



Daily and Supporting Learning Targets

- Opening A: I can read high-frequency words: “the,” “is,” “a,” “an,” “can,” “has.” (RF.1.3)
 - I can decode regularly spelled one-syllable words by mapping graphemes and phonemes.
 - I can read first-grade words that “don’t play fair” in isolation.
- Work Time A: I can segment, blend, and spell CVC, VC, and CCVC words like “an,” “hat,” and “that.” (RF.1.2, RF.1.3, L.K.2, L.1.2)
 - I can identify the sound that corresponds to “th.”
 - I can blend two or three phonemes to form a spoken word.
 - I can identify and say the first, middle, and final phoneme (sound) in a one-syllable word.
 - I can say a two-phoneme or three-phoneme word and segment (break apart) into individual phonemes (sounds) in order.
 - I can write the letter or letters for most of the consonant and short vowel sounds I hear.
 - 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 match grapheme to phoneme, phoneme to grapheme, and blend phonemes together to make a word.
 - Determine whether they can explain how letter-sound knowledge helped in identifying the high-frequency word.
- Observe students during Work Time. Determine whether they can segment a given word, isolate each sound in a given word, and write the grapheme for each phoneme in a word.

Agenda

1. **Opening (3–5 minutes)**
 - A. Introducing High-Frequency Word Fishing: “the,” “is,” “a,” “an,” “can,” “has”
2. **Work Time (10–15 minutes)**
 - A. Introducing Spelling to Complement Reading
3. **Closing and Assessment (2 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)
 - Teacher sound board (one to display)

- Student sound boards (one per student; horizontal row of three boxes on one side and four on the other; can be printed and laminated or put in a sheet protector sleeve; students can then write on them with whiteboard markers; see supporting Materials for a template)
- Pre-determine 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, segment (L)

Materials

- ✓ High-Frequency Word Cards (teacher-created; one per word; see supporting materials)
- ✓ Teacher sound board (one to display)
- ✓ Student sound boards (one per student; horizontal row of three boxes on one side and four on the other; can be printed and laminated or put in a sheet protector sleeve; students can then write on them with whiteboard markers; see supporting materials for a template)
- ✓ Whiteboard markers (one per student)
- ✓ Whiteboard erasers (or tissues, socks, etc.; one per student)
- ✓ Snapshot Assessment (optional; one per student)

Opening

A. Introducing High-Frequency Word Fishing (“the,” “is,” “a,” “an,” “can,” “has”)

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

“Gather ’round together, together, together. Gather ’round together, together, 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).
- Introduce the High-Frequency Word Fishing instructional practice:
 1. Students stand in a circle.
 2. Teacher says: “In the last lesson, we learned some new high-frequency words. If we can read and write these words automatically, it will help us to be more proficient readers because they are words that we see a lot in reading and use a lot in writing.”
 3. Teacher models how to cast a pretend line and “catch” a “fish” (word card).
 4. Teacher picks up the “fish” (word card), reads it aloud, then “releases” it back into the pond (places the word card back into the center of the circle).
 5. Depending on teacher’s management choice (see Teaching Notes), student volunteers “catch” a word card.

6. Student volunteers read their word card and “release” (place) it back into the pond.
7. Continue to fish until all word cards have been caught and identified.

Meeting Students' Needs

- Because many high-frequency words are difficult to define (example: “an”), it is important for students to hear the word in the context of a sentence to understand the word and commit it to memory. Consider extending this activity by asking students to provide a sentence for the word (or to create one with a partner and share out).
- Because many high-frequency words are also irregularly spelled (example: “the”), 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.
- When they are pronouncing the phoneme /th/, remind students to feel the movement and position in their mouths. This provides a physical connection to the sound, deepening students’ knowledge of the sound. Have them experience the difference between the way their mouths move and feel when pronouncing both voiced and unvoiced/th/. This helps clarify the distinction between these two similar sounds and will support students whose home language is not English (these digraphs do not exist or are used infrequently in other languages).

Work Time

A. Introducing Spelling to Complement Reading

- (Suggested transition song, sung to the tune of “The More We Get Together”):
“Now it’s time to listen, to listen, to listen. Now 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.”
- Words to use (in no particular order): “an,” “at,” “can,” “cap,” “cat,” “hat,” “nap,” “pan,” “pat,” “tan,” “tap,” “sat,” “Sam,” “mat,” “map,” “man,” “rat,” “ran,” “van,” “gap,” “rag,” “sag,” “that.” (Note: This activity is repeated in the next lesson, so words not used in this lesson can be used then.)
- Introduce the Spelling to Complement Reading instructional practice:
 1. Teacher pronounces the first word for students: “can.”
 2. Teacher models stretching out the word.
 3. Students stretch out the word.
 4. Teacher models stretching out the word while counting each phoneme (sound), using the thumb-tapping technique (spread index, middle, and ring fingers, touching each with the thumb for each phoneme, beginning with the index finger; run the thumb under all three fingers to blend together).

5. Students stretch out the word, counting each phoneme using the thumb-tapping technique.
6. Teacher writes the word on the board with the number of phonemes next to it: 3.
7. Teacher models comparing the number of letters to the number of phonemes. If the numbers are not equal (e.g., in the word “that,” there are four letters but only three sounds), teacher explains why: Even though “t” and “h” are two letters, they are one phoneme. Each box represents a phoneme.
8. Students read the word on the board: “can.”
9. Students say each phoneme separately as the teacher underlines the letters that correspond to that phoneme.
10. Using the **teacher sound board**, teacher says the word again and pronounces each phoneme separately while writing a letter in the appropriate box for each phoneme.
11. Teacher distributes **student sound boards**, **whiteboard markers**, and **whiteboard erasers**.
12. Teacher says the second word, pronouncing each phoneme separately: “cap.”
13. Students say the word and pronounce each phoneme separately.
14. Teacher and students say the word again. Students move their index finger into the appropriate box on the sound board as they say the sound.
15. Students print a letter in each box of the sound board for each phoneme in the word.
16. Students erase the word.
17. Repeat steps 12–15 with the remaining words as time allows.
18. Teacher checks to see that students have erased their sound boards, then repeats the first word.
19. Students write the first word from memory on their sound boards by pronouncing the whole word, saying the separate phonemes, and writing the word below the boxes.
20. Repeat step 19 with the remaining words as time allows.

Meeting Students' Needs

- Invite students to practice each letter before writing it in the box by extending their arm and writing it in the air.
- Depending on students' needs, consider stopping after the sound boxes. To provide more targeted support and feedback, invite students to write the spoken words from memory during differentiated small groups instead.
- Consider allowing students 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 to 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: “If we say each sound slowly and think about what sound is in the beginning, middle, or end, we will get them in the right order” or, “If we think about how the sounds feel in our mouth, it will help us know what letter to write.”)

Meeting Students' Needs

- For students who need additional support organizing their ideas: Provide sentence frames. Examples:
 - “When I segmented the sounds of the word ____, I ____.”
 - “When I spelled the word ____, I ____.”
 - “When I pronounced the high-frequency word ____, 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).

Pre-Alphabetic:

- Because students in the Pre-Alphabetic phase are still working on letter identification and phonological awareness, small group instruction should be aimed at building that knowledge and skills.
- Use the Assessment Conversion chart to determine appropriate Kindergarten lessons and Activity Bank ideas to use in daily small group instruction (see Assessment Overview and Resources).
- The Spelling to Complement Reading instructional practice can be used to work with VC words using the letter “a” and single consonants from this cycle.

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. Provide support with articulatory gestures for students to distinguish between each sound in the words.
- Check in on Accountable Independent Reading.
- Related Activity Bank suggestions:
 - An Activity Bank activity from the Decoding and Encoding category (DE)

Full Alphabetic:

- Extend the work from Spelling to Complement Reading to include words with more complex clusters. Use the Word List from Lesson 6 as a guide. Students will need to analyze the word carefully to determine the grapheme to be used. Consider also using two-syllable decodable words (closed syllable to start—example: “knap/sack”) with reciprocal instruction on where to break the word when decoding (example: VCCV—locate the vowels and look between them; if there are two consonants, break it there).
- Note to Teacher: See the Module 3 Overview to learn more about syllable types and application. Also see the Phases document to determine which syllable types to focus on with students in this group (see Assessment Overview and Resources).