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# TERM ONE | WEEKS 1-4

# Up to speed

The first four weeks of Teacher Book D are designed to bring new students up to speed quickly, and provide a refresher for existing students. Students review and practice phonological awareness, handwriting, the phonograms, base words and endings, grammar and sentences. Students also go through a rules review of 120 words from the previous word lists, which cover all the rules learned so far.

It is recommended to have available a copy of Teacher Books A, B and C, plus single copies of Workbooks 1–8. These will assist greatly in review – providing word and rules reference, teaching pointers and whole-class exercises.







**Phonological awareness** is a set of skills that show a student's ability to distinguish and manipulate words, rhymes, syllables and other word parts.

Before moving into the written skills of English (reading, writing and spelling), it is helpful if a child has an awareness of different aspects of sound in a word – e.g. being able to hear individual sounds in words, hearing and enjoying the repetition of sounds (alliteration), rhyming words and vowel changes in words.

Much of this awareness may take place in the early pre-school years without the child realising it, but if there has been little or no exposure to literature and language in the home, students may need extra assistance in developing these skills.

A detailed explanation of phonological awareness appears in the introductory pages of the LEM Phonics Manual.



# Student activities

These activities may be done concurrently or over several days, depending on class size. Phonological awareness is one of the best early indicators for reading and spelling ability, and it is important to identify any students who may require extra assistance in this area.

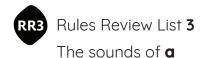
- **1. Phonological awareness test** Administer the phonological awareness test found in the *LEM Phonics Manual*, the *Reproducibles* section or as a digitally fillable PDF at **www.lemphonics.com/downloads**.
- **2. Rhyming** Locate several children's poems which use frequent rhymes. Read each stanza of the poem aloud without the last rhyming word and have students complete it, with the actual word or one of their own rhyming words.
- **3. Counting** Find a passage of prose and read aloud various selections: have students count the number of words in a particular sentence, the number of syllables in a word, and the number of sounds in a word. Use this exercise to reinforce the difference between consonant and vowel sounds.
- **4. Reading** Choose a simple book and read to the students. As you read, break selected words into their sounds and have students determine the word those sounds create. Remember to use sounds, not letter names (e.g. 'b', 'a', 'g', not 'bee', 'ay', 'jee'). Choose several established students to read to the class in a similar manner.
- **5. Change a letter game** This game is found in the *Reproducibles* section. Students must change only one of the sounds each time to progress through the list and make a different word each time.
- **6. I am a little sound** Assign sounds to groups of 4 students and have them line up to form words. They should then say their assigned sound in turn to make the word. Then see if other words can be made by rearranging the order of the line and/or removing one of the sounds. Some example sounds are shown below:

'spot' >> 'tops' >> 'stop' >> 'pots' >> [remove 's'] >> 'pot' >> 'top'
Note that the word **post** could not be used in this example, because it uses the long sound 'oh', not the short sound 'o'. We are working with *sound*, not the written letters.

'skan' >> 'snak' >> 'kans' >> [remove 'n'] >> 'sak' >> [remove 's'] >> 'kan' >> 'nak'

'pram' >> 'ramp' >> [remove 'p'] >> 'ram' >> [remove 'm'] >> 'rap' >> [remove 'r'] >> 'map'

'snap' >> 'span' >> 'naps' >> [remove 's'] >> 'pan' >> 'nap' >> [remove 'n'] >> 'sap' Do not use **pans** because the **s** on the end sounds as 'z'.





ba-by	We use <b>a</b> to represent the sound 'ay' in <b>baby</b> because <b>a</b> is at the end of a syllable. Because a rule tells us that the end of a syllable is a usual place for <b>a</b> to say 'ay', we need not place 2 above it. The phonogram <b>y</b> usually represents the sound 'ee' at the end of multi-syllable words. (BAY-bee'
take	<b>a</b> can say its long sound 'ay' because of the silent <b>e</b> . Draw an arch from <b>a</b> to the silent <b>e</b> , moving in the direction of writing.
	The phonogram <b>k</b> (not <b>c</b> ) represents the sound 'k' in <b>take</b> . Why? <b>c</b> could not be used, as the <b>e</b> following would make it say its second sound 's'. Therefore we must use <b>k</b> . Note that students will learn the rules for <b>ck</b> in the next section.  \(\mathref{C}\)\(\sigma\) 'tayk'
pl <u>ay</u> 2 they	The phonogram <b>a</b> can represent the sound 'ay' at the end of a syllable, but not at the end of a word. The phonogram <b>ay</b> is usually used to do this.
<u></u>	There are only a few common words that use the phonogram <b>ey</b> in this position ( <b>they</b> , <b>hey</b> , <b>grey</b> , <b>obey</b> ). Place 2 above the <b>ey</b> phonogram. Place 2 above <b>th</b> as no rule governs its second sound.   (play' play' thhay'
af-t <u>er</u> y <u>ar</u> d m <u>arch</u>	Reading rule: <b>a</b> may say its third sound 'ah' before two consonants.  Spelling rule: The phonogram <b>ar</b> usually represents the sound 'ah' before one consonant.  The phonogram <b>a</b> usually represents the sound 'ah' before two consonants, <i>unless</i> it comes before the phonograms <b>ch</b> or <b>sh</b> , where <b>ar</b> is used instead.  Place 3 above <b>a</b> in <b>after</b> , because the rule is that <b>a</b> may say 'ah' before two consonants, not usually or always. The rule works even if a syllable break comes between the two consonants.   (a) 'ahf-ter' (b) 'yahd' (c) 'mahch'
all wa <u>l</u> k	<b>a</b> usually says its fourth sound 'aw' before <b>II</b> or <b>Ik</b> at the end of a base word. There is no need to place 4 above <b>a</b> because the rule governs what sound it says in this position. <b>I</b> is silent in the pattern <b>alk</b> , so place two lines underneath. (aw) 'awl' (wawk'
was	<b>a</b> usually says its fifth sound 'o' after the letter <b>w</b> . As a rule governs the sound of <b>a</b> , it need not be numbered. 2 must be placed above <b>s</b> in <b>was</b> because no rule governs its sound.  Students may query why <b>a</b> says 'o' after <b>w</b> in <b>was</b> but 'aw' after <b>w</b> in <b>walk</b> . Tell them that the rule for <b>lk</b> is a 'stronger' rule.  woz'
ex-tra	a usually says its third sound 'ah' at the end of a word. In rhythm of speech it can sound as the schwa. **D' 'eks-trah' **O 'EKS-truh'
ko-a-la	<b>a</b> usually says its third sound 'ah' before a consonant and another <b>a</b> at the end of a word. Pronounce words like <b>koala</b> carefully for spelling because many of the sounds are shortened to the schwa in rhythm of speech. <b>(A)</b> 'koh-ah-lah' (S) 'koh-AH-luh'

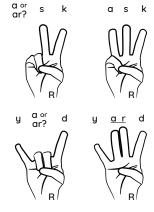
# Technique: Using **a** or **ar** to represent the sound 'ah'

After explaining the rule for the sound 'ah' above, dictate the word **ask**. Hold fingers up for the **s** and **k**, but keep two fingers down for the 'ah' sound as shown. Ask students if one or two fingers will be needed for the sound 'ah' in the word **ask**. They will learn to recognise that **a** (one finger) will be used before two consonants.

For the word **yard**, two fingers will be needed as only one consonant follows. Give more practice in this concept by writing the following words on the board:

fst	fm	hc
mst	cd	yc
shk	blst	br

Have students add **a** or **ar** depending on whether the sound is before one or two consonants.



#### Reading rule B7 The sounds of a a usually says its first sound 'a' before a consonant in the same syllable. can happu sad at a usually says its second sound 'ay' at the end of a syllable. It can also say its third sound 'ah' in this position. table father above ladu paper aao **a** usually says its second sound 'ay' if a silent **e** ends the word. make made cake take name a may say its third sound 'ah' before two consonants, but it does not always do so. thank back ask fast after hand hands **a** always says its fourth sound 'aw' before *II* or *Ik* at the end of a word. The letter *I* is silent in the pattern *alk*. fall ball call talk walk chalk **a** usually says its fifth sound 'o' after the letter **w**. was want wash

The sound 'ay' Spelling rule A6 The phonogram ay usually represents the sound 'ay' at the end of a base word or before a vowel. Exceptions: they, obey, grey, hey, prey, whey, survey dau sau away todau stau pay Before a consonant, the sound 'ay' may be represented by the phonogram **a** with a silent **e**, or the phonogram **ai**. bake save invade waste pain chain grain plain Other phonograms (ea, eigh and ei) may also represent the sound 'ay' but are less common.

The sound '	ah'	4				Spelling rule	e <b>C1</b> D2 K3
The phonogra	ım <b>ar</b> usually ı for	represents the s	ound 'ah' at	the end of one	-syllable word	is.	
The phonogra yard	ım <b>ar</b> usually ı hard	represents the s garden	ound 'ah' be dark	fore one consc shark	nant. park	arm	harvest
The phonogra	ım <b>a</b> usually re	epresents the so	ound 'ah' bef	ore two conso	nants		
ask	last	fast	after	past	mast	rather	giraffe
unless it con march	nes before the harsh	phonograms cl arch	<b>h</b> or <b>sh</b> , wher	re <b>ar</b> is used ins	stead.		

#### The phonogram a saying 'ah' Reading rule K3 The phonogram **a** usually says its third sound 'ah' at the end of a word. The phonogram **a** usually says its third sound 'ah' before a consonant and another **a** at the end of a word. umbrella extra koala banana tomato idea Australia Tasmania



- **The sounds of a** Use the chart in the *Reproducibles* section at the end of this book to review the places where a says its various sounds. Have students try to read the following words, referring to the chart for categorisation or assistance with any errors:
  - wasp chalk fall ta-ble shade mask blast bas-ket swap wad-dle tall brave
- **Reading** Have students read the words from the rules review lists they have done so far. When a word is met which has a rule, have them say that rule.
- 3. **Sentences** Have students compose three or four sentences using the words they have encountered so far.

# Words with rules



l <u>ou</u> nge (lown)'	VERB recline casually NOUN a place to lounge URDU lungi, a loincloth or skirt <b>ow</b> represents 'ow' before <b>n</b> alone. <b>ge</b> represents the sound 'j' at the end of a word after a consonant or long vowel.
cot-tage ∅ 'kot-taj' ○ 'KOT-ij'	NOUN a small, simple house OLD ENGLISH/GERMANIC cote, a shelter The pattern <b>age</b> usually represents the sound 'ij' at the end of multi-syllable words. Place a box around <b>a</b> to show it saying the non-given sound 'i' and pronounce it as 'a' for spelling. Do this for <b>passage</b> and <b>garbage</b> as well.
pas-sage pas-saj' pas-saj'	<ul> <li>□ NOUN the process of passing through</li> <li>□ NOUN a narrow way or corridor</li> <li>♠ MIDDLE ENGLISH/FRENCH/LATIN passus, to pass</li> <li>♠ The pattern age usually represents the sound 'ij' at the end of multi-syllable words.</li> </ul>
gar-bage Ø 'gah-baj' 🗩 'GAH-bij'	NOUN refuse, domestic waste ANGLO-FRENCH origin unknown The pattern <b>age</b> usually represents the sound 'ij' at the end of multi-syllable words.
re-frig-er-ate  'ree-FRIJ-er-ayt'  re-frig-er-a-tor  'ree-frij-er-ay-taw'  'ree-FRIJ-er-ay-tuh'  fridge  'frij'	□ VERB to make cool or cold □ NOUN appliance which keeps food cold □ LATIN refrigerare, from re, again + frigoris, cold □ The phonogram dge will not be used in refrigerate or refrigerator, because dge is only used at the end of a one-syllable base word after a single short vowel. When the word is abbreviated to the one-syllable word fridge, dge may be used. Teach the rule that the ending or is used (not er) when the base word ends in ct or ate.
gad-get  (gad-jet'	NOUN clever mechanical device or tool French gachette, latch of a machine The pattern <b>dge</b> is only a phonogram at the end of a one-syllable base word after a single short vowel. Otherwise it is considered as separate letters and sounds.
gd-rage  gd-rage  ga-rahj'  guh-rahzh'	NOUN building or shed for storing motor vehicles French garer, shelter Silent e is making a say its less common long sound 'ah'. In words of French origin the pattern ge may say 'zh'. Place a box around ge. garage has several alternatives for pronunciation and stress – ensure the analysis is consistent for the chosen variant.
b <u>eige</u> ∅ 'bayj' ⊊ 'bayzh'	NOUN pale sandy colour French origin unknown In words of French origin the pattern <b>ge</b> may say 'zh'. Place a box around <b>ge</b> .
ov-en	NOUN an enclosed compartment for cooking food Old English/Germanic ofen The phonogram o always represents the sound 'u' before the sounds 'v' or 'thh'.
so-fa SoH-fah'	NOUN an upholstered seat with back and arms for two or more people FRENCH/ARABIC <i>suffa</i> Whilst the phonogram <b>a</b> usually says 'ah' at the end of a multisyllable word (reading rule), students must memorise which words use <b>a</b> (instead of <b>ar</b> or <b>ah</b> ) at the end to represent the sound 'ah'.
w <u>ar</u> -drobe	NOUN large cupboard for storing clothes French garderobe, to 'guard one's robes' The phonogram <b>ar</b> says its third sound 'aw' after <b>w</b> . Fingers will show the silent <b>e</b> pattern for the syllable <b>drobe</b> .



**The sound 'j' at the end of a word** Take students through the 'hierarchy' of ways to represent the sound 'j' at the end of a word, using the flow chart in the *Reproducibles* section. Help them to understand that if the word has more than one syllable, or if there is a consonant, two vowels or a long vowel sound before the 'j' sound, they cannot use the phonogram **dge**. Apply this in the words **lounge**, **cottage**, **passage** and **garbage** (which use **ge**) and also the word **fridge** (which may use **dge**).



### The sound 'ow'

Spelling rule





The phonogram **ow** (not **ou**) always represents the sound 'ow' at the end of a word or syllable, before the letter **n** alone and before the letter *I* (cow, show-er, crown, owl). Exceptions: noun, foul, crowd

loud

drown

flour

tower sound owl VOW

cloud pound mouth amount

our \*noun hour \*pronoun

# The sound 'j' at the end of a word

**Spelling rule** 





j is never used at the end of a word.

**dge** (three letter 'j') always represents the sound 'j' at the end of a one-syllable base word after a single short vowel. This is the only position the phonogram **dge** is used.

age usually represents the sound 'ij' at the end of a multi-syllable word.

Exceptions: abridge, cartridge, partridge, porridge, knowledge, college, privilege

If **dge** or **age** cannot be used, use the ending **ge** (**g** plus silent **e**).

badge hedge message vouage dodge damage fudge carriage

cage marriage

huge

Ending rule

### The ending or

Use the ending **or** (not **er**) when the base word ends in **ct** or **ate**.

tractor actor

factor

director

creator

aviator

decorator

Reading rule

### The pattern dge

The pattern dge is only a phonogram at the end of a one-syllable base word after a single short vowel. Otherwise it is considered as separate letters and sounds. This may occur when an ending is added to a word ending in dge.

badger

budget

gadget ledger

pledge > pledger



In words of French origin, the pattern ge may represent and say the sound 'zh' at the end of the word.

garage

The pattern ge saying 'zh'

beige

collage

prestige

mirage

#### The sound 'u'

**Spelling rule** B1







The phonogram **o** always represents the sound 'u' before the sounds 'v' or 'thh' (love, mother). Note, however, that the phonogram **o** does not always say 'u' before the phonograms **th** or **v** (**moth**, **move**, **drove**).

brother

mother

other

love

dove

above



#### The phonogram a saying 'ah'





The phonogram **a** usually says its third sound 'ah' at the end of a word.

The phonogram **a** usually says its third sound 'ah' before a consonant and another **a** at the end of a word.

umbrella extra koala

banana

tomato

idea

Australia

Tasmania

# The phonogram ar







Reading: The phonogram **ar** usually says its second sound 'air' before the letter **e**.

*Reading:* The phonogram **ar** usually says its third sound 'aw' after the letter **w**.

*Spelling*: The phonogram **ar** usually represents the sound 'aw' after the letter **w**.

care share bare parent war warm fare forward reward

# R2 Section R List 2 House and home



com-f <u>or</u> t	NOUN state of physical well-being verb to soothe or console French/Latin confortare, to strengthen Explain which phonogram is used to represent the sound 'u' in comfort.
com-f <u>or</u> -ta-ble // 'kum-faw-tay-bl' (KUMF-tuh-buhl'	Adjective bringing ease or comfort  French/Latin confortable, to strengthen  Say four syllables carefully for spelling.
cup-b <u>oar</u> d  #/ 'kup-bawd'  **O'KUB-uhd'	NOUN furniture with a door and shelves for storing things  MIDDLE ENGLISH ORIGINALLY A board on which to hang cups  p is silent. Underline the oar phonogram.
st <u>air</u> st <u>air</u> s \$\mathcal{D} \tag{\text{stair}}'\text{stairz'}	Noun a set of steps OLD ENGLISH/GERMANIC stager Underline the air phonogram.
es-tate  #/ 'es-tayt'  S'uh-STAYT'	NOUN a large house surrounded by property A MIDDLE ENGLISH/FRENCH estat, status Fingers will clarify the pattern for the last syllable.
f <u>ur</u> -ni <u>sh</u>	VERB to provide with the necessary contents OLD FRENCH furnit Explain which phonogram represents the sound 'er'.
f <u>ur</u> -nit-ure  ### 'fer-nit-yoor'    'FER-nuh-chuh'	NOUN the movable equipment in a house or room French fourniture, from furnish Explain which phonogram represents the sound 'er' Say the last syllable as it is spelt ('yoor') and show fingers.
k <u>e</u> y ∅∽'kee'	NOUN an instrument to fasten or unfasten a lock OLD ENGLISH caeg, origin unknown Explain which phonogram represents the sound 'ee' and underline it.
prop- <u>er</u> -†y // 'prop-er-tee'  // 'PROP-uh-tee'	NOUN something owned, especially house or land  MIDDLE ENGLISH/OLD FRENCHYLATIN proprius, one's own  Explain which phonogram represents the sound 'er'. Review the rule for the phonogram y representing the sound 'ee' in multi-syllable words.
mir-r <u>or</u> # 'mir-raw'  \$\int 'MI-ruh'	NOUN a polished surface which reflects an image MIDDLE ENGLISH/OLD FRENCH/LATIN <i>mirare</i> , look at Pronounce <b>r</b> in both syllables, and clarify which phonogram represents the 'aw' sound on the end. Place 1 above <b>i</b> as it is not part of the <b>ir</b> phonogram.
cor-ri-d <u>or</u> // 'kor-ri-daw'  // 'KOR-uh-daw'	NOUN a passage from which doors lead into rooms  French/Italian corridojo, running place As for mirror, pronounce <b>r</b> in both syllables, and clarify which phonogram represents the 'aw' sound on the end. Place 1 above <b>o</b> as it is not part of the <b>or</b> phonogram.
shelf shelves  \$\mathscr{I}\mathscr{C}\text{ 'shelf'/'shelvz'}\$	NOUN a projecting horizontal surface for holding objects $\mathcal{P}$ MIDDLE ENGLISH/LOW GERMAN/OLD ENGLISH <i>Scylfe</i> , partition and <i>scylf</i> , crag $\mathcal{P}$ When adding the ending $\mathbf{s}$ to words ending in one $\mathbf{f}$ , change $\mathbf{f}$ to $\mathbf{v}$ and add $\mathbf{e}\mathbf{s}$ .
*Vac-u- <u>u</u> m Ø 'vak-yoo-um' O 'VAK-yoom'	NOUN the absence of matter NOUN an electrical appliance that cleans by suction ALATIN VACUUS, empty Nacuum is a rare word with double <b>u</b> – mark it with an asterisk to show it breaking the 'never double' rule for <b>u</b> . Pronounce it as three syllables for spelling and underline the second <b>u</b> twice to denote a silent letter.





**Phonograms** Write just these phonograms (without the numbers) on the board and ask students to say all the sounds. Then add the numbers and ask them to say the specific sound.

 ea
 ea<

- **2. Workbook 9:** *The World of Words* Issue students with Workbook 9 and complete the house plan on page 1, using words from sections R1 and R2. This could be a good time to introduce the concept of *block letters* (all capitals), which are sometimes required for forms and diagrams. If students have time they could try and recreate a plan of their own house.
- **3. Rules:** *ge* **saying 'zh'/the pattern** *dge* Do the first two exercises on page 2 of Workbook 9.
- **4. Grammar: parts of speech** Review nouns, verbs and adjectives:
  - A noun is a person, place or thing
  - A verb is a doing word
  - An adjective is a word that describes something.

Do the categorising exercise on page 2 of Workbook 9,

**5. Punctuation: exclamation marks** Introduce the exclamation mark and explain how it is used to show strong or sudden feeling. Write the following on the board and have students add a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark at the end:

The car is red What is your name Why are you sad That's great I will bake a cake

**6. Dictation** Dictate the following sentences (in two parts if time is short). Review question marks and exclamation marks beforehand, and encourage students to put the right marks according to the inflection of your voice.

Early one morning I woke to the sound of the garbage truck as it drove past my property. Had I put the bin out last night? I put on my comfortable slippers and ran down the stairs, past the beige sofa in the lounge room and out to the garage.

Help! Where is the key? It was not in the drawer. I ran back down the corridor and found it on a shelf in the cupboard. I opened the garage door and waved just as the driver emptied my bin.

**7. Vocabulary** Find words from sections R1 and R2 that match these meanings:

a small simple house a polished reflective surface to soothe or console large cupboard for clothes

**8. Weekly test** Issue students with *Test Book D*. Each Friday give a test of the week's words and have students write any corrections in the spaces provided. Continue this practice throughout the program.

# **Review words**The sound 'ow'



how down town round shower owl flower shout house

The sound 'u'

fun other brother cup oven love bubble cut bug

o before th or v

moth oval mother over bother drove

**P**honograms

ow ou u o th

### Focus: phonograms

Ensure all students know their phonograms well. Use the videos and the cards to frequently review them, both as a class and as individual students.

# The ending able



Focus on the base word

comfort and ask what

happens when the ending

able is added (it changes to an adjective). See if students can discover any other words where able performs this function:

fold > foldable profit > profitable stretch > stretchable play > playable

Try some words that end in silent *e* (remember to remove silent *e* when adding an ending beginning with a vowel):

shave > shavable adore > adorable move > movable excite > excitable

And finally apply the one one one double rule to endings beginning with a vowel:

swap > swappable
hug > huggable
swim > swimmable

# Revision: Section R

At the conclusion of each section of work, it is recommended that you put aside a week for general revision work on that section. It can be a time for testing of words, more work in sentence writing, reviewing the rules and principles taught, and application of rules to unknown words. Suggested activities for revision week are outlined below.

Students should write their review tests and dictations in the 'review tests' section of their Test Book D.

# Day 1

#### **Phonogram test** Test the following phonograms:

1.	ou	5.	oi	9.	gn	13.	OW	17.	si
2.	m	6.	U	10.	ough	14.	er	18.	j
3.	oy	7.	k	11.	augh	15.	ck	19.	SC
4.	ng	8.	ee	12.	ear	16.	ti	20.	d

#### **Word test** Test the following words:

1.	oven	5.	shelves	9.	vacuum	13. skirt 17. cupboard
2.	comfortable	6.	cushion	10	impress	14. passage 18. shirt
3.	garbage	7.	embrace	11.	furniture	15. Impression 19. sofa
4.	cotton	8.	mirror	12.	key	16. comfort 20. stairs

Mark the tests as soon as possible after completion. Have students record their errors in *Test Book D*. Discuss any errors and encourage students to carefully learn words well which have been spelt wrongly.

Have students write sentences on paper containing the words which they originally spelt wrongly.

# Day 2

# **Word test** Test the errors made on the previous day together with the following words:

1.	refrigerate	5. corridor 9.	cottage	13. perfume	17. lounge
2.	beige	6. trousers 10	. wardrobe	14. fridge	18. drawer
3.	stair	7. <b>sh</b> elf 11.	brace	15. bracelet	19. cool
4.	estate	8. property 12.	. fabric	16. garage	20. fashion

Mark tests as soon as possible after completion. Have students record their errors in *Test Book D*. Discuss any errors or any rules which you see have not been understood and help students to review the errors, re-analyse the words and gain understanding.

# Day 3

### **Teacher Book C Word test** Test the errors made on the previous day together with the following words:

1.	depth	5.	repeat	9.	eighty	13.	orphan	17.	present
2.	fox	6.	potato	10.	bunch	14.	operation	18.	slide
3.	invade	7.	damage	11.	sentence	15.	roll	19.	solve
4.	ghost	8.	Victoria	12.	capital	16.	engagement	20.	eucalyptus

Mark the tests as soon as possible and go through any errors with the students. Have them record any errors in *Test Book D* and encourage them to learn them thoroughly.

# Rules reference

This section contains a summary of all the LEM Phonics rules, including where each rule first appears in each Teacher Book. Underneath each rule are example words, which can be used for review exercises and testing at any time.

The rules are organised into reading rules, spelling rules and ending rules, in alphabetical order.

- Reading rules

  Reading rules for vowels

  Rules and markings for silent e

  Reading rules for phonograms

  Reading rules for letter patterns
- 2 Spelling rules
  Spelling rules for sounds
  Spelling rules for phonograms and letters
- 3 Rules for endings



### The phonograms c and g with silent e

Reading rule B4 E3



The phonogram **c** always says its second sound 's' before the letters **e**, **i** or **y**, so it will say 's' before silent **e**.

The phonogram **c** never says 's' unless it comes before the letters **e**, **i** or **y**.

sentence distance lettuce

ice police space

The phonogram **g** may say its second sound 'j' before the letters **e**, **i** or **y** (but not always).

The phonogram **g** never says 'j' unless it comes before the letters **e**, **i** or **y**.

The phonogram **g** always says 'j' before silent **e**.

charae cabbage sponge range

## **READING RULES FOR PHONOGRAMS**

# The phonogram a

Reading rule B7





a usually says its first sound 'a' before a consonant in the same syllable.

an and has had ran am man can happu sad

a usually says its second sound 'ay' at the end of a syllable. It can also say its third sound 'ah' in this position.

father above ladu table babu paper ago

**a** usually says its second sound 'ay' if a silent **e** ends the word.

make made cake take name

a may say its third sound 'ah' before two consonants, but it does not always do

fast after hand hands hank back ask

**a** always says its fourth sound 'aw' before **II** or **Ik** at the end of a word. The letter **I** is silent in the pattern **alk**.

walk

a usually says its fifth sound 'o' after the letter w.

was want wash

# The phonogram a saying 'ah'

Reading rule K3



The phonogram **a** usually says its third sound 'ah' at the end of a word.

The phonogram **a** usually says its third sound 'ah' before a consonant and another **a** at the end of a word.

extra koala Australia umbrella banana idea Tasmania

### The phonogram ar

Reading rule



The phonogram **ar** usually says its first sound 'ah' at the end of a one-syllable word or before one consonant.

The phonogram **ar** usually says its second sound 'air' before the letter **e**.

The phonogram **ar** usually says (and represents) its third sound 'aw' after the letter **w**.

fare forward backward toward reward

# The phonogram c

Reading rule A2 RA2





**c** always says its second sound 's' before the letters **e**, **i** or **y**...

dance iuice face nice race

...otherwise it says its first sound 'k'.

cake cute call cold can cut COW clap secret

### The phonogram **gu**

Reading rule



gu is only a phonogram before a vowel, otherwise it is split into 'g' and 'u'. gu says its second sound 'gw' after the letter **n**, and its first sound 'g' everywhere else.

quide auard quiltu quess quessed quest language penguin

# Sentences, phrases and clauses



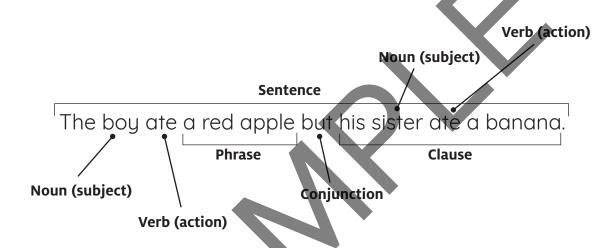
A **sentence** is a complete thought. It has a noun (subject) and a verb (action).



A **phrase** is a group of words that do not make a complete thought.



A **clause** is a complete thought that is part of another larger sentence. It has a noun (subject) and a verb (action).



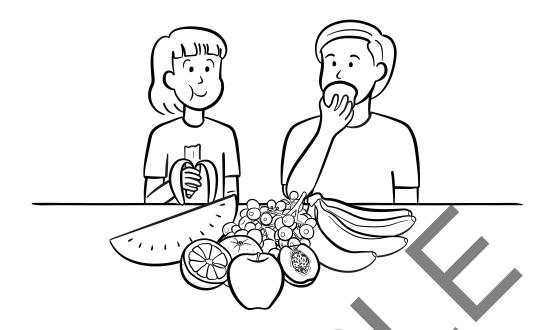


A **conjunction** is a joining word that connects two words, phrases or clauses.

# Common conjunctions

and	that	but	or	as
if	when	than	because	while
where	after	SO	though	since
until	whether	before	although	nor
like	once	unless	now	except





aioli	cannelloni	kimchi	salami	tahini
antipasti	chapatti	linguini	sashimi	tandoori
basmati	chilli	macaroni	scampi	teriyaki
biriani	fettuccini	muesli	souvlaki	tortellini
blini	fusilli	pastrami	spaghetti	tzatziki
bocci	gelati	pepperoni	sukiyaki	ugali
broccoli	gnocchi	ravioli	sushi	vermicelli
calamari	halloumi	rigatoni	tabouli	wasabi

