



# EASY READERS

## Set 1

### Short vowels (7 Stories)

#### **Bad Cat (short 'a')**

Dad was mad.  
Dad was mad at Max the cat.  
Max the cat was being bad.  
What did he do?  
Max sat on Dad's hat. Bad cat!  
Max put ham and jam on the mat. Bad cat!  
Max put a rag in Mum's new bag. Bad cat!  
Max put a big fat rat under the tap. Bad cat!  
Dad got mad at Max the cat.  
"Stop being bad!" he yelled at Max.  
Max the cat was sad - but he stopped being bad.  
Dad was glad (and so was the rat).

#### **Let's Get Wet (short 'e')**

Ned and Ted loved to get wet.  
Playing in the bath before bed,  
"Let's get wet!" said Ned and Ted.  
Finding a hose in Grandpa's shed,  
"Let's get wet!" said Ned and Ted.  
Washing their friendly pet dog Fred,  
"Let's get wet!" said Ned and Ted.  
Splashing in the mud as the hens were fed,  
"Let's get wet!" said Ned and Ted.  
BUT...a smelly old egg breaking on Ned's head?  
"Yuck! Let's NOT get wet!" said Ned and Ted.

## **Is it fun? (short 'i')**

Is it fun to sit on a pin?

Is it fun to fall in the bin?

NO!

Is it fun to bite your lip?

Is it fun to hear your pants rip?

NO!

BUT...

Is it fun to dig in the sand?

Is it fun to sing in a band?

YES!

Is it fun to win a race?

Is it fun to sit in a secret place?

YES!

Is it fun to wear a wig on your head?

Is it fun to have a pig in your bed?

What do you think? Yes or No?

## **Bob the Frog (short 'o')**

Bob the frog was feeling odd.

Why was Bob the frog feeling odd?

Well, on Monday he got lost in a fog.

On Tuesday he got chased by a dog.

On Wednesday morning he tripped on a rock.

On Thursday he got stuck in a sock.

On Friday he yelled, "STOP! I've had enough.

What a horrible week, it's sure been tough!"

So, on Saturday he stayed at home in his log.

He read a book about a superhero frog.

By Sunday he had stopped feeling odd...

And that's the story of Bob the Frog.

## **Yum, Yum, Yum (short 'u')**

A tub of ice-cream is yum, yum, yum -

BUT a tub of snails is yuck, yuck, yuck.

A cup of lollies is yum, yum, yum -

BUT a cup of worms is yuck, yuck, yuck.

Pumpkin soup is yum, yum, yum -  
BUT bubbling bug soup is yuck, yuck, yuck.  
A soft warm bun is yum, yum, yum -  
BUT a soft warm slug is yuck, yuck, yuck.  
A mug of hot chocolate is yum, yum, yum -  
BUT a mug of grubs is yuck, yuck, yuck.  
A fluffy cupcake is yum, yum, yum -  
AND a fluffy pup is fun, fun, FUN!

### **I Wish (Revision of short vowels)**

I wish, I wish, I had a big fish,  
I'd swim and swim all day with him.

I wish, I wish, I could fly in a jet,  
Right up to the stars, to see how far I could get.

I wish, I wish I had a magic hen,  
That laid golden eggs with lots of treasure in them.

I wish, I wish I could win a race,  
To run and run and get first place.

I wish, I wish I had a giant cat,  
It would wag its tail when I gave it a pat.

I wish, I wish I lived in a lolly shop,  
I'd eat all day and never stop.

I wish, I wish... What do you wish?

### **Oh No! (Revision of short vowels)**

I saw a big fin when I went for a swim.  
"Oh no!" I said. "A shark! Get me away from him!"

I saw a black bat sitting on our cat.  
"Oh no!" I said. "Please get rid of that!"

I saw a red dog follow me to the shop.  
"Oh no!" I said. "Please make it stop!"

I saw a big spider come into my tent.  
“Oh no!” I said. “Did you see where it went?”

I saw an ugly slug lying on the rug.  
“Oh no!” I said. “It wants to give me a hug!”

I saw my mum get rid of the shark, the bat, the spider, the dog and the slug.  
“Oh yes!” I said. And ran to give her a biiiiiiig hug!

## Set 2

### Simple Consonant Beginning Blends (5 Stories)

#### Play All Day ('l' family)

Climb, climb, climb up the slide.  
Let's sit down and take a ride.  
I can play, play all day!

Flap, flap, try to fly.  
Lift off the ground, into the sky.  
I can play, play all day!

Slip, slip, slip in the mud.  
Let's fall down with a thud.  
I can play, play all day!

Bang, bang, bang on the drum,  
Not too loud to upset Mum.  
I can play, play all day!

Blow, blow, blow the candles out.  
Hip hip hooray all of us shout!  
I can play, play all day!

## **The Little Green Crab ('r' family)**

The little green crab was feeling down,  
"I'm tired of being green," she said with a frown.

So she crushed magic fruit and made a drink -  
Would she turn brown or purple or pink?

BUT the magical drink made her whole body freeze,  
So she sat in the warmth - then moved with ease.

BUT too much bright sun made her shell start to crack,  
So she rolled in the sand till her smooth shell was back.

BUT too much warm sand made her eyes red raw,  
So she crawled in the sea till the red was no more.

"Maybe trying to change is not the best thing,  
"I think I'll stay green," she said with a grin.

## **Have You Ever... ('s' blends)**

Have you ever seen a starfish up in the sky?  
Or a huge spider trying to fly?

Have you ever seen a snail that walks?  
Or a snake smiling while it talks?

Have you ever seen a spade in the sand trying to grow?  
Or ridden a scooter in the snow?

Have you ever seen a scary skeleton on a slide?  
Or watched a slug on a bike trying to ride?

Have you ever seen a spoon stand up tall?  
Or gone for a swim inside a sparkly beach ball ?

Did you say “YES” to any of these?  
If you did, can you show me one day please?

### **At the Playground (Revision)**

At the playground there’s a big steep slide,  
So I tried to be brave and climbed up for a ride.  
WOW! I climbed up high and looked down below,  
Now I’m not too scared to have another go.

At the playground there’s a wibbly wobbly swing,  
So I tried to be brave and sat on that scary thing.  
WOW! I felt so free when I was swinging up high,  
I started to think that maybe I could fly.

At the playground there’s a big round frame you can climb,  
So I tried to be brave, slowly took my time.  
WOW! What great fun it is to climb to the top,  
Once I started, I just couldn’t stop!

At the playground, there’s a bar way up high,  
So I tried to be brave and I tried not to cry.  
WOW! I hung from the bar and swung my legs to and fro,  
Why I was scared I really don’t know!

At the playground, there’s a lot to explore,  
And guess what? I’m not so scared any more.

### **Crazy Dreams (Revision)**

Last night when I was asleep in my bed,  
Some crazy dreams appeared in my head.

I dreamed I saw a tiny blue snail,  
That left behind a bright glowing trail.

I dreamed I was floating up in the sky,  
In a small paper plane that had just learnt to fly.

I dreamed I saw fruit growing in a tree,  
With sweet little faces smiling at me.

I dreamed I found a special brown stick,  
That did magic tricks when you gave it a flick.

I dreamed I was driving a super fast train,  
That sparkled and glittered if it started to rain.

So tonight when I go to sleep in my bed,  
I hope more crazy dreams pop into my head.

## **Set 3**

### **Consonant Digraphs (6 Stories)**

#### **Charlie the Chatterbox (ch words)**

Charlie the chatterbox loved to chat,  
He would chat to the dog and chat to the cat.  
He would chat to the children at the merry-go-round,  
He would chat to the chickens as he chased them around.

When Charlie was chewing he still loved to chatter,  
Cheese or chocolate, it was really no matter.  
And every single chance that he got,  
Charlie would chat, chat, chat - he chatted A LOT!

One night during dinner he was chomping his chips,  
And he wanted to chat, so he opened his lips.  
“No!” choked his dad. “Charlie, first finish your food!”  
“Chatting while eating is really quite rude!”

Now Charlie has changed, he knows what to do -  
He checks if he’s chatting while trying to chew.  
His dad helped him choose and he now knows the rule:  
That chatting while eating is really NOT cool.

#### **Shower Fun (sh words)**

Shout “Hooray!” it’s shower time,  
Time to splash and play -  
Under sheets of shining water,

A fun way to end the day.

Turn on the shiny silver taps,  
And watch the water gush.  
Shiver till it's nice and warm,  
Step in slowly, please don't rush.

Shut the door and start to wash,  
With soap shaped like a shell.  
Scrub your face until it shines,  
Maybe shampoo your hair as well.

Shake your head under the spray,  
Splash water everywhere.  
Draw your shape on foggy glass,  
With funny shoes and shaggy hair.

Turn off the taps, hot then cold,  
Shake your body left and right.  
Feeling fresh and clean and warm.  
I can't wait for the next shower night!

## **The Three Little Blackbirds (th words)**

Three little blackbirds lived in a nest,  
All thought they were so much better than the rest.  
Each had thick lovely feathers you see,  
“Aren't we thrilling!” they said to their tree.

One day a little brown thrush asked to play with them too,  
The blackbirds said, “There's nothing special about you!  
Poor silly thing, you're ugly and thin, just leave us alone.”  
With that, the poor little thrush flew rather sadly home.

Later the thrush was flying through the trees,  
She heard them yell, “Oh save us, help us, help us please!”  
The thrush looked up and was shocked to see -  
A naughty sly thief was climbing up the tree.

The little brown thrush forgot about their harsh words,  
She threw herself at the thief so he could not reach those birds.  
The three little blackbirds cried, “Thank you, you've saved the day!”



And they never again told her that she could not play.

### **When I Was One (wh words)**

What did I do when I was one?  
Did I spend the whole day having fun?  
Did I whirl the wheels of a small toy truck?  
While playing in the bath with my white rubber duck?

What did I do when I was two?  
Did I wonder why the sky was blue?  
Did I brush my teeth to keep them white?  
And ask who would tuck me in at night?

What did I do when I was three?  
Did I think I'd grow up as tall as a tree?  
Did I learn to whisper in your ear?  
Did I whine with fear when a dog came near?

What did I do when I was four?  
Did I whistle until my lips got sore?  
Did I help my Mum to whisk the eggs?  
Or whiz along picking up the pegs?

What did I do when I was five?  
Did I wonder why bees live in a hive?  
Did I ask, "Why can't I live on the moon?"  
Or "When can I ride in a hot air balloon?"

What will do I when I grow tall?  
I'll do lots of those things and so much more!

### **Thumps and Thuds (Revision ch, sh, th, wh)**

Thump, thump, thump!  
What's that noise?  
I think it's an elephant throwing its toys.

Thud, thud, thud!  
What's that sound?  
A thousand children jumping up and down.

Shh, Shh, Shh!  
What's that I heard?  
A cheeky mouse chasing a bird.

Cheep, cheep, cheep!  
What was that?  
Three baby chicks having a little chat.

Whoosh, whoosh, whoosh!  
What's that in the sky?  
A whale with wings flying by.

Chomp, chomp, chomp!  
What could that be?  
A toy shark with sharp teeth trying to eat me!

## **What is Bigger Than? (Revision ch, sh, th, wh)**

What is bigger than a whale?  
A pirate ship, a dinosaur's tail?

What is whiter than the snow?  
A sheet of paper, a polar bear's toe?

What is thinner than a snake?  
A piece of thread, a garden rake?

What is sharper than a thorn on a rose?  
Pointy shark teeth, a sawfish's nose?

What is sweeter than a cherry?  
A chocolate cheesecake, a fresh strawberry?

What is louder than a lion's roar?  
A thunder clap, waves crashing to shore?

What is funnier than a clown?  
A cheeky monkey, my pants falling down?

What is the best picture in this book?  
Read it again and take a look!

## Set 4

### Long Vowels (6 Stories)

#### **The Amazing Ape (a-e words)**

One day when I was walking by the lake,  
I looked up high and saw an ape.

I got ready to run away, just in case,  
But then I saw its friendly face.

“My name is Jake,” he said with a smile,  
“Stay and play with me for a while.”

He made funny faces so I did the same,  
We played hide and seek, he’s so good at that game!

I gave him some grapes I had brought for a snack,  
I gave him the bag, but he ate the whole pack!

We raced each other along the shore,  
And chased each other until we were sore.

We said our goodbyes at the end of the day,  
“Jake you’re amazing,” I said. “I wish I could stay!”

So whenever I am down by the lake,  
I always look for Jake the amazing ape.

#### **Would You Like? (i-e words)**

Would you like to ride your bike all day?  
Or would you like to invite some mice over to play?

Would you like to play games all the time?  
Or would you like to go swimming in gooey green slime?

Would you like to go skating on slippery ice?

Or would you like to lie on fluffy white rice?

Would you like to win a prize at the fair?

Or would you like to let a friendly tiger brush your hair?

Would you like to slip down a HUGE water slide?

Or would you like to hold onto a kite and go for a ride?

So many fun things that you can do,  
I can think of five more. What about you?

### **Close Your Eyes (o-e words)**

Close your eyes,  
What can you taste?  
An ice-cream cone,  
Full of toothpaste.

Close your eyes,  
What can you hear?  
A tiny phone ringing  
Inside your ear.

Close your eyes,  
What can you feel?  
A dinosaur bone,  
I hope it's real.

Close your eyes,  
What can you smell?  
Smoke from a dragon's nose?  
I really can't tell.

Open your eyes,  
What can you see?  
A moving rope,  
Wriggling towards me?

Is this a joke?  
No, it's a snake! HELP!!

## **Follow the Rules (u-e words)**

Follow the rules when you cross the street,  
Don't walk on your hands; use your feet.

Follow the rules when you go to the zoo,  
Don't feed the huge lion even if it smiles at you.

Follow the rules when you brush your teeth at night,  
Don't squeeze the tube of toothpaste too tight.

Follow the rules when you see a cute dog at the park,  
Don't pat it in case its teeth are sharp.

Follow the rules when you're singing a tune,  
Don't sing too loud or you'll be sent to your room.

Try to follow the rules wherever you go,  
You'll learn more and more and more as you grow.

## **The Lonely Dragon (Revision a-e, i-e, o-e, u-e)**

There was once a dragon. She lived in her cave all alone.  
She was lonely and sad so she just stayed at home.

Whenever she would take a walk during the day,  
Any person that saw her would just run away.

She tried to smile at them with her mouth open wide,  
But that only made them scream and hide.

One day a mean wizard made a terrible wish,  
He froze the town lake so people couldn't catch any fish.

"We'll starve!" the people all cried.  
"We need to eat fish to stay alive!"

So a little girl named Kate, who was really quite brave,  
Chose to knock on the door of the dragon's cave.

Kate told the dragon all about the lake,  
And the dragon knew what action to take.

She breathed fire over the lake and melted all the ice.  
The people all cheered when they saw that the dragon was nice.

So from that day on, the dragon made lots of new friends,  
And was so happy to know she would never be lonely again.

### **Five White Mice (Revision a-e, i-e, o-e, u-e)**

Once upon a time, there were five white mice.  
They liked each other and were all very nice.

The first little mouse loved to wear roller skates,  
She'd take turns with the others skating on big dinner plates.

The second little mouse drove a tiny red car,  
He'd take the others for rides, driving near and far.

The third little mouse skipped with a rope all day,  
If the others wanted to join in they were welcome to play.

The fourth little mouse played tunes on his flute,  
He would play for the others dressed in a tiny black suit.

The fifth little mouse baked lots of cupcakes,  
She'd make them for the others to eat with milkshakes.

At the end of each day, they'd sit together and sing,  
Knowing that having nice friends is a wonderful thing.