



Daily and Supporting Learning Targets

- Opening A: I can read the high-frequency words “for,” “get,” “gone,” “no,” “to,” “am.” (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, CCVC, and CVCC words like “bed,” “pest,” and “shed.” (RF.1.2, RF.1.3, L.K.2, L.1.2)
 - I can identify the sound that corresponds to “sh.”
 - 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.

Ongoing Assessment

- Observe students during Opening A.
 - 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 helps identify high-frequency words.
- Observe students during Work Time A. 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. Mid-Cycle Review: High-Frequency Word Fishing: “for,” “get,” “has,” “gone,” “no,” “to,” “am”

2. Work Time (10–15 minutes)

A. Spelling to Complement Reading

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)
 - 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)

- 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, segment (L)

Materials

- ✓ High-Frequency Word Cards (one of each; for teacher to place on Interactive Word Wall)
- ✓ 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, and 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. Mid-Cycle Review: High-Frequency Word Fishing: “for,” “get,” “gone,” “no,” “to,” “am”

- (Suggested transition song, sung to the tune of “The More We Get Together”):
“Gather around together, together, together. Stand up in a circle to read special words. We know these words are special, are special, are special. We know these words are special ‘cause some don’t play fair.”
- 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. Teacher models how to cast a pretend line and “catch” a Word Card.
 4. Teacher picks up the “fish” (Word Card), reads it aloud, then “releases” it back into the pond (places it back into the middle of the circle).
 5. Depending on teacher’s management choice (see Teaching Notes), student volunteers “catch” a Word Card.
 6. Student volunteers read the Word Card and place it back into the pond.
 7. Continue until all Word Cards have been caught and identified.

Meeting Students' Needs

- Because many high-frequency words are difficult to define (e.g., “for”), it is important for students to hear the word in the context of a sentence to understand it and commit it to memory. 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 (e.g., “gone”), 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

- (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.”
- Use the following words (listed in order of suggested priority if time is limited): “bed,” “beds,” “pen,” “pens,” “bet,” “bets,” “rest,” “rests,” “pest,” “pests,” “bend,” “band,” “bank,” “sank,” “sunk,” “sink.” Note that the last four words allow for review of previously taught short vowel sounds (/a/, /i/, and /u/) and also include the -nk consonant cluster.
- Begin the Spelling to Complement Reading instructional practice:
 1. Teacher pronounces the first word for students: “bed.” (Note: Show the word in isolation and not within the context of the Engagement Text or Decodable Reader.)
 2. Teacher models stretching out the word for students.
 3. Students stretch out the word.
 4. Teacher models stretching out the word while counting each phoneme (sound), using the thumb-tapping technique.
 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. (three)
 7. Teacher models comparing the number of letters to the number of phonemes. If the numbers are not equal (example: there are four letters in the word “shed” but only three sounds), teacher explains why: even though “s” and “h” are two letters, they are one phoneme. Each box represents a phoneme. The -nk is a consonant cluster. When pronouncing words such as “bank” and “sunk,” ask students to articulate the change in the position of the tongue when saying the final -nk blend.
 8. Students read the word on the board: “bed.”
 9. Students say each phoneme separately as teacher underlines the letters that correspond to that phoneme.
 10. Using the **teacher sound board**, teacher repeats the word and pronounces each phoneme separately while writing a letter into the appropriate box for each phoneme.

11. Teacher distributes the **student sound boards, whiteboard markers, and whiteboard erasers.**
12. Teacher says the second word, pronouncing each phoneme separately.
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 as they say the sound.
15. Students print a letter in each box for each phoneme in the word.
16. Students erase the word.
17. Repeat steps 12–16 with the remaining words as time allows. When working with nouns and verbs with the inflectional ending “-s,” teacher asks:
“What does the ‘-s’ on the end of the word tell us?”
(Example: “Beds: it is plural/more than one,” or “Rests: it is happening right now.”)
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. Students repeat step 19 with 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.
- 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.
- When they are pronouncing the phoneme /sh/, 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 /sh/ and /ch/. This helps clarify the distinction between these two similar sounds and will support ELL students (these digraphs do not exist or are used infrequently in other languages).

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 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 (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 or Cycle 1.

Partial Alphabetic:

- Extend the work from Spelling to Complement Reading 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, continue with short “a,” “i,” “u,” or “o” CVC words as needed. For those at the middle

to late Partial Alphabetic phase, consider beginning with short “i” words and moving on to short “e” words, providing support with articulatory gestures for students to distinguish between the feeling and sound of the two short vowels.

- 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, including words with the -nk cluster such as “drink,” “crank,” and “trunk.” Use the Word List from Lesson 31 as a guide. In addition, intersperse /a/, /i/, /u/, and /o/ words. Students must analyze the word carefully to determine which grapheme to use. Consider also using two-syllable decodable words (closed syllable to start, e.g., “mag/net”) with reciprocal instruction on where to break the word when decoding (e.g., VCCV—locate the vowels and look between them; if there are two consonants, break it there).
- Note to Teacher: See the Module 2 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).