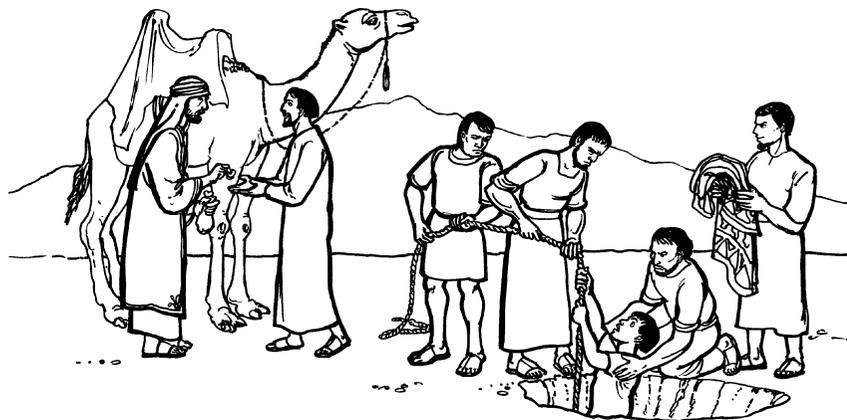


# Literacy

## Reading Level 14



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Level 14: story 1

## A big mistake

God is Creator - Genesis 3

Adam and Eve lived in the Garden of Eden. They were very happy. God told Adam and Eve that they must obey Him. He told them that they could eat any food from the garden, but they must never eat the fruit from one tree.

There was an angel who was a wicked angel. His name was Satan. When he became wicked, he became like a snake. Satan said to Adam and Eve, "Go on. Eat the fruit. It will not hurt you."

So Eve ate the fruit. She gave some to Adam. At once they knew that they had done something very wrong.



They were sad. God said, "Now that you have done wrong, you cannot be in my beautiful garden. You must go from here. You will not be so happy. This is because you did not obey me."

God sent a good angel to the garden. The angel had a sword. No one could go into the garden from now on. This was a very sad day. The world was now a place of sadness and sin. Adam and Eve were not happy. The animals were not happy.

God was very sad because people could no longer be with Him. God made a plan. He planned to send His Son Jesus, to die on the cross and to forgive us for our sin. If we ask Jesus to forgive us for our sin, and if we ask Him to be our friend, then we can be with God, just like Adam and Eve were once with God in the Garden of Eden.

# A big mistake

Put these in the right order by writing a number next to each:

- Satan said, "Eat the fruit. It will not hurt you."
- Adam and Eve were very happy in the Garden of Eden.
- God told Adam and Eve to go out of His beautiful garden.
- God said, "You can eat any food from the garden, but not one fruit."

Write the answers:

1. What did Eve do after she ate the fruit?
2. How did Adam and Eve feel after they ate the fruit?

Add word endings:

live	lives	lived	living
obey	obey__	obey__	obey____
need	need__	need__	need_____
kill	kill__	kill__	kill_____

Sort out these jumbled letters to make words from the story:

pypha \_\_\_\_\_ trfui  
\_\_\_\_\_

kensa \_\_\_\_\_ ryve  
\_\_\_\_\_

Choose the best answer:

Why did Adam and Eve have to leave the garden?

- a) They ate too much fruit.
- b) They disobeyed God.

Level 14 Story 2

## Jesus is a friend of children

God is Love - Mark 10:13-18

The children were happy. Jesus had come to their town. They wanted to see Jesus. "Hurry, Mum," said the children. "We want to see Jesus. Please take us to see Him."

The Mums took their children to see Jesus. There was a big crowd.

The children wanted to go to the front of the crowd.

"Get back! Get back!" said the friends of Jesus. "There are grown ups here who want to be at the front!"

"No!" said Jesus. "I want the children here. Bring them to me."

The Mums brought the children to Jesus.

Jesus sat the children on His knee.

"I love children," He said. "Children are very special. If grown-ups want to be my friends, then they must be like these children."

Children can love Jesus with a special love. Jesus wants you to love Him. He loves you with a special love too.



## Jesus is a friend of children

Put these in the right order by writing a number next to each:

"Bring the children to me," said Jesus.

The Mums took their children to see Jesus.

- Jesus sat the children on His knee.
- The children wanted to see Jesus.

Write the answers:

1. Who told the children to get back?

2. What did Jesus say?

Add word endings:

love loves loved

want want\_\_ want\_\_

Write the past tense. (What happened in the past?)

◆ Please take us to see Jesus.

The Mums t\_\_\_\_\_ the children to see Jesus.

◆ I would like to sit on Jesus' knee.

Jesus s\_\_\_\_\_ the children on His knee.

Choose the best answer:

The friends on Jesus told the children to go away because:

- a) They thought the children would get hurt in the crowd.
- b) They thought that the grown-ups should be at the front.

Level 14: story 3

## Joseph

God is Wise - Genesis 37-46

Joseph loved God. Joseph's mother and father loved God. Joseph had eleven brothers. Some of the brothers did not like Joseph. They sold him to some men with camels.

The men with camels took Joseph to Egypt. Joseph became a slave to the Pharaoh. He had to work very hard.

"I do not know why I am a slave," said Joseph, "but God is wise. He will help me."

The Pharaoh liked Joseph because he worked very hard. Joseph was also very wise. The Pharaoh wanted Joseph to help him. "What should I do?" asked the Pharaoh.

"There will be no rain in Egypt. You must store up food," said Joseph.

"How do you know?" asked the Pharaoh.

"God told me," said Joseph.

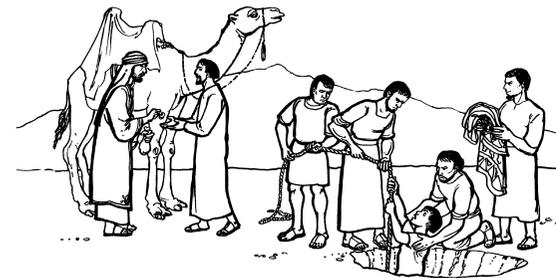
"You are very wise," said the Pharaoh.

"It is God who makes me wise," said Joseph.

"I will put you in charge of many people," said the Pharaoh.

Joseph was in charge. He told people to store up food. After that there was no more rain. It was just as God had said. Joseph was in charge of giving food to people. Can you guess who came to him for food? Yes, it was his family.

Joseph was so glad to see his family again. Joseph said to his brothers, "I forgive you." The family was together again. God had turned something bad into something good.



## Joseph

Put these in the right order by writing a number next to each:

- Joseph told the Pharaoh to store up food.
- The brothers sold Joseph to some men with camels.
- Joseph gave out food to the people.
- Joseph became a slave.
- Joseph's family came to get food.

Write the answer:

1. Why did the Pharaoh like Joseph?
2. What did Joseph say to his brothers when they came for food?

Add word endings: (The first one is done for you.)

love loves loved loving  
work work\_ work\_\_ work\_\_\_  
help help\_ help\_\_ help\_\_\_

Write the past tense. (What happened in the past?)

- ◆ We can sell Joseph to these men with camels.

The brothers s\_\_\_\_\_ Joseph to the men with camels.

- ◆ I know that God will take care of me.

Joseph k\_\_\_\_\_ that God would take care of him.

Choose the best answer:

Joseph was very wise because:

- a) God made him wise.
- b) He knew a lot of things.

Level 14: Story 4

## Soldiers of God

God is Protector - Ephesians 6

We are God's children. God keeps us safe. He gives us special armour. Can you see this armour? No.

Do you fight with this armour? No. God fights for us. He fights against the enemy, Satan. Here is the armour.

1. The belt of truth.

We must always tell the truth.

2. The breastplate of righteousness.

We must always do what is right.

3. The shoes of Good News.

We must take the Good News of Jesus to other people.

4. The shield of faith.

We must have faith in God, and put our trust in Him.

5. The helmet of salvation.

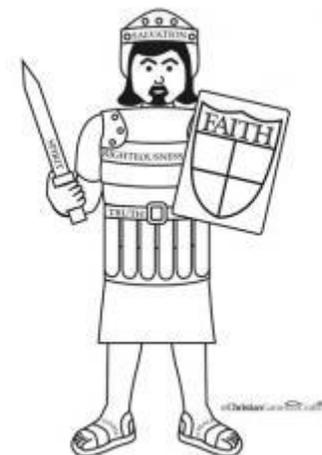
This is the very first thing we need.

Salvation means becoming a Christian.

We must ask Jesus to forgive us for our sins, and tell Jesus we love Him.

6. The sword of the Spirit.

This is God's word, the Bible. We must know what the bible says, and do what it says. When we do all these things, we have the armour of God. God will fight for us against our enemy, Satan.



## Soldiers of God

Here is the armour of God. Fill in the missing words:

1. The belt of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The breastplate of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Good News.
4. The shield of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of salvation.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit.

Answer the questions:

Can you see the armour of God?

Who should have this armour?

Who is the enemy?

Here is the way to get God's armour. Fill in the missing words:

1. Always tell the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Always do what is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Take the Good News of Jesus to other \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Put our \_\_\_\_\_ in God.
5. Become a \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Read the \_\_\_\_\_.

Level 14: Story 5

## Joshua and the walls of Jericho

God is Powerful - Joshua 6

God's people had been in the desert for a long time. There was no food in the desert. There was no water in the desert. God had provided the food and water. But now it was time for a new land. God had promised His people a new land. The new land would not be a desert. The new land would have food and water. But the new land also had enemies. The enemies did not worship the true God.

"How can we get to this new land?" the people asked. "We must pass through the city of Jericho, where there are enemies. The city has big walls all around it."

"God will find a way," said Joshua. "He is very powerful."

God told Joshua what to do. God told Joshua to get trumpets. God told the people to march around and around the walls. The people marched around for seven days. On day seven, they marched around once. They marched around twice. They marched around seven times.

Then they shouted and made a big noise with their trumpets. The enemies were afraid. Then the walls fell down. God made the walls fall down with His power. The city now belonged to God's people. They could go into the new land that God had promised.



## Joshua and the walls of Jericho

Put these in the right order by writing a number next to each:

- God told Joshua to get trumpets.
- The people shouted and made a big noise.
- The people marched round and round the city walls.
- God's people were going to a new land.
- God's people were in the desert.
- The new land had enemies.

Write the answers:

How did God's people get food and water in the desert?

Why was it hard for them to get to the new land?

Add word endings:

pass   passes   passed   passing

march   march\_\_   march\_\_   march\_\_\_\_\_

Write the past tense. (What happened in the past?)

- ◆ The walls are falling down.

The walls \_\_\_\_\_ down.

- ◆ I can shout and make a big noise.

The people \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ a big noise.

Choose the best answer:

The walls of Jericho fell down because:

- a) God made them fall down by His power.
- b) God's people made a lot of noise.

Level 14: Story 6

## The Golden Calf

God is Truth - Exodus 32

God said, "Never, never make a god. You must not make a god out of clay, or wood, or stone. You must not make a god out of anything."

God said, "I am the only true God."

God's people did not obey God.

They made a god. They made it out of gold. They made it like a calf. It looked very pretty.

But God said that he did not like it.

God was not happy. He was very angry. He told Moses that he was very angry with the people.

The people were sorry. They told God that they were sorry. God gave Moses some special rules called the Ten Commandments.

He told the people that they must never, never make a god again.



## The Golden Calf

Put these in the right order by writing a number next to each:

- God was very angry.
- The people were sorry.
- God's people made a calf out of gold.
- God said, "You must never, never make a god."
- God gave Moses some special rules.

Write the answers:

What do some people use to make a god?

Are these gods alive?

Is our God alive?

Add word endings:

look   looks   looked   looking

like   like\_   lik\_\_   lik\_\_\_\_\_

Write the past tense. (What happened in the past?)

- ◆ The people are making a golden calf.

The people \_\_\_\_\_ a golden calf.

- ◆ God gives us rules.

God \_\_\_\_\_ rules.

Choose the best answer:

God does not want us to make gods from anything because:

- a) They do not look pretty.
- b) God is the only true god.

## The father who forgave his son

God is Pure - Luke 15:11-32

There was a man who had two sons. The sons were grown up. One son said, "I want to leave home, Dad. Please give me some money so that I can go to the city to live."

"O.K.," said Dad. So the son went to the city.

He had a good time in the city. He had lots of fun, but he did not always do good things. He spent all his money. He had no money left.

"I will go and get a job," said the son. "I will go and look after some pigs."

So the son went to get a job with pigs. He did not like working with pigs. It was very smelly and dirty.

"Why don't I go home?" said the son to himself. "Will Dad want me home again? I have spent all his money. He may be very cross with me."

The son went home. Was the father cross with the son? Did he tell him to go away? No! The father was full of joy. He wanted his son home again. He gave him a big hug. He gave him a party!

God wants us to forgive people who do wrong things to us, just like the father forgave his son. God wants us to forgive others just as he forgives us.



## The father who forgave his son

The events in the story are in the wrong order. Put them in the right order by writing a number next to each:

- 1 One son said, "Dad, I want to leave home."
- The son got a job with pigs.
  - The son went home again.
  - The son spent all of his father's money.
  - He had a good time in the city.
  - Dad gave the son some money.

Write the answers:

How many sons did the father have?

Did the father want his son to come home again?

Add word endings:

grow    growing    grown

see    see \_\_\_\_    see \_\_\_\_

Write the past tense. (What happened in the past?)

- ◆ He does not like working with pigs.

He \_\_\_\_\_ not like working with pigs.

- ◆ He spends all his money.

He \_\_\_\_\_ all his money.

Choose the best answer:

This story shows us that...

- a) God wants us to forgive others just as He forgives us.
- b) It is wrong to have a good time in the city.

Level 14: Story 8

## The Little Prince

God is Patient - 2 Samuel 4 & 9

There was once a little prince. He fell when he was a baby and became lame. He could not walk very well.

King David was a kind king. He wanted to help Mephibosheth. King David let Mephibosheth live in the palace.

Mephibosheth ate the King's food. He had a nurse to take care of him. He was very happy living in the King's palace.

God wants us to be kind like King David. He wants us to care for people who

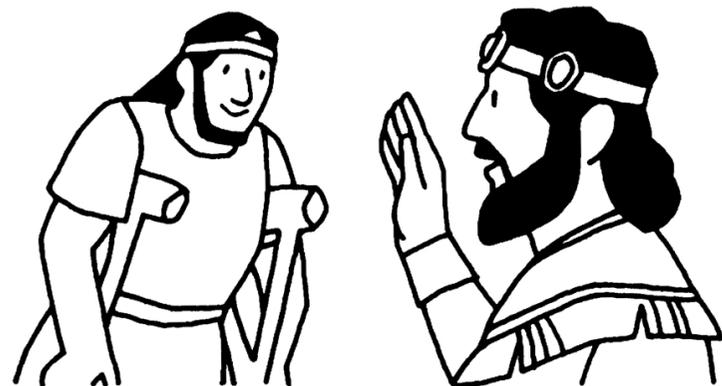
cannot do things as well as we can. God wants us to be kind and patient with people like this.

Do you know anyone who cannot walk very well?

Do you know anyone who cannot see or hear very well?

Do you know anyone who cannot speak very well?

God wants you to spend time with people like this. Be kind to them and help them to be happy, because they cannot do things as well as you can.



## The Little Prince

Put these in the right order by writing a number next to each:

- Mephibosheth had a nurse to take care of him.
- The little prince fell when he was a baby.
- King David let Mephibosheth live in the palace.

Write the answers:

Who was the king in this story?

Was he a kind king?

Do you know anyone who cannot walk, or see, or hear or speak very well?

If you did, how could you do to be kind to them?

Add word endings:

want      wants    wanting    wanted

live      live\_    liv\_\_\_\_\_    liv\_\_

walk      walk\_    walk\_\_\_\_\_    walk\_\_

Write the past tense. (What happened in the past?)

- ◆ He can not walk very well.

He \_\_\_\_\_ not walk very well.

Choose the best answer:

God wants us to be kind to others because...

- a) it makes us feel good.
- b) it makes others happy.

Level 14: Story 9

## The man at the pool

God is Servant - John 5: 1-18

There once was a pool. It bubbled with special water. It was like a spa.

Sick people came to the pool because the water from the pool made them feel better.

There was a man who could not walk. He could not get into the pool. He had to lay on his mat beside the pool. He hoped that someone would help him get into the pool, so that he would feel better. But no one did.

Then Jesus came by. Do you think that Jesus would help the man to get into the pool? Jesus did something better than that.

He said to the man, "Do you want to get well again?"

"Yes I do," said the man. "But no one will help me to get into the pool."

Jesus said, "Get up. Pick up your mat and walk."

The man stood up and walked. His legs were better. He could walk!



## The man at the pool

Put these in the right order by writing a number next to each:

1 There was a man who could not walk.

- Jesus said to the man, "Do you want to get well again?"
- The man stood up and walked.
- Jesus came by.
- The man could not get into the pool.
- Jesus said, "Pick up your mat and walk."

Write the answers:

1. Why did people come to the pool?
2. Why did the man want to get in the pool?
3. Did Jesus help him get into the pool?
4. What did Jesus do?

Add word endings:

bubble	bubbles	bubbled	bubbling
help	help_	help__	help_____
pick	pick_	pick__	pick_____

Write the past tense. (What happened in the past?)

- ◆ The man stands up.  
The man \_\_\_\_\_ up.
- ◆ He picks up his mat.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ up his mat.

Choose the best answer:

Why didn't Jesus help the man get into the pool?

- a) He was too tired.
- b) He wanted to make the man's legs better instead.

Level 14: Story 10

## Nicodemus

God is our Saviour - John 3:1-13

Nicodemus wanted to know more about Jesus. He was afraid of what his friends would think.

"I must go and see Jesus at night," thought Nicodemus. "I want to know more about God."

Nicodemus went to see Jesus at night. Jesus said, "If you want to live forever, you must be born again."

"How can I be born again?" asked Nicodemus.

Jesus told Nicodemus that he must have a new life.

When we become a follower of Jesus, we have a new life. We obey Jesus and do the things He wants us to do.

Just as we need air, water and food for our body, we need Jesus and His word. The Bible is God's word. It has words of life.



## Nicodemus

Put these in the right order by writing a number next to each:

- 1 Nicodemus went to see Jesus at night.
- Jesus said, "To have new life, you must be born again."
- Nicodemus wanted to know more about Jesus.
- Jesus told Nicodemus that he must have a new life.

Write the answers:

1. Why was Nicodemus afraid to go and see Jesus?
2. What does our body need to stay alive?
3. Why do we need the Bible?

Add word endings:

need    needs    needed    needing  
follow    follow\_    follow\_\_    follow\_\_\_  
want    want\_    want\_\_    want\_\_\_

Fill in the silent 'k' in these words:

\_\_now    \_\_nows    \_\_nowing    \_\_new

Other words with silent 'k':

\_\_nit    \_\_nee    \_\_nife

Choose the correct answers:

Jesus said, "You must be born again." This means that...

- a) You have to start a new life with Jesus as your friend.
- b) You have to become a new born baby again.

We need the Bible because...

- a) It is a nice book to read.
- b) It has words of life.

Level 14: Story 11

## Ruth and Naomi

God is Provider - Ruth 1-4

Ruth had no husband. Her husband had died. Naomi had no husband. Her husband had died too.

"I must go to my own land where I can get food," said Naomi to Ruth.

"I will come with you," said Ruth.

"No. You must stay here with your people," said Naomi.

"No," said Ruth. "I want to come with you."

Ruth went with Naomi to Naomi's land. Ruth had to work hard to get food. Ruth

picked up grains of wheat all day long. Naomi was too old to work.

Ruth gave food to Naomi.

"God will look after us," said Ruth.

Then one day, a kind man called Boaz said to Ruth, "You may work in my field. You may have all the grain you want."

"Thank you," said Ruth. "You are very kind."

Boaz fell in love with Ruth. They were married. They had a little baby boy called Obed.



## Ruth and Naomi

Put these in the right order by writing a number next to each:

- Ruth said to Naomi, "I want to come with you."
- A kind man called Boaz let Ruth work in his field.
- Boaz fell in love with Ruth and they were married.
- Ruth's husband died and Naomi's husband died.
- They had a little baby boy called Obed.
- Naomi said to Ruth, "You must go to your own land."

Write the answers:

What did Ruth do to get food?

Why didn't Naomi work to get food?

Add word endings:

love   loves   loved   loving

stay   stay\_   stay\_\_   stay\_\_\_

work   work\_   work\_\_   work\_\_\_

Fill in 'wh' in all of these words:

\_\_eat   \_\_eel   \_\_at   \_\_ip   \_\_at

Choose the best answers:

Ruth wanted to go with Naomi because...

- a) She loved her.
- b) She thought she would get good things in Naomi's land.

Ruth and Naomi had enough food to eat because...

- a) They were lucky to find a kind person like Boaz.
- b) God looked after them.

Level 14: Story 12

## Peter walks on water

God is Protector - Matthew 14:22-32

The friends of Jesus were in a boat. They said, "Let us row to the other side of the lake."

The wind was very strong. The waves were very big. Jesus saw them from the shore. He saw that they were having trouble rowing the boat. He wanted to help them. Jesus came to the boat, walking on the water! The friends were afraid. They did not know it was Jesus.



"Do not be afraid," Jesus said. "It is me, your friend Jesus."

Peter was not sure about this. He wanted to make sure it was true.

"Can I come to you?" asked Peter. "Can I walk on the water too?"

"Come on," said Jesus.

Peter got out of the boat. He could walk on the water too! He started walking to Jesus.

Then he started to feel afraid. "Oh no," said Peter. "I cannot do this."

He started to sink. Jesus walked to him and pulled him up. They got into the boat.

"Why were you afraid?" asked Jesus. "Why didn't you trust me?"

The wind stopped. The waves stopped.

Everything was still. The friends knew that they must trust in Jesus all the time. When we trust in Jesus, we are not afraid. We have peace inside because we know that Jesus is looking after us.

## Peter walks on water

Put these in the right order by writing a number next to each:

- Peter started to sink.
- Jesus came to the boat, walking on the water!
- Jesus said to Peter, "Why were you afraid?"
- The friends of Jesus were in a boat.
- Peter asked, "Can I walk on the water too?"
- Peter started walking on the water to Jesus.

Write the answers:

Why were they having trouble rowing the boat?

Why did Peter start to sink?

Add word endings:

pull pulls pulled pulling

start start\_ start\_\_ start\_\_\_  
row row\_ row\_\_ row\_\_\_

Fill in the 'tr' in these words:

\_\_ust \_\_ouble \_\_ip \_\_ap \_\_ick

Fill in the 'st' in these words:

\_\_art \_\_opped tru\_\_ cru\_\_ fa\_\_

Write the past tense. (What happened in the past.)

- ◆ Peter said, "I feel afraid."  
Peter \_\_\_\_\_ afraid.

Choose the best answer:

The friends of Jesus should not have been afraid because...

- a) Jesus was with them.
- b) The waves were not really very big.

## Spelling list for Level 14

'air' in 'chair':

chair

airy

lair

armchair

stairs

upstairs

downstairs

'ar' in 'car':

car

party

army

chart

carpet

market

harvest

spark

sharp

charge

large

These sound like 'ar'

glass ('a' sounds like 'ar')

basket

class

faster

banana

half

calf

calm

palm

**Make sure that the students are using the picture chart on p. 28, which gives key words, (the words in bold), e.g. 'snake' goes with 'plate'.**

**Teachers can set spelling tasks for the words, such as:**

1. Write the word in a sentence.
2. Write the meaning.
3. Draw a picture.
4. Write a word with a similar meaning.
5. Write a word with the opposite meaning.
6. Write a rhyming word.

'ear' in 'ear'

ear

year

hearing

fearful

fearless

nearly

dearly

dearest

clearly

These sound like 'ear':

deer

queer

sheer

'er' in 'fern':

fern

winter

better

butter

dinner

letter

under

farmer

summer

river

mother

father

sister

brother

teacher

flower

These sound like 'er'

bird

dirty

thirsty

circus

firm

fir tree

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Thursday

Saturday

purple

burnt

turkey

purse

nurse

curve

spur

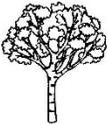
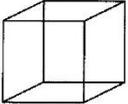
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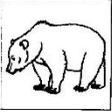
world

worst

worldly

worthy

<b>Long 'a' sound</b>			
			
snake	rain	pray	lady
<b>Long 'e'</b>			
			
tree	sea	key	pony
<b>Long 'i' sound</b>			
			
five	pie	fly	light
<b>Long 'o' sound</b>			
			
nose	note	boat	snow
<b>Long 'u' sound</b>			
			
cube	spoon	glue	chew

<b>'air' sound</b>			<b>'ar' sound</b>	
				
chair	square	bear	car	glass
<b>'ear' sound</b>			<b>'er' sound</b>	
				
ear	deer	fern	bird	church
<b>'oi' sound</b>			<b>short 'u' and 'oo' sound</b>	
				
coin	toy	bull	book	
<b>'or' sound</b>			<b>'ow' sound</b>	
				
				
cow	house			