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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 – "a"

example words: dad, cat, fat, bad, am, at, gas, cap, tan, mad, map, jam,
sad, can, as, had, van, ran, happy, pad, pan, sack, tack,
hat

extra words: mouse, red, green, cans, dustpan, sacks,
thumbtack, tacks

phrases: bad accident, bad cold,
green as grass, blue as sky,
knee pad, shoulder pad

sentences: Hi, I am Jimmy. Hi, I am Susan.
Suzanne is at the beach. Janet is at the office.

Liz is mad. Bob is mad.
Bob is sad. Bob is happy.

John had a baby in 1992. Paul ran.
What is this? Who is she?

Where is Laura? Suzanne is at the beach.
Laura is at the beach. Laura is at the office.
Janet is at the office.

Hi, I am David. Hi, I am Kim.

I am happy. I am sad.
John is happy. John is mad. John is sad.

Chapter 2 - "a_e" "ai" "ay"

example words: game, lane, face, cape, cake, lake, cane, gate, nail,
mail, train, sail, aid, chain, rain, maid, pay, day, way,
play, pray, say, tray, may

extra words: faces, hair, neck, nails, mailman, mailbox, sailboat, sailing,
night,

January, February, March, April, June, July, August,
September, October, November, December,

canes, chains, maids

phrases: computer game, video game, one lane, two lanes,

birthday cake, chocolate cake,

sitting by the lake, candy canes, Golden Gate Bridge, front gate,

first aid, rain drops, pay phone,
pay cheque,

one way sign, one way street,

say hi! month of May

sentences: It is raining. Anne is a maid.
Mary is playing tennis. Jerry is playing soccer.

Anne has a tray. Bob has a tray too.

What is this?

What is Janet doing?

Janet is playing basketball. Janet is playing tennis.
Janet is playing volleyball. Janet is playing football.

What are these?

Anne is playing a game. Anne is praying.
Anne is opening her mail. Anne is having her birthday cake.

Chapter 3 - "e"

example words: jet, ten, men, leg, pen, red, yellow, penny, neck, nest, bell, shell, penguin, egg, web, sled, bed, desk

extra words: women, yellow, green, blue, black, white

Chapter 4 - "ea" "ee"

example words: beach, feet, teeth, green, cheese, sheep, sleep, seed, eel, tree, pea, cheap, peach, tear, ear, three, bean, peanut

extra words: pink, yellow, white, purple, black, expensive

phrases: green jelly beans, yellow jelly bean, yellow jelly beans

Chapter 5 – "i"

example words: pig, ship, sick, thin, six, milk, witch, cigarette, video, disk, film, swim, sing, gifts, squid, fish, chicken, lizard, chin, kitchen, ring

extra words: fat, video camera

Chapter 6 - "i_e" "ie" "igh"

example words: bike, mike, dive, dime, nine, wine, bride, lime, white,
five, vice, ice, pie, tie, right, fight

extra words: pink, yellow, purple, black, green, wrong

Chapter 7 - "o"

example words: top, mop, hop, jog, block, pot, lop, lock, dot, cod, on, off, not, jot, tot, cot, fog, hot, bob, nod, hog, box, cop, wrong, rob

extra words: front, bottom, rear, kangaroo, key, star, circle, triangle, rectangle, carp, trout, fish, pen, notebook, cottage, cold, pig, police, right, robber, square, car, road, flower, cactus

phrases: flower pot, opened box, closed box

one block of wood three blocks of wood

sentences: Al is jogging.

Mike is lopping off some branches.

The dog is on the table. The dog is not on the table.

Al is jotting down a note. Hello, my name is Bob.

What animal is this? Who is he?

The bird is on the post. The bird is not on the post.

The car is on the road.

The flower is on top of the cactus.

Chapter 8 - "oe" "oa"

example words: roe, foe, doe, hoe, Joe, toe,
boat, toast, goat, cloak, foam, groan, soap, road, load

extra words: friends, buck, deer, toes,
sailboat, canoe, hydrofoil, sanpan, boats,
coffee, egg, bacon, beer

phrases: salmon roes, male deer, female deer
tooth paste, tooth brush,
road sign,
light load, heavy load

sentences: Hi, I am Joe.
What is this?

Chapter 9 - "ow" "o_e"

example words: row, tow, low, bowl, sow, throw, blow,
home, phone, hole, nose, rose, zone, close, hose

extra words: rowboats, rowing, towing, towboat, high, sowing,
telephone, eyes, mouth, ear, fuchsia, dogwood, poinsettia,
zones, boomerang, bicycle

phrases: high level, low level, salad bowl, throwing a football,
blowing a bugle,
watching TV at home, pot holes, cherry blossom,
open the lid, close the lid,
open the top, close the top,

garden hose, fire hose,

high altitude, low altitude

sentences: Where is the family? The family is in front of their home.

My phone number is 231-8197. What flower is this?

What is the man doing?
The man is blowing on his pipe.
The man is throwing a boomerang.

Where is the bicycle going?
The bicycle is going into the hole.

Chapter 10 - "u"

example words: up, gun, bud, sum, sun, buck, hug, gum, fun, duck, nun, cut, run, slug, dull, bun, tug, truck, under, study, bucket, umbrella

extra words: howitzer, guns, leaves, add, yacht, beach, doe, deer, teeth, tomato, buns, basket, tugboat, box, table, pyramids, paint, moon, day, night, multiply, product, soldier

phrases: up arrow, down arrow,

sales up, machine gun,

male deer, female deer,

funny man, funny face, dull red, bright red, pickup truck, paint brush, bucket of paint,

up arrow, down arrow, right arrow, left arrow,

dull green, bright green

sentences: The nun is praying. Dave is cutting a tomato.
Paul is running.

The box is on the table. The box is under the table.

The woman is studying. The pyramids are under the sun.

The girl is holding an umbrella.

What is this? This is a duck.

The doctor cut himself. The couple is hugging.

The ball is under the table. The soldier is holding a gun.
Tom is running.

Chapter 11 - "ue" "ui"

example words: glue, blue, hue, flue, true,
fluid, juice, suit, fruit

extra words: false, banana, kiwi, orange, tomato, fruits,

phrases: blue as sky,
color of red, color of yellow, color of orange,
colour of blue, colour of green,
orange juice

sentences: The woman is happy. The woman is sad.
What are these?

What is this colour? This is blue?

What is this? These are fruits.

What is this man wearing?
This man is wearing a business suit.

Chapter 12 - "u_e"

example words: June, nude, prune, tube, rule, pure, mule,
tune, duke, cute, fume, cube, fuse, huge

extra words: January, February, March, April, May,
July, August, September, October,
November, December,

rules, prism, sphere

phrases: rule 1: no talking, rule 2: no eating, rule 3: no sleeping,

pure green, impure green,
tune up, huge rainbow trout, small rainbow trout,
huge snowman,
pure gold, pure water, huge tires

sentences: What is this?
How does she look?

Teacher's Notes

Every language has its own sound patterns and its own rules for combining these sounds into words. *GREENWOOD -- VOWELS* 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 this may be 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 -- VOWELS is based on a developmental learning process and uses a “book” metaphor. This “book” is divided into an Introduction and 12 chapters. Each chapter concentrates on one specific vowel 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.

GREENWOOD -- VOWELS 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 -- VOWELS* 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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