



Daily and Supporting Learning Targets

- Opening A: I can read the high-frequency words “next,” “says,” “still,” “want.” (RF.1.3)
 - I can decode regularly spelled one-syllable words by mapping graphemes to phonemes.
 - I can read first-grade words that “don’t play fair” in isolation.
- Work Time A: I can segment, blend, and spell CVCe words like “strike” and “chore.” (RF.1.3, L.K.2, L.1.2)
 - I can identify vowel sounds in the spelling of a multisyllabic (more than one syllable) word.
 - I can identify the number of syllables in a word based on the number of vowel sounds.
 - I can decode (read) two-syllable words by thinking about the syllable type.
 - I can use what I know about common spelling patterns to correctly spell words with those common patterns.

Ongoing Assessment

- Observe students during Opening. Determine whether they can explain how letter-sound knowledge helps identify high-frequency words.
- Observe students during Work Time. Determine whether they can correctly spell the CVCe word from dictation.

Agenda

1. **Opening (3–5 minutes)**
 - A. Mid-Cycle Review: High-Frequency Word Fishing: “next,” “says,” “still,” “want”
2. **Work Time (10 minutes)**
 - A. Spelling to Complement Reading: Dictation
3. **Closing and Assessment (3–5 minutes)**
 - A. Reflecting on Learning
4. **Differentiated Small Group Instruction and Rotations (40 minutes)**

Teaching Notes

In advance:

- Prepare:
 - High-Frequency Word Cards (see supporting materials)
 - Snapshot Assessment (optional; one per student)
- Predetermine a method for identifying students to “catch” high-frequency words in the Opening. Consider including at least one card per student so all students can “catch” one. Alternatively, consider including a few cards for selected students to “catch.”

Vocabulary

Key:

(L): Lesson-Specific Vocabulary

(T): Text-Specific Vocabulary

- decode (L)

Materials

- ✓ High-Frequency Word Cards (see supporting materials)
- ✓ Whiteboards (one per student)
- ✓ Whiteboard markers (one per student)
- ✓ Whiteboard erasers (or tissues, socks, etc.; one per student)
- ✓ Snapshot Assessment (optional; one per student)

Opening

A. Mid-Cycle Review: High-Frequency Word Fishing: “next,” “says,” “still,” “want”

- (Suggested transition song, sung to the tune of “The More We Get Together”):
 - “*Ga-a-ther around to-gether, to-gether, to-gether. Ga-a-ther around to-gether, to-gether, let’s go. Stand up in a circle to think about what we’ve learned. Let’s make some great connections with letters and sounds.*”
- Randomly place **High-Frequency Word Cards** in the “pond” (center of circle).
- Begin the High-Frequency Word Fishing instructional practice:
 1. Students stand in a circle.
 2. Teacher says: “In our last lesson, we learned some new high-frequency words. If we can read and write these words automatically, it will help us be more proficient readers because they are words that we see a lot in reading and use a lot in writing.”
 3. Depending on teacher’s management choice (see Teaching Notes), student volunteers “catch” a word.
 4. Student volunteers read the word and place the card back into the pond.
 5. Continue to play until all cards have been caught and identified.

Meeting Students’ Needs

- Because many high-frequency words are difficult to define (example: “still”), it is important for students to hear the word in the context of a sentence to understand and commit it to memory. As such, consider extending this activity by asking students to provide a sentence (or to create one with a partner and share out) for the word.
- Because many high-frequency words are also irregularly spelled (example: “says”), encourage students to notice unfamiliar spellings and patterns. Ask:
 - “*How did you know that _____ is a word that doesn’t play fair?*”
- Remind students that the letter-sound connections can help them read and memorize the word.

Work Time

A. Spelling to Complement Reading: Dictation

- (Suggested transition song, sung to the tune of “The More We Get Together”):

“No-o-w it’s time to lis-ten, to lis-ten, to lis-ten. No-o-w it’s time to listen for each sound in some words. We hear sounds to spell words, and then we can read words. It’s time to say some words now and segment each sound.”
- Distribute **whiteboards**, **whiteboard markers**, and **whiteboard erasers** to students.
- Words to use (in no particular order): “bribe,” “strike,” “prime,” “shrine,” “quite,” “stroke,” “throne,” “chore,” “froze,” “quote.”
- Begin the Spelling to Complement Reading instructional practice:
 1. Teacher says: “Today we are going to spell some words that have the long vowel sounds we have been working with in this cycle. I am going to say the word, and you will repeat the word and listen for the vowel sound you hear. Then you will write the word using the sounds you hear and the spelling patterns we have learned.”
 2. Teacher says the first word: “bribe,” and students repeat.
 3. Students write the word on their whiteboards from memory.
 4. Teacher says: “Look at the word you wrote and whisper-read it to yourselves.”
 5. Teacher asks:

“Does it say ‘bribe?’”
 6. Teacher shows word to students so they can check their spelling.
 7. Students correct any errors in their words and then read the word together.
 8. Students erase the word.
 9. Repeat steps 2–8 with the remaining words as time allows.

Meeting Students’ Needs

- Encourage students to monitor their spelling as they write each word by having them whisper-read the word after they have written it (see step 4). This skill supports students in monitoring their reading to self-correct as necessary in support of strong comprehension.
- Ask questions to support students’ metacognition as they spell using the CVCe spelling pattern in this cycle. Example: “I like how you wrote the sounds you heard in that word. Do you notice anything missing from your word to make it ‘prime’ instead of ‘prim’?”
- Consider allowing students who need help matching graphemes to phonemes to use sound boxes as a scaffold as they write spoken words from memory.

Closing and Assessment

A. Reflecting on Learning

- Emphasize that successful learners keep track of and reflect on their own learning. Point out that they are doing this each time they consider how what they did today helps them become more proficient readers.
- Invite students to reflect and share with a partner (or whole group). Ask:

“What did you do today that is helping you become a more proficient reader?”
(Responses will vary. Examples: “I listened to the vowel sound, and if I heard a long vowel, then I knew to add a magic ‘e,’” or “I remembered that ‘q’ and ‘u’ are best friends and always together.”)

Meeting Students' Needs

- For students who need additional support organizing their ideas: Provide sentence frames. Examples:
 - “When I made the sounds for the word _____, I _____.”
 - “When I heard the vowel sounds, I _____.”
 - “When I divided the syllables, I _____.”

Differentiated Small Groups: Work with Teacher

Suggested Plan: Teacher works with students in the Pre-Alphabetic, Partial Alphabetic, and Full Alphabetic groups. Students in the Consolidated Alphabetic group do not work with the teacher today.

Note: Groups not working with the teacher at a given time should be engaged in purposeful independent rotation work. Refer to the Independent and Small Group Work document for more details (see K–2 Skills Resource Manual).

All Groups

The Reader’s Toolbox routine should be used with every group today or another day this week. Teacher may also choose to use a flex day to teach the routine in whole group. Refer to the Independent and Small Group Work document (see K–2 Skills Resource Manual) for full routine and the Planning and Recording Template.

Pre-Alphabetic:

- Aim small group instruction at building students’ knowledge and skills of letter identification and phonological awareness.
- Use the Assessment Conversion chart to determine appropriate Kindergarten lessons and Activity Bank ideas to use in daily small group instruction.
- Consider leading a Spelling to Complement Reading lesson with CVC words, then adding a magic “e” to the end and practicing the change in the word aloud. Example: “not,” “note.”

Partial Alphabetic:

- Extend the Spelling to Complement Reading from work time to include any words from the suggested list that may not have been done or new words that use the phonemes and graphemes taught to this point.
- For students processing words at the early to middle Partial Alphabetic phase, consider continuing with single syllable CVCe words, emphasizing the role of the silent “e” on the sound of the vowel before it.
- Related Activity Bank suggestions:
 - An Activity Bank activity from the Vowels category (V)

Full Alphabetic:

- Extend the work from Spelling to Complement Reading to include two-syllable words using combinations of the syllable types learned to this point (closed, open, CVCe).