.

• For this activity, you won’t be showing any motions for Look, Think, Say!

• Remember, you will be saying the sounds, not the letter names.

• Keep in mind that it’s more important to be right than fast. The letter tiles are organized in groups of three to make it easier to read.

• I will call on a few Readers a day to practice reading the letter sounds in a given row.

Click and one green box will disappear, revealing three groups of three letter tiles.

Call on one student to read a row of letter sounds out loud to the class. When the student is done reading, ask the Checkers to show the thumbs-up or thumbs-to-the-side gesture.

Click again and the first row will be covered once again. The second green box will disappear with the next click, and so on.

6 TEACH HEART WORDS WITH LOOK, THINK, SAY!

Open Blast Online to Unit 4, Lesson 1, Heart Words Look, Think, Say!

Say  “We are going to learn five Heart Words and practice a few Heart Words we learned before. We are going to use Look, Think, Say! to help us remember them.”

Point to the word in.

Say  “This is the word in.”

Students chorally repeat the word in.

Click and the red light will appear, indicating that students should “Look” at the word.

Click again and the yellow light will appear, indicating that students should “Think” about the word.
Click again and the green light will appear, indicating that students should “Say” the word out loud.

Remind students that it is important to remember that we are very quiet when we are “Looking” and “Thinking,” and then we are LOUD when we are “Saying.” Look quietly. Think quietly. Say loudly.

Repeat the process for each remaining Heart Word: is, for, that, & it.

7 POP-UP HEART WORD PRACTICE WITH LOOK AND SAY!

Open Blast Online to Unit 4, Lesson 1, Heart Word Pop-Up.

Say:

• “Now that we have learned the new Heart Words, we are going to see if we can just “Look” quickly and “Say” the words that we remember.

• This is a fluency activity, so it is important for you to Look and Say! as quickly as possible. Remember, it is still more important to “Say” the correct word than to be fast.

• I will model it, and then we will do some together.”

I DO: Demonstrate with example word

Click and a word will appear. “Look” through a telescope at the word. Say the word.

WE DO:

Explain that we will all be working to “Say” the rest of the words together. Use Look and Say! to review the rest of the Heart Words.

8 3-UP HEART WORD REVIEW WITH LOOK, THINK, SAY!

Open Blast Online to Unit 4, Lesson 1, Heart Word 3-Up.

Say “Now, we are going to Look, Think, Say! with groups of heart words.”

I DO: Demonstrate with example words

Click and three Heart Words will appear above a stoplight.

Click again and the red light will appear, indicating that students should “Look” at the words.

Click again and the yellow light will appear, indicating that students should “Think” about the words.

Click again and the green light will appear, indicating that students should “Say” the words out loud.
WE DO:

**Explain** that we will all be working to say the rest of the words together. Remember, it is more important to read accurately than to read fast.

**Use Look, Think, Say!** to review the grouped Heart Words.

### 9 READ A ROW GAME TO PRACTICE HEART WORDS

**Open** Blast Online to Unit 4, Lesson 1, Heart Word Read a Row.

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**Say** “Now, we are going to use Look, Think, Say! with a whole group of Heart Words. When we see a bunch of Heart Words in a line, we call that a “Row.” This activity is called Read a Row.

If necessary, remind students how the Read a Row activity works.

- In this activity, I will be calling on one student at a time to read a row of words out loud to the group.
- When it is your turn to read, read loud enough so everyone can hear.
- If you are not a Reader, you are called a Checker. When you are a Checker, your job is to Look, Think, Say! silently in your head as you listen to and track the Reader. Checkers will be listening for accuracy.
- If you are the Reader, your job is to read the entire row of words as accurately and quickly as possible.
- For this activity, you won’t be showing any motions for Look, Think, Say!
- Keep in mind that it’s more important to be right than fast. The Heart Words are organized in groups of three to make it easier to read.
- I will call on a few Readers a day to practice reading the words in a given row.

**Call on** one student to read a row of Heart Words out loud to the class. When the student is done reading, ask the students to show the thumbs-up or thumbs-to-the-side gesture.

**Explain** that you will get a turn being a Reader as we work through each weekly lesson.

For Read a Row, you need a copy of the student tracking chart if you choose to record the students’ performance. The tracking chart can be printed from the Generator on Blast Online, and a sample can be found in Appendix B.
PHONEMIC AWARENESS
Short I and Long I Phonemes

OBJECTIVES

• To accurately segment phonemes in single-syllable words with short i and long i.
• To accurately identify the short i and long i phonemes in spoken words.
• To accurately blend phonemes together to produce single-syllable words with short i and long i.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

• Short i is the first phoneme in the word “itch.”
• The symbol for the short i phoneme is /ɪ./
• Long i is the first phoneme in the word “island.”
• The symbol for the long i phoneme is /ɪː/.

Phoneme Blending Activity:

• Understanding that words are made up of sequences of individual sounds, or phonemes, is a fundamental skill that students must have soundly in place to efficiently decode written text. Blending is one of many important skills that students must develop in order to become proficient readers.
• Blending involves listening to and pulling together isolated phonemes to create words. This process requires a student to hold the individual elements in his/her mind as the word is created, thus challenging a student’s active working memory.
• This blending activity is designed to enhance students’ abilities to process individual phonemes and unify them into a word. The teacher will articulate phonemes from a real word and pause between each phoneme, like this: /g/ PAUSE /ə/ PAUSE /ɪː/. The teacher will then ask the students to blend the phonemes together to make a real word, in this example, goat.
• One easy way to make this activity more or less difficult is by adjusting the length of the pause placed between the phonemes. To make it more difficult, use a longer pause between the phonemes. To make it less difficult, shorten the pause.
• During both the phoneme blending and phoneme stretching routines, you may want to create sentences for
some of the words that students will blend. This extension exercise will promote vocabulary growth. You can select which words (if any) you wish to define and to come up with simple example sentences. For example, before you ask your students to stretch a word like flip, you might say: "Flip: a flip is when something turns over in the air. Bob did a flip off the diving board," or "If we don't flip the pancakes, they will burn."

BEFORE TEACHING:
Letter-Sound & Heart Word Practice (optional but suggested)

Open Blast Online, and run the Letter-Sound Pop-Up and 3-Up activities to practice the letter sounds taught in Lesson 1.

Open Blast Online, and run the Heart Word Pop-Up and 3-Up activities to practice the Heart Words taught in Lesson 1.

START TEACHING:
Short I and Long I Phonemes

1 STATE OBJECTIVES

Say:

• “In this lesson, we are going to finger-stretch words with the short i and long i vowel phonemes.

• When we listen carefully, we should be able to name whether each word has a short i phoneme or a long i phoneme.

• We know that the short i phoneme is the first sound in "itch." The long i phoneme is the same as the name of the letter i.”

2 REMINDER

Say:

• “Remember, in this part of Blast Foundations, we will be listening to phonemes in words without looking at or naming letters.

• We will be talking about the speech sounds in words, which are called phonemes. We will not be talking about letter names.

• I will not write words or letters on the board, and I will not be talking about letter names.”
3 REVIEW SHORT I PHONEME - /ɪ/  

Open Blast Online to Unit 4, Lesson 2, Short and Long Vowels Posters.  
Say “Let’s get started by stretching phonemes in words with the short i phoneme.”  

Review the short i phoneme and movement:  
• Say “The short i phoneme is /ɪ/.”  
• Make the short i “itch” movement while saying the phoneme /ɪ/.  
  (Pretend to scratch your arm. Say /ɪ/ while scratching.)  
• Direct students to make the short i “itch” movement as they say /ɪ/.  

I DO: Finger-Stretch pit  
Say “I will stretch out a word for you. The word is pit.”  
(Optional – “I ate every part of the peach except the pit.”)  
Repeat pit with closed fist at chest.  
Stretch - /p/ /i/ /t/, beginning with the thumb.  
Say “Pit has three phonemes. The vowel phoneme is /ɪ/. I know the vowel phoneme /ɪ/ is short because /ɪ/ is the first phoneme in iiiitch (while making the short i “itch” movement).”  

WE DO: Finger-Stretch limb  
Say “Let’s stretch out a word together. Our word is limb.”  
(Optional – “The tree limb broke off during the storm.”)  
Students repeat limb with closed fists at chests.  
Teacher and Students stretch - /l/ /i/ /m/, limb, beginning with the thumb.  
Ask students:  
“How many phonemes did you hear?”  
Answer: three  
“What is the vowel phoneme?”  
Answer: /ɪ/  
“Is that long or short?”  
Answer: short  
“How do you know the vowel phoneme is short?”  
Answer: because it says /ɪ/ as in “itch” (while making short i “itch” movement)  

YOU DO: Finger-Stretch words with short i phoneme  
Ask individual students to stretch phonemes in the words below. After students stretch the phonemes, ask:  

Remember to elongate vowel articulation by holding the vowel phoneme for 1-2 seconds.
“How many phonemes did you hear?”
Answer: varies, depending on the word

“What is the vowel phoneme?”
Answer: /ɪɪ/ɪ/ɪ/ɪ/ɪ/

“Is that long or short?”
Answer: short

“How do you know the vowel phoneme is short?”
Answer: because it says /ɪɪ/ɪ/ɪ/ɪ/ɪ/ as in “itch” (while making short i “itch” movement)

kid /k/ɪ/l /d/ pin /p/ɪ/l /n/
wig /w/ɪ/l /g/ sick /s/ɪ/l /k/
dip /d/ɪ/l /p/ if /ɪ/l /ɪ/

More challenging words for older or advanced students:
flip /f/ɪ/l /l/ɪ/l /p/ stick /s/l /t/ɪ/l /k/
trip /t/ɪ/l /l/ɪ/l /p/ milk /m/l /ɪ/l /k/
wrist /r/ɪ/l /s/ɪ/l /t/

4 REVIEW LONG I PHONEME - /ɪ/ 

Say “Next, we are going to review the long i phoneme. A long vowel phoneme is just like saying the name of the letter, so the long i phoneme is /ɪɪ/ɪ/ɪ/ɪ/ɪ/.”

Prompt students to repeat the phoneme, /ɪɪ/ɪ/ɪ/ɪ/ɪ/.

Say “To help us remember this phoneme, we make the long i movement while saying the phoneme, /ɪɪ/ɪ/ɪ/ɪ/ɪ/ (Write the lowercase i in the air with index finger.)

Remind students they can use the posters and movements to check whether a vowel phoneme is short or long:

• Point to the short i section of the Short Vowels Poster, and show students they can check the vowel phoneme by reading the sentence: “I know /ɪ/l is short because /ɪ/l is the first phoneme in itch.”

• Point to the long i section of the Long Vowels Poster, and show students they can check the vowel phoneme by reading the sentence: “I know /ɪ/l is long because /ɪ/l is the name of the letter i.”

Demonstrate how to use the chart to check whether a vowel sound is short or long:

• Stretch phonemes in mine - /m/ɪ/l /l/ɪ/n/l, mine.
• Tell students you think the vowel is long i.
• Point to the long i part of the poster.
• Check by saying "I know the phoneme /ɪ/ is long because /ɪ/ is the name of the letter i, while writing the lowercase letter i in the air with index finger.

**I DO: Finger-Stretch hike**

Say “I will stretch out a word for you. The word is hike.”
(Optional – “My family went on a hike in the woods last weekend.”)
Repeat hike with closed fist at chest.
Stretch hike - /h/ /ɪ/ /k/, hike, beginning with the thumb.
Say “Hike has three phonemes. The vowel phoneme is /ɪ/. I know the vowel phoneme /ɪ/ is long because /ɪ/ is just like saying the name of the letter i (while making the long i movement).”

**WE DO: Finger-Stretch dime**

Say “Let’s stretch out a word together. Our word is dime.”
(Optional – “I found a dime, a quarter, and a penny on the sidewalk.”)
Students repeat dime with closed fists at chests.
Teacher and Students stretch dime - /d/ /ɪ/ /ml/, dime, beginning with the thumb.

Ask students:

“How many phonemes did you hear?”
Answer: three (or four)

“What is the vowel phoneme?”
Answer: /ɪ/

“Is that long or short?”
Answer: long

“How do you know the vowel phoneme is long?”
Answer: because /ɪ/ says the name of the letter i (while making the long i movement)”

**YOU DO: Finger-Stretch words with long i phoneme**

Ask individual students to stretch phonemes in the words below. After students stretch the phonemes, ask:

"How many phonemes did you hear?"
Answer: three

“What is the vowel phoneme?”
Answer: /ɪ/

“Is that long or short?”
Answer: long

If you see a student extend the wrong number of fingers/phonemes, you may want to ask your students, “How many phonemes do you hear?” Offer assistance through Positive Error Correction to make sure they are hearing the right number of phonemes. Consider saying something like, “I hear four phonemes in that word, and I saw that you extended three fingers. Can you try the word again?”
More challenging words for older or advanced students:

- bright /br/ /r/ /i/ /t/ /l/
- flight /fl/ /l/ /i/ /l/ /t/
- find /fn/ /i/ /n/ /d/
- prize /pr/ /z/ /l/ /z/

5 SEGMENT WORDS - IDENTIFY SHORT I AND LONG I PHONEMES

Explain that in the next part of the lesson, we will be hearing words that have either the short i or long i phoneme. It will be our job to decide if the vowel phoneme is long or short.

WE DO: Finger-Stretch *chip* and *line*

Say "Let’s stretch out a few words together. The first word is *chip*.”
(Optional – “My mom wasn’t upset about the *chip* in her mug.”)

Students repeat *chip* with closed fists at chests.

Teacher and students stretch phonemes /ch/ /i/ /pl/, *chip*, beginning with the thumb.

Ask students:

“How many phonemes did you hear?”
Answer: three

“What is the vowel phoneme?”
Answer: /i/ /i/ /i/ /i/ /i/

“Is that long or short?”
Answer: short

“How do you know the vowel phoneme is short?”
Answer: because it says /i/ /i/ /i/ /i/ /i/ as in “itch” (while making short i “itch” movement)

Say “Let’s stretch another word together. The word is *line*.”
(Optional – “The *line* at the grocery store was very long.”)

Students repeat *line* with closed fists at chests.

All stretch phonemes /l/ /i/ /in/, *line*, beginning with the thumb.

Ask students:

“How many phonemes did you hear?”
Answer: three

“What is the vowel phoneme?”
Answer: /i/ /i/ /i/ /i/ /i/ /i/ /i/ /i/

“Is that long or short?”
Answer: long
“How do you know the vowel phoneme is long?”
Answer: because /i/ says the name of the letter i (while making the long i movement)

YOU DO: Finger-Stretch words with short i and long i phonemes

Ask individual students to stretch phonemes in the words below. After students stretch the phonemes, ask:

“How many phonemes did you hear?”
Answer: varies, depending on the word

“What is the vowel phoneme?”
Answer: /i/ or /i/

“Is that long or short?”
Answer: long or short

“How do you know the vowel phoneme is (long or short)?”
Answer: (Student can answer with own words or by reading the sentence on the poster.)

nice /ni/ /i/ /s/
side /sa/ /i/ /d/
bid /b/ /i/ /d/
hip /h/ /i/ /p/
sip /s/ /i/ /p/
dine /di/ /i/ /n/
my /mi/ /i/
tie /ti/ /i/
sit /si/ /i/ /t/
in /i/ /n/
night /ni/ /i/ /t/
hid /hi/ /i/ /d/
kite /ki/ /i/ /t/
time /ti/ /i/ /m/
bike /bi/ /i/ /k/
tight /ti/ /i/ /t/
rid /ri/ /i/ /d/
Tim /ti/ /i/ /m/
white /wi/ /i/ /t/
dice /di/ /i/ /s/
whine /wi/ /i/ /n/
type /ti/ /i/ /p/
hi /hi/ /i/
ditch /di/ /i/ /ch/

6 PHONEME BLENDING ACTIVITY

This blending activity is designed to build a student’s understanding of phonemes. The teacher will be producing individual phonemes (with a distinct pause in between) and asking students to blend the phonemes together to produce a real word.

One easy way to make this activity more or less difficult is to adjust the length of the pause placed between the phonemes. To make it more difficult, use a longer pause between the phonemes. To make it less difficult, shorten the pause.

Consider cold calling on your students during this section of the lesson. Ask one student to stretch a word. Then, ask another student, “What is the vowel phoneme?” Then, ask another student, “Is that long or short?” This helps keep students engaged as they are never sure when they will be called on to answer a question.
I DO

Say:

• “Now, we are going to do a phoneme blending activity. For this activity, I am going to give you three phonemes, and I want you to blend them together to make a real word. I will say the phonemes for the word twice. You will need to be really great listeners. Listen closely as I show you how to blend phonemes into words.

• (pausing between each phoneme) lpl lâl ltl lpl lâl ltl

• Pat! The word is pat.”

WE DO

Say:

• “Now, let’s try some together. Remember to listen closely to the phonemes as I say them. Are you ready?”

• /kl/ /l/ /ld/ /kl/ /l/ /ld/

Ask  “What is the word?”
Answer: kid

Say:

• “You’re right. The real word is kid!

• Let’s blend some more phonemes into words.”

  /bl/ /l/ /kl/ (bike)   /ml/ /l/ /sl/ (mice)
  /pl/ /lâl/ /sl/ (pass) /rl/ /lâ/ /kl/ (rake)
  /hl/ /l/ /lt/ (hit)    /pl/ /l/ /lt/ (pie)
  /dl/ /l/ /lm/ (dime)   /dl/ /l/ /lm/ (dim)
  /cl/ /lâl/ /sh/ (cash) /cl/ /lâ/ /pl/ (cape)
  /ll/ /l/ /lt/ (light)  /pl/ /l/ /lt/ (pitch)

More challenging words for older or advanced students:

  /ml/ /l/ /l/ /kl/ (milk) /bl/ /l/ /l/ /lt/ (bright)
  /tl/ /l/ /lâl/ /sl/ (trace) /bl/ /l/ /l/ /lj/ (bridge)
  /tl/ /l/ /lâl/ /sh/ (trash) /sl/ /ln/ /lâ/ /kl/ (snake)
PHONICS CONCEPT

Digraph sh

UNIT
4

LESSON
3

TEACHER MATERIALS

• Blast Online or
• Large Letter & Color Tiles
• Write on the board (only if you are not using Blast Online):

A digraph is two letters that spell one sound.

STUDENT MATERIALS

• Holding whiteboard with tiles
• Working whiteboard

OBJECTIVES

• To understand that a digraph is two letters that spells one sound.
• To understand that the letters sh are a digraph that spells the phoneme /sh/.
• To accurately read and spell words with the phoneme /sh/ spelled with digraph sh.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

• A consonant digraph is two letters that make one sound: ch in chat, sh in shop, th in thin, wh in whale, ck in duck, ph in phone, ng in sang, gh in tough. (We teach only the digraphs ch, sh, th, wh, and ck in Blast Foundations lessons.) The digraph ng is taught as part of the “chunks” ang, ing, ong, and ung, which will be taught in HD Word.
STATE OBJECTIVES

Explain:
- In this lesson, we are going to read words with the /sh/ phoneme.
- A digraph is two letters that spell one phoneme.
- The letters sh are a digraph that spells the /sh/ phoneme.

TEACH DIGRAPH SH

Open  Blast Online to Unit 4, Lesson 3, Digraph sh.

Students place  materials on desks.

Explain  digraphs:
- Some phonemes are spelled with two letters.
- These are called digraphs.

Read  the definition on the board:
A digraph is 2 letters that spell one sound.

Teach  the phoneme /sh/ with a movement:
- Say  the phoneme /sh/.
- Say  the phoneme /sh/ with forefinger to mouth as if asking someone to be quiet - /sh/.
- Students repeat  the phoneme while making the movement.

Teach  the digraph spelling sh:
- Place  the sh letter tile on the board.
- Explain  that the two letters sh together spell the phoneme /sh/.
- Explain  that the two letters are on one tile because they spell one phoneme, /sh/.
- Students point  to the sh letter tile on their holding boards.
- Students say  the phoneme /sh/.
3 BUILD REAL WORDS WITH DIGRAPH SH

I DO: Build rash
Explain that students will build real words with digraph sh.
Say the word rash.
Stretch the phonemes - /r/ /æ/ /sh/, rash.
Place one colored tile on the board for each sound in rash while saying the phonemes - /r/ /æ/ /sh/.

Spell each sound by placing a letter tile above each colored tile while saying the phoneme.

Use Touch & Say to read rash - /r/ /æ/ /sh/, rash.
Clear board.

WE DO: Build shot
Say “Now, let’s build the real word shot together, as in, "I had to get a flu shot at the doctor’s office today." Repeat shot.”
Stretch the phonemes - /sh/ /ɔ/ t/, shot.
Place one colored tile on the board for each phoneme in shot while saying the phonemes - /sh/ /ɔ/ t /.

Ask individual students the following questions to lead students in spelling each phoneme by placing letter tiles above the colored tiles, one at a time:

- "What is the first phoneme you hear?"
  Answer: /sh/
- "What letters spell /sh/?"
  Answer: sh
• "What is the next phoneme you hear?"
  Answer: /ʊ/

• "What letter spells /ʊ/?"
  Answer: o

• "What is the last phoneme you hear?"
  Answer: /t/

• "What letter spells /t/?"
  Answer: t

Teacher & students use Touch & Say to read shot - /ʃ/ /ʊ/ /t/, shot.

Teacher & students clear boards.

YOU DO: Build a Word dish, fish, bash, ship

Explain that we are going to use colored tiles and letter tiles to build four real words. Each word will have the digraph sh phoneme.

Dictate each of the following words one at a time, following the Build a Word steps with each word and helping students as needed.

dish – (Optional: Please put the dish in the sink.)
fish – (Optional: Last week, my friend caught a big fish.)
bash – (Optional: Fred had to bash down the door.)
ship – (Optional: We watched the ship sail out to sea.)

After dictating each word, all students build the words one at a time. Students should:

• Say the word.
• Stretch the phonemes in the word.
• Put one colored tile on boards for each phoneme while saying the phoneme.
• Spell the word by placing one letter tile above each colored tile.
• Use Touch & Say to read the word.
• **Hold up** their boards so teacher can check their spelling and provide Positive Error Correction as needed.
• **Clear** boards and wait for the next word to be dictated.

### 4 BUILD NONSENSE WORDS WITH DIGRAPH SH

#### I DO: Build tosh

**Explain** that students will build nonsense words with **digraph sh**.

**Say** the word **tosh**.

**Stretch** the phonemes - /t/ /ə/ /sh/, **tosh**.

**Place** one colored tile on the board for each phoneme in **tosh** while saying the phonemes - /t/ /ə/ /sh/.

**Spell** each phoneme by placing a letter tile above each colored tile while saying the phoneme.

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**Use Touch & Say** to read **tosh** - /t/ /ə/ /sh/, **tosh**.

**Clear** board.

#### WE DO: Build shad

**Say** “Now, let’s build the nonsense word **shad** together. Repeat **shad.**”

**Stretch** the phonemes - /ʃ/ /æ/ /d/, **shad**.

**Place** one colored tile on the board for each phoneme in **shad** while saying the phonemes - /ʃ/ /æ/ /d/.

**Ask individual students** the following questions to lead students in spelling each phoneme by placing letter tiles above the colored tiles, one at a time:

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• "What is the first phoneme you hear?"
  Answer: /ʃ/
Teacher & students use Touch & Say to read shad - /sh/ /ā/ /d/, shad.

Teacher & students clear boards.

YOU DO: Build a Word shof, gish, pash, lish

Explain that we are going to use colored tiles and letter tiles to build four nonsense words. Each word will have the digraph sh phoneme.

Dictate each of the following words one at a time, following the Build a Word steps with each word and helping students as needed.

- shof
- gish
- pash
- lish

After dictating each word, all students build the words one at a time. Students should:

- Say the word.
- Stretch the phonemes in the word.
- Put one colored tile on boards for each phoneme while saying the phoneme.
- Spell the word by placing one letter tile above each colored tile.
• **Use Touch & Say** to read the word.

• **Hold up** their boards so teacher can check their spelling and provide Positive Error Correction as needed.

• **Clear** boards and wait for the next word to be dictated.

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### Positive Error Correction for Build a Word

If a Reader misspells a word during *Build a Word*, provide Positive Error Correction:

- **Identify** the sounds the student spelled correctly.
- **Repeat** the word.

  - **Prompt student** to repeat the word and listen for the misspelled sound. Then have the student correct the spelling by changing one or more letter tiles.

    - If necessary, you or another student may identify the misspelled sound and spelling for the student.

- **Prompt Reader** to independently use Touch & Say to read the word correctly.

- **Prompt student** to independently use Touch & Say to read the word correctly. Always finish with the student independently using Touch & Say to verify that the word is spelled correctly.
## OBJECTIVES

- **Detective Work**—To identify the graphemes in printed words and produce the proper phoneme for each grapheme; to blend the graphemes together to produce real words.
- **Word Sort**—To read real words and identify them as either containing a Digraph or having No Digraph.
- **Phrases to Read**—To read phrases with a controlled set of Heart Words and grapheme-phoneme combinations.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Lesson 4 is dedicated to systematically practicing with the phonics concept that the students learned in the previous lesson.
- Lesson 4 contains three practice activities:
  - *Detective Work*
  - *Word Sort*
  - *Phrases to Read*
BEFORE TEACHING:
Letter-Sound & Heart Word Practice (optional but suggested)

Open Blast Online, and run the Letter-Sound Pop-Up and 3-Up activities to practice the letter sounds taught in Lesson 1.

Open Blast Online, and run the Heart Word Pop-Up and 3-Up activities to practice the Heart Words taught in Lesson 1.

START TEACHING:
Introduce Student Practice

1 STATE OBJECTIVES

Explain:

• In this lesson, we will practice our detective skills by looking for clues that tell us how to sound out real words.

• In Word Sort, we will sort words out according to whether or not they have digraphs.

• We will also be reading words in short phrases with 100% accuracy.

2 DETECTIVE WORK – MARK IT!

Open Blast Online to Unit 4, Lesson 4, Mark It!

Students open workbooks to page 10.

Remind students that in Mark It!, we will underline letters and say the phonemes that those letters make. Then, we will blend the phonemes together to make a word.

Say:

• “In today’s Detective Work, we will be reading words with the digraph sh. When we see the letters sh, we are going to underline them with just one line since they make just one phoneme.”
• Watch as I underline letters while saying their phonemes and then read the whole word."

Say:
• “/āāāāā/” while underlining the a
• “/sh/” while underlining the sh
• “ash”

Students repeat the process for the word ash.

Model the process above for the rest of the words, one at a time. After each word, have students repeat you orally and on paper. Make sure students are underlining each grapheme as they are saying the proper phoneme.

3 DETECTIVE WORK – READ IT!

Remind students:
• The next section is called Read It!
• In this section, I will be calling on one student at a time to read a row of words out loud to the group.
• In Read It!, we do not underline the letters, we just read the words.
• When it is your turn to read, read loud enough so everyone can hear.
• When it is not your turn to read, you will be a Checker, listening for accuracy. We will give the Reader a thumbs-up if they read all of the words correctly, and we will give them a thumbs-to-the-side if there is a word they need to try again.

Students each read a row of words out loud.
Positive Error Correction for Read It!

The following steps outline how you should provide Positive Error Correction when students are reading single-syllable words in Read It!

1. If the Reader misreads any of the single-syllable words in the row, provide Positive Error Correction:
   - Tell the Reader how many words were read correctly. (“You read 2 words correctly.” or “You read the first and last word correctly.”)
   - Prompt the student to re-read a word. (“In the word you misread, you read the first and last sound correctly. Can you retry that middle sound?” “Now, can you re-try the middle word?”)
   - The Reader reads the word again.
   - If the Reader reads the word accurately, the Reader then reads all three words again.
   - If the Reader reads all three words accurately this time, you and all Checkers congratulate the Reader.

2. If the Reader misses any single-syllable word again:
   - Guide the Reader to use Touch & Say to read the misread word.
   - If necessary, Checkers assist by using Touch & Say to chorally read the word.
   - The Reader independently uses Touch & Say to read the word correctly.
   - The Reader reads all three words again.
   - Always finish with the Reader independently reading all three words correctly.
   - The Reader then aims to read another row of words accurately on the first attempt.

3. Responding to self-corrections:
   - It is important not to praise the Reader for self-correcting.
   - The goal is for the Reader to read all three words accurately the first time. Self-correcting is better than an error, but it is short of the goal.
   - If the Reader reads all words accurately with a self-correction on any word, say, “You read all three words accurately after you self-corrected. Please read the words again without self-correcting.”
   - After the Reader reads all three words with no errors or self-corrections, praise the Reader by saying, “Excellent accurate reading!”
**WORD SORT – DIGRAPH OR NO DIGRAPH**

Open Blast Online to Unit 4, Lesson 4, Word Sort.

Students open workbooks to page 11.

Remind students:

- In the Word Sort activity, we will look at words and analyze their features. We will put checkmarks in our workbooks to sort them into categories.
- Today, we will sort words according to whether they have a Digraph or No Digraph. A digraph is two letters that spell one phoneme. So far, we have learned about the digraph sh. The digraph sh makes the phoneme /sh/.

All say the phoneme /sh/ while making the movement.

**WE DO:**

Read the word: gas.

All stretch gas - /g/ /æ/ /s/, gas.

Ask:

- “How many letters are in the word gas?”
  Answer: three
- “How many phonemes are in the word gas?”
  Answer: three
- “Is there a digraph?”
  Answer: no

Place a checkmark in the No Digraph column while directing students to place a checkmark in the No Digraph column on their page.

Read the next word: rash.
Ask:
- “How many letters are in the word rash?”  
  Answer: four
- “How many phonemes are in the word rash?”  
  Answer: three
- “Is there a digraph?”  
  Answer: yes
- “What letters spell the digraph?”  
  Answer: sh

Place a checkmark in the Digraph column while directing students to place a checkmark in the Digraph column on their page.

YOU DO:

Students sort remaining words independently.

Call on individual students to read a word and identify whether it has a Digraph or No Digraph.

Students check answers and correct any errors.

5 PHRASES TO READ

Students open workbooks to page 12.

Remind students:
- In Phrases to Read, our goal is to read each phrase accurately the first time.
• Some words have hearts above them. These are our Heart Words. If you have a hard time remembering how to say one of them, I will help you by giving you the word.

• Some of the phrases are silly, and some of the words will be unfamiliar. Even though some words may be unfamiliar, you will be able to read them because you have learned all of the phonemes in them. Make sure you read loud enough for everyone to hear.

• When you are not a Reader, you will be a Checker.

**Individual students read** phrases. Since there are only 12 phrases, it is okay to have a student re-read a phrase that has been previously read.

**Direct Checkers** to give a thumbs-up if the Reader reads all of the words correctly or a thumbs-to-the-side if the Reader misreads a word(s). If the Reader misreads any words, teacher follows Positive Error Correction instructions.

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**Positive Error Correction for Phrases to Read**

1. If a Reader misreads any of the words in a phrase, provide Positive Error Correction:
   - **Tell** students how many words were read correctly.
   - **Prompt a Checker** to identify which word was misread by giving the position of the word in the phrase without saying the word itself.
   - **Prompt Reader** to use Touch & Say to read the word again. If the Reader reads the word accurately, the Reader then reads the entire phrase again. If the Reader reads the entire phrase accurately this time, you and all Checkers congratulate the Reader.

2. If the Reader misses the word again:
   - **Prompt Checkers** to assist by using Touch & Say to chorally read the word.
   - **Prompt Reader** to independently use Touch & Say to read the word correctly.
   - **Prompt student** to read the entire phrase again. Always finish with the Reader independently reading the entire phrase accurately.
WRAP UP & SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

UNIT 4
LESSON 5

OBJECTIVES

• To accurately articulate the phonemes and sight words taught in this unit and in previous units.
• To accurately read phrases and sentences that contain the concepts, words, and phonemes taught in this unit and previous units.
• To accurately spell words with a controlled set of previously taught concepts and phonemes.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

• Lesson 5 is a wrap-up lesson. The wrap-up reviews and cumulatively practices the concepts taught in this unit (and in previously taught units).
• Lesson 5 contains wrap-up activities and the explanation on how to run these activities:
  - Review of Letter Sounds
  - Review of Sight Words
  - Phrases & Sentences to Read
  - Spell It!

To access the accompanying Blast Online activities for Units 4 and 14, visit ExploreBlast.online.
WRAP UP & SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

BEFORE TEACHING:
Letter-Sound & Heart Word Practice (optional but suggested)

Open Blast Online, and run the Letter-Sound and Pop-Up activities to practice the letter sounds taught in Lesson 1.
Open Blast Online, and use Letter-Sound Read a Row to assess the letter sounds taught in Lesson 1.
Open Blast Online, and run the Heart Word Pop-Up and 3-Up to practice the Heart Words taught in Lesson 1.
Open Blast Online, and use Heart Word Read a Row to assess the Heart Words taught in Lesson 1.

START TEACHING:
Show What You Know

1 STATE OBJECTIVES

Explain:
• In this lesson, we will review the phonemes and sight words we have learned this week.
• We will read phrases and sentences that contain those phonemes and sight words.
• We will also spell words that contain the phonemes we have been practicing.
INTRODUCE PHRASES & SENTENCES TO READ

Tell students to turn to page 13 in their workbooks.

Explain:

• I will be calling on individual students to read phrases and sentences out loud to the whole group.

• As one student reads a phrase or sentence, the rest of us will be Checkers, listening and tracking to make sure they read the phrase or sentence accurately. Reading accurately means you have read the whole phrase or sentence correctly, without mistakes.

• When a student reads accurately, the Checkers will give the Reader a thumbs-up (model thumbs-up) so they know they read each word correctly (model thumbs-up).

• If a student does not read accurately, the Checkers will hold our thumbs sideways (model sideways thumb) so the reader will know they need to go back and reread the words more accurately.

Call on individual students to read the phrases, one at a time.

Call on individual students to read the sentences, one at a time.
3 SPELL IT!

Open  Blast Online to Unit 4, Lesson 5, Spell It!

Students open workbooks  to Spell It! on page 14.

Remember, you may wish to run Spell It! as a game where students can earn points for correctly identifying phonemes and spelling them with graphemes. Students earn one point for each phoneme they correctly identify by placing a dot in one of the boxes. They then earn one point for each phoneme they correctly spell with a grapheme by writing the correct letters in the corresponding box. See p. 75 or Appendix A on p. 492 for complete scoring rules and examples.

Explain:

• You will hear a series of five words read aloud. First, you will listen for the number of phonemes in the word and will place a dot in one square for each phoneme you hear.

• Then, you will spell each sound by writing the letter or letters (grapheme) that spells each sound in the box.

Lead students in completing the first example:

Say the word rash.

Students repeat the word.

Explain that since rash has three phonemes, /r/ /æ/ /sh/, students will place one dot in each of the first three squares.

Students say the three sounds in rash while putting dots in the first three boxes.
Remind students that because rash has three phonemes, it will also have three graphemes.

Repeat the word rash.

Students say each sound again and write the three corresponding graphemes in the boxes: r a sh.

Check that all students spelled the word correctly with one grapheme in each box. Provide assistance as necessary.

Repeat with the following words, dictating the words one at a time.

If you are using the PRSW, use this list:

Optional additional list for PRSW students:

If you are using the ELSW, use this list:

Optional additional list for ELSW students:

Ways to Differentiate:
If you want to have students Build a Word with letter tiles and color tiles prior to putting pencil to paper, it may increase their understanding of the spelling concept.
WRAP UP & SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

Check answers with students.

1. s t a sh
2. l a d
3. f l a sh
4. s a g
5. s a sh
OBJECTIVES

• To build automatic recognition of some grapheme-phoneme combinations (optional).
• To build automatic recognition of some Heart Words.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

• There are four standard routines in a typical Blast Lesson 1:
  - Look, Think, Say!
  - Pop-Up
  - 3-Up
  - Read a Row

• Remember, you may choose to use the cumulative letter sound review activity found in the supplemental resources area of Blast Online during this lesson (or at any time). This will enable you to review all of the consonant, digraph, and trigraph letter sounds students have learned.
BEFORE TEACHING:
Letter-Sound & Heart Word Fluency Set-Up

Open Blast Online to Letter-Sound Generator.
Choose six letter sounds to review and practice (optional).
Open Blast Online to Heart Word Generator.
Choose five Heart Words to teach and five Heart Words to review and practice.
Optional: Print Read a Row Teacher Recording Form.

START TEACHING:
Letter-Sound (optional) & Heart Word Fluency

1 STATE OBJECTIVES

Explain that in this lesson, we will review the sounds for six graphemes (optional), and we will also learn five new Heart Words. We will play Look, Think, Say! to help us remember them.

2 TEACH HEART WORDS WITH LOOK, THINK, SAY!

Open Blast Online to Unit 14, Lesson 1, Heart Word Look, Think, Say!
Say “We are going to learn five Heart Words, and practice a few Heart Words we learned before. We are going to use Look, Think, Say! to help us remember them.”
Teach the words many, these, then, so, & some using Look, Think Say!
Remind students that it is important to remember that we are very quiet when we are “Looking” and “Thinking,” and then we are LOUD when we are “Saying.” Look quietly. Think quietly. Say loudly.

3 POP-UP HEART WORD PRACTICE WITH LOOK AND SAY!

Open Blast Online to Unit 14, Lesson 1, Heart Word Pop-Up.
Say “Now that we have learned the new Heart Words, we are going to see if we can just “Look” quickly and “Say” the words that we remember.”
Use Look and Say! to review the rest of the Heart Words.
4 3-UP HEART WORD REVIEW WITH LOOK, THINK, SAY!

Open Blast Online to Unit 14, Lesson 1, Heart Word 3-Up.

Say “Now, we are going to Look, Think, Say! with groups of Heart Words.”

Use Look, Think, Say! to review the 3-Up Heart Words.

5 READ A ROW GAME TO PRACTICE HEART WORDS

Open Blast Online to Unit 14, Lesson 1, Heart Word Read a Row.

Say “Now, we are going to read a row of Heart Words.”

Call on one student to read a row of Heart Words out loud to the class. When the student is done reading, ask the students to show the thumbs-up or thumbs-to-the-side gesture.

Repeat with additional students reading the remaining rows.
PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS
Whale Talk & Syllable Stomp Using SyllaBoards™

UNIT 14  LESSON 2

TEACHER MATERIALS
• Blast Online or
• SyllaBoards™ with magnets

STUDENT MATERIALS
• 3 SyllaBoards™

OBJECTIVES
• To accurately segment spoken words into syllables.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
• In this lesson, the topic is syllables, which is a different subset of phonological awareness than phonemic awareness. Syllables are larger word parts than individual sounds, and they tend to be taught before phonemes in phonological awareness instruction. However, Blast Foundations focuses on phonemes first because it is more common for first graders to struggle with phonemes than with syllables. Syllables are taught in Units 14 and 15 to prepare students for reading and spelling multisyllabic words.
• In this lesson, students will learn to break spoken words into syllables using Whale Talk and Syllable Stomp using SyllaBoards™.
• A syllable is a unit of spoken language that is organized around a vowel phoneme. Every syllable has a vowel sound. Most syllables have one or more consonant phonemes, but this is not necessary.
• Blast Foundations lessons do not focus on rules when teaching students to hear syllables and to orally break words into syllables. The most important aspect of orally hearing syllables is that all of the syllables and phonemes are represented.
  - For example: some students will break the word dentist as den-tist while others will break it apart as dent-ist. Both are correct.

Multisensory Teaching of Phonological Skills
• Whale Talk is a routine used to break spoken words into syllables. To Whale Talk a word, hold your lips tightly together and try to shout a word. Each syllable feels like a push of breath, and each push represents one syllable.
• Syllable Stomp is another routine used to identify syllables in spoken words. To Syllable Stomp a word, pound or “stomp” your fist on your desk for each syllable while saying the syllable. Then, sweep your fist from left to right while saying the whole word.
• Syllable Stomp with SyllaBoards™ is a third routine used to identify syllables in spoken words. To Syllable Stomp with SyllaBoards™, first use Whale Talk to feel and count the syllables in a word, and then place one SyllaBoard™ on your desk for each syllable, forming a row from left to right. Tap each board and say the syllable while moving from left to right. Then, say the whole word while sweeping your fist from left to right under the SyllaBoards™.

BEFORE TEACHING:
Letter-Sound & Heart Word Practice (optional but suggested)

Open Blast Online, and run the Letter-Sound Pop-Up and 3-Up activities to practice the letter sounds reviewed in Lesson 1 (optional).

Open Blast Online, and run the Heart Word Pop-Up and 3-Up activities to practice the Heart Words taught in Lesson 1.

START TEACHING:
Segmenting Multisyllabic Words

1 STATE OBJECTIVES

Say:

• “In this lesson, we will be learning about syllables. We will learn some activities called Whale Talk, Syllable Stomp, and Syllable Stomp with SyllaBoards™ to break words into syllables.

• Just like in Phonemic Awareness, we will be paying attention to sounds, not letters.”

Explain that all of the words we have been working with in Phonemic Awareness so far only have one vowel sound (bit, catch, drain, cute). When a word only has one vowel sound, it means that the word has one syllable. If a word has more than one vowel sound, it will have more than one syllable. We are going to learn three ways to break a word into syllables. This is different than breaking apart all of the sounds in a word, like we do when we stretch words. Now, we are going to break a word into bigger chunks called syllables.

2 INTRODUCE WHALE TALK

Explain that in order to read and spell words with more than one syllable, it is necessary to be able to hear and identify the syllables in spoken words.
**Explain** how to *Whale Talk*:

- Hold your lips tightly together and try to shout a word.
- You will feel pushes of breath as you try to shout the word.
- Each push of breath is one syllable.

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**I DO: Whale Talk table**

**Say** table.

**Hold lips tightly together and Whale Talk table** (two pushes).

**Say** “There are two syllables in table, ta-ble. I know there are two syllables because there were two pushes of breath when I said the word using Whale Talk.”

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**WE DO: Whale Talk fourteen**

**Say** the word fourteen, and have all students repeat.

**Hold lips tightly together and Whale Talk fourteen** with students (two pushes).

**Explain** that you know there are two syllables in fourteen because there were two pushes of breath when saying the word using Whale Talk.

**Repeat** the syllables in fourteen, four-teen with students.

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**Whale Talk multisyllabic words**

**Remind** students to try to shout the word while holding lips tightly together.

**Say** the words below, one at a time.

**Explain** the process that each individual student will follow:

- Repeat the word.
- *Whale Talk* the word.
- Say each syllable.

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3 INTRODUCE SYLLABLE STOMP

**Explain** that there is a second way we can identify syllables in spoken words, *Syllable Stomp*.

**Explain** how to *Syllable Stomp*:

- First, use your fist to touch or “stomp” the desk once for each syllable, moving your fist from left to right while saying the syllable.
- Next, sweep your fist from left to right while saying the whole word.

4 WHALE TALK & SYLLABLE STOMP

**I DO:** Whale Talk & Syllable Stomp *vitamin*

*Say* the word *vitamin*.

*Whale Talk* *vitamin* (three pushes).

*Syllable Stomp* *vitamin* by touching a fist on the desk while enunciating each syllable, *vi-ta-min*. Then, sweep fist from left to right while saying the whole word, *vitamin*.

*Say* “There are three syllables in *vitamin* - *vi-ta-min*.”

**WE DO:** Whale Talk & Syllable Stomp *skin*

*Say* the word *skin*.

*Whale Talk* *skin* with students (one push).

*Syllable Stomp* *skin* with students.

*Say* “There is one syllable in *skin* - *skin*,” with students.

**YOU DO:** Whale Talk & Syllable Stomp

*Remind* students to try to shout the word while holding lips tightly together.

*Say* the words below, one at a time.

**Explain** the process that each individual student will follow:

- Repeat the word.
- *Whale Talk* the word.
- *Syllable Stomp* the syllables.

- crunchy  crun-chy
- phoneme phon-e-me
- gentle gen-tul
- structure struc-ture
- calendar cal-en-dar
- pie pie
weather | weath-er
---|---
natural | na-tur-uhl
story | stor-y
rhyme | rhyme
expect | ex-pect
shout | shout
fantastic | fan-tas-tic

gymnastics | gym-nas-tics
paperback | pa-per-back
celebrate | cel-uh-brate
tremendous | truh-men-dous
syllable | syll-uh-ble
miracle | mir-uh-cul
hundred | hun-dred

More challenging words for older or advanced students:

alligator | al-li-ga-tor
advertisement | ad-ver-tise-ment
automatic | au-to-mat-ic

VIDEOSHOT When the words in this activity have a schwa sound, the schwa has been written out phonetically when the word is divided into syllables to show the correct pronunciation. For example, the word miracle is written as mir-uh-cul. The same is true in the activity at the very end of this lesson.

5 INTRODUCE SYLLABOARDS™

Say “Using SyllaBoards™ is a third way to identify syllables in spoken words.”

Explain how to use SyllaBoards™:

• Use Whale Talk to feel and count the syllables in a word.
• Place one SyllaBoard™ on your desk for each syllable, forming a row from left to right.
• Tap each board with your fist and say each syllable while moving from left to right.
• Say the whole word while sweeping your fist from left to right under the SyllaBoards™.

6 WHALE TALK & SYLLABLE STOMP USING SYLLABOARDS™

Open Blast Online to Unit 14, Lesson 2, Syllable Stomp.

Students place materials on desks.

I DO: Whale Talk & Syllable Stomp using SyllaBoards™:

sunshine

Say sunshine.

Whale Talk sunshine (two pushes).

Place two SyllaBoards™ on the board.
**Syllable Stomp** sunshine by touching a fist to a *SyllaBoard™* while saying each syllable, sun-shine. Then, sweep fist from left to right while saying the whole word, sunshine.

**WE DO:** Whale Talk & Syllable Stomp using *SyllaBoards™*:

**remember**

Say remember.

**Whale Talk** remember (three pushes) with students.

**Place** three *SyllaBoards™* on the board. Have students lay out three *SyllaBoards™*.

**Syllable Stomp** remember with students by stomping a *SyllaBoard™* while saying each syllable, re-mem-ber. Then, sweep fist from left to right while saying the whole word, remember.

**YOU DO:** Whale Talk & Syllable Stomp using *SyllaBoards™*

Remind students to sweep their fists from left to right when re-blending syllables.

Say the words below, one at a time.

Explain the process that each individual student will follow:

- Repeat the word.
- **Whale Talk** the word.
- Place one *SyllaBoard™* on the desk for each syllable.
- **Syllable Stomp** by tapping each board as each syllable is enunciated and re-blend the syllables with *SyllaBoards™*.

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Positive Error Correction for Segmenting Syllables with Syllable Stomp

If a student incorrectly segments the syllables, provide Positive Error Correction:

1. **Tell** the student which syllables were said correctly.
2. **Repeat** the word and ask the student to listen closely for the missed syllable.
3. **Prompt student** to repeat the word and *Syllable Stomp* the syllables again.
4. If necessary, you or other students say and stomp the syllables to assist the student in stomping correctly.
5. **Prompt student** to independently *Syllable Stomp* and then re-blend the syllables correctly.
6. Always finish with the student segmenting and re-blending the syllables independently and correctly.
OBJECTIVES

• To accurately read 2-syllable words in which the both syllables are closed.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Reminders About Closed Syllables

• A Closed Syllable consists of one vowel letter followed by, or closed in by, one or more consonant letters (at, pat, splat, patch).

• A Closed Syllable does not need to have a consonant letter before the vowel.

• A vowel in a Closed Syllable is usually a short vowel.

Reading Multisyllabic Words

• Even good readers break unfamiliar long words into syllables to decode them.

• The most effective way to read an unfamiliar multisyllabic word is by looking for the vowels and breaking the word into syllables around the vowels letters.

• Every syllable has a vowel sound and almost every syllable has a vowel letter.

• When one vowel letter is by itself, not next to another vowel or part of a vowel team, it is typically the only vowel in the syllable. It is a Closed Syllable the majority of the time. Most other times, it is an Open Syllable.

• In a Vowel-Consonant-e syllable, the letter e is included in the same syllable as another vowel letter. Students will learn about these other syllable types in upcoming units.
START TEACHING:
Reading 2-Syllable Words

1  STATE OBJECTIVES

Explain:
• In this lesson, we are going to read words that have two syllables.
• All of our words will have Closed Syllables, and all the vowels will make their short vowel sound.

2  TEACH READING TWO-SYLLABLE WORDS

Open  Blast Online to Unit 14, Lesson 3, Reading 2-Syllable Words.

Students  place materials on desks.

Prompt  students to place two SyllaBoards™, a mini-eraser, and a dry-erase marker on their desk.

Explain:
• Up until now, we have been reading and spelling words that have just one syllable. We were using our letter tiles to build single-syllable words.
• In this lesson, we will be reading bigger words. All of our words will have two Closed Syllables. They are longer words, but we will be able to read them.
• We are going to learn a motion we can use to help us remember that Closed Syllables have a short vowel sound. We will hold up a closed fist to help remind us of our rules for Closed Syllables.
• There is a special way to look at unfamiliar long words to help us read them accurately. It involves looking for the vowels.
• We need to know that every syllable has a vowel. Every syllable that we look at today will have one vowel by itself, not next to another vowel.
• We will learn to read two-syllable words using our SyllaBoards™.
• I will demonstrate a word first, and then we will do some together.

I DO:

Write  sunset  on the board. (Do not say the word.)

Explain:
• This is a real word. If you know how to read it, please don’t say it yet.
• I see two vowels. The u and the e (underline them).
• I think that this word has two syllables because there are two vowel letters and they are not next to each other.

**Place** two *SyllaBoards™* under **sunset**.

**Write** one vowel on each board.

**Write** the consonants on the boards so that there is one Closed Syllable on each board.

**Explain** that each syllable has a vowel letter, and that each is a Closed Syllable.

**Prompt students** to hold up their closed fists to remind themselves that these Closed Syllables will have short vowel sounds.

**Point** to and read each *SyllaBoard™* with a pause in between – **sun set**.

**Sweep** your hand (left to right) under syllables and read the word – **sunset**.

**Explain:**

- There are two questions to ask when dividing words into syllables for reading:
  - How many vowel letters are in the word?
  - Are the vowel letters together or apart?
- If the vowels are apart, then each vowel letter will be in a different syllable and on a different *SyllaBoard™*.

**WE DO:**

**Explain:**

- I am going to write a new word on the board. Do not say the word if you know it.
If a student misreads a multisyllabic word, use Positive Error Correction. See page 485 for directions.

If your students need more practice to understand the process or concept, choose some words from the "You Do" section and work with your students to complete them together. In Blast Foundations, teachers should monitor student understanding and mastery and adjust the gradual release of responsibility to match the pace with which students are learning.

• We will use our questions to help us read the word.

Write catfish on the board. (Do not say the word.)

Ask:
• "How many vowel letters are there in the word?"
  Answer: two
• "Are the vowel letters together or apart?"
  Answer: apart

Explain:
• Because we see two vowel letters and they are apart, it helps us understand that this word will have two syllables.
• I will put down two SyllaBoards™ to help us build the word.

Place two SyllaBoards™ under catfish, and ask students to put two boards on their desks.

Write one vowel on each board, and ask students to do the same.

Write the consonants on the boards so that there is one Closed Syllable on each board.

Explain that each syllable has a vowel letter.

Add a step above Point to:

Prompt students to hold up their closed fists to remind themselves that these Closed Syllables will have short vowel sounds.

Point to and read each SyllaBoard™ with a pause in between – cat fish.

Sweep your hand (left to right) under syllables and read the word – catfish.

Help students notice that these are two Closed Syllables.
YOU DO:

Say:

• "Now, it’s your turn to do it on your own.
• You are going to use SyllaBoards™ to read five real, two-syllable words.
• We need to remember that every syllable has a vowel. Every syllable that we look at today will have one vowel by itself, not next to another vowel.
• We will learn to read two-syllable words using our SyllaBoards™.
• I will write words on the board. Do not read them aloud until we have looked for our vowels, broken them into syllables, and have written them on our SyllaBoards™.

Write each of the following words on the board, one at a time:

unzip  insect
cobweb  contest
pumpkin

Ask for each word:

• "How many vowel letters are in the word?"
• "Are the vowel letters together or apart?"
• "How many syllables are there?"

All students:

Use SyllaBoards™ to read the words one at a time.

Show how many syllables are in the word by putting out the correct number of SyllaBoards™.

[Diagram of SyllaBoards™ showing syllable representation]

Write vowels on the SyllaBoards™.

[Diagram showing vowels written on SyllaBoards™]

Write consonants on the SyllaBoards™.

[Diagram showing consonants written on SyllaBoards™]

Remind students to hold up their closed fists to remind themselves that the Closed Syllables in these multisyllabic words will have short vowel sounds.
Individual students touch each SyllaBoard™, read the syllables, then sweep hand under the SyllaBoards™ to blend and read the word.

Correct at the board and provide Positive Error Correction as needed.

Help students notice that these are two Closed Syllables.

All students repeat the steps to read the word together.

Clear boards.
Suggestions for helping students adjust their boards:

Help students move consonants so that their syllables are closed.
Help students notice that there are two Closed Syllables in the words.

Suggestions to expand the lesson:

Teach how to read nonsense words with the same 2-syllable pattern.
Write each of the following words on the board one at a time:
- cadput
- finbap
- fimsent
- flupvon
- sinmup

Ask:
- "How many vowel letters are in the word?"
- "Are the vowel letters together or apart?"
- "How many syllables are there?"

After teacher writes each word, all students use SyllaBoards™ to read the words one at a time.

Positive Error Correction for Reading Multisyllabic Words

If a student misreads a multisyllabic word, provide Positive Error Correction:

1. Identify which syllables the student read correctly.
2. Prompt student to use Touch & Say to reread the incorrect syllable. Then, have the student read the whole word.
3. If necessary, guide student to ask the vowel questions for multisyllabic words. (How many vowel letters are in the word? Are they together or apart? How many syllables are there?)
4. Prompt student to read each syllable separately and blend the syllables to read the whole word.
5. Have student independently reread the word correctly.
6. If a student decodes all the sounds in a word correctly but pronounces the word incorrectly:
   - Identify which syllables the student pronounced correctly.
   - Prompt student to read the incorrectly pronounced syllable again.
   - Always finish with the student reading the whole word independently and correctly.
OBJECTIVES

- **Detective Work**—To identify the graphemes in printed words and produce the proper phoneme for each grapheme; to blend the graphemes together to produce real words with two syllables.
- **Word Sort**—To read real words, identify the number of syllables, and categorize the vowel phoneme.
- **Phrases to Read**—To read phrases with a controlled set of Heart Words and grapheme-phoneme combinations.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Lesson 4 is dedicated to systematically practicing with the phonics concept that the students learned in the previous lesson.
- Lesson 4 contains three practice activities:
  - *Detective Work*
  - *Word Sort*
  - *Phrases to Read*
BEFORE TEACHING:
Letter-Sound & Heart Word Practice (optional but suggested)

Open Blast Online, and run the Letter-Sound Pop-Up and 3-Up activities to practice the letter sounds reviewed in Lesson 1 (optional).

Open Blast Online, and run the Heart Word Pop-Up and 3-Up activities to practice the Heart Words taught in Lesson 1.

START TEACHING:
Student Practice

1 STATE OBJECTIVES

Explain:
- In this lesson, we will practice our detective skills by looking for clues that tell us how to sound out real words.
- In Word Sort, we will count syllables in words and sort them out according to their vowel phonemes.
- We will also be reading words in short phrases with 100% accuracy.

2 DETECTIVE WORK – MARK IT!

Open Blast Online to Unit 14, Lesson 4, Mark It!

Students open workbooks to page 66.

Say “In today’s Detective Work, we will be reading big words with two syllables. It’s my turn. I will model how to do this one word at a time. Instead of drawing lines under the sounds in the word, we will draw a rectangle, like a SyllaBoard™, around each syllable. Watch me as I demonstrate this new concept.”
Ask:

- "How many vowels do you see in this word?"
  Answer: two

- "Are they together or apart?"
  Answer: apart

Circle the vowel letters a and i while saying their names.

Ask "How many syllables are in this word?"
Answer: two

Draw a rectangle around each syllable, cat and fish.

Say each syllable as you point to them, cat-fish.

Say the complete word, catfish.

Students repeat the process for the word catfish.

Model the process above for the rest of the words, one at a time. After each word, have students repeat you orally and on paper.

### DETECTIVE WORK – READ IT!

#### PRSW
- catfish, sunset, laptop
- conflict, panic, rabbit
- sunset, rabbit, plastic
- plastic, zigzag, pumpkin
- chitchat, rockfish, panic
- unpack, plastic, laptop
- sunset, unpack, pumpkin

#### ELSW
- catfish, kidnap, combat
- publish, credit, discuss
- kidnap, insect, catfish
- contact, solid, subject
- dentist, insect, credit
- exact, discuss, combat
- contact, subject, dentist

Students read a row of words out loud.
4 WORD SORT – HOW MANY SYLLABLES? WHAT’S THE VOWEL PHONEME?

Open  Blast Online to Unit 14, Lesson 4, Word Sort.

Students open  workbooks to page 67.

Explain:

• Today, we will sort words in two ways. First, we will determine how many syllables a word has, and then we will figure out what vowel phoneme(s) it has.
• Some of the words have two vowel phonemes, so in some words we will put two checkmarks in our vowel categories.
• You may use the Short Vowels Poster to help you.

WE DO:

Say  "Look at the first word." (Point to the word step but do not read it aloud yet.)

Ask:

• "How many vowels do you see?"
  Answer: one
• "Is this a one- or two-syllable word?"
  Answer: one syllable

Draw  a circle around the 1.

Read  the word: step. (If necessary, model how to use Touch & Say to read the word.)
Ask:

- "What is the vowel phoneme?"
  Answer: /eɪ/  
- "Where should we place the vowel phoneme checkmark?"
  Answer: edge, /eɪ/

Place a checkmark in the "edge" column while directing students to place a checkmark in the "edge" column on their page.

Say:

- "Let's try another example together.
  - Look at the next word." (Point to the word picnic but do not read it aloud yet.)

Ask:

- "How many vowels do you see?"
  Answer: two
- "Is this a one or two syllable word?"
  Answer: two syllable

Draw a circle around the 2.

Read the word: picnic. (If necessary, model how to use Touch & Say to read each syllable, and then blend the syllables to read the word.)

Ask:

- "What are the vowel phonemes?"
  Answer: /ɪ/ and /i/  
- "How many checkmarks should we add?"
  Answer: two
- "Where should we place the vowel phoneme checkmarks?"
  Answer: itch, /ɪ/

Place two checkmarks in the "itch" column while directing students to place two checkmarks in the "itch" column on their page.

YOU DO:

Students sort remaining words independently.

Call on individual students to read a word, identify the number of syllables, and identify the vowel phoneme(s).

Students check answers and correct any errors.
5 PHRASES TO READ

Students open workbooks to page 68.

Remind students that in Phrases to Read, our goal is to read each phrase accurately the first time.

Individual students read at least two phrases.

Direct Checkers to give a thumbs-up if the Reader reads all of the words correctly or a thumbs-to-the-side if the Reader misreads a word(s). If the Reader misreads any words, teacher follows Positive Error Correction instructions.
WRAP UP & SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

UNIT 14  LESSON 5

OBJECTIVES

• To accurately articulate the sight words taught in this unit and in previous units.
• To accurately read sentences that contain the concepts, words, and phonemes taught in this unit and previous units.
• To accurately spell words with a controlled set of previously taught concepts and phonemes.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

• Lesson 5 is a wrap-up lesson. The wrap-up reviews and cumulatively practices the concepts taught in this unit (and in previously taught units).
• Lesson 5 contains wrap-up activities and the explanation on how to run these activities:
  - Review of Heart Words
  - Sentences to Read
  - Spell It!

To access the accompanying Blast Online activities for Units 4 and 14, visit ExploreBlast.online.
BEFORE TEACHING:

**Letter-Sound & Heart Word Practice** *(optional but suggested)*

- **Open** Blast Online, and run the Letter-Sound Pop-Up and 3-Up activities to practice the letter sounds reviewed in Lesson 1 (optional).
- **Open** Blast Online, and use Letter-Sound Read a Row to assess the letter sounds reviewed in Lesson 1 (optional).
- **Open** Blast Online, and run the Heart Word Pop-Up and 3-Up to practice the Heart Words taught in Lesson 1.
- **Open** Blast Online, and use Heart Word Read a Row to assess the Heart Words taught in Lesson 1.

**Optional:** Print *Read a Row* Teacher Recording Form.

START TEACHING:

**Show What You Know**

1. **STATE OBJECTIVES**

   **Explain:**
   - We will read sentences that contain the phonemes and Heart Words we have been practicing.
   - We will also spell words that contain the spelling patterns we have been practicing.
2 SENTENCES TO READ

Students open workbooks to page 69.

Remind students that in Sentences to Read, our goal is to read each sentence accurately the first time.

Call on individual students to read the sentences, one at a time.
4 SPELL IT!

Open Blast Online to Unit 14, Lesson 5, Spell It!

Students open workbooks to page 71.

The Spell-It! page in the Student Workbook looks different when students spell multisyllabic words. Rather than having one row of five boxes for each word, there are two sections of four boxes, one set for the 1st syllable and one set for the 2nd syllable.

Explain:

- You will hear a series of five words read aloud. First, you will listen for the number of syllables in the word.
- If the word has more than one syllable, we will say the first syllable and then stretch out the phonemes on our fingers. For each phoneme we hear in the first syllable, we will place a dot in one square.
- Then, we will spell each phoneme by writing the letter or letters (grapheme) that spells each sound in the box.
- When we are done with the first syllable, then we will do the same thing for the second.

Lead students in completing the first example:

- Say the word cabin.
- Have students repeat the word.

Whale talk the word cabin.
Explain:
- **Cabin** has two syllables.
- Since **cabin** has two syllables, we are going to spell one syllable at a time.
- Notice that our Spell It! sheet looks different. We now have two separate areas to spell each word, one for each syllable.

**Lead** students in spelling the first example:
- The first syllable is **cab**.
- **Cab** has 3 phonemes, /c/ /æ/ /b/.
- Students will place one dot in each of the first three squares. Have students say the three phonemes in **cab** while putting dots in the first three boxes.

![Diagram](cabin_syllable_1)

- Have students say each phoneme again and write the three corresponding graphemes in the boxes: **c a b**.

![Diagram](cabin_syllable_2)

- Remind students that **cabin** has two syllables and they have just completed spelling the first syllable.

**Lead** students in spelling the second syllable:
- The second syllable is **in**.
- **In** has 2 phonemes, /ɪ/ /n/.
- Students will place one dot in each of the first two squares. Have students say the two phonemes in **in** while putting dots in the first two boxes.

![Diagram](cabin_syllable_3)

- Have students say each phoneme again, and write the two corresponding graphemes in the boxes: **i n**.

![Diagram](cabin_syllable_4)

**Check** that all students spelled the word correctly with one grapheme in each box. Provide assistance as necessary.

Students can earn points for two-syllable words in the Spell It! game in the same way as one-syllable words. They earn 1 point for each phoneme identified and correctly marked with a dot, and 1 point for each grapheme correctly spelled in correspondence with the appropriate phoneme. In the example word **cabin** on this page, a student would earn a maximum of 10 points: 5 for correctly marking each of the five phonemes with a dot, and 5 for correctly spelling each grapheme in the corresponding box. See p. 75 or Appendix A on p. 492 for complete scoring rules and examples.
Repeat with the following words, dictating the words one at a time.

If you are using the PRSW, use this list:

Optional additional list for PRSW students:

If you are using the ELSW, use this list:

Optional additional list for ELSW students:

Check answers with students.
## Mark It!

| 1 | a | s | h |
| 2 | f | i | g |
| 3 | d | i | s | h |
| 4 | i | f |
| 5 | f | i | s | h |
| 6 | h | a | t |
| 7 | d | a | s | h |
| 8 | f | l | a | t |
| 9 | m | i | s | t |
| 10 | r | a | s | h |
| 11 | f | l | a | s | h |
| 12 | s | m | a | s | h |

## Read It!

| 1 | ash | hat | mist |
| 2 | fig | dash | rash |
| 3 | dish | flat | fig |
| 4 | if | mist | dish |
| 5 | fish | rash | if |
| 6 | hat | flash | fish |
| 7 | dash | smash | hat |

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**Word Sort**

**UNIT 4**

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Phrases to Read

Challenging

1. if the rash
2. in that mist
3. fig in the hat
4. had a flag

More Challenging

5. sit on that hat
6. that hat and some trash
7. if it is for the flat fish
8. dash in a flash

Most Challenging

9. made the tag first
10. if my fish dash
11. if you smash the dish
12. come drag the fish
Phrases & Sentences to Read

**Challenging**

1. in a flash (3)
2. to the stash (3)
3. in the dish (3)
4. dash so fast (3)
5. that last fish (3)
6. for the flag (3)
7. with a fast ram (4)
8. lid of the gas (4)

**More Challenging**

9. Put the gas in the raft. (6)
10. The fish is in the ham dish. (7)
11. Go and get it in a flash. (7)
12. He did not dig up the flag. (7)
13. She hid the rag in the mist. (7)
14. Put the fish in the fig dish. (7)
15. Is that a tag for your hat? (7)
16. The raft is in the trash with the rag. (9)
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**Mark It!**

1. catfish
2. conflict
3. sunset
4. panic
5. laptop
6. rabbit
7. plastic
8. rockfish
9. zigzag
10. pumpkin
11. chitchat
12. unpack

**Read It!**

1. catfish  sunset  laptop
2. conflict  panic  rabbit
3. sunset  rabbit  plastic
4. plastic  zigzag  pumpkin
5. chitchat  rockfish  panic
6. unpack  plastic  laptop
7. sunset  unpack  pumpkin
## Word Sort

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1. will all want relish
2. can finish the catfish
3. limit to one laptop
4. check from the locksmith

5. pumpkin has a crack
6. in the uphill pigpen
7. then twist the plastic caps
8. will set up the epic contest

9. into these complex cobwebs
10. could not kidnap the class mascot
11. when the chipmunk was in the bathtub
12. on the bench, where the sunset
1. She said we can chitchat by the cabin. (8)
2. Did you like the fabric napkin? (6)
3. If we insult the locksmith, Sam will panic. (8)
4. Patrick can upset each one of the milkmen. (8)

5. The bathmat was damp with the mist that fell. (9)
6. She would miss the upset wombat on the hilltop. (9)
7. The sluggish tomcat got a suntan next to the trashcan. (10)
8. The picnic at the ranch was uphill from the pumpkin patch. (11)
9. Elvis had eggnog and rockfish with a dentist. (8)

10. The British bobsled slid in a frantic rush down the slick trench. (12)

11. Did you find it over the sunlit hilltop? (8)

12. The judge did want to punish the missing pumpkin suspect. (10)
Spell It!

Challenging Words

1st Syllable

2nd Syllable

1

2

3

4

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More Challenging Words

1st Syllable

2nd Syllable

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• Demonstrate the importance of reading accurately  
• Introduce Blast Student Kits and Workbooks |                      | • Introduction to Blast Foundations  
• Structure of the alphabet  
• Letters can have names or sounds  
• Introduce Word Sort | • Introduction to Blast Foundations  
• Short and long vowel sounds and motions  
• Identification of short and long vowel sounds |
| 2    | • Consonant Letter Sounds m, t, & s  
• Teach Look, Think, Say! routine  
• Teach Pop-Up and 3-Up games |                      | • Define phoneme  
• Introduce sound boxes  
• Teach Finger-stretching | • Introduce Build a Word  
• Closed Syllables  
• Reading & Spelling Closed Syllable words with Short A & Short I  
• Introduce Spell III |
| 3    | • Consonant Letter Sounds f, d, & r  
the, of, you, and, to |                      | • Short A & Long A | • Reading & Spelling Nonsense Words with Short A and Short I  
• Introduce Detective Work  
• Introduce Phrases & Sentences to Read |
| 4    | • Consonant Letter Sounds g, l, & h  
• Teach Read a Row game  
in, is, for, that, it |                      | • Short I & Long I | • Digraph sh  
• Reading & Spelling with Short A and Short I |
| 5    | • Consonant Letter Sounds b, n, & c  
he, was, his, on, are |                      | • Short U & Long U | • Reading & Spelling with Short U |
| 6    | • Consonant Letter Sounds k, w, & v  
as, with, this, they, if |                      | • Short O & Long O | • Digraph th |
| 7    | • Consonant Letter Sounds j, p, & y  
at, be, or, have, from |                      | • Short E & Long E | • Reading & Spelling with Short E |
| 8    | • Consonant Letter Sounds b, x, & z  
one, had, by, but, not |                      | • Review Short & Long A, Short & Long I | • Digraphs ch & wh |
| 9    | • Consonant Letter Sounds qu, y, & x  
what, all, were, we, when |                      | • Review Short & Long O, Short & Long U | • Digraph ck |
| 10   | • Trigraphs tch & dge  
your, can, said, there, down |                      | • Review Short & Long E | • Trigraphs tch & dge |
| 11   | • Letter chunks al & all  
an, come, which, she, do |                      | • Cumulative review of Short and Long Vowels with segmenting | • Double Trouble Rule  
• Chunk all |
| 12   | • Graphemes ff, ll, & ss  
how, their, want, will, up |                      | • Cumulative review of Short and Long Vowels with blending | • Short vowel spelling rules: Double Trouble, Digraph ck, & Trigraphs tch & dge |
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