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## Introduction - alphabet

### *Small letters:*

a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n,  
o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z

### *Capital letters:*

A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N,  
O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z

## Chapter 1 - b

*example words:* baby, bag, bank, barn, bean, bell, big, bird, blond,  
blue, boat, bridge

*extra words:* grandmother, grandfather, grandparents, woodpecker,  
swallow, birds, black, brown, ships, bluejay, canary,  
boats

*phrases:* Garbanzo beans, coffee beans, two bells,  
big dog, small dog, big ball, small ball,  
blond hair, black hair, light blue, dark blue

*sentences:* Susan is carrying a bag.

Debra has blond hair. Patrick has black hair.

What colour is the sky? What is this structure?  
What are these animals?

## Chapter 2 - c

*example words:* cab, cake, clam, climb, clock, cloud, coin,  
colour, cent, cigarette, circle, city

*extra words:* taxi, cheesecake, pancake, cakes, clouds, coins,  
blue, green, red, brown, colours, cigarettes, square, star,  
cross, country, pink, yellow, cents, clams

*phrases:* 1 cent, 10 cents, 1 dime, 25 cents,  
1 quarter, 100 cents, 1 dollar

*sentences:* Kirk is climbing up a rock.  
What are these animals?

What is Klint doing? Klint is climbing on a rock.  
What shape are these things?

This is a chocolate cake.

## Chapter 3 - d

*example words:* dance, daughter, desert, devil, diameter, dinghy, dirty, dock, doctor, dog, down, dragon

*extra words:* dad, father, forest, angel, circle, radius, triangle, rectangle, canoe, dinghies, clean, physician

*phrases:* small rowboats, up arrow, down arrow, left arrow, right arrow

*sentences:* John and Stacey are dancing.  
Father and daughter are sitting by the water.

Who is helping the patient? The doctor is helping the patient.

What creature is this?

Where is the cyclist sitting? The cyclist is sitting on the dock.

The dog is in its house.

Sales are up.  
Sales are down.

## Chapter 4 - f

*example words:* fairy, fast, fence, fin, finger, fire, fly, food,  
fork, fraction, frame, Friday

*extra words:* slow, mask, snorkel, fins, fingers, thumb, fractions,  
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,  
Saturday

*sentences:* Who is she? She is a fairy. What is this?  
What are these? These are food. The eagle is flying.

## Chapter 5 - g

*example words:* (group 1) garden, gear, gift, girl, grape, graph, grave, green

(group 2) gem, general, gentleman, geometry

*extra words:* trees, grass, flowers, gifts, grapes, blue, black, pirate, gems, lady

*phrase:* two girls

*sentences:* What is this? This is a gift.

Who is eating a melon?

The bird is eating a melon.

The girl is eating a melon.

The boy is eating a melon.

The woman is eating a melon.

What are these? These are gears.

What kind of fruit is this? What colour is this?

## Chapter 6 - h

*example words:* hacksaw, hair, half, hammer, harbour, hare, harp, headlight, heart, helmet, horse, house

*extra words:* nose, mouth, eyes, sailboat, rabbit, headlights, tires, football, jockey, diamond, club, spade

*phrases:* half a papaya, two halves of an avocado, a hammer, rearview mirror, half circle, full circle, spiked hair

*sentences:* Where is the sailboat? The sailboat is in the harbour.

What animal is this? This is a hare.

What instrument is this? This is a harp.  
Who is he? He is a football player.

What is Gloria doing? Gloria is riding a horse.

Where is Angela?  
Angela is standing in front of her house.

What is this area? This area is a harbour.

What is this? This is a headlight.

## Chapter 7 - j

*example words:* jacket, jack, Japan, jaw, jeep, jet, jog, judge,  
judo, juice, July, jump

*extra words:* jack-in-the-box,  
January, February, March, April, May, June,  
August, September, October, November, December,  
shirt, tie

*phrases:* jet aeroplane, orange juice, horse jump, ski jump

*sentences:* What is Patrick wearing? Patrick is wearing a jacket.

Dave and Mindy are jogging.

What kind of aeroplane is this? This is a jet.

Who is he? He is a judge.

What kind of vehicle is this? This is a jeep.

Gary and Jane are jogging.

What is the seventh (7th) month of the year?

The seventh month of the year is July.

## Chapter 8 - k

*example words:* (group 1) kangaroo, karate, ketchup, kick, kimono, kiss

(group 2) knapsack, knee, knickers, knife, knight,  
knuckle

*extra words:* kendo, soccer, shoulder, shin, thumb, fingers, knuckles

*sentences:* Carl is kicking a soccer ball.  
Sumiko is wearing a kimono.

Patrick is carrying a knapsack.  
Patrick is wearing a pair of knickers.

Who is he? He is a knight.

What animal is this? This is a kangaroo.

What is Patrick carrying?  
Tom is using a knife to cut a tomato.

## Chapter 9 - I

*example words:* lady, lake, lamb, lamp, land, large, leaf,  
left, leg, lemon, lion, lip

*extra words:* gentleman, mountain, sky, sea, leaves, arm, lemons,  
lips, eyes, nose, teeth

*phrases:* large tomato, small tomato,  
left turn, right turn,  
left hand, right hand

*sentences:* What are these? These are legs.  
Where is Patrick? Patrick is standing in front of a lake.

What animal is this?      What fruit is this?  
What is this?      This is a swivel lamp.

## Chapter 10 - m

*example words:* machine, magenta, march, mathematics, meat, meeting, minute, money, mouse, mouth, mug, multiply

*extra words:* machines, cyan, yellow, beef, chicken, fish, hour, nose, eyes

*sentences:* What time is it? It is 8:07.  
What is this? This is a machine.

The time is 12:20.  
Where are these people? They are in a meeting.

## Chapter 11 - n

*example words:* nail, name, narrow, near, necktie, nest, net, newspaper,  
nose, number, nun, nurse

*extra words:* fingernail, toenail, far, nests, noses, numbers, letters

*phrases:* a wide road, a narrow road, fishing net

*sentences:* What is your name? My name is Mary.

A man is reading a newspaper. A nun is praying.

These are nails.

She is reading a newspaper. She is a nurse.

## Chapter 12 - p

*example words:* pair, palm, paint, pants, peak, penny, pet, piano,  
pillow, pipe, plus, purse

*extra words:* dress, dog, cat, parrot, pets, pipes, additions, welder

*phrases:* a pair of guppies,  
a pair of eyes,

palm tree,

1 penny, 1 cent, 10 pennies, 1 dime,  
25 pennies, 1 quarter, 100 pennies, 1 dollar

*math:*  $2+3=5$ ,  $12+24=36$

*sentences:* Lucy is painting.

Susan is wearing a dress.

Dolly is wearing a pair of pants.

What is this? This is a mountain peak.

What is the man wearing?

The man is wearing a pair of pants.

What is John doing? John is painting his house.

John is walking his dog.

John is sleeping in his house.

The welder is cutting lengths of pipe.

David is napping under a palm tree.

Patrick is with his pair of pets.

## Chapter 13 - q

*example words:* quack, quadrant, quarter, queen, question

*extra words:* quadrants, answer

*phrases:* \$0.25, 25 cents, 1 quarter, 4 quarters, \$1.00

*sentences:* How are you? I am fine. Thank you.

What time is it? It is seven o'clock.

Cow says "moo". Cat says "meow". Duck says "quack".

How are you doing? I am fine. Thanks.

## Chapter 14 - r

*example words:* reverse, rhino, rib, ride, right, ring, rocket, roll, roof, rose, run, rowboat

*extra words:* forward, rhinoceros, ribs, spine, cowboy, horse, cyclist, bike, wrong, diamond, chimney, window, rosemary, rowboats, windshield, headlights, tire

*phrases:* left turn, right turn, diamond ring, roller coaster, opposite of forward

*sentences:* The cowboy is riding a horse.  
The cyclist is riding a bike.

Alan is running.      The rowboats are on the beach.

What kind of flower is this?      Julie is running.  
What part of the body is this?      These are the ribs.

What is Amanda doing?      Amanda is riding a motorcycle.

## Chapter 15 - s

*example words:* sail, sandwich, sauce, scale, seal, season, sign, sit, smile, snow, stamp, swim

*extra words:* catsup, ketchup, spring, summer, fall, winter, signs, sleep, laugh, snowshoes

*phrases:* a sandwich, tomato sauce, ice float, four seasons, stop sign, left turn sign, right turn sign

*sentences:* The sailboat is on the sea.  
A sandwich is good for lunch!  
A scale is for weighing things.  
The seal is on an ice float.

Brad is sitting.  
Tom is sleeping.  
Sandy is smiling.  
Sandy is laughing.  
Grace is swimming.  
Katy is standing.  
Katy is sitting.

What is Grace doing? Grace is jogging.  
Grace is skating.  
Grace is singing.

What is this? This is a sail.

What animals are these? These are seals.

Patrick is hiking in the snow. Katy is smiling.

## Chapter 16 – t

*example words:* table, tail, tape, tennis, tire, tool, tooth, train, trumpet, tub, tweezers, teacher

*extra words:* typewriter, chair, fox, tires, hammer, rake, triangle, tools, teeth, trombone, bathtub

*phrase:* tail of a whale

*sentences:* John is sitting by the table.  
David is soaking in the bathtub.

Mary is a teacher. The truck has big tires.

What is Patrick doing? Patrick is washing his car.  
Patrick is playing tennis.  
Patrick is hiking.  
Patrick is studying.

Who is she? She is a nurse.  
She is a teacher.  
She is a toolsmith.

What part of the animal is this? This is the tail.

What vehicle is this? This is a train.

What is this? This is a roll of tape.

Where is Dave's computer?  
Dave's computer is on top of the table.

## Chapter 17 - v

*example words:* vacuum, van, vapour, vegetable, video, violet, volley

*extra words:* vegetables, pink, brown, volleyball, celery, lettuce

*phrases:* vacuum cleaner, video camera, water vapour, bitter melon,  
video tape

*sentences:* Sue is playing volleyball.

What kind of vehicle is this? This vehicle is a van.

What colour is this? This is violet.

What are these? These are vegetables.

## Chapter 18 - w

*example words:* waist, wallet, watch, water, wave, west, white, witch, wolf, woman, word, wrist

*extra words:* money, north, east, south, black, grey, broom, man, letters, words, sentences, shoulder, elbow, hand

*phrases:* mineral water, water ski, picnic table

*sentences:* A wallet is for carrying money.  
A watch is for telling time.

Wendy is walking in front of the waves.  
The witch is riding on her broom.  
The wolf is howling.

What are these? These are letters.  
These are words.  
These are sentences.

What direction is this? This direction is west.

What is this? This is a wallet.

What are the girls doing?  
The girls are jumping into the water.

The woman is sitting on the table.

What part of the body is this?

Wendy is standing in front of the waves.

## Chapter 19 – x

*example words:* fox, box, six

*extra words:* sixteen, sixty

*phrases:* 1 box, 3 boxes

## Chapter 20 - y

*example words:* yacht, year, yellow, yes, you, young, yoyo

*extra words:* yachts, green, red

*phrases:* old woman, young woman, two young girls

*sentences:* There are 4 seasons in a year.

What year is this? This year is 1995.

Is two plus two equal to four? Yes, two plus two equals four.

Who are you?

Tom is Playing with a yoyo.

What is Jerry doing? Jerry is playing with a yoyo.  
Jerry is playing football.  
Jerry is playing chess.  
Jerry is playing cello.

What colour is this?

What kind of boat is this? This is a yacht.

Is this car red? Yes, this car is red.

Hi, I am Heather. How are you?

It is 1995.

## Chapter 21 - z

*example words:* zebra, Zen, zero, zig zag, zip, zone

*extra words:* one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, zones

*phrase:* zip code

*sentences:* What are these? These are zones.

What part of the address is this? What religion is this?

What number is this? This is zero.

## Chapter 22 - ck

*example words:* wick, rack, sock, pick, back, tack, rock, cock,  
dock, block, flock, lock

*extra words:* candle, flame, towel, shoe, shovel, jack, front, rapids,  
canoe, rooster, hen, chicken, rowboat, key, lighthouse

*phrases:* candle holder, towel rack, 1 pair of shorts,  
1 pair of socks,  
1 pair of shoes,  
thumb tacks, blocks of wood, one bird,  
a flock of birds,  
a flock of pelicans,  
  
the back of a woman

*sentences:* The worker is cutting some blocks of wood.

What kind of chicken is this? This is a cock.

What are these? These are rocks.

These are blocks of wood.

What is this? This is a dock.

What is this? This is a wick.

## Chapter 23 – ch

*example words:* cheap, cherry, chair, chin, watch, catch, witch

*extra words:* expensive, cherries, couch, nose, neck, clock, broom,  
apples, oranges, bananas

*phrases:* a cherry, soccer ball, catching a soccer ball,  
cheap diamond ring,  
expensive diamond ring

*sentences:* The witch is riding on her broom.

What kind of fruit is this?

What is he doing?

He is throwing a football.

He is kicking a football.

He is passing a football.

He is catching a football.

What is this? This is a wrist watch.

Who is she? She is a witch.

What part of the face is this? This is the chin.

What is on the porch? The chair is on the porch.

## Chapter 24 – sh

*example words:* cash, fish, shin, she, sheet, sheep, ship

*extra words:* cheque, knee, shoe, shark, carp, trout, fist, he, it, they

*phrases:* credit cards, a sheet of paper

*sentences:* She is a woman. He is a man.

What animals are these? These are fish.

What is this? This is a ship.

What is Debbie wearing? She is wearing a black dress.

What animal is this? This is a sheep.

Where is the seal? The seal is on a sheet of ice.

What part of the body is this? This is the shin.

## Chapter 25 – ph

*example words:* graph, Ralph, alphabet, telephone, photograph, elephant

*extra words:* microphone, photographer, photographs

*phrase:* pie chart

*sentences:* Hi, I am Ralph.

Who is he?

She is Mary.

He is Ralph.

I am John.

They are engineers.

This is the alphabet.

What kind of chart is this? This is a graph.

What is this? This is a photograph.

The man is talking on the telephone.

What animal is this? This is an elephant.

## Chapter 26 - th

*example words:* math, thin, teeth, three, with, both, thank, thumb,  
throw, bath, the, thick

*extra words:* fat, tooth, thirteen, thirty, thirty-one, fingers, wrist, palm,  
lifeguard, buoy, physics, English, French, free, see, tree,  
kicking, passing, hitting, shorts

*phrases:* thin tree, thick tree

*sentences:* Patrick is with Jimmy.  
Patrick is with John.

Bob and Wayne are both happy.  
Bob and Wayne are both mad.

Hi! How are you? I am fine. Thank you.

The lifeguard is throwing a buoy.  
The football player is throwing a football.

Dave is taking a bath.  
Where are the workers? The workers are on the roof.

What subject is this? This is math.  
What number is this? This is thirty-three.

The baseball player is throwing a ball.

Where is Patrick? Patrick is in the snow.  
What are these? These are teeth.  
Patrick is with Susan.  
Dan and Cheryl are both wearing shorts.

## Chapter 27 - f, v

*example words:* fan, van                      fat, vat                      fast, vast  
fine, vine                      fest, vest                      file, vile

*extra words:* line, fin, west, fist, fax, car, slow, grapes, cabinet

*phrase:* sweat pants

*sentences:* Hi! How are you? I am fine. Thank you.

## Chapter 28 - s, x

*example words:* boss, box                      posse, poxy                      miss, mix  
sestet, sextet                      lass, lax                      sass, sax

*extra words:* nix, mass, base, socks, sexy, sister

## Chapter 29 - k, kn

*example words:* key, knee                      Kelt, knelt                      kite, knight  
kickers, knickers                      kit, knit                      keel, kneel

*extra words:* cite, kin, kiss, might, lock, shin, sail

*sentences:* Carl is kicking a soccer ball. Carl is a kicker.

## Chapter 30 - b, p

*example words:*   robe, rope                   bee, pea                   cab, cap  
                          bat, Pat                   cub, cup                   back, pack

*extra words:*   rob, rode, peel, bean, cape, carp, dress, flowers,  
                          mother, plate, backpack

*phrases:*           prairie dogs, polar bears, the back of a woman

*sentence:*    Hi, I am Pat.

## Chapter 31 - l, r

*example words:* lock, rock                      load, road                      file, fire  
elect, erect                      lip, rip                      lake, rake

*extra words:* look, flock, row, low, lap, ripe, key, mountain, cabinet

*phrases:* light load, heavy load, road sign

*sentence:* Kirk is climbing up a rock.

## Chapter 32 - sh, ch

*example words:* shoe, chew                      shin, chin                      cash, catch  
sherry, cherry                      wash, watch                      sheep, cheap

*extra words:* show, chute, batch, ash, chime, runners, boots, knee,  
nose, neck, cheque, expensive

*phrases:* credit cards, catching fish, washing the floor

## Chapter 33 - g, ck

*example words:* pig, pick tag, tack dig, dick  
bag, back rag, rack wig, wick

*extra words:* peg, pack, lag, rage, big, front, flame, candle

*phrases:* price tag, thumb tacks, towel rack, candle holder

## Chapter 34 - ph, th

*example words:* phone, Phil, phew, phobia, graph, photo  
throne, thrill, threw, throw, thank, both

*extra words:* thrall, fill, krill, probe, tibia, media, view, thew, telephone

*sentences:* Phil is standing in front of his store.  
Hi! How are you? I am fine. Thank you.

Bob and Wayne are both happy.  
Bob and Wayne are both mad.

## Chapter 35 - v, w

*example words:*    vet, wet                    vest, west                    vale, wail  
                              vine, wine                    viper, wiper                    vane, wane

*extra words:*    line, fine, fest, van, win, south, east, north, grapes, wax

*phrases:*        sweat pants, red wine

## Teacher's Notes

Every language has its own sound patterns and its own rules for combining these sounds into words. *GREENWOOD -- CONSONANTS* is designed to help improve students' English pronunciation and pattern recognition skills. It is not intended to be used as a tool to help increase the students' vocabulary although it is a fringe benefit.

These lessons are suitable for teachers using a “blended” learning approach where regular classroom teaching is supported by outside-of-classroom e-learning. The accompanying web assignments allow students to do homework that teachers can monitor.

*GREENWOOD -- CONSONANTS* is based on a developmental learning process and uses a “book” metaphor. This “book” is divided into an Introduction and 35 chapters.

From Chapter 1 to 26, each chapter concentrates on one specific consonant sound and is divided into 4 sections: **Example Words, Multiple Choice Questions, Bonus Exercises, and Advanced Exercises.**

### **Introduction**

The Introduction provides students with a quick review of both the written alphabet (upper and lower case letters) and the spoken alphabet.

### **Example Words**

The Example Words list illustrates the key sound recognition patterns for each chapter. Students can click on the word to hear the pronunciation of the word or can click on the magnifying glass for a more detailed, visual explanation for the word.

### **Multiple Choice Questions**

The Multiple Choice Questions focus on training students' aural recognition skills. By clicking on the mouth icon, students will hear one word pronounced. They must then click on the correct word from an adjacent list of written words.

### **Bonus Exercises**

The Bonus Exercises use a question / answer format to test students' word comprehension.

### **Advanced Exercises**

The Advanced Exercises section focuses on testing students' spelling comprehension. Students click on the question mark icon to hear the word and then type the word in the space provided.

From Chapter 27 to 35, each chapter compares two similarly sounding consonants. There are also multilingual (selectable Japanese, Mandarin or Cantonese) explanations to further illustrate the more subtle aspects of these English sounds.

*GREENWOOD -- CONSONANTS* also includes a simple “walk through” tutorial (available in English, Japanese, Cantonese and Mandarin) to help students become acquainted with the structure of the software and to feel comfortable using these lessons as a learning tool.

There are many creative and exciting ways to incorporate *GREENWOOD -- CONSONANTS* into a blended classroom/e-learning teaching. The Greenwood development team hopes that you find these lessons a valuable addition to your teaching resource materials. If you have any questions or suggestions, we would be happy to hear from you.

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