

LITERACY INTERVENTION HANDBOOK

SKILLS SEQUENCE

(Sequenced with reference to the frequency of letter combinations in texts) © Learning-solutions 2015

PHASE	ELEMENTS	EXAMPLES
Phase 1	All letters of the alphabet with SHORT VOWELS only includes beginning double blends	cat, hen, pig, dog, bug chat, drop, shed, flip, grub (regular sounds only)
Phase 2	Double terminal blends with short vowels	band, west, with, song fell, miss, cuff
	Long vowels: ai ea ee oa ue "When two vowels go walking, the first does the talking."	wait, team, feel, coat, due
Phase 3	Consolidation of vowel digraphs	wait, leap, seen, float, tied, glued
	ay and ar	way, car, harp
	er endings - two syllable words	teacher, softer
	Magic e	mate, bite, bone, tune
	Y - long and short i sound	fly, gym
	Y - long e sound	funny
	Hard and soft c and g	city, giant, cat, gate
	Long o (low) and diphthong ow (cow)	bow, bow, slow, blow, down, clown
Phase 4	2 syllable words	
	CCC beginnings	strike, spring, throb, shrub
	CCC endings	match, munch, March, pinch, width
	Two sounds of oo (food and cook)	food, spoon, moon, book, look, good
	ow and ou words (ouch words)	cow, ouch
	ear-er-ir-or-ur words that say 'er'	learn, germ, girl, worm, nurse
	Long 'i' (y and i_e words)	cry, tile
	Long 'i' as in 'igh'	night
	ock/oke/ook	lock, poke, book
	aw-or-ore-oor words that say 'or'	saw, for, store, poor
	ew and ue words	dew, due, flew, glue
	oi and oy words	boil, toy
	Silent letters	knife, sign, climb, wrap, why
	2 syllable words	
Phase 5	al/all/aw clusters that say 'or'	walk, tall, crawl
	'shun' words	action, musician, mission
	Hard c, silent h	echo, school, chemist
	al-ar-augh-ough-au cluster that say 'or'	talk, war, taught, sought, August
	Long e - ie - as in field	shield, chief
	The three sounds of 'ea'	bread, break, bead
	air words	pair
	are words	care
	The two sounds of 'eigh'	eight, height
	Tricky 'ough'	enough, bought, drought, through, cough
	3 syllable words	
Phase 6	Prefixes, suffixes	review, unfair, hopeless, hopeful
	Unusual plurals	goose/geese, person/people, ox/oxen
	Contractions	wasn't, they'll, we're, isn't, I'm
	Adding y to make an adjective	sticky, lucky, greedy
Phase 7	Latin and Greek roots	aster - a star - astronomy, asterisk audi - I hear - audience, audible
Phase 8	Homophones with matching pictures	Flour/flower; ate/eight; bare/bear; right/write; rose/rows; piece/peace