



## Daily and Supporting Learning Targets

- Opening A: I can retell the events from the story “Sam Wants a Pet.”
- Opening B (optional): Using evidence from the text, I can answer questions about the story “Sam Wants a Pet.”
- Work Time A: I can read high-frequency words and words that “don’t play fair.” (RF.1.3)
  - I can read first-grade words that “don’t play fair” in isolation
  - I can decode regularly spelled one-syllable words by mapping graphemes to phonemes.
- Work Time B: I can read the decodable text “Sam Wants a Pet.” (RF.1.3)
  - I can decode regularly spelled one-syllable words by mapping graphemes to phonemes.
  - I can read words with an “-s” ending.
  - I can read first-grade words that “don’t play fair” in text.
  - I can read and understand grade-level texts.

## Agenda

1. **Opening (3–5 minutes)**
  - A. Engagement Text Read-aloud: “Sam Wants a Pet”
  - B. Comprehension Conversation (optional)
2. **Work Time (10–15 minutes)**
  - A. High-Frequency Words: “for,” “get,” “gone,” “no,” “to,” “am”
  - B. Decodable Reader: Partner Search and Read
3. **Closing and Assessment (2 minutes)**
  - A. Reflecting on Learning
4. **Differentiated Small Group Instruction and Rotations (40 minutes)**

## Teaching Notes

### In advance:

- Prepare:
  - Comprehension Conversation questions (if different from suggested questions)
  - High-Frequency Word Cards (see supporting materials)
  - Interactive Word Wall (one to display)
  - Snapshot Assessment (optional; one per student)
- Predetermine partnerships for retelling during Opening A and Work Time B.

## Vocabulary

### Key:

(L): Lesson-Specific Vocabulary

(T): Text-Specific Vocabulary

- action, blend, decode, proficient, skills (L)
- apartment, damp, sewer (T)

## Materials

- ✓ Enlarged Decodable Reader: “Sam Wants a Pet” (one to display)
- ✓ Engagement Text: “Sam Wants a Pet” (one for teacher read-aloud)
- ✓ Movable letters (magnetic letters, Letter Cards in a pocket chart, or other letters that can be displayed and moved; letters to build the words: “for,” “get,” “gone,” “no,” “to,” “am”; from Lesson 26)
- ✓ High-Frequency Word Cards (one of each; for teacher to place on Interactive Word Wall)
- ✓ Decodable Reader: “Sam Wants a Pet” (one per student)
- ✓ Highlighters (one per student and one for teacher)
- ✓ Highlighter tape (optional; for the teacher to use to highlight the Decodable Reader)
- ✓ Snapshot Assessment (optional; one per student)

## Opening

### A. Engagement Text Read-aloud: “Sam Wants a Pet”

- (Suggested transition song, sung to the tune of “The More We Get Together”):  
*“Gather round together, together, together. It’s time to hear a story, a story, a story.  
 It’s time to hear a story and say what you’ve learned.”*
- Display **enlarged Decodable Reader: “Sam Wants a Pet.”**
- Begin a read-aloud of the **Engagement Text: “Sam Wants a Pet”**:
  1. Teacher says: “Listen carefully as I read today’s story, ‘Sam Wants a Pet.’ You will hear words in the story that we learned in our last lesson. After I am finished reading, you will retell the story to a partner and answer some questions about it.”
  2. Teacher reads the story aloud once or twice without interruption, pointing to the accompanying illustrations for each section.
  3. Students turn to a partner and retell the story in their own words.

## Meeting Students’ Needs

- Consider providing a copy of the Decodable Reader: “Sam Wants a Pet” to students who need help with retelling the story. The illustrations in the reader will show the sequence of the story; students can simply retell the details based on what they see in the illustrations.

### B. Comprehension Conversation (optional)

- Teacher asks the following suggested comprehension questions:
  - Recall:
    - “What did Sam want more than anything in the world?” (a pet)*
    - “What was Sam’s plan?” (to catch a pet)*
    - “Which pets did Sam try to catch?” (a cat, a moth, an ant, a fish)*

- Vocabulary and Language:

*“What does ‘lashed’ mean in the sentence ‘Sam lashed a string to the end of his baseball bat?’” (He tied it to his bat.)*

*“After that, it says, ‘He put peanut butter on the tip of the string. He lowered it into the damp, dark sewer, and waited.’ What do you think ‘damp’ means?” (a little wet)*

- Digging Deeper: Extension Questions:

*“Why was Sam sad?” (He didn’t catch a pet; he still wants a pet.)*

*“How do you think Sam’s dad knew he was sad?” (He saw Sam looking sad on his bed; he knew Sam wanted a pet.)*

### Meeting Students' Needs

- Consider providing a picture of a sewer drain to support students' understanding of this vocabulary word.

## Work Time

### A. High-Frequency Words: “for,” “get,” “gone,” “no,” “to,” “am”

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

*“Now it’s time to learn high-frequency words together, it’s time to learn about words readers and writers use a lot.”*

2. Begin the High-Frequency Words instructional practice:
3. Teacher builds the word with movable letters: “am.”
4. Teacher invites students to decode together, sliding each letter down and making the sound while students “pull” the letters down from the air.
5. Teacher uses the word in a sentence.
6. Student volunteer(s) use the word in a sentence.
7. Teacher says: “This is a high-frequency word. That means we see it a lot in reading and use it a lot in writing. If we know a lot of these words, it will make reading and writing much easier.”
8. Student volunteers share a sentence using the word “am.”
9. Teacher says: “This word ‘plays fair’ because it can be easily decoded.” Teacher models by saying each sound and blending it together.
10. Teacher places the High-Frequency Word Card on the Interactive Word Wall.
11. Teacher identifies another high-frequency word: “no.” Teacher says: “This word isn’t like ‘am.’”
12. Teacher uses the word in a sentence.
13. Students turn to an elbow partner and each partner uses the word in a sentence. Teacher supports as needed
14. Teacher pronounces the word and says each sound in the word, emphasizing the beginning sound.

15. Teacher says: “The beginning sound of the word is /n/. The word begins with ‘n,’ which makes the /n/ sound. The beginning of the word plays fair. So, we are able to easily decode part of the word.”
16. Teacher pronounces the word again, emphasizing the ending sound. Teacher says: “The last letter of the word is ‘o,’ but I hear the long /o/ sound instead of short /o/ when I say the word. In this word, the ‘o’ says its own name! We will learn about more of these words in the future, but today we just need to remember that the ‘o’ in ‘no’ says its own name.”
17. Teacher repeats one of the sentences from steps 12–13. Teacher says: “You can also use information from the sentence to help you figure out the word.”
18. Repeat steps 1–8 with remaining regularly spelled words (“get”) and steps 9–12 for remaining irregularly spelled and difficult-to-decode words (“for,” “to,” “gone”).

### Meeting Students’ Needs

- For ELLs and students who may need additional support: Consider providing picture cards of nouns in “Sam Wants a Pet” to aid comprehension.

## Work Time

### B. Decodable Reader: Partner Search and Read

- (Suggested transition song, sung to the tune of “The More We Get Together”):  
*“Now it’s time to learn high-frequency words together, it’s time to learn about words readers and writers use a lot.”*
- Begin the Decodable Reader: Partner Search and Read instructional practice:
  1. Teacher displays the enlarged Decodable Reader: “Sam Wants a Pet.”
  2. Teacher says: “This book is based on the Engagement Text: ‘Sam Wants a Pet.’ But this book is filled with words that you can read. There are decodable words, and there are some words that don’t play fair, like ‘gone.’”
  3. Teacher draws attention to words on the Interactive Word Wall.
  4. Teacher distributes the Decodable Reader: “Sam Wants a Pet” and a highlighter to each student.
  5. Teacher says: “Before you read the book with your partner, we are going to be detectives and look for some of the high-frequency words. Remember, some of these words ‘don’t play fair,’ which means they are not easily decodable.”
  6. Teacher models with a big book and thinks aloud as he or she notices one of the high-frequency words. Teacher highlights it with a highlighter or highlighter tape. Model again as needed.
  7. Partners search for high-frequency words in the Decodable Reader: “Sam Wants a Pet” together and highlight in their own books.
  8. Teacher circulates to help partners find words, focusing especially on words that “don’t play fair.”

9. Teacher says: “Now you are ready to read the Decodable Reader with your partner. Some of the words in the story will be familiar because you have learned them in previous lessons. And some of the words you will see for the first time, but don’t worry—each of the words that you will see for the first time includes only phonemes (sounds) that you have learned. You just need to say the sound that goes with each of the letters you see in the word, then blend them together to read the word.”
10. Teacher models with one new word from the book: “grins.”
11. Students read “Sam Wants a Pet” with a partner. Partners may take turns (by page or whole text), read in unison, or both.

### Meeting Students' Needs

- Students reading in the Pre-Alphabetic or early Partial Alphabetic phase will also benefit from searching for familiar graphemes and phonemes from the current or past cycles.
- If readers in the Pre-Alphabetic or Partial Alphabetic phase need additional support finding high-frequency words, allow a reader in the Full or Consolidated Alphabetic phase to help them. Or consider asking them to find the beginning letter of the word instead of the whole word.
- As an extension for readers in the Late Full Alphabetic or Consolidated Alphabetic phases, consider providing a whiteboard. Direct students to write a word that begins with the letter being searched or a sentence with the high-frequency word being searched.
- If readers need support with words that “don’t play fair,” direct them to the Interactive Word Wall. Or have them read the rest of the sentence and think about which high-frequency word would make sense in the blank.

## 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. Example: “I matched sounds to letters to blend sounds together to make a word.”)***

### Meeting Students' Needs

- For students who need additional support organizing their ideas: Provide sentence frames. Examples:
  - “When I heard a word, I knew it was a \_\_\_\_.”
  - “When I see an ‘s’ on the end of the word, I know \_\_\_\_.”
  - “When my partner \_\_\_\_, 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 guidance document for more details (see K–2 Skills Resource Manual).*

### All Groups

Either today or another day this week after the Decodable Student Reader has been introduced, follow the Decodable Student Reader routine with each group. Differentiate the routine as needed based on students' microphase. Refer to the Independent and Small Group Work guidance document (see K–2 Skills Resource Manual) for full routine and Decodable Student Reader 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 using the Decodable Reader from the whole group lesson as a resource. Example:
  - Teacher identifies a grapheme or phoneme (from the current cycle or based on the needs of the group). Students look for grapheme. A student volunteer identifies the grapheme, makes the sound, and possibly practices proper formation (skywriting or a whiteboard).

### Partial Alphabetic:

- Students in the early to middle Partial Alphabetic (PA) phase may need to spend more time with each short vowel than the whole group lessons provide. Those working within the middle to late PA phase may be comfortable using the phonemes introduced in this cycle. If so, small group work may include extended practice of work time.
- Suggestions for working with students at the early to middle PA phase:
  - Use the Decodable Reader from the current cycle to solidify the short “e” as compared to the short “i” by having students locate words with those sounds.
  - Spend time feeling the sounds of the /e/ compared to the /i/ and noting the position of the mouth (articulatory gestures).
  - Prepare short decodable sentences with /e/. (Examples: Ed is on the bed. Ben saw ten red hens.)
  - Cut up the decodable sentences and reconstruct.
  - Cut up words from the decodable sentences, separating the onset from the rime. This supports visual analysis of VC chunks (rime). Identifying the correct onset supports decoding of CVC words. (Example: The h/en is in the r/ed sh/ed.)
- Related Activity Bank suggestions:
  - An Activity Bank activity from the Decoding and Encoding category (DE)



### **Full Alphabetic:**

- Students in the Full Alphabetic phase have successfully mapped graphemes to phonemes, including consonant digraphs, and initial and final consonant clusters in single-syllable short- and long-vowel words.
- Suggestions for working with students at this phase:
  - Check in with Accountable Independent Reading.
  - Follow up with Word Lists and exit tickets. Analyze words that were more challenging and why.
  - Extend the work with the Decodable Reader to focus on initial and final clusters and single-syllable CVCe words. Consider adding a page to the decodable text that includes more complex clusters (use the Word List from Lesson 31 as a guide) and two-syllable decodable words.
  - Lead a chaining lesson using more complex initial and final clusters (use the Word List from Lesson 31 as a guide).