

Dictation Sounds, Words and Sentences – Beginning Sounds

Skill	Sounds	Words	HFW	Sentences
m a t	m t a t a m	mat, at, am	a, the	
s	s m a s t m	sat, mat, at, am, Sam	I, am	1. I am Sam. 2. Sam is on the mat. 3. Sam sat.
p	p s a t p m	map, sap, tap, pat, mat, sat		1. I tap the map. 2. I sat. 3. Sam sat. Pam sat.
b	b s p a b t	bat, bam, tab sat, mat, tap	see	1. The bat sat. 2. I see the tab. 3. I see a bat.
c	c a p s c b	cab, cap, cat, map, sap, sat		1. I see a cat. 2. Sam is in a cab. 3. I see the cap.
o	o p s m o t	sob, cop, bop, mop, pot, cob	is	1. I can mop. 2. The pot is hot. 3. The cop can mop.
n	n c b n m s	pan, ban, nap man, tan, ban	he	1. The pan is hot. 2. He had a nap. 3. The man is tan.
f	f, s, p n, f, m	fan, fat, tap, bat, cop, rat		1. The fan is on. 2. The cop had a bat. 3. The rat is fat.
h	h, n, c, a, m, h	cap, sat, hat, hop, hot, mat	like	1. I like the hat. 2. The rat can nap on the mat. 3. The sun is hot.
d	b, c, d, f, d, h	mad, sad, cod, dab, pod, dot	my	1. My dad is mad. 2. My dad is sad. 3. I see a cod.

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g	d, g, r, g, e, t	gab, fog, got, hog, gap, bag	into	1. I got a bag. 2. The hog got into the mud. 3. The dog ran into the fog.
i	l, h, c, t, d, i	fig, pin, sit, bin, fin, fit	she	1. I had a fig. 2. Tim can sit. 3. She will not fit.
k	a, k, t, k, n, s	Kim, kin, kid, map, kit, fan		1. Kim is a kid. 2. Jim got a map. 3. The kid got a fan.
r	b, f, r, d, c, r,	rip, rat, rap, ram, rob, rim	go	1. The ram can run. 2. It can go in the rim. 3. The rat can go in.
u	p, h, i, u, m, u	run, rub, dug, nut, cut, sun		1. I can run in the sun. 2. Ted can not go in the sun. 3. I rub the dog.
l	l, p, l, b, s, a	lip, lab, lid, lad, lap, log		1. The lad sat on a log. 2. I bit my lip. 3. The kid sat on my lap.
j	m, j, n, d, j, f	jog, jot, jam, job, jig, jug	do	1. I like jam. 2. I go to my job, 3. Pat can do a jig.
e	h, e, e, s, k, e	den, red, net, hen, pet, beg		1. The red fox is in the den. 2. The hen ran into the pen. 3. I like my pet.
v	a, v, p, r, v, c	sap, vet, sum, vat, van, hat	his	1. The vet had a van. 2. The kid got his hat. 3. I do not like sap.
z	i, v, z, b, m, z	zig, bus, zip, cut, zap, zit		1. I can zip it up. 2. I ran to the bus. 3. I got a cut.

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w	u, n, l, w, f, w	wed, wet, tab, wig, wag, hop		1. The dog got wet. 2. Mom got a wig. 3. Pat can hop up.
y	y, e, o, u, r, y	dig, yum, yes, yam, gum, van	for	1. I can dig for yams. 2. I like gum. 3. Dad got a van.
qu	u, q, q, l, k, m	quiz, quip, quit, quip, quiz, quit,	her	1. Pam had a quiz. 2. Mom quit her job. 3. Dad quit the run.
x	x, v, x, t, k, d	fox, mix, fix, wax, box, sax	on	1. Jen can mix. 2. The cat sat on a box. 3. The fox ran into the den.

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Short a	d, b, c, a, g, a	pad, wag, tap, man, lad, sat		1. The lad sat on the rug. 2. The man ran. 3. I can tap my hat.
Short a	a, k, h, g, a, w	hat, tab, rag, dad, ham, ban,	has	1. Dad has a a hat. 2. I like ham. 3. I got a rag.
Short a	a, r, k, c, m, a	van, can, mat, rat, lap, sad,		1. Pam is sad. 2. I can run a lap. 3. The rat ran into the van.
Short a	r, a, a, v, l, z	dab, wax, nap, pat, gap, yam		1. Pam can nap. 2. I like yams. 3. Dad can gab.
Short e	e, h, n, e, l, c	leg, get, jet, met, pet, web	his	1. He put his leg in the web. 2. Tim got on the jet. 3. Kim got a pet cat.
Short e	w, p, c, e, e, t	led, red, beg, fed, net, vet		1. Pat got a net. 2. The vet got a dog. 3. I like red.
Short e	f, j, v, e, n, e	hem, den, pen, peg, ten, men		1. Max ran to the den. 2. The men sat in the den. 3. I got a red pen.
Short e	e, w, e, x, q, n	bed, wed, hen, wet, set, Meg		1. Meg got into bed. 2. The cat is wet. 3. The hen ran into the pen.
Short u	x, u, d, u, b, t	rug, cut, pup, sun, bud, hug		1. The pup sat on the rug. 2. I can hug my mom. 3. I sat in the sun.
Short u	u, j, y, l, h, u	nut, gum, dug, bun, mud, tub		1. Jim got in the tub. 2. Kim had gum. 3. Pam had a bun.

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Short i	i, v, m, k, i, c	dim, bit, hid, kit, pit, kid	his	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. He bit his lip. 2. The kid hid from his mom. 3. The kid is big.
Short i	j, i, s, v, i, t	win, him, hit, big, sit, mix	with	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tim can win the run. 2. Mom has to mix it. 3. I sit with my dad
Short i	h, n, t, i, d, i	rid, wig, rig, tin, fin, rip	one	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I see a fin! 2. My mom has one wig. 3. I will rip the tin.
Short i	i, i, p, h, l, f	zip, fig, rib, sip, pin, six	have	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ted got hit in his rib. 2. Zip it up! 3. I have six pins.
Short o	x, y, o, g, c, o	hop, pod, cob, fog, bob, pot	down	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bob can hop up and down. 2. Rob got to his job. 3. Bob and Rob can run.
Short o	o, l, n, o, d, w	hog, jog, top, nod, dog, rob,	or, no	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I can jog with the dog. 2. I nod yes or no. 3. The hog and the dog run.
Short o	p, o, t, v, r, o	rot, pop, log, box, sob, mob		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A wet log can rot. 2. The kid sat on the box. 3. Dad sat on the log.
Short o	b, o, k, o, o, q	job, dot, mom, mop, hot, cop	move	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. My mom is a cop. 2. My dad and mom have to move. 3. Kim got a big job.

Dictation Sounds, Words and Sentences – Floss+z Rule

Skill	Sounds	Words	HFW	Sentences
ss	a, ss, i, ss, m, c	mess, pass, fuss, press, miss, dress	me	1. My dress is red with dots. 2. Pass it to me! 3. I like Miss Smith.
ff	l, t, ff, ss, o, b	puff, cuff, off, cliff, sniff, stiff		1. I ran to the top of the cliff. 2. The dog sniffs the cat. 3. My leg is stiff.
ll	ff, ll, v, d, ss, c	well, tell, bell, fill, sell, bull		1. I will fill my cup. 2. The bell is big. 3. Ted can sell his hen.
zz	ll, i, zz, ss, ff, a	buzz, jazz, fuzz, fizz, buzz, jazz	play	1. The dress had fuzz on it. 2. My dad can play jazz. 3. The bug will buzz.

Dictation Sounds, Words and Sentences – Digraphs

Skill	Sounds	Words	HFW	Sentences
sh	m, r, j, sh, u, sh	ship, posh, rash, sash, fish, dish	put	1. The red fish swam fast. 2. Mom put fish on the dish. 3. Tim has a red rash.
ch	ch, t, sh, x, ch, c	chap, chin, chat, chip, chop, Chet		1. I hit my chin on the steps. 2. Mom put chips in my lunch. 3. Liz and Sal like to chat.
th (unvoiced)	z, th, th, y, sh, ch	math, moth, Bath, thin, path, with		1. I like math the best. 2. The cat is thin. 3. I can play with Tom.
th (voiced)	th, g, b, ch, sh, th	them, then, that, this, than, thus		1. I will chat with them. 2. I like to play this and that. 3. That was a good shot!
ck	ck, a, v, ck, n, o	rock, pack, shuck, pick, deck, shack		1. I see a rock in the grass. 2. Mom sat on the deck of the shack. 3. Mom and dad pack the truck.
wh	wh, p, f, d, wh, w	when, whip, whisk, which, whiz, whim		1. Which snack is the best? 2. I am a spelling whiz. 3. Jen ran off on a whim.
ph	fr, cr, ph, gr, pr, ph	phone, graph, dolphin, photo, alphabet, phobia		1. I ran to grab the phone. 2. The dolphin swims and jumps. 3. Mom got a photo of me.

Blends – L Blends

Skill	Sounds	Words	HFW	Sentences
bl	bl, ch, bl, wh, ck, th,	blob, bled, blot, blunt, blab, blip		1. Do you see the big blob? 2. Pam will blot the ink. 3. The tip was blunt.
cl	cl, ck, cl, ch, sh, wh	clam, clap, clip, club, clog, clot	eat	1. I like to eat clams. 2. Deb claps her hands. 3. Tim and Ted have a club.
fl	sh, fl, bl, cl, ch, fl,	flip, flop, flap, flat, flag, flab		1. The duck can flap his wings. 2. The flag can flip in the wind. 3. The top of the hill was flat.
gl	fl, gl, ck, bl, gl, cl	glass, glad, glob, glib, glum, glen		1. I had a drink from my glass. 2. Glen is glad to be in bed. 3. Tom was sad and glum.
pl	gl, fl, th, bl, pl, pl,	plan, plug, plant, plus, plum, plot		1. Mom will plan a big trip. 2. The plant is big. 3. Dan likes plums.

Blends – R Blends

Skill	Sounds	Words	HFW	Sentences
br	sh, br, wh, ff, ck, br	brag, brim, bred bran, Brad, brat		1. Brad went for a swim. 2. Jim likes to brag. 3. The hat has a big brim.
cr	th, zz, ss, cr, br, cr	crab, crop, crib, cram, crag, crash	into	1. The crab ran on the sand. 2. Trish slept in her crib. 3. Do not crash into the bed.
dr	cr, dr, ch, dr, ll, th	drag, drip, drop, drum, drab, drill	we	1. I drag the box to the steps. 2. We drop off the drill. 3. Kim can play the drums.
fr	fr, cr, zz, dr, fr, ck	frog, fret, fresh, from, Fran		1. The frog can jump on a log. 2. Fran ran to the flag. 3. Mike ran from Tim.
gr	gr, ch, dr, ss, gr, cr	grab, grub, grad, grim, grill, grin		1. Dad put hot dogs on the grill. 2. I grin at my mom. 3. Do not grab the cat.

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pr	ff, pr, pl, wh, th, pr	prop, prod, prep, pram, prom, prim		1. Liz and Rod went to the prom. 2. Do not prod the dog. 3. I will prep for my math test.
tr	dr, fr, sh, pr, bl, tr	trap, trot, trip, trim, trod, tram		1. The rat got stuck in the trap. 2. Peg went on a trip. 3. Dad will trim the bush.
shr	ch, ll, shr, br, shr, gr	shred, shrink, shrimp, shrub, shrug, shrill		1. I put shrimp in my dish. 2. The pants will shrink. 3. Dad can cut the shrubs.
thr	th, thr, thr, cl, ck, fl	throb, thrill, thrust		1. I got hit and my bump throb. 2. I run and jump for the thrill. 3. I thrust my fist into the air!

Blends – S Blends

Skill	Sounds	Words	HFW	Sentences
sk	th, sk, fr, gr, sk, tr	skin, skim, skip, skid, skit, skunk		1. I see a bump on my skin. 2. The van will skid to a stop. 3. Jen likes to skip.
sl	sl, ck, dr, sl, bl, ch	slam, slid, sled, slop, slap, slip	want	1. Tim did not want to slip. 2. Jen slid on her sock. 3. Jack is on a sled.
sp	pr, zz, pl, sp, sh, sp	spin, spot, spam, span, sped, spun		1. Pat will spin the top. 2. I spot a fox in the grass. 3. The van sped up.
st	st, th, br, st, ff, ll	stop, stun, stab, stem, stash, step		1. I ran up the steps. 2. Do not stop to chat. 3. I see a stash of bills.
sw	cr, ss, sw, cl, sw, wh	swim, swish, swam, swift, swig, swing		1. Ken can swim ten laps. 2. Jill swam to the sand. 3. Ted has a swig of his drink.
squ	ll, squ, squ, ff, ck, tr	squish, squint, squid		1. Greg can squish the mud. 2. I squint to see the dog. 3. The squid swam fast.

Ending Blends

Skill	Sounds	Words	HFW	Sentences
mp	mp, sw, pr, cl, mp, sp	dump, ramp, camp, bump, blimp, lamp		1. Sam dumps the sand. 2. I like to camp with dad. 3. Mom got a big lamp.
nd	fl, gr, gl, nd, nd, dr	end, bond, band, stand, bend, send		1. I will send a box of gifts to Meg. 2. Peg can bend and jump. 3. I stand up to see the dog.
st	st, st, tr, bl, br, mp	west, list, test, best, fest, dust		1. I have a math test. 2. Jim is my best pal. 3. Mom will dust.
ft	sk, ft, pl, ft, cr, sl	soft, raft, lift, gift, left, raft		1. Dad lifts me up. 2. Pam swam off the raft. 3. I give Tim a big gift.
sp	fr, dr, sp, sw, br, sp	rasp, clasp, grasp, crisp, wasp, gasp	open were	1. I grasp the twig. 2. The clasp fell open. 3. The chips were crisp.
sk	bl, st, sk, cl, tr, sk	ask, disk, mask, desk, risk, task		1. I ask my mom for a snack. 2. My mask is pink. 3. The kid sits at his desk.
nt	fl, pr, nt, cr, nt, gl	sent, bent, went, hint, hunt, mint		1. My dad likes to hunt. 2. I went to bed. 3. Mom sent a gift in a box.

Tripe Blends

Skill	Sounds	Words	HFW	Sentences
str, spr, spl, scr	str, spl, spr, mp, sp, scr	script, strict, strap, sprint, splint, split, scrub, sprig	read	1. Jim and Pat sprint to the end. 2. Dad will scrub the grill. 3. I read the script with Trish.

Nasal Blends

Skill	Sounds	Words	HFW	Sentences
ng	g, x, ng, m, ng, d	song, ring, bang, king, sting, sang		1. The king sat on the throne. 2. I sang a song with my mom. 3. Dad gave mom a ring.
nk	h, f, ng, t, ng, c	sank, pink, mink, link, sink, rink		1. The pig was pink and tan. 2. I sank into the mud. 3. I put my dish in the sink.

Dictation Sounds, Words and Sentences – Long Vowels

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a-e	z, s, o, y, u, w	rake, mate, grape, plate, bake, cape		1. I can rake the grass. 2. The plate is full of cake. 3. I put on my cape.
o-e	a, n, j, b, m, h,	code, robe, cone, tote, slope, rope		1. Ted ran up the slope. 2. I jumped over the cone. 3. Mom has a robe.
i-e	t, l, i, f, q, p,	bite, pike, time, pipe, lime, pine		1. I take a bite if the hot dog. 2. I see a big pine tree. 3. I will get five limes.
e-e	x, d, r, g, e, v,	here, these, mere, gene, theme, eve	love	1. I like these cakes. 2. The theme of the play is love. 3. Meet me here at lunch.
u-e	p, k, e, l, m, d	cute, mule, cube fuse, pure, cure		1. I see the cute pup. 2. The mule is in the pen. 3. Jeff plays with cube blocks.
u-e /oo/	u, s, oo, n, oo, r	flute, tube, rule, June, dune, tune	good	1. I will be ten in June. 2. I can sing a tune. 3. That is a good rule.
Open Syllables	l, g, s, o, a, d	flu, go, hi, me, no, she		1. I will go home. 2. She will play in the game. 3. Mom and dad will play with me.

Dictation Sounds, Words and Sentences – Vowel Teams

Skill	Sounds	Words	HFW	Sentences
Long a - ai	i, ai, b, ai, l, o	paid, rain, tail, brain, hail, maid		1. Jen sang in the rain. 2. I have a big brain! 3. Dad paid the bill.
Long a - ay	k, r, y, ay, ay, p	say, hay, clay, play, fray, day	all	1. Jen likes to play with Fran. 2. Jay made a cup with the clay. 3. I want to play all day.
Long e - ee	ee, s, ee, n, e, w	green, feed, keep, sleep, weep, beep	book	1. The cat sleeps on the bed. 2. The kid will keep the book. 3. The grass is green.
Long e - ea	d, ea, ee, n, ea, r	meat, peak, leap, cheap, bead, read		1. I run and leap in the rain. 2. My lunch was cheap. 3. I will read to my mom.
Long i - y	ea, y, q, y, z, b	cry, dry, fry, sty, try, why	are	1. The dishes are dry. 2. I will fry the fish. 3. Luke will try his best.
Long o - oa	f, g, oa, ai, oa, p	coat, foal, goal, goat, boat, coal		1. The foal ran in the pen. 2. I will feed the goats. 3. Dad will ride in the boat.

Dictation Sounds, Words and Sentences – Diphthongs

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oo (as in zoo)	i, oo, a, oo, h, v	zoo, pool, cool, boo, moo, root		1. Cam and Kim go to the zoo. 2. I cool off in the pool. 3. The tree had big roots.
oo (as in book)	oo, a, oo, t, c, k	book, cook, look, foot, took, hook		1. I hit my foot on the tire. 2. I use a hook to catch a fish. 3. I will look for my mom and dad.
ou	ou, r, w, ou, m, s	shout, loud, mouth, found, round, pound	too	1. The pie is round. 2. The tunes are too loud. 3. My dad does not shout.
oi	t, o, m, oi, y, oi	coin, boil, soil, foil, join, oink		1. Mom will boil the crabs. 2. I will join Jack in the play. 3. The pig went oink.
oy	e, oy, h, a, w, oy	toy, boy, soy, joy, Roy, ploy		1. I have five toys. 2. The boy likes to read. 3. Roy will play with Jan.
aw	b, aw, n, l, aw, q	claw, raw, paw, saw, flaw, jaw		1. Pete saw a fox. 2. The ball hit my jaw. 3. The dog hit his paw.

Dictation Sounds, Words and Sentences – R Controlled Vowels

Skill	Sounds	Words	HFW	Sentences
ar	m, ar, d, ar, r, u	car, barn, star, far, park, dark		1. The car drove fast. 2. I see a big star in the dark. 3. I will play on the swings at the park.
or	ar, d, p, or, v, or	born, horn, fork, corn, porch, thorn,		1. The fawn was born in the forest. 2. I cut my hand on the thorn. 3. My mom likes to sit on the porch.
er/ir/ur	e, ur, ir, i, er, b	clerk, surf, burn, skirt, bird, fern	your	1. Do not burn your hand. 2. Peg will put on a pink skirt. 3. The clerk gave him some coins.

Dictation Sounds, Words and Sentences – Other Sounds

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Silent Digraphs – kn	s, j, kn, f, kn, g	knob, knot, knee, knife, knit, knelt		1. I will tie a knot. 2. I cut my knee. 3. My mom likes to knit.
Silent Digraphs – wr	wr, v, f, wr, c, z	wrist, wreck, write, wren, wrap, wrest		1. Jim has a cast on his wrist. 2. I like to write. 3. Mom will wrap the gifts.
Silent Digraphs – mb	a, g, f, mb, b, mb	thumb, numb, comb, lamb, limb, crumb		1. Kim cut her thumb. 2. I got my comb from the shelf. 3. My hands are numb from the ice.
Compound Words	p, nd, e, l, nd, t	pancake, toothbrush, cupcake, rainbow, cowboy, starfish		1. I see a starfish in the sand. 2. I like to eat cupcakes. 3. The cowboy went to the farm.
y saing e	x, w, y, d, s, y	candy, handy, cloudy, enemy, easy, rainy		1. Kim likes candy the best. 2. It is a rainy day. 3. The book was easy to read.
Sounds of y and igh	y, y, igh, m, igh, z	sigh, high, fight, light, night, might		1. I see the stars at night. 2. Dad might get candy. 3. The bird sat high in the tree.
2 Syllables – le	le, q, g, o, le, r	bubble, table, puzzle, turtle, napkin, pencil		1. I have a red pencil. 2. My mom ate at the table. 3. I can do a puzzle with Tom.

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2 Syllables VCCV Pattern	n, h, k, r, h, b	fabric, tablet, basket, sunset, candid, sunlit		1. I got fabric to make the pants. 2. Hal likes to play on his tablet. 3. I put the bread in the basket.
Soft c	w, j, i, b, z, f,	city, ice, cent, mice, rice face		1. I will have ice in my drink. 2. The mice ran into the hole. 3. I like to have hot dogs and rice.
ge/ dge	ge, dge, n, r, dge, ge	judge, ridge, fudge, edge, dodge, lodge		1. I sat on the edge of the cliff. 2. My mom likes fudge. 3. I will sit with dad at the lodge.
Silent Digraphs – kn	d, p, kn, v, x, kn	knob, knot, knee, knife, knit, knock		1. I have a knot in my laces. 2. My dad knocks on the door. 3. I cut the meat with a knife.
2 Syllables VCV Pattern	q, h, t, e, j, n	robot, silent, humid, tulip, soda, fever		1. The robot will clean my home. 2. I like to plant tulips. 3. My dad got some soda.
ed /t/	ed, l, ed, y, s, k	worked, kicked, liked, jumped Helped, looked		1. I worked at the store with my dad. 2. Jen kicked the ball in the goal. 3. I looked for my lost cat.
ed /d/	r, o, ed, ed, u, i	played, loved, smelled, opened, called, used		1. I played with my dog. 2. Mom opened my gift. 3. Dad smelled the rose.

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ed /ed/	ed, w, a, z, c, ed	planted, skated, voted, started, wanted, needed		1. Kate planted a bush in the yard. 2. Mom and dad voted. 3. Jane needed a nap.
eigh	x, p, eigh, v, d, eigh	eight, weigh, sleigh, freight, eighty, eighteen		1. I have eight pens. 2. The sleigh slid in the snow. 3. I have eighteen bucks!
ui	h, b, m, ui, ui, q	suit, suitcase, cruise, fruit, juice, cruise		1. I like fruit best in pie. 2. My mom went on a cruise. 3. I have juice in my cup.