

## Stage 5 – Word Families

Set 1: Long 'a' sound:

*snake*

make

rake

lake

cake

made

sale

pail

shape

same

gave

*train*

**hail**

**chain**

**snail**

**rain**

**pain**

**brain**

**paid**

**paint**

**plain**

**faint**

**grain**

*pray*

**play**

**clay**

**day**

**stay**

**hay**

**today**

**tray**

**way**

**sway**

**crayon**

*lady*

**lazy**

**crazy**

**shady**

**baby**

**wavy**

**gravy**

**navy**

## **Sentences for dictation:**

**I will bake a cake.**

**You must not pick up a snake.**

**The rain came down the chain.**

**Rain, rain, go away. Come again another day.**

**The children played a game.**

**The baby made a mess.**

**The lady is going to miss the train today.**

**A baby ant saw a snail and some tape on a tray.**

## **Rhymes for the long 'a' sound:**

Highlight or underline the long 'a's:

### **If you ever, ever, ever meet a whale**

You must never, never, never touch its tail

If you ever, ever, ever touch its tail

You will never, never meet another whale.

### **Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake, baker's man**

Bake me a cake as fast as you can.

Pat it and prick it and mark it with 'B'

And put it in the oven for baby and me.

### **Baa baa black sheep, have you any wool?**

Yes sir, yes sir, three bags full.

One for the master, one for the dame,

And one for the little boy who lives down the lane.

### **Rain, rain, go away**

Come again another day.

### **Tomorrow is my birthday,**

I can hardly wait.

All my friends are coming,

And Mum will bake a cake.

Set 2: long 'e' sound

*tree*

sheep

feed

see

feet

deep

keep

meet

sleep

green

sweep

feel

***sea***

**teach**

**read**

**leaf**

**clean**

**bean**

**cream**

**eat**

**meat**

**speak**

**beach**



**key**

**monkey**

**donkey**

**chimney**

**money**

**honey**

**valley**

**turkey**

**sunny**

**funny**

**runny**

**pony**

**greedy**

**dirty**

**happy**

**silly**

**poppy**

**Sentences for dictation:**

**“I need a red bed,” said Ted.**

**I went up the tree and fell on my head.**

**Can you see me?**

**I have seen three sheep.**

**I will eat some meat at the beach.**

**Come with me to see the donkey.**

**Some money is green.**

**Come with me to the beach where there is a tree and a monkey and a pony.**

## **Rhymes for the long 'e' sound:**

Highlight or underline the long 'e's:

### **Bee bee, bumble bee**

Buzzing in the blossom tree.

### **Hector Protector was dressed all in green.**

Hector Protector was sent to the queen.

The queen did not like him

And nor did the king,

So Hector Protector was sent back again.

### **Our puppy has four little feet**

One little mouth with which to eat

One little nose with which to smell

And two little ears as well.

Two little eyes with which to see,

Two bright eyes watch you and me.

### **Mary, Mary, quite contrary**

How does your garden grow?

With silver bells and cockle shells

And pretty maids all in a row.

### Set 3: Long 'i' sound

*five*

**line**

**ride**

**like**

**smile**

**shine**

**kite**

*spider*

**tiger**

**timer**

**glider**

*light*

**right**

**fight**

**might**

**tight**

**sight**

**flight**

*fly*

**cry**

**try**

**by**

## **Sentences for dictation:**

**I might get it right.**

**I got a fright when I took a bite.**

**We will fly high in the sky.**

**Which pie would you buy for a tiger?**

**The boy cried when he saw a spider.**

**I can't find the right sign.**

**We got a flat tyre on the right side.**

**I will try to make the kite go up high.**

**I can make a find line.**

**The light is very bright.**

**In the sky there is a kite and a fly going by.**

## **Rhymes for the long 'i' sound:**

Highlight or underline the long 'i's:

### **Here is the beehive. Where are the bees?**

Hiding away where nobody sees.

Look! Now they're coming out of the hive.

One, two, three, four, five.

### **One, two, three four five,**

Once I caught a fish alive

Six, seven, eight nine ten

Then I let it go again.

Why did you let it go?

Because it bit my finger so.

Which finger did it bite?

This little finger on my right.

### **After my bath I try, try, try**

To wipe myself til I'm dry, dry, dry.

### **Good night**

Sleep tight

Don't let the bed bugs bite.

Set 4: long 'o'

***nose***

**rose**

**hose**

**close**

**chose**

***boat***

**goat**

**float**

**soap**

**loaf**

**road**



***note***

**vote**

**pole**

**home**

**bone**

**stone**

**phone**

***snow***

**throw**

**bow**

**tow**

## **Sentences for dictation:**

**The goat was lost in the snow**

**The roses will not grow in frozen snow.**

**Go home and get a note to show me.**

**The toad was on the road.**

**It is a long way to go to the snow.**

**Show me a slow boat.**

**Do not throw stones.**

**She spoke a long time on the phone.**

**He stopped to blow his nose while the snow floated down.**

**He wrote a not on a stone.**

## **Rhymes for the long 'o' sound:**

Highlight or underline the long 'o's:

### **This little pig went to market.**

This little pig stayed home.  
This little pig had roast beef.  
This little pig had none.  
And this little pig went  
Wee wee wee  
All the way home!

### **Old Mother Hubbard**

She went to the cupboard  
To get her poor dog a bone.  
But when she got there  
The cupboard was bare  
And so the poor dog had none.

### **There was an old lady from Tarrow**

Who went to sleep in a barrow.  
When she awoke, she said, "What a joke!  
I think I'll sleep here tomorrow."

### **Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold**

Peas porridge in the pot nine days old.  
Some like it hot, some like it cold  
Some like it in the pot, nine days old.

### **Mary, Mary, quite contrary**

How does your garden grow  
With silver bells and cockle shells  
And pretty maids all in a row.

## Set 11: long 'u' sound

<i>flute</i>
<b>tube</b>
<b>cube</b>
<b>rule</b>
<b>tune</b>
<b>rude</b>

Other letter combinations that sound like long 'u':

*spoon*

**moon**

**soon**

**pool**

**stool**

**tool**

**room**

**choose**

**noon**

*glue*

**blue**

**true**

**due**

*shoe*

*do*

**who**

*you*

*chew*

**blew**

**grew**

**drew**

**threw**

**screw**

**chew**

**few**

**new**

**knew**

**flew**

## **Sentences for dictation:**

**I will chew the new blue glue.**

**She lost a tooth in her food.**

**The school made a rule to sing a new tune.**

**A hawk is a kind of bird.**

**Dad has a new suit.**

**The cow jumped over the moon.**

**The screw got stuck in some blue glue.**

**Do you know who lived in a shoe?**



## **Rhymes for the long 'u' sound:**

Highlight or underline the long 'u's:

### **Old Mother Hubbard**

She went to the cupboard  
To get her poor dog a bone.  
But when she got there  
The cupboard was bare  
And so the poor dog had none.  
She went to the fruit shop  
To buy him some fruit  
But when she came back  
He was playing the flute.

Highlight or underline the long 'oo's (making the same sound as long 'u'):

### **Hey diddle diddle, the cat and the fiddle,**

The cow jumped over the moon.  
The little dog laughed to see such sport  
And the dish ran away with the spoon.

Highlight or underline all the letters that sound like long 'u':

### **There was an old woman in a shoe,**

Who always had the flu.  
So she ate fruit and greens and a plate full of beans,  
That was the very best thing to do!

### **There was a young man from Crew**

Who found a large mouse in his stew.  
Said the waiter, "Don't shout and wave it about,  
Or the rest will be wanting one too.

Set 6: 'air' sound

<i>chair</i>
<b>pair</b>
<b>fair</b>
<b>fairy</b>
<b>hair</b>
<b>stairs</b>
<b>air</b>

Other letter combinations that sound like 'air':

<b><i>square</i></b>
<b>share</b>
<b>dare</b>
<b>bare</b>
<b>stare</b>
<b>scare</b>
<b>glare</b>
<b>flare</b>

## **Sentences for dictation:**

**My teddy bear has brown hair.**

**My lunch box is square.**

**Here is a square with hair.**

## **Rhymes for the long 'air' sound, and letter combinations that sound like 'air':**

Highlight or underline the letters that make the 'air' sound. Remember that they do not have to be written as 'air':

### **Pussy cat, pussy cat, where have you been?**

I've been to London to visit the queen.

Pussy cat, pussy cat, what happened there?

I frightened a little mouse under the chair.

### **There are lots of animals, such as a mouse,**

And a camel, a dog, a cat and a bear.

And lots of things we have in our house,

The table, the cot, the bed and my chair.

### **Tomorrow is my birthday,**

I can hardly wait.

All my friends are coming,

And Mum will bake a cake.

I'll share the cake with all my friends

And join in all the fun

Dad will buy me lots of toys

And we'll play out in the sun.

Set 7: 'ar' sound

*car*

**star**

**bar**

**far**

**farm**

**yard**

**park**

**dark**

**cart**

**barn**

**chart**

Other letter combinations that sound like 'ar':

*glass*

**fast**

**last**

**past**

**mast**

**blast**

**father**

**banana**

**grass**

**pass**

**after**

## **Sentences for dictation:**

**I ate a banana in the car.**

**After the sun sets you will see stars in the sky.**

**The car can park at the farm.**

**The dog is barking.**



**Twinkle twinkle little star**

How I wonder what you are  
Up above the world so high  
Like a diamond in the sky  
Twinkle twinkle little star  
How I wonder what you are.

**After my bath I try, try, try**

To wipe myself till I'm dry, dry, dry.

Hands to wipe, and fingers and toes,  
And two wet legs and a shiny nose.

Just think how much less time I'd take  
If I were a dog and could shake, shake, shake.

Set 8: ear sound

*ear*

hear

fear

tear

near

dear

clear

gear

*deer*

steer

cheer

***here***

**Sentences for dictation:**

**I hear with my ears.**

**Dad will steer the car to miss the deer.**

**The pond is clear today.**

**Here is the gear.**

## **Rhymes for the 'ear' sound, and letter combinations that sound like 'ear':**

Highlight or underline the letters that make the 'ear' sound. Remember that they do not have to be written as 'ear':

### **Our puppy has four little feet**

One little mouth with which to eat  
One little nose with which to smell  
And two little ears as well.  
Two little eyes with which to see,  
Two bright eyes watch you and me.

### **Here is the bee hive, here are the bees**

Hidden away where nobody sees  
Here they come creeping out of the hive  
One, two, three, four, five.

### **Lots of animals live in the zoo.**

Monkeys and lions and elephants too,  
Deer and tigers and the kangaroo,  
Lots of animals live in the zoo.

Set 9: 'er' sound

*fern*

**her**

**verb**

**herb**

**term**

**herd**

**person**

**germ**

**serve**

**stern**

**permit**

**perm**

Other letter combinations that sound like 'er':

<i>bird</i>
<b>shirt</b>
<b>skirt</b>
<b>girl</b>
<b>birthday</b>
<b>stir</b>
<b>squirt</b>

***church***

**turn**

**burn**

**purse**

**curl**

**fur**

**hurt**

***world***

**worm**

**word**

**work**

## **Sentences for dictation:**

**The early bird gets the worm.**

**God made the world.**

**We must always say kind words.**

**I will stir the pot so it does not burn.**

**The teddy has lost its fur.**

**In the world there are lots of ferns.**

**We saw the girl with a pink skirt.**

**I got a shirt for my birthday.**

**Under the fern was a worm with a shirt made of fur.**



## **Rhymes for the 'er' sound, and letter combinations that sound like 'er':**

Highlight or underline the letters that make the 'er' sound. Remember that they do not have to be written as 'er':

### **Big shirts, little shirts, on the clothes line.**

Some of them are Dad's, and some of them are mine.  
The tiny ones are our baby's, altogether there are nine.  
Big shirts, little shirts, on the clothes line.

### **Twinkle twinkle little star**

How I wonder what you are.  
Up above the world so high  
Like a diamond in the sky  
Twinkle twinkle little star  
How I wonder what you are.

### **Cats and dogs have fur**

Kittens like to purr  
But a tiger is a cat  
You wouldn't want to pat.

Set 10: 'oi'

*coin*

**oil**

**coil**

**boil**

**soil**

**point**

**toilet**

**poison**

**spoil**

**Other letter combinations that sound like 'oi':**

<i>toy</i>
<b>boy</b>
<b>joy</b>
<b>enjoy</b>

**Sentences for dictation:**

**The boys enjoy the toy that coils.**

**I will join the string to make it longer.**

**Mum boiled the potatoes that we dug up from the soil.**

**I will buy a drink with my coin.**

**I hope it will not spoil in the sun.**

**I will buy a toy with my gold coin.**

## **Rhymes for the 'oi' sound, and letter combinations that sound like 'oi':**

Highlight or underline the letters that make the 'oi' sound. Remember that they do not have to be written as 'oi':

**Tomorrow is my birthday,**  
I can hardly wait.  
All my friends are coming,  
And Mum will bake a cake.

I'll share the cake with all my friends  
And join in all the fun  
Dad will buy me lots of toys  
And we'll play out in the sun.

**Set 10: short 'oo' sound**

<i><b>book</b></i>
<b>cook</b>
<b>look</b>
<b>took</b>
<b>wood</b>
<b>stood</b>
<b>foot</b>

**Other letter combinations that sound like short 'oo':**

*bull*

**pull**

**full**

**put**

**push**

**pussy**

*would*

**could**

**should**

**wouldn't**

**couldn't**

## **Sentences for dictation:**

**You should not pull a bull by the nose.**

**I would like to buy a full ball of wool.**

**He stood and looked at the pussy.**

**I wish I could push this wood.**

**He looked at the book.**

**The bull put its foot in the pudding.**

## **Rhymes for the short 'oo' sound, and letter combinations that sound like short 'oo':**

Highlight or underline the letters that make the 'oo' sound. Remember that they do not have to be written as 'oo':

### **Baa baa black sheep, have you any wool?**

Yes sir, yes sir, three bags full.

One for the master, one for the dame,

And one for the little boy who lives down the lane.

### **Dame Trot and her cat**

Sat down for a chat

The dame sat on this side,

And puss sat on that.

"Puss," said the dame,

"Can you catch a rat?

Or a mouse in the dark?"

"Purr," said the cat.



Set 12: 'or' sound

*fork*

**pork**

**corn**

**cork**

**cord**

**more**

Other letter combinations that sound like 'or':

*door*

**poor**

**floor**

***ball***

**call**

**wall**

**hall**

**tall**

***saw***

**law**

**lawn**

**crawl**

**claw**

**yawn**

*walk*

**talk**

**chalk**

**stalk**

*warm*

**dwarf**

**wharf**

*oar*

**roar**

**board**

**boar**

**soar**

**coarse**

*course*

## **Sentences for dictation:**

**I want more pork and some corn please.**

**I want some sauce with my pork.**

**I saw a small animal crawl across the lawn.**

**A poor knight crossed the moor.**

**I wore my sports clothes and tore them on the court.**

**I need some more sauce to go with my meat balls.**

**Inside the door I saw a poor boy with a short fork.**

**A boar is a wild pig.**

**A lion can roar.**

**Cloth that feels scratchy is coarse.**

**A path to follow is a course.**

**You play golf on a golf course.**

**When you are sure you can say, “Of course”.**

## **Rhymes for the 'or' sound, and letter combinations that sound like 'or':**

Highlight or underline the letters that make the 'or' sound. Remember that they do not have to be written as 'or':

### **Little Jack Horner**

Sat in a corner  
Eating his Christmas pie  
He put in his thumb  
And pulled out a plum  
And said what a good boy am I.

### **Little boy blue**

Come blow on your horn.  
The cow's in the meadow  
The sheep's in the corn.  
But where is the boy who looks after the sheep?  
He's under the haystack,  
Fast asleep.

### **There once was a man from Bengal,**

Who went to a fancy dress ball.  
He went just for fun, dressed up as a bun,  
But a dog ate him up in the hall.

### **One snail, two snails had a little talk.**

Three snails, four snails had a little walk.  
Five snails, six snails climbed a pile of bricks  
Then a big black bird flew down and gobbled up all six.

### **Four black legs and four white paws**

Pinky pads and curving claws,  
Making marks on people's floors - that's Tibby.

### **I like to eat spaghetti, long and round**

I slurp the sauce with a slurping sound.  
I take my fork and roll it around  
Then into my mouth and gobble it down

## Set 13: 'ow' sound

<b>COW</b>
<b>bow</b>
<b>how</b>
<b>now</b>
<b>town</b>
<b>flower</b>
<b>tower</b>
<b>towel</b>

Other letter combinations that sound like 'ow':

*house*

**mouse**

**shout**

**loud**

**cloud**

**found**

**sound**

**round**

**flour**

**sour**

**proud**

**mouth**



## **Sentences for dictation:**

**The mouse in our house made a little sound.**

**I don't know how to milk a cow.**

**When he found gold he shouted out loud.**

**Go around pounding the drum, then take a bow.**

**A cow lived in a house with a mouse and an owl.**

## **Rhymes for the 'ow' sound, and letter combinations that sound like 'ow':**

Highlight or underline the letters that make the 'ow' sound. Remember that they do not have to be written as 'ow':

### **Wee Willie Winkie**

Runs through the town,  
Upstairs, downstairs, in his night gown,  
Rapping at the windows, crying through the locks,  
Are all the children in their beds?  
It's now eight o'clock.

### **I'm a little teapot, short and stout,**

Here is my handle, here is my spout.  
When I get all steamed up, then I shout,  
Tip me over and pour me out.

### **Incy Wincy Spider, climbed the water spout.**

Down came the rain and washed poor Incy out.  
Out came the sun, and dried up all the rain,  
So Incy Wincy Spider, climbed the spout again.

### **Two little eyes to look around,**

Two little ears to hear each sound,  
One little mouth that likes to eat,  
One little nose to smell what's sweet.