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## 17 Decodable Stories



## Syllable Types & Syllable Division

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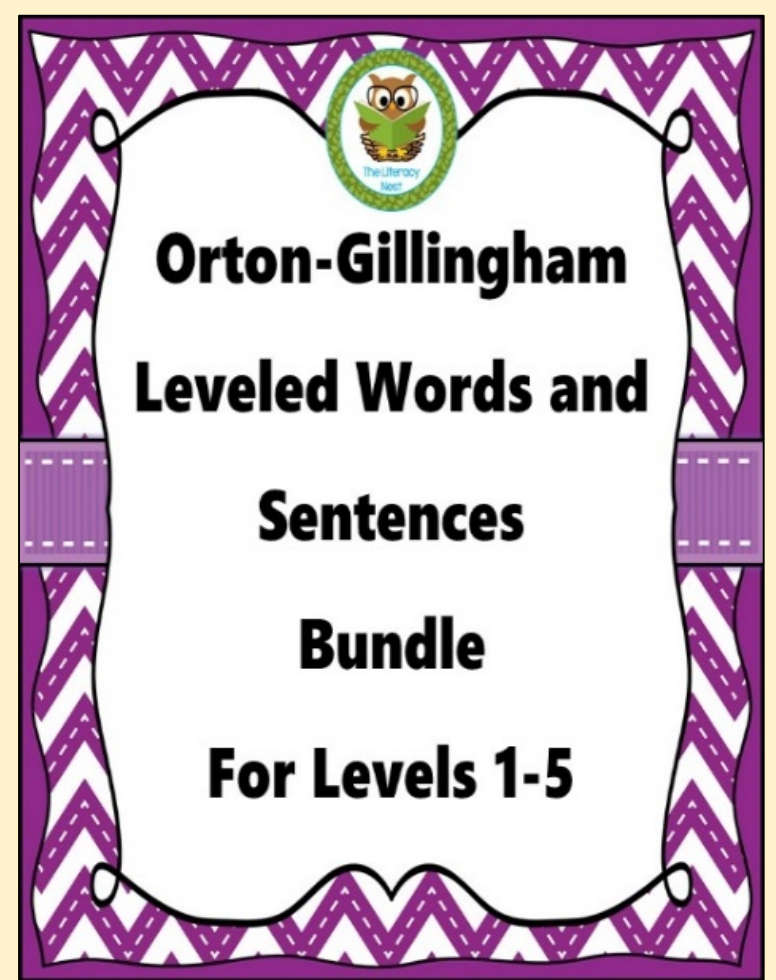
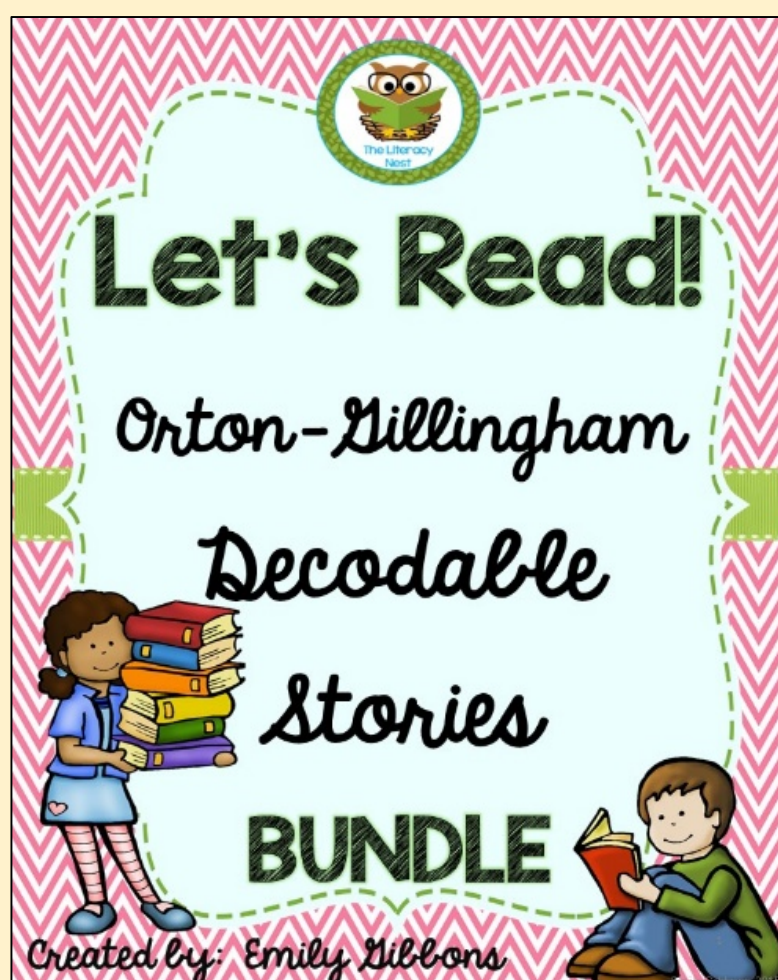
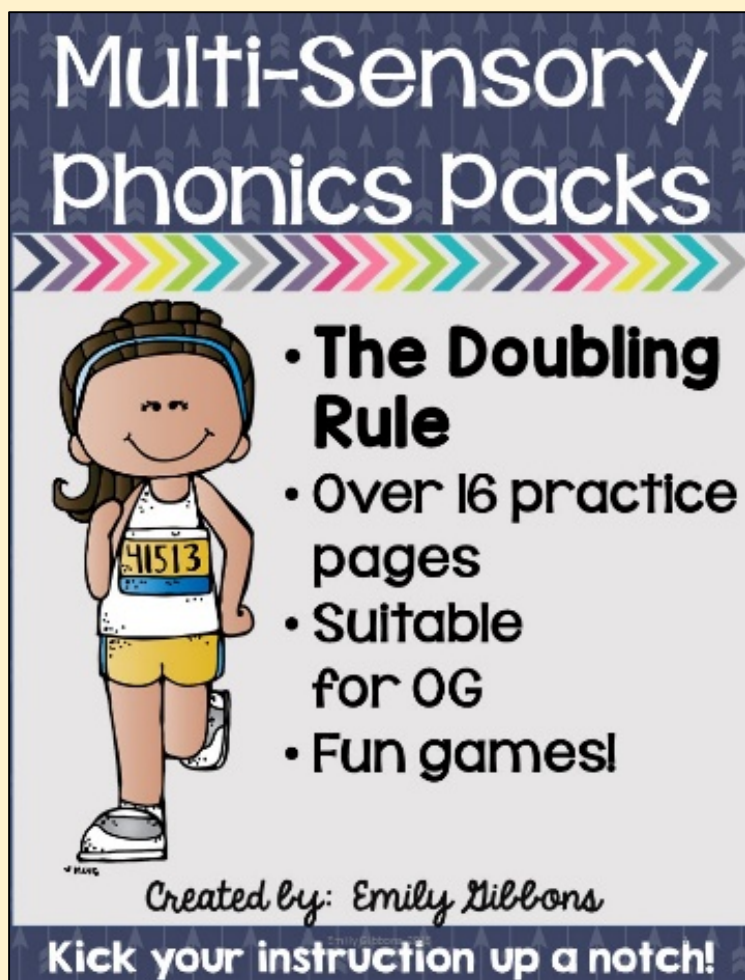
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**NOTE:** Please pay special attention to the Table of Contents. This is the order of instruction I recommend. The text is controlled. You will notice the continued practice of each particular phonogram or spelling skill within the story. I also use the OG learned words (or red words, sight words) within each story. If you're looking for more practice with learned words, [click here](#).

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## Tim The Big Pup

Tim the big pup was tan. Tim had a red bed in the den. Tim was Meg and Rob's pet. Meg and Rob had jobs at the Fit Club. Tim got to tag on with them.

Tim the big pup sat on a mat in Meg and Rob's van. The pals got to the Fit Club. Tim had a nap and the pals went to jog.

Meg and Rob did stop the jog. Tim the big pup did yip. Tim got bit in the leg. It was a red bug. YIP! YIP! Went Tim the big pup. Meg did nab the bug. Rob did pat Tim the big pup.

Highlight all the closed syllable words in yellow.



## Pete and Kate

Pete and Kate were nine. The pals like to use the same bike. If Pete rides the bike on Mule Drive, then Kate will jog. If Kate rides the bike on Mule Drive, then Pete will jog.

Pete and Kate got a cube and tape at the Shape Shop. The pals had the bike to share. Pete did take the bag with the cube and the tape while Kate rode the bike. Kate did glide on the bike while Pete kept a stride next to the bike. Pete and Kate had to bike ride or stride five miles home.

When the pals got home, Pete and Kate did tape the cube to have a game. Pete did toss the game cube. Pete got a five. Then Kate did toss the game cube. Kate got a six. Kate did win the game and did take the bike! Pete did mope when he lost the game. Kate made it up to Pete and the pals did share the bike.

Highlight all the words with VCe syllables in yellow.

# The Mail Boat

Gail had a job to take mail by boat to the next town on the coast. Gail woke up on a gray day to do her job. She liked to read the daily news first. After reading, she needed the mail to reach the town by nine that day.

Gail's boat ran on steam. Steam helped the boat run at top speed. She drove the boat up the coast with bags of mail each day. Then she did bring the mail to the homes and shops. Gail would meet and greet each person she met with a smile.

Once, Gail woke up to a gray day. The steam boat did sway by the dock. It would be hard to go top speed on a gray day to take the mail. Gail would need to take it slow up the coast or she would need a tow.

The sky did grow dark gray and rain did start. Gail's seat on the steam boat got wet with raindrops. The wind did whip and the mail was damp. Gail got the boat up the coast and will wait for the storm to slow.

Highlight all the words with vowel teams in yellow.

# The Hawk Photo

Ashley and Paul were twin siblings who resided in the valley. Ashley enjoyed cooking soup, while Paul played hockey. The twins had different hobbies, but they shared the same interest in hiking.

One morning Paul and Ashley left the valley at dawn to drive to the hills for a day hike. Paul tucked the key to the car in his backpack. Ashley had a drink and a snack for each of them in her backpack.

While hiking, Ashley and Paul saw a hawk swooping over to a nearby tree branch.

“You have to take a photo of that hawk, Ashley!” Paul said. Ashley quickly got her phone to take a photo. The hawk saw them and flew off. The saw the hawk had caught a vole in its beak.

“It’s your fault the hawk flew off, Paul!” Ashley yelled. “You were chewing on your snack so loudly!” Paul felt badly. “You don’t have to yell at me. I didn’t think my chewing was loud. I bet that hawk will try to land on the same tree branch one more time. Let’s wait for it.” The twins waited for the hawk to gain a perfect photo.



# At The Farm Yard

Farmer Bert had a farm in the town of Derby. The farm was two miles north from church and one mile near a marsh where green ferns grew. Farmer Bert had a herd of sheep to care for, pigs for pork, a grape arbor by his porch, a worn out barn, and a plot of land where he grew corn in the summer.

After a harsh winter on the farm, March came and spring started. Some sheep had been hurt in the winter, so Farmer Bert had to get them well soon. When the sheep were well, he got plenty of wool to spin for yarn.

When summer came, Farmer Bert would sit on his porch and play a card game at the end of a long day. He slurped a cold drink when he was thirsty. After a card game he set up a game of darts by the old birch trees.

At the end of summer, it was harvest time on the farm. Farmer Bert had to harvest the corn. In the heat of noon, the sun burned and Farmer Bert's back hurt badly. Life on a farm was hard, but Farmer Bert wished to stay a farmer for life.

# The Donut Shop

Hugo Ruben opened a cozy donut diner in April. He named it the Venus Donut Diner. Keeping a donut diner open each day was a major job for Hugo, but he had lots of help. Judy, his cook, made fresh donuts each morning. Rudy cooked tasty eggs, bacon, spicy home fries and tasty wheat toast. Peter, the short order cook, made quick meals for those who didn't have time to relax. Music filled the Venus Donut Diner from open until close each day.

One day a man rode up to the Venus Donut Diner on a pony. He had just come from a rodeo. He held a trophy in the right hand and the pony's reins in the left hand.

After he hitched the pony to a bike rack, he entered the diner, sat his trophy on the bench beside him and asked to order. Hugo gave him tea, eggs and two donuts. The man requested a refill on tea and later he asked for donuts. When the man left the diner, Hugo looked back to see a huge tip, a trophy, and a photo of the man's pony.

Highlight all the open syllable words in yellow.



# Snow Day

The recent snowstorm sent three feet of snow to cripple our town. It seemed too much to handle on our own. On the first snow day, we tried to head out in the snow, but it was a struggle just to open the door. We had to jiggle the handle. When it opened, my family and I stumbled and bumbled our way to the driveway to find the snow blower. Icicles had formed on the gutters and mounds of snow made it hard to see our vehicle.

Dad had to fiddle with the snow blower, but after a grumble and a mumble, he got it to start up. My sister and I toppled over on a snow bank and made a snowman. Our poodle named Noodle just barked at us by the window. He was all white and we didn't wish for him to get lost.

After Dad finished snow blowing our driveway, we headed back in for hot apple cider, peanut brittle, and peach crumble. Even Noodle the poodle got a little nibble. After snack, we played a game of Scrabble. I can't wait for the next snow day!

Highlight all the consonant + le words in yellow.

## A Trip To Africa?

Velma and Amanda ran a local antenna shop in downtown Atlanta. Beside their shop was a travel agency. The agency was running a sale on a safari trip to Africa. Velma wondered if they could shut the antenna shop down for a week to travel to Africa. Amanda said nothing. She didn't like to be away from the antenna shop for that long. But if they didn't go, Amanda knew she would regret not having taken the trip.

The two went home to think it over. A trip to Africa could be quite a holiday. Both Velma and Amanda would love to go. They would stay in a villa from Monday until Saturday. The safari commuted them all over the grasslands of Kenya to discover new and exotic animals.

Velma and Amanda arrived at the antenna shop the next day. When they saw each other, they both smiled and knew what each other was thinking. The two grabbed their wallets and headed over to the travel shop. "Africa, here we come!"

Highlight all the schwa words in yellow.



## Calvin Ludwig

Calvin Ludwig was a dentist. Calvin had a sunlit home in Dublin. He woke up and said to himself, "I will discuss a trip to a pet shop to get a white rabbit with my pal, Dustin."

Calvin got up, had a bite of muffin and did wipe his chin with a napkin. He went on a bike ride to Dustin's home. Dustin was at home in the den. Calvin went in and said, "Dustin, will you help? A white rabbit is just the pet to get for my dentist shop." Dustin did wish to help Calvin. The pals rode on bikes to the pet shop in Dublin.

When the pals got to the pet shop in Dublin, Calvin was glad. "That white rabbit on the shelf is the rabbit to get!" Calvin said. Dustin said, "Name it Bandit!" Calvin and Dustin got the white rabbit in a box, and got it home.

At sunset, Bandit, the white rabbit did take a nap. Calvin Ludwig made a plan to take Bandit to the dentist shop and felt glad to have a pet rabbit.

Highlight all the VCCV words in yellow.

# Tadpoles

Mike went on a trip to a pond to get tadpoles. Mike will take the tadpoles home. The tadpoles will be frogs.

“Will tadpoles like cupcakes?” Mike did ask. “No,” said Mike’s Mom. “Will tadpoles like pancakes?” Mike did ask? “No,” said Mike’s Mom.

Mike sat and did exhale. Mike did not wish for the tadpoles to be unsafe. Tadpoles were unlike pets Mike had in the past.

Mom did chat with Mike on a bench by the flagpole. “Mike,” said Mom, “The tadpoles will be best at the pond. Take them to the pond so the tadpoles can be frogs.”

Mike went to the pond with the tadpoles the next time at sunrise. The sunshine shone on the pond. Mike did not like to let the tadpoles swim off, but he did wave and went home.

Highlight all the VC/CVCe words in yellow.



# The Landfill Shop

Next to the landfill,  
Sits a shop with stuff.  
Run by a bumpkin,  
It's the Landfill Shop.

Dustpans and handbags,  
Handcuffs and sandbags,  
Pumpkins and sandwiches,  
At the Landfill Shop.

A sandbox, a sandlot,  
A windmill, a sandpit,  
This shop will not sell fluff.  
It's the Landfill Shop.

Highlight all the VCC/CV words in yellow.

## Birthday Surprise

My birthday was last Thursday. I was turning thirteen. My sister wished to plan a surprise party that would surpass all parties I ever had. Mom and Dad used to take us on an overnight to the beach, a trip to the arcade and then grill hamburgers on the grill. This time, my sister was furnishing the party at home with a mermaid theme.

She got starfish plates, cups and napkins. Then she hung lanterns shaped like sea urchins. She painted a sky with a sunburst and mermaids swimming on poster paper. My sister informed all those invited to come at five o'clock.

When I showed up at my home after a long day, I didn't see the party. It was in the corner of the backyard garden. All those who came yelled, "Happy Birthday!" It was a complete surprise to have a party at home. I thanked my sister, Mom and Dad. After cake and gifts, my family handed me a silver box. Inside it was a ring with my birthstone set in it. It was the best mermaid birthday party ever.

Highlight all the r-controlled words in yellow.



# Music Motel

David Otis was an Irish music teacher. He and his wife, Edith ran the Lilac Motel in the summertime on Cape Cod. In the winter, the Lilac Motel was vacant. The two resided there all year long.

One humid Spring day, David Otis and his wife, Edith, were on the porch, playing music at the Lilac Motel. The crocus border had bloomed and the lilacs had begun to open. A nomad named Mavis Ahab showed up looking for a room. She had a topaz hat and a shirt with a robot on it. She held a bag with Felix the Cat and wore a topaz ring.

“Is there a vacant room for me to stay?” asked Mavis Ahab. David and Edith stopped and looked at Mavis. She seemed harmless to them, so they replied, “Yes. Come on in.”

Mavis began to tell them the story of her nomad life and how she wished to find one place to stay, play music and relax in her old age. Davis and Edith no longer had a vacant motel all year round. And Mavis Ahab played back up in their band from that day on.

Highlight all the V/CV words in yellow.

# Weekend At The Cabin

A visit to the cabin was just the thing Robin and Kevin needed last weekend. The two piled in the van and drove north. When they got to the cabin, robins were pecking on the grass in the yard. There was a garden next to the cabin with a radish patch and green beans growing up stakes. Kevin and Robin went inside to get a drink of tonic and unpack.

The cabin felt a bit frigid from the long winter, so they turned up the heat. The back porch of the cabin did exit onto a yard with a dock. The dock had boats tied up for Kevin and Robin to enjoy. There was a vivid view of the lake to admire.

The two got in the boat and dipped a hand in the lake. The lake was not quite tepid, but too frigid for a swim. They kept their denim jackets on and started the boat up. The boat snorted and chuffed but did not start. Robin began to panic, but Kevin stayed relaxed. After a few tries, the boat started up and the two were off for a trip on the lake. The weekend at the cabin was the just the thing they needed to relax.

Highlight all the VC/V words in yellow.



# Dibble Dabble

Who can dibble when they dabble?  
Who can gobble while they wobble?  
Who can mumble when they fumble?  
Who can nibble when they scribble?

I can smuggle when I juggle.  
I can giggle when I wiggle.  
I can grapple with an apple.  
And I can scuffle when I shuffle.

Can you tangle when you mangle?  
Can you cuddle in a puddle?  
Can you handle a candle?  
Or can you fiddle when you riddle?

I can guzzle when I puzzle.  
I can fizzle when I drizzle.  
I can trample on a sample.  
And I can gurgle when I gargle.

Highlight all the c + le words in yellow.

# Project Helpers

Diana and Joey enjoyed different subjects. Diana liked geography and geology. Joey liked biology and reading biographies. They had a genuine friendship. Diana thought Joey's jokes were a riot. Joey thought it was great that Diana could speak fluent Spanish.

Even though they had different interests, they were good friends. Diana was going to help Joey with his nucleus project for biology class, and Joey was going to help Diana with her project on the Suez Canal for geography class.

Both thought going on a trip to the museum would help their projects be more genuine. One Saturday, they spent an entire day at the museum, taking notes. First they went to find a painting of the Suez Canal by Albert Reiger in 1864. Diana sketched and jotted information down in her notebook.

Then they headed to the Biology Hall of the museum. Joey sketched the parts of the cell, included the nucleus, and jotted notes that would help his project. The trip to the museum made their projects a triumph!

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