

# Spelfabet Level 1

## Moveable Alphabet sequences



### Objective:

The learner will correctly discriminate the difference between two and three-sound words which only differ by one sound (minimal pairs) and change the relevant grapheme (spelling) to correctly spell the new word. Occasionally, only the order of letters will need to be changed e.g. making "top" into "pot".

This activity helps develop learners' phonemic awareness (segmenting, phoneme manipulation) as well as their orthographic knowledge (phoneme-grapheme correspondences, usual location of each grapheme in words/syllables, which graphemes go together). It follows the same sequence as the Spelfabet Workbook 1 version 2.

### What to do:

Print, laminate and cut up your Spelfabet Moveable Alphabet. You just need the one-letter orange pieces (vowels) for this Level 1 activity, so can save cutting up the rest for later.

Start with just the spellings listed above the first table on the next page.

Throughout this activity, say sounds (phonemes) not letter names. Make sure you're not using your voice when saying voiceless consonants (p, t, k, th as in thin, f, s, sh, ch, h).

Make the first word in the table with the relevant letters and read it slowly, stretching it out and running your finger along it so you're pointing to each spelling as you say the relevant sound. Put the word in a sentence or two to illustrate its meaning(s), using the example sentence if you can't think of a better one.

As you add more spellings, arrange them in an arc in colour groupings on the table, with green on your learner's left, yellow and orange in front of them, and red on your learner's right. If your learner is struggling to find the correct piece, give a colour clue to help narrow down the search e.g. "Use a red one".

At the end of each set of words, add the next set's spelling(s), so you gradually accumulate more spellings over time. If you're also doing Workbook 1, each set of words in the workbook should be done with the matching set of words here.

The spellings' colours are based on a traffic light:

- Green is generally for word beginnings (go)
- Orange is generally for word middles (vowels)
- Red is generally for word endings (stop)

Yellow letters can be used at word beginnings or endings.

Spellings needed: a, d, d, o, p, p, t, t (use with Workbook 1 p1-4).

ad	There was an ad on TV.
at	We are at home/school.
pat	Pat the dog or pat the cat.
pot	A tea pot or a flower pot.
tot	A toddler is sometimes called a little tot.
top	They climbed to the top.
tap	Turn on the tap.
tad	Sorry, I'm a tad late.
dad	I saw my dad.
pad	She wrote on a writing pad.
pod	Peas grow in a pod, or they launched a space pod.
pop	Pop the bubbles.

Add these spellings: e, g, g, m, m (use with Workbook 1 p5-8).

mop	Mop the floor.
map	Look at the map.
mad	I feel mad.
mat	Wipe your feet on the mat.
met	Have we met?
pet	Do you have a pet?
get	Get the milk.
got	I got it.
god	Do they believe in God?
dog	I have a dog.
dag	She's a bit of a dag.
gag	Your gag reflex protects your breathing.
gap	There is a gap under the door.

Add these spellings: n, n (use with Workbook 1 p9-12).

nap	I'm tired, I need a nap.
nag	Please don't nag me.
nan	I call my grandma Nan.
non	It's a non-stick pan.
nod	Nod your head.
not	I'm not doing that.
net	A fishing net.
ned	Ned is a boy's name.
den	The lion lives in a den.
pen	She wrote with a pen.
ten	The number ten.
men	Two men arrived.
man	Then one man left.
tan	Tan is a light brown colour.
pan	A frying pan.

dan	Dan is a boy's name.
dam	We went fishing in the dam.
am	I am finished.

Add these spellings: b, b (use with Workbook 1 p13-16).

bam	He got hit. Bam!
bad	The food went bad.
bat	A cricket bat, or a flying bat.
ban	Today is a total fire ban day.
bag	Pack your bag.
bog	The car got stuck in a bog.
beg	I beg you to help.
bet	I bet you win.
bed	Go to bed.
deb	Deb is a girl's name, short for Deborah.
dob	Don't dob me in!
mob	We saw a big mob of kangaroos.
bob	The boats bob up and down.

Add these spellings: i, u (use with Workbook 1 p17-24).

bib	The baby wore a bib.
bub	A baby is sometimes called a bub.
bud	A bud becomes a flower.
bid	They will bid at the auction.
bit	She bit the apple.
but	I'd like to but I can't.
bug	A bug is an insect.
big	How big is it?
bin	Put it in the bin.
bun	A hot cross bun.
nun	A nun is like a priest.
nut	She has a nut allergy.
nit	A nit jumped off his head onto my head!
tin	A tin of tomatoes.
tip	Tip out your drink.
pit	A sand pit.
pip	This grape has no pip.
pup	A young dog is a pup.
pug	A pug is a kind of dog.
peg	Peg the washing out.
pig	A pig says, "oink oink".
pin	A safety pin.
pun	A pun is a kind of joke.
pub	We are going to the pub for dinner.
tub	A laundry tub or a hot tub.

tug	A tug of war.
dug	She dug a hole.
dig	No need to dig another one.
gig	The band played a gig.
git	Don't be a silly git.
gut	I have a sore gut.
gum	Chewing gum, or his tooth came out of his gum.
mug	A mug is a large cup.
mum	How's your mum?
mud	They got covered in mud.
dud	I bought a new one but it's a dud.
did	He did the dishes.
dip	They went for a dip in the river.
dim	Dim the lights.

Add this spelling: h (use with Workbook 1 p25-28).

him	I'll talk to him.
hit	She hit the ball.
hut	They camped in a hut.
hug	Give your mum a hug.
hum	I like to hum a tune.
hub	They built a new community hub.
hob	Put the kettle on the hob.
hot	The weather was hot.
hat	Put on your hat.
had	I had fun at the beach.
ham	Ham is a kind of meat.
hem	I sewed up my hem.
hen	The hen laid an egg.
hep	Hep is short for hepatitis, a nasty illness.
hip	He held the baby on his hip.
hop	Hop on one leg.
hog	Don't hog all the best chocolates.
hag	The wicked hag locked the children in a cage.

Add this spelling: w (use with Workbook 1 p25-28).

wag	A happy dog will wag its tail.
wig	Her costume included a long blonde wig.
win	Our team will win the game.
wit	He is a great wit, he makes everyone laugh.
wet	I wet my toothbrush.
wed	They wed in a garden.
web	A spider web.

Add this spelling: y, then make and read the first word, as this sequence doesn't follow on from the last set (use with Workbook 1 p25-28).

yum	Yum, this food is delicious.
yam	A yam is like a potato.
yap	Little dogs often yap.
yep	"Yep" is an informal way to say "yes".
yen	In Japan, the money is called the Yen.
yin	Yin and yang are opposites.
yip	"Yip" is another sound made by little dogs.
yup	"Yup" is another informal way to say "yes".

Add this spelling: c (use with Workbook 1 p29-32).

cup	A cup of tea.
cap	A baseball cap.
cab	I got a cab to the airport.
cam	A web cam is a kind of camera.
can	I can do that.
cat	"Miaow", said the cat.
cot	A baby sleeps in a cot.
cut	Cut up the fruit.
cud	The cow chewed her cud.
cub	A lion cub, or a bear cub, or a cub Scout.
cob	Corn on the cob.
cod	Cod is a type of fish.
cog	A cog is part of an engine.
cop	Police are sometimes called cops.
con	Don't let anyone con you.

Add this spelling: k (use with Workbook 1 p29-32).

kon	Kon is a Greek boy's name.
kin	Kin means relative, as in "she is not my kin".
kit	A first aid kit.
kid	He's a nice kid, or a kid is a baby goat.
kim	Kim can be a girl or boy's name.
kip	A kip is a little sleep.
kep	Kep can be a boy's name.
ken	Ken is another boy's name.
keg	A keg is a large drink container.

Add this spelling: ck, then make and read the first word (use with Workbook 1 p29-32).

back	Come back soon!
buck	That horse will buck you off.
duck	“Quack, quack”, said the duck.
yuck	Yuck, this tastes awful.
puck	A hockey puck.
muck	Please don’t muck around.
tuck	I tuck my shirt in.
tick	Tick off your shopping list.
kick	Kick the ball.
wick	The wick is the part of a candle you light.
pick	Please don’t pick your nose.
pack	Pack your bag.
peck	Birds peck up their food.
neck	A giraffe has a long neck.
deck	A deck of cards, or the deck of a boat.
dock	The boat will dock at Docklands.
mock	Don’t mock other people.
mack	Mack is a brand of truck.
tack	A tack is a small nail, and a sailing and sewing term.
hack	Let me teach you a life hack.
heck	What the heck!?

Add this spelling: f, then make and read the first word (use with Workbook 1 p33-36).

fan	I put on the fan, or I am a fan of pop music.
fat	Butter is a type of fat.
fab	“fab” is short for “fabulous”.
fad	It’s just a fad, it won’t last.
fed	I fed the cat, or “I am fed up!”
fen	A fen is low, marshy land, often a drained swamp.
fun	I had a lot of fun.
fin	A fin is part of a fish.
fib	I told a fib, I said his haircut looked nice.
fit	These shoes fit perfectly.
fig	We have a fig tree in our yard.
fog	The morning fog should clear by 9am.
fob	Please don’t fob me off.

Add this spelling: ff, then make and read the first word (use with Workbook 1 p33-36).

off	Take your jacket off.
toff	A toff is a posh person.
tiff	A tiff is a little argument.
tim	Tim is a boy's name.
him	Do you know him?
hum	I'll hum a tune.
huff	She went off in a huff.
cuff	My shirt cuff is torn.
buff	He looks buff, must go to the gym.
puff	A puff of smoke.

Add this spelling: j, then make and read the first word (use with Workbook 1 p37-40).

jam	Strawberry jam.
jack	Jack up the car and change the tyre.
jab	I had a flu jab.
job	What is your job?
jot	I'll jot down some ideas.
jog	We went for a jog.
jig	A jig is an Irish dance.
jim	Jim is short for James.
jem	Jem is short for Jeremy.
jet	A jet is a fast plane.
jut	The new pier will jut out into the water.
jug	A jug of water.

Add this spelling: dge (use with Workbook 1 p37-40).

judge	She will judge the competition.
fudge	Do you like chocolate fudge?
nudge	She's fallen asleep, give her a nudge.
budge	I am not going to budge.
badge	Put on a name badge.
madge	Madge could be short for Marjorie or Margaret.
midge	A midge is a small flying insect.
didge	The didgeridoo is sometimes called the dige.
dodge	We played dodge ball.
hodge	A hodge-podge is like a jumble.
hedge	A hedge is like a fence of plants.
wedge	I cut a wedge of cheese.
edge	I sat on the edge of the pool.

Add this spelling: I (use with Workbook 1 p41-44).

ledge	A window ledge.
let	Please let me go.
lot	I like that a lot.
lodge	A ski lodge.
lob	The tennis player hit a lob.
lab	She works in a science lab.
lack	I lack the equipment I need.
lock	Lock the door.
log	Put a log on the fire.
lug	I had to lug my bag up four flights of stairs.
luck	Wish me luck.
lick	Lick the icecream.
lip	I burnt my lip on the soup.
lid	Put the lid back on.
led	She led the way.
leg	I hurt my leg.
lag	He started to lag behind the group.
lad	He's a nice lad.
lap	The cat sat on his lap.
lop	They will lop off that dangerous branch.

Add this spelling: II (use with Workbook 1 p41-44).

loll	She closed her eyes and her head started to loll to one side.
doll	A teddy and a doll.
toll	We paid a toll to drive over the bridge.
tell	Tell me what you want.
dell	A dell is like a valley.
dull	This show is very dull and boring.
gull	A sea gull.
hull	The hull is the bottom part of a boat.
hill	We rolled down the hill.
mill	A wind mill.
bill	I'll pay the bill.
dill	Dill is a kind of herb.
till	Pay for your things at the till.
kill	Thou shalt not kill.
will	I will be back.
ill	I feel ill.
fill	Fill up your drink bottle.
fell	I fell over.
well	I feel well now.
bell	Ring the bell.

Add this spelling: s (use with Workbook 1 p45-48).

sell	Does that shop sell milk?
set	I'll set the table.
sit	Please sit down.
sick	I feel sick.
sack	A sack of potatoes.
sat	We all sat down.
sad	I feel sad.
sap	Sap is like blood from trees.
sip	Have a sip of your drink.
sill	The window sill.
sim	My phone has a new Sim card.
sum	Can you do this sum, $5 + 5 = ?$
sun	The sun is up.
suck	Suck through this straw.
sub	A sub is a submarine or a substitute.
sob	The crying man let out a loud sob.
sock	I've lost a sock.

Add this spelling: ss, then make and read the first word (use with Workbook 1 p45-48).

kiss	Give your mother a kiss.
miss	Don't miss the bus.
mass	What is the mass of this object?
moss	Moss grew on the pond's rocks.
mess	I've made a mess.
less	Can I have a bit less?
lass	She's a nice young lass.
bass	A bass is a kind of fish.
boss	You're not the boss of me.
loss	Their business made a loss and had to close.
toss	Toss a coin.
tess	Tess is a girl's name.
jess	Jess can be a girl or boy's name.
ness	The Loch Ness monster.
fess	She said "fess up, what have you done?"
fuss	What's all the fuss about?

Add this spelling: z, then make and read the first word (use with Workbook 1 p49-52).

zip	Zip up your bag.
zit	A zit is a pimple.
zig	I drew a zig-zag.
zag	I drew another zig-zag.
zap	"I'll zap you with my ray-gun", said the alien.
map	I'm lost, I need a map.
man	He is a man.
men	Now there are two men.
zen	I'm feeling pretty chilled out and Zen.
zeb	Zeb is a boy's name, short for Zebidee.

Add this spelling: zz, then make and read the first word (use with Workbook 1 p49-52).

buzz	Buzz off!
fuzz	The chick was covered in soft fuzz.
fizz	The flat lemonade had lost its fizz.
tizz	No need to get into a tizz.
tin	A biscuit tin.
tan	She put on fake tan.
jan	Her name is Jan.
jazz	Jazz is a type of music.

Add this spelling: v, then make and read the first word, as this sequence doesn't follow on from the last set (use with Workbook 1 p49-52).

van	A camper van.
vat	Each dairy farm has a big milk vat.
vet	I took my dog to the vet.

Add this spelling: ve, then make and read the first word (use with Workbook 1 p49-52).

give	Give me a chance.
live	Where do you live?
lip	I have a top lip and a bottom lip.
lap	I'll swim one more lap.
lack	She doesn't lack courage.
hack	Don't let anyone hack into your computer.
have	I have new shoes.

Add this spelling: r, then make and read the first word (use with Workbook 1 p53-56).

red	Blood is red.
rep	My aunt is a sales rep.
rip	Don't rip your book.
rap	Do you like rap music?
ram	Don't ram your trolley into mine.
rack	A clothes rack.
rock	I tripped over a rock.
ruck	He played in the ruck. (omit if not familiar with Australian Rules football)
rick	Rick is a boy's name, short for Richard.
rid	How do I get rid of them?
rib	She broke a rib body-surfing.
rob	Don't rob banks.
rod	A fishing rod.
rot	Lollies make your teeth rot.
rat	He has a pet rat.
rut	I'm stuck in a rut, I need a change.
rub	Rub out that mistake.
rug	There's a rug on the floor.
run	Let's go for a run.
ran	We ran five kilometres.
rag	Clean the car with an old rag.
rig	He works on an oil rig.
riff	He played a guitar riff.
rim	The cup had a gold rim.
ridge	They climbed up the ridge.

Add this spelling: sh, then make and read the first word (use with Workbook 1 p57-60).

shut	Shut the door.
shun	People started to shun, or avoid, him.
shin	I bruised my shin.
ship	They arrived by sailing ship.
shep	Shep is a dog's name, short for Shepherd.
shed	A tool shed.
shell	A snail has a shell.
shall	I shall return.
shack	We stayed in a beach shack.
shock	He got an electric shock.
shop	Let's go to the shop.
posh	No need to be posh with me.
gosh	Gosh, you did a great job!
gash	The shark's teeth made a big gash in his leg.
gush	Did the blood gush out?
hush	Hush, don't ask gross questions.
hash	Hash browns are made of potato.

mash	We also mash potatoes.
mesh	The tennis court fence is made of mesh.
mush	His cooking all tastes like mush.
rush	No need to rush.
lush	This dessert is lush and delicious.
lash	She might lash out at you.
rash	If I eat peanuts I get a rash.
sash	The winner got a lovely sash.
cash	Will you pay by card or cash?
bash	Don't bash up your brother.
ash	I swept the ash out of the fireplace.
dash	Firefighters will dash to their rescue.
dish	Where's my dog's water dish?
fish	Let's have fish and chips.
wish	I wish I had a new bike.

Add this spelling: ch, then make and read the first word (use with Workbook 1 p61-64).

chip	A potato chip.
chin	Not by the hair of my chinny chin chin.
chill	Chill out, relax.
chick	A chick hatched from the egg.
check	Check you haven't forgotten anything.
chess	Can you play chess?
mess	Don't mess around with me.
muss	Don't muss my hair up.
muff	An ear muff.
puff	A powder puff.
chuff	The old steam train went "chuff, chuff".
chug	The old car went "chug, chug".
chum	She is my old school chum.
chuck	Chuck it away, it's broken.
chock	Chock the car up so it doesn't roll down the hill.
chop	Chop up the vegies.
chap	He's a nice chap.
chat	We had a little chat.

Add this spelling: tch, then make and read the first word (use with Workbook 1 p61-64).

match	My socks don't match.
batch	I made a batch of biscuits.
patch	Patch up the hole.
latch	I lifted the latch and opened the gate.
catch	You can't catch me.
hatch	When will the chickens hatch?
hutch	A rabbit hutch.
dutch	She's from the Netherlands, she speaks Dutch.
ditch	I fell in a ditch.
witch	A wicked witch (evil laugh).
pitch	A cricket pitch, or her voice had a high pitch.
hitch	The fete went off without a hitch.
itch	Mosquito bites make you itch.
etch	I will etch your name in stone.
fetch	That dog likes to fetch sticks.
retch	Fur balls make cats retch.

Add this spelling: ng, then make and read the first word (use with Workbook 1 p65-68).

sing	Sing me a song.
ring	Ring me up sometime.
king	A queen and a king.
wing	The bird hurt its wing.
ding	The tram went "ding ding" and left the stop.
dung	Don't step in the cow dung.
hung	We hung out the laundry.
rung	We've rung the doorbell twice.
sung	Have you sung this before?
mung	Mung beans are small, round and green.
lung	Asthma is a lung disease.
long	They have long hair.
song	I know this song.
gong	Ring the dinner gong.
pong	Let's play ping-pong.
pang	He had a pang of guilt about lying.
hang	Hang up your clothes.
rang	Your friend rang.
sang	He sang in a choir.
bang	Don't bang the door.
fang	A snake's fang can contain poison.

Add this spelling: th, then make and read the first word (use with Workbook 1 p65-68).

moth	A moth flew around the lamp.
math	Americans call maths “math”.
hath	“Hath” is an old word for “have”.
hag	The ancient hag was very wise.
wag	The dog’s tail started to wag.
wig	She wore a wig to the party.
with	Can I go with you?
pith	The white part of an orange is called pith.
sith	“Revenge of the Sith” is a Star Wars film.
this	What is this?
thin	He’s been sick and is very thin.
thick	May I have a thick shake?
thing	What’s that thing called?
thong	I lost a thong* at the beach. (*Australian for flip flop/jandal/plakkie)
tong	A curling tong.
tang	This drink has a funny tang.
tat	She threw a lot of old tat out.
that	What’s that?
thatch	They used to thatch roofs with straw.
than	She is older than you.
then	They went to school, then went home.
them	Do you know them?
hem	The hem of my trousers fell down.
hum	I like to hum a tune.
hug	Hug your teddy.
thug	She’s a bit of a thug.
thud	It fell to the floor with a thud.

Replace w with wh for this set of words. Make and read the first word (use with Workbook 1 p69-72).

whack	We'll whack this into shape in no time.
wham	Wham! He crashed into a tree.
jam	Don't jam your finger in the door.
jan	Jan is a girl's name, short for Janet or Janice.
jen	Jen is another girl's name, short for Jennifer.
when	When will they arrive?
whet	This snack will whet your appetite.
whit	I do not care one whit what you think.
whim	On a whim, they decided to go to the beach for the day.
whiff	They got a whiff of the sewage treatment plant.
whip	Whip the cream.
which	Which way will we go? (use a yellow spelling, not a red one)
whiz	He was a whiz at vacuuming (use a yellow spelling, not a red one)