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Dear parent, caregiver, guardian anotteacher

What a task we have on our hands!

Moulding creative minds and enriching little lives is a never-ending job. Every little thing we say or do in front of our children is shaping their future in one way or another. Helping them learn a new language that can take them to far-off places, help them achieve their dreams and ensure they lead happy, fulfilled lives is a huge task!

Thank you for your commitment to this incredibly important job.

The English language can be daunting and it takes years to master, however:

"Speak a new language and the world will become a new world" - Rumi.

In this activity book, we have tried to touch on the most basic and manageable elements in English. Feel free to build on the basics given – the sky is the limit. This might be hard for some of your children, but don't let them despair; this is a second language for them. What the world needs to remember is...

Never make fun of someone who speaks broken English. It means they know another language.

With that being said, we hope you enjoy the content in the book and that we spark an interest in a handful of young minds to continue and explore the wonders of another language.

All our best wishes,

Claire and Hybre

LEARNER ACTIVITIES

Learner activity 1: Greetings and translations

Hello everyone, it's me, Tipti Mara. I am going to help you learn English, but before we start, let's first learn how to greet and welcome visitors to our island!

Look at the basic greetings below. Write the translation for the greeting in Column A (English) in your language in Column B. Where the text in Column A ends in "..." you can add your own information such as your name, your town or your village.

| English | Your language |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Hello. | |
| Good morning. | |
| Good afternoon. | |
| Good evening. | |
| Goodbye. | |
| How are you? | |
| Are you okay? | |
| Welcome to | |
| Welcome to my home. | |
| My name is | |
| How long are you visiting for? | |
| Where are you going? | |
| How can I help? | |
| Do you need help? | NI NI NI |
| I am the local | Villes in all |

Learner activity 2: Short vowel sounds

To learn the sounds from the alphabet, we need to learn about vowels and consonants.

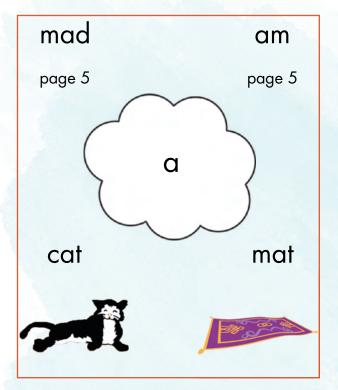
Let's look at our vowels first! A vowel is a sound which can be made that is not blocked by the lips, tongue or teeth. It is one of the most prominent sounds in a syllable.

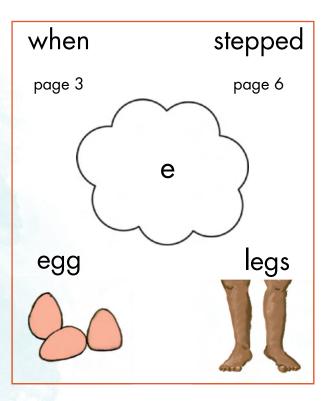
We have six short vowels, and they are:

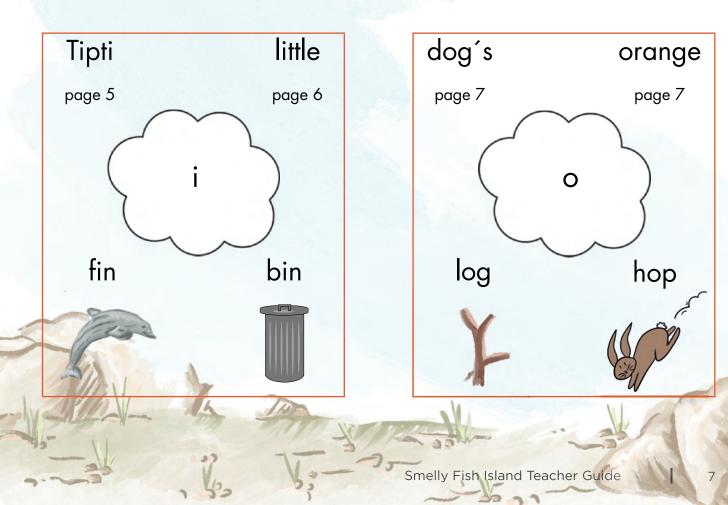
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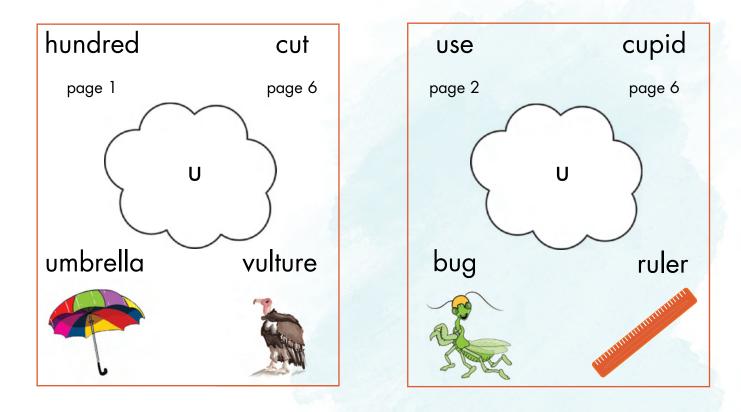
Now look through the book and see if you can find examples of the different vowel sounds. Were you able to find them in the book?

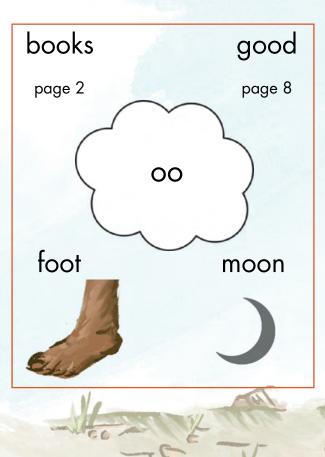
On the next page are some more examples of the six vowel sounds. Practice saying them out loud when you <u>underline</u> the sounds in the examples below taken from my story and other examples:











Can you find more words from the book or think of your own with these sounds? Write them in the columns below.

| a | е | i | ο |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |
| | | | |

| U | υ / οο | | | |
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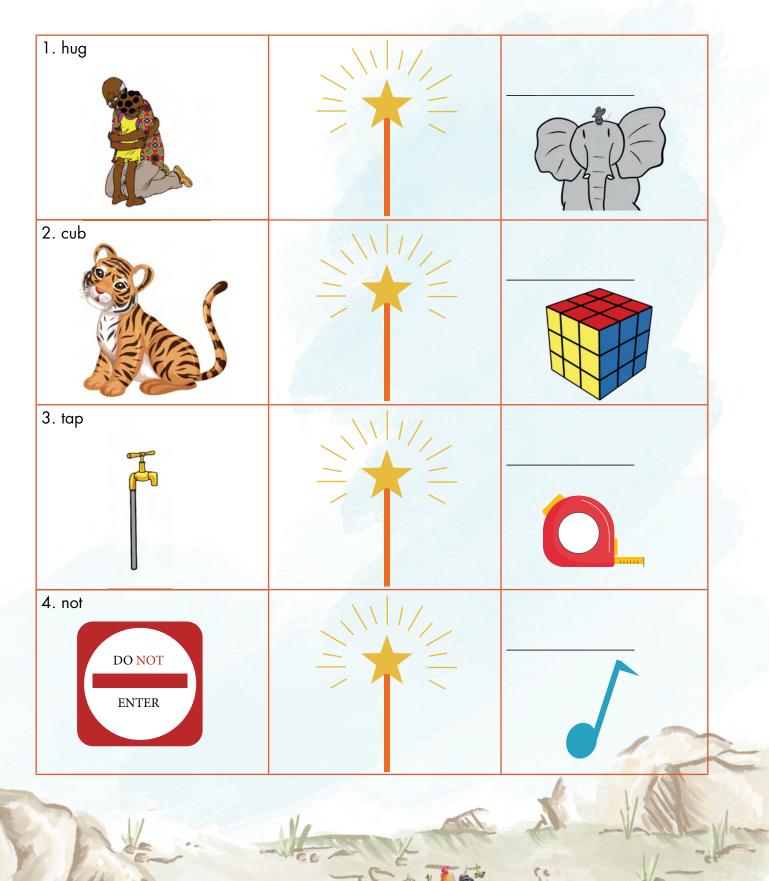
Learner activity 3: Magic -e sounds

When we add the magic -e, it changes the sound that we hear. We do not add the magic -e to words that already contain an "e" at the end.

For example: mat becomes mate, cut becomes cute.

Looking at the example in the magic -e column, change the words in Column A by adding the magic -e to the word and write the answer in Column B.

| Column A | Magic -e | Column B |
|----------|----------|----------|
| e.g can | | cane |

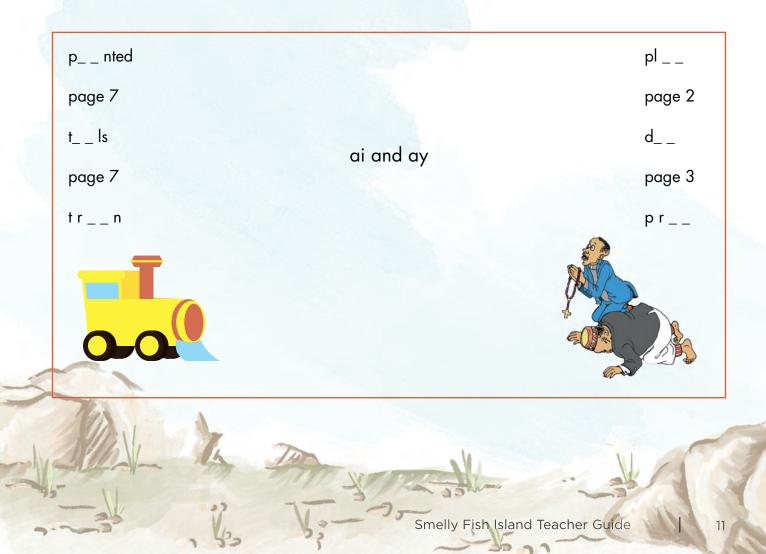


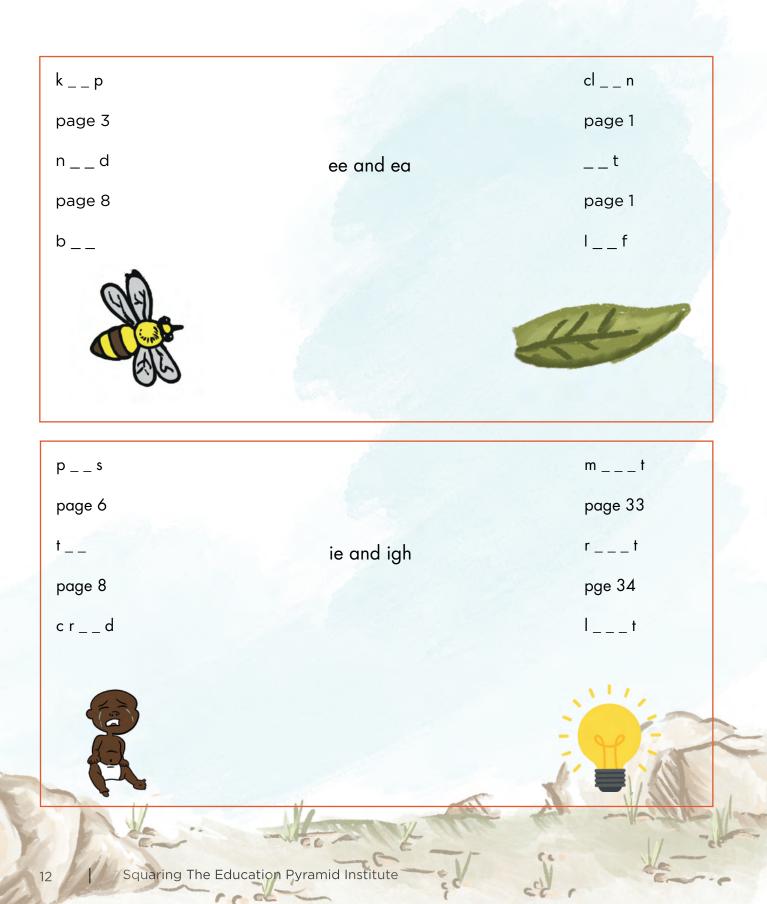
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Learner activity 4: Long vowel sounds

We are continuing to learn about vowels. This time they are long vowels which are made up of two letters, sometimes even three. Look at the sounds and say them out loud. Those with page numbers can be found in the story. Fill in the missing sounds in the words listed below.









When we read poems, we sometimes have lines that end on words that sound the same. These words are not necessarily spelt the same. Read the poem below and fill in some rhyming words in the spaces provided. Use the pictures to guide you.

My lost shoe

I woke up feeling <u>blue</u>,

I felt like this as I lost my

I walked around on my tippy toe,

crying in my white

I checked my cupboard way up <u>high</u>,

but all I could find was my striped church 🛛 _ _ _ .

At dinner that night, I looked down at my feet,

And sadly wondering, took a bite of my 🦊 _ _

The next morning while staring at the rain,

Mom found my shoe, and made my

Learner activity 5: R-controlled vowel sounds

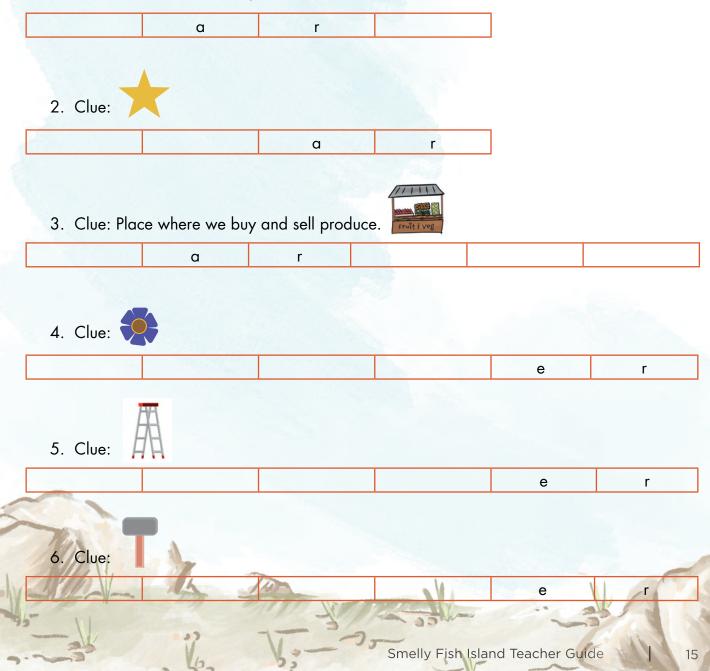
These are sounds where we have used our five short (one lettered) vowels and added –r to the sound. For example:



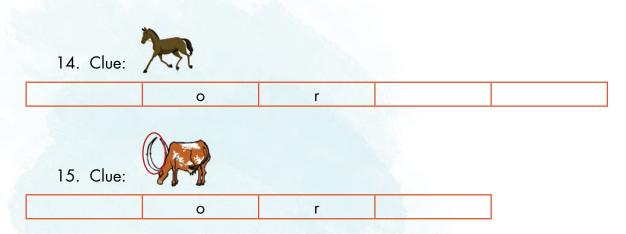


See if you can make your own words (using the pictures or clues to guide you) by adding letters in the blocks on either side of the sound.

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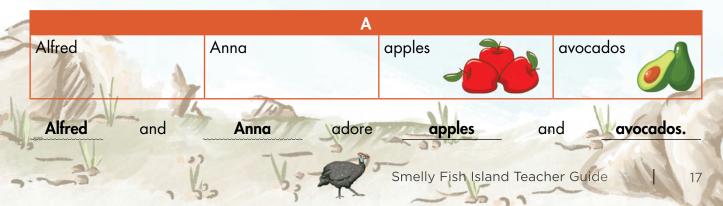
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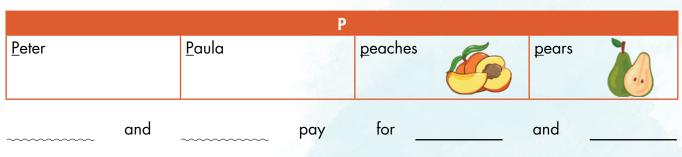
| р | b | t | d | k | С | g |
|---------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| pig | <u>b</u> ear | <u>t</u> iger | <u>d</u> uck | <u>k</u> oala | <u>c</u> at | goose |
| | 3 | | | | | |
| <u>p</u> anda | <u>b</u> ull | <u>t</u> urkey | <u>d</u> og | <u>k</u> udu | <u>c</u> amel | goat |
| K | | | A C | R | Por se | |

Complete the sentences below using the word bank to assist you. Put the names (the ones that start with capital letters) on the squiggly lines and the other two words (nouns = naming words) in the straight lines.

For example:



1.



2.

| | | | В | | | | |
|---------------|-----|----------------|--------|--------------|---|--------------|------------|
| <u>B</u> illy | | <u>B</u> onnie | | <u>b</u> lue | - | <u>b</u> all | \bigcirc |
| ~~~~~~ | and | ~~~~~ | bounce | the | | _ | |

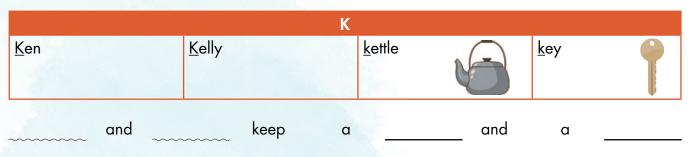
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|---------------|-----|--------------|--------|-----|----------------|----------|--------------|---|
| <u>T</u> ipti | | <u>T</u> ony | | | <u>t</u> urtle | Contra - | <u>t</u> ree | No. of the second se |
| ~~~~~ | and | | tickle | the | | under | the | |

4.

| | | D | | |
|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|------|----------|
| <u>D</u> anny | <u>D</u> ana | doll | | osaur |
| | and d | raw a | and | -Halle V |
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5.



6.

| C | | | | | | |
|---------------|-----|-----------------|-----|-----------------|----|---------------------|
| <u>C</u> asey | | <u>C</u> harlie | | <u>c</u> abbage | EP | <u>c</u> auliflower |
| ~~~~~~ | and | | cut | | a | nd |

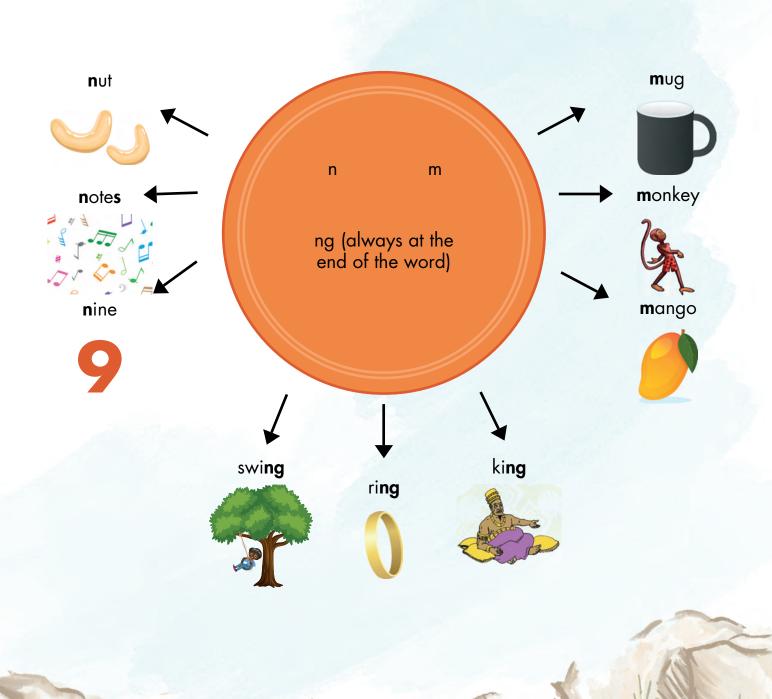
7.

| | | | G | | | |
|---|-----|--------------|----|--------|---------|---|
| <u>G</u> ary | | <u>G</u> ugu | | garlic | grapes | |
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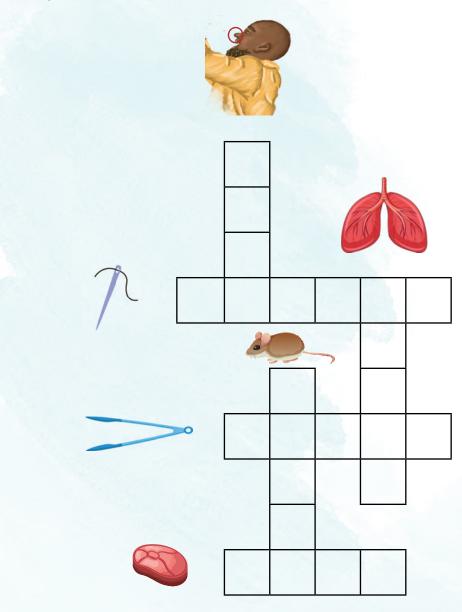
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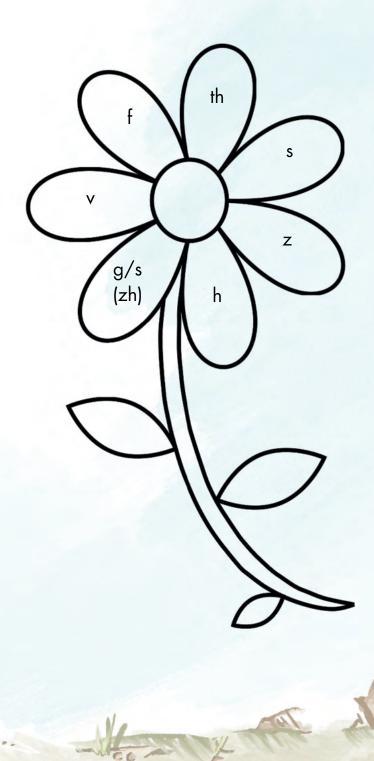
Learner activity 7: Nasal consonant sounds



Complete the crossword with n, m and ng words. Use the pictures to guide you. Your teacher will assist you.

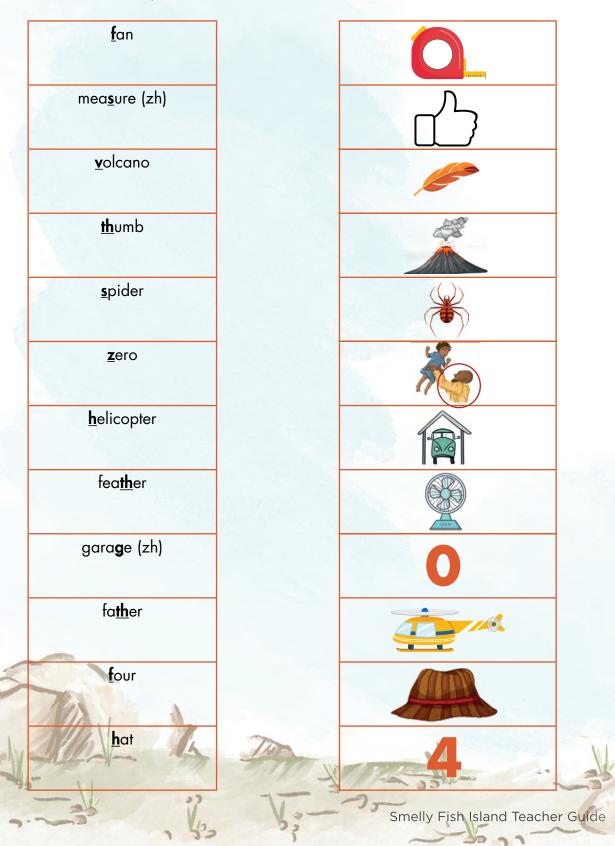


Learner activity 8: Fricative or high air pressure consonant sounds



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See if you can match the words to the pictures by drawing a line to connect them. Read the words aloud and practice the sound in each word.



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Learner activity 9: Homonyms

Homonyms: These are words that are spelt and sound the same <u>but</u> have DIFFERENT MEANINGS.

Look at the two words below and then say them out loud.

Book and Book

These two words look and sound the same but they have two different meanings. Read the sentences below to see what we mean.

I love to read a *book* when I have no other chores to do, it helps me learn.

We need to **book** an appointment at the doctor for a check-up.



Here are another two examples:

Bark and Bark

When the man came to the gate the dog started to *bark* loudly.



The *bark* of the tree was used to start a fire.

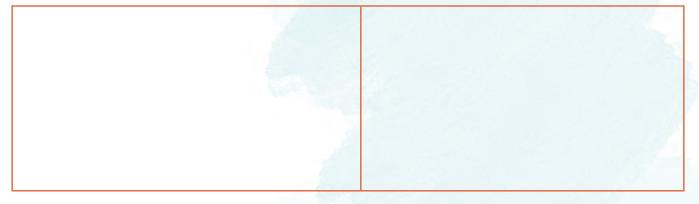


In the sentences below are a set (two) of homonyms. Underline the words that are the homonyms and draw a picture for each of the words in the space provided.

1. I do not like winter because it is too cold and people always catch a cold. Then they are always coughing and sneezing.



2. My grandmother needs her glasses when she reads her book, and she takes two glasses of water for her and my grandfather to drink before bed.



3. The cricket makes a loud sound outside my bedroom window at night but I do not hear it when I play cricket outside during the day.



4. At the end of the day I need to put my cricket bat away because it cost a lot of money, it has a picture of a big bat on the side.



5. When we go into town at the end of the month there is always a traffic jam, but my mom is determined to go buy her favourite peach jam for her Sunday treat.



Learner activity 10: Rhyming words

When words rhyme, they have a similar sound but will not necessarily start with the same letter. Rhyming words are used in poetry and songs to help the poem or lyrics flow and create rhythm.

Look at the examples below to help you understand rhyming words

<u>glow</u> and b<u>low</u>



When you say these two words, they rhyme. They do not start with the same letter but have the same sound in them which is "ow".

Here is another example:

Flower and power



Here are two words that rhyme but look different:

Sunny and honey



Here is another example of two words that rhyme but look different:

Shoe and glue





Your teacher is going to help you say the words below. Listen carefully and circle all the words that rhyme in the same colour.

| flea | band | look | bloat | purse | joy | fly | sea | |
|-------|-------|------|---------|-------|-------|------|------------|--------|
| money | man | car | stick | sun | book | boy | goat | 2 |
| honey | float | far | sky | fun | nurse | sand | fan | |
| sick | run | bee | took | toy | land | can | chick | |
| tree | high | bye | sunny | van | shook | tar | star | Svlan. |
| | Ve | | 111-11- | I III | alle | | - K- allow | |

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Learner activity 11: Syllables

Syllables are parts of one word that can be broken up into pieces. Syllabification is the sounding out and dividing of words to help with reading and spelling. It can be helpful to clap the different parts / pieces of the word and count as you go along. Every "clap" is one syllable.

Each syllable has one vowel sound.

Beautiful

Beau / ti / ful

Can you see the three vowel sounds?

"ea" "i"

"u"

The word beautiful has three syllables.

Double consonants are separated.

Planning Plan / ning

In the word planning we divide it between the double "n".

The word planning has two syllables.

Below is a little rhyme which you can sing along to. Remember the tune of "Mary had a little lamb". Use the same tune to sing this little rhyme.

Syllables are parts of words Parts of words, parts of words. Syllables are parts of words Clap them out with me.

Fly has just one syllable Syllable, syllable

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Fly has just one syllable Clap it out with me.

Butter has two syllables Syllables, syllables. Butter has two syllables Clap it out with me.

Now, can you think of a word that has three syllables and another with four? Look at some of the pictures to help you. Finish the rhyme by adding in two more verses, one for a three syllable word and one for a four syllable word.



TEACHER GUIDE

Teacher guide activity 1: Greetings and translations

Teacher guides learners through different greetings and helps them fill in the translation in their own language.

Teacher guide activity 2: Short vowel sounds

Sound each vowel when reading the word. Learners underline the short vowel in each word when saying the word.

| mc | ıd | am | when | | stepped |
|----|----|-----|--------------------|---|---------------------|
| | a | | | е | |
| CC | it | mat | <mark>e</mark> ggs | | l <mark>e</mark> gs |

| T <mark>i</mark> pti | | little | d <mark>o</mark> g´s | | orange |
|----------------------|---|--------|----------------------|---|--------|
| | i | | | 0 | |
| fin | | bin | log | | hop |

| hundred | | cut |
|----------|---|---------|
| | U | |
| umbrella | | vulture |

Guide learners to find their own short vowel words in this book and other books supplied to them. Share ideas with each other and see which learners came up with the same words. Perhaps make a competition to see who has the biggest variety of short vowel words.

Teacher guide activity 3: Magic -e sounds

| Column A | Column B | | |
|----------|----------|--|--|
| hug | huge | | |
| cub | cube | | |
| tap | tape | | |
| not | note | | |
| pin | pine | | |

Teacher guide activity 4: Long vowel sounds

Read the long vowel words on either side of the sound in the middle. When reading the word, complete the missing sounds in each word. Let them repeat each sound by copying the teacher, for example:

Educator: (First point to yourself, then to learners and so on.) I say ay, you say ay. Ay.

Learners: Ay.

Educator: Ai.

Learners: Ai.

MEMO

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| ai and ay | | | | | | |
|-----------|--|------|--|--|--|--|
| painted | | play | | | | |
| tails | | day | | | | |
| train | | pray | | | | |

| ee and ea | | | | | |
|-----------|---|-------|--|--|--|
| keep | | clean | | | |
| need | | eat | | | |
| bee | 1 | leaf | | | |

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|------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| pies | might | | | | |
| tie | right | | | | |
| cried | light | | | | |

| oe and ow | | | | |
|-----------|-------|--|--|--|
| toes | grow | | | |
| hoe | own | | | |
| | arrow | | | |

| oo and ue | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--|----------------------|--|--|--|
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| hook | | argue | | | |
| balloon | | tiss <mark>ue</mark> | | | |

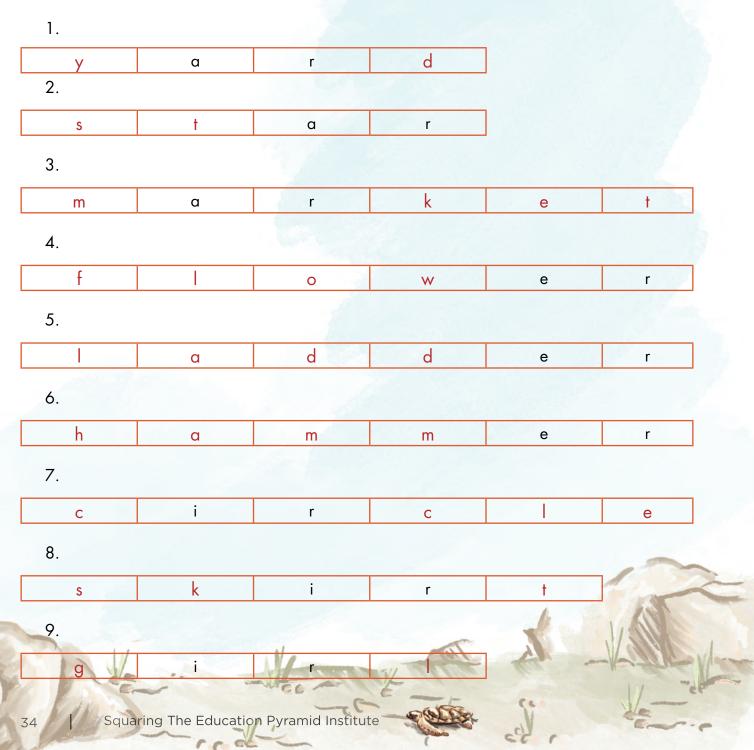
Explain when words sound the same that they are called rhyming words. Read and explain the poem and mark the answers that they filled in.

MEMO: My lost shoe

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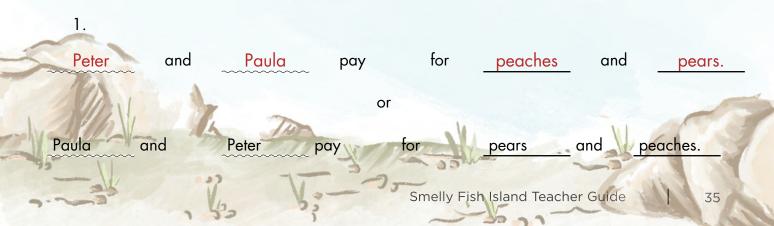
Discuss r-controlled vowels and what they sound like when you read them together. Practice saying ir, ir, or, or, ar, ar, ur, ur and so forth.



| 10. | | | | | |
|-----|---|---|---|---|---|
| n | U | r | S | е | |
| 11. | | | | | |
| t | U | r | t | | е |
| 12. | | | | | |
| b | U | r | g | е | r |
| 13. | | | | | |
| С | 0 | r | n | | |
| 14. | | | | | _ |
| h | 0 | r | S | е | |
| 15. | | | | | |
| h | 0 | r | n | | |

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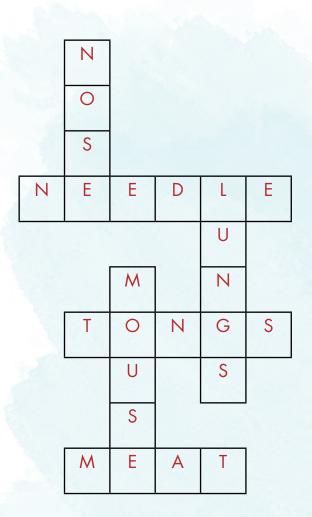


| 2. | | | | | | | | |
|---------|------------|--------|---------------|------|-----------|-------|-------|-------------|
| Billy | and | Bonnie | \sim bounce | е | the | blue | _ | ball |
| 3. | | | | | | | | |
| Tipti | and \sim | Tony | tickle | the | turtle | und | er th | e tree |
| 4. | | | | | | | | |
| Danny | and | Dana | draw | | Α | doll | _ and | dinosaur |
| | | | | or | | | | |
| Dana | and | Danny | draw | | A din | osaur | and | doll |
| 5. | | | | | | | | |
| Ken | and \sim | Kelly | keep | a | kettle | and | a | key |
| | | | | or | | | | |
| Kelly | and \sim | Ken | keep | а | key | and | a | kettle |
| 6. | | | | | | | | |
| Casey | and | Char | lie | cut | cabba | ge | and _ | cauliflower |
| | | | | or | | | | |
| Charlie | and | Case | <u>ب</u> | cut | cauliflov | wer | and _ | cabbage |
| 7. | | | | | | | | |
| Gary | and | Gug | U (| grow | garlic | 2 | and _ | grapes |

Teacher guide activity 7: Nasal consonant sounds

Explain to the learners that these sounds are what you would use to hum a song. Choose a song the whole class knows. Write the three sounds on the board. They must hum the chosen song with the letter you are pointing at. Every time you move to the letter, they continue humming, just using the knew letter.

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Teacher guide activity 8: Fricative or high air pressure consonant sounds

Introduce the sounds to the learners one by one and have them repeat it twice after you. Play a fun game where instead of clapping a rhythm you make a rhythm with the sounds and see if they can keep up with you and follow you.

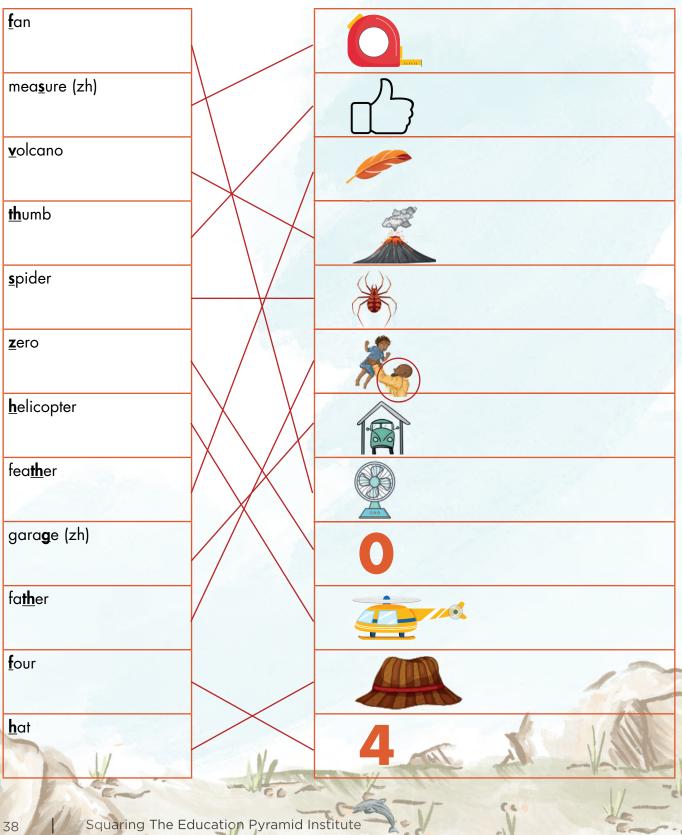
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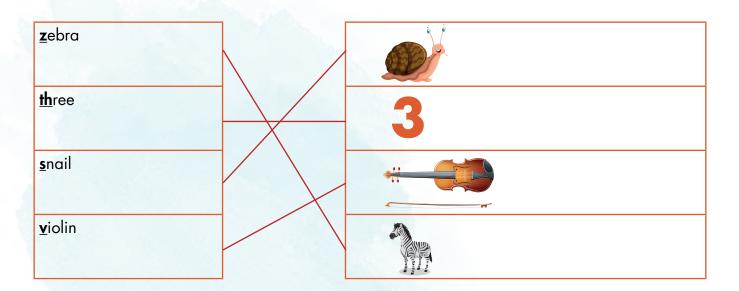
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|------|-------|------|------|-------|------|
| f | zh | S | th | zh | f |

| quick | aquick | slow | quick | quick | slow |
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The *bark* of the tree was used to start a fire.



MEMO - children can draw their understanding of the words.

- 1. I do not like winter because it is too cold and people always become ill and catch a cold. Then they are always coughing and sneezing.
- 2. My grandmother needs her glasses when she reads her book before she goes to sleep, she also takes two glasses of water with for her and my grandfather.
- 3. The cricket makes a loud sound outside my bedroom window at night but I do not hear it when I play cricket outside during the day.
- 4. At the end of the day I need to put my cricket bat away because it cost a lot of money, it has a picture of a big bat on the side.
- 5. When we go into town at the end of the month there is always a traffic jam but my mom is determined to go buy her favourite peach jam for her Sunday treat.

Teachers guide activity 10: Rhyming words

This activity will only work if the learners are able to pronounce the word properly using the correct sounds. It might help if you could point out some of the words that can be found in the story e.g. sea – find a picture in the story of the ocean / sea and reference that when dealing with the word.

If they are able to, allow the learners to read the word themselves. If they are still struggling, go through the words slowly with them.

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You can ask them to match the words that rhyme together and colour the words in the same colour or they can list them next to each other.

MEMO

| money | sunny | honey | |
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| band | sand | 1 | and |
| look | book | shook | |
| bloat | float | goat | |
| purse | nurse | | |
| јоу | boy | toy | |
| fly | bye | sky | high |
| sea | flea | bee | tree |
| man | can | fan | van |
| car | star | Far | tar |
| stick | sick | chick | |
| sun | run | fun | |

Teachers guide activity 11: syllables

Syllables are the parts of a word that can be split into pieces. A fun way to do this is to clap on the syllables of a word.

Look at the example below. The word beautiful has 3 syllables, say the word slowly and clap on the various syllables.

Beau / ti / ful

Fish / ing

Tip / ti Ma / ra

Smell / ly Fish

ls / land

MEMO

Butterfly / Bicycle has three syllables Syllables, syllables Butterfly has three syllables Clap it out with me

Tipti Mara / watermelon has four syllables Syllables, syllables Tipti Mara has four syllables Clap it out with me

Now can you think of a word that has three syllables and another with four? Look at some of the pictures to help you. Finish the rhyme by adding in two more verses, one for a three syllable word and one for a four syllable word.

Butterfly

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Bicycle

Tipti Mara

Watermelon

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The team at Squaring the Education Pyramid (STEPi) thanks you for taking the time to educate, inspire, love and care for each of the children you have the privilege to have as a student.

PS: You can email me with any questions or feedback you may have at paul@paulhsutherland.com

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This is the companion book to the *Smelly Fish Island* storybook and has been created to be used as a tool for teachers, caregivers and parents. The goal of the *Smelly Fish Island Teacher Guide* is to help kids develop and improve their English language skills with a variety of fun and creative activities.

"This activity book saves a lot of the teacher's preparation time as it provides printable, engaging and fun activities which include word banks, crossword puzzles, and matching columns which are coupled with stimulating and colourful illustrations. "

- Nobuntu Ntantiso, Lecturer at Nelson Mandela University