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## $\square$ Dictating words

## Procedure for dictating a one-syllable word

1 Teacher Says the word, clearly and precisely (e.g. good).
Says a sentence containing the word ('We like to eat good food').
Repeats the word (good).
Shows fingers to represent each phonogram in the word.
Students Sound the word as they look at the fingers.
2 Teacher Discusses which phonograms must be used if any are unclear (oo, not u, because two fingers are used). If a sound can be represented by the same
 fingers (e.g. ea and ee in feet), tell the students which phonogram to use.

Students Write the word in their Student Book, sounding softly as they write. Then they should attempt to mark the word ( $\mathbf{g o r}^{2} \mathbf{o d}$ ).

3 Teacher Writes the word on prepared lines on the board as the students sound it.
Students Check the spelling of the word.
4 Teacher Discusses any rules which apply and teaches any new rules if applicable. Students Check the marking.

5 Teacher Asks the students to read the word. If the word is spelt differently from the way it is spoken, students should read the word for spelling, then for speaking (see 'Reading for spelling or speaking' in the next section).
Students Read the word as instructed.

## When all words have been dictated

Students Read all the words again both for spelling and speaking.
Teacher Reviews any rules learned and gives students practice in applying them to other words. Gives a quick written test on the set of words learned for the lesson.


The teacher must not write the word on the board before the students have written it in their books. Copying will not challenge the students to think analytically.

## TERM ONE | WEEKS 1-4

## Up to speed

The first four weeks of Teacher Book C 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 two 'review lists' of 60 words each from Teacher Book A and Teacher Book B, which cover all the rules learned so far.

It is recommended to have on hand a copy of both Teacher Books A and B, plus single copies of Workbooks 1-7. These will assist greatly in review - providing word and rules reference, teaching pointers and whole-class exercises.

| mint <br> list | The phonogram i may say its second sound 'igh' before two consonants, but it does not always do so, as shown by the words mint and list. |
| :---: | :---: |
| kind find | Place 2 above $\mathbf{i}$ in kind and find because the rule allows the phonogram $\mathbf{i}$ to say ' i ' or 'igh' in that position. |
| right $\dagger$ <br> *high | Fingers will show which phonogram represents the sound 'igh' in right. The phonogram igh may only represent the sound 'igh' before the letter $\boldsymbol{t}$. The word high is an exception, along with nigh, sigh and thigh. |
| hap-py | The phonogram $\mathbf{y}$ usually represents the sound 'ee' at the end of multi-syllable words. Pronounce $\mathbf{p}$ clearly in each syllable of happy. |
| móst lost | The phonogram o may say its second sound 'oh' before two consonants (most, post), but it does not always do so, as shown by the words lost and font. |
|  | Place 2 above $\mathbf{o}$ in most because the rule allows $\mathbf{o}$ to say 'o' or 'oh' in that position. |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { moth-er } \\ & \text { lothe } \\ & \text { love } \end{aligned}$ | The spelling rule about the sound 'u' before 'v' or 'thh' tells us to use the phonogram o to represent the sound ' $u$ ' before ' $v$ ' or 'thh', but the equivalent reading rule does not apply - the phonogram o does not always say 'u' before $\mathbf{v}$ or $t$. Therefore students should place 4 above $\mathbf{o}$ in both mother and love. <br> Place 2 above th in mother as no rule governs its sounds. <br> In love, silent e prevents the letter $\boldsymbol{v}$ from ending a word. Mark it with a cross. <br> In the next list, students will learn the rule that the phonogram er ('er' of father) usually represents the sound 'er' at theend of a multi-syllable word. |
| look | Teach the spelling rule that sound 'quk' is always represented by the pattern ook (not uc, $\boldsymbol{u k}, \boldsymbol{u c k}, \boldsymbol{o o c}$ or oock). The equivalent reading rule also applies: the pattern ook usually says 'uuk', except in the word spook. Because this rule is operating we do not need to place 2 above 00 in look. |

Ensure that students do as much of the analysing of the words as they are able.
only supply information which you are not able to draw from them.
Do not allow students to copy the spelling words.

## The phonograms $\mathbf{i}$ and o before two consonants

## Reading rule C2 D3

The phonogram i may say its second sound 'igh' before two consonants (child, mind), but it does not always do so (mint, wilt, limp).
child
children kind
find
mind
behind

The phonogram o may say its second sound 'oh' before two consonants (most, post), but it does not always do so (cost, font).
most
los $\dagger$
pos $\dagger$
both
moth
roll

## The sound 'ee'

The phonogram $\mathbf{y}$ usually represents the sound 'ee' at the end of multi-syllable words.
happy lady baby

## The sound 'igh'

## Spelling rule

D3
K4
The phonogram $\mathbf{y}$ usually represents the sound 'igh' at the end of a word.
my by try fly cry

The phonogram igh may only represent the sound 'igh' before the letter $\boldsymbol{t}$.
Exceptions: high, sigh, nigh, thigh
high
right
night
light

The phonogram i may represent the sound 'igh' at the end of a syllable (not word)...
tiger lion tiny quiet
...before two consonants...
child kind
find
mind
blind
wild
...or when silent $\boldsymbol{e}$ ends the word.
wife provide site bite invite five nine nineteen

## The sound ' $u$ '

## Spelling rule B1 D5

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 $\mathbf{v}$ (moth, move, drove).


Spelling: The sound 'uuk' is always represented by the pattern ook. Reading: The pattern ook usually says 'uuk'. Exception: spook
book look took cook hook spook

## 3 Student activities

1. Spelling test Test some of the words that have been learned so far on paper. Have the students read the words aloud. Stop after each word and discuss any misspellings and show how applying the rules would help with spelling.
2. Silent e practice Write words on the board such as like, ride, rope, take, came, gate and late. Have the students read these words. Then remove the silent $\boldsymbol{e}$ from each one. Have students read the word which remains and compare the difference.
3. Finding words which refer to a person Have students search the words they have done so far, finding words which could refer to a person (she, me, lady, mother, etc.) and let them write them on a sheet of paper or on the board.

## Base words

It is necessary for students to thoroughly understand the concept of a base word in mastering the rules, particularly the rules for adding suffixes and prefixes.

A base word is the simplest form of a word which is complete in meaning. It may have prefixes and suffixes added to it to change the form of the word, but not change the essential meaning.
paint cannot be broken - it is a base word. painter, painting, painted and repaint all come from the base word paint and are related to it in meaning. New words created from base words are called derivatives. Derivatives are written on the same line as their base word in the students' books.

Words such as cat, mat, bat and fat are not derived from each other they are simply rhyming words. The base word of kitten can be neither kit nor ten, because these two words are not related in any way to the meaning of kitten. So kitten is a base word.

## Base word

## Derivatives

help
farm
helps helping
helper
helped
farms farming


## Parts of speech

The parts of speech are important to understand in the context of endings, because adding an ending will frequently change the part of speech (e.g. the verb ride changes to the noun rider when the er ending is added). Spend a lesson reviewing the four parts of speech learned so far.

1. Nouns Have students think of things which they can see, feel and touch, hear and taste (e.g. desk, flower, air, sky, city, noise). Explain that these words are nouns. Words which name people (e.g. man, girl, farmer, Emily) and places (e.g. country, valley, Canberra) are also nouns.
2. Verbs Ask students to think of things which they can do with their hands (e.g. clapping, washing dishes, making a bed, playing the piano). Explain that these 'doing words' are verbs. Have several students compose sentences about the things they can do.
3. Adjectives Explain that words which describe things are called adjectives. Adjectives are usually used next to a noun (person, place or thing). The following words can describe something:

| kind | cold | dear | big |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| fast | old | low | hot |

Have students give a word which each adjective could describe (e.g. a kind lady).
4. Adverbs Adverbs are words that show when, where or how an action is done. Explain that many adverbs (especially those that show how) end with the ending $\boldsymbol{l} \boldsymbol{y}$. Share these examples:
When do I pay my bills? monthly Where do I keep my cat? inside How do I brush my hair? neatly
Have students add $\boldsymbol{l} \boldsymbol{y}$ to the list of adjectives above and discuss how $\boldsymbol{y}$ can turn an adjective into an adverb.
Distribute the chart from Teacher Toolbox $C$ and have students put the following words under the correct part of speech. Some words may be in more than one column. If students place a word in a particular column not listed, ask them to explain it with a sentence (e.g. 'I hit the golf ball into the rough' uses rough as a noun).
weigh (v)
5. rich (adj)
9. ride (v)
13. thought ( $n / v$ )
17. dodge (v)
weight ( n )
6. judge (n/v)
10. bring (v)
14. main (adj)
18. mainly (adv)
catch (v)
7. rough (adj)
11. enough (adj)
15. mane (n)
19. kitchen (n)
4. fetch (V)
8. cough ( $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{v}$ )
12. roughly (adv)
16. richly (adv)
20. enough (adj)

The phonological awareness test given at the beginning of this section is often the keenest indicator of baseline student knowledge, and is usually reflective of their exposure to literacy in the home before beginning school. What is harder to gauge is students' ability to acquire new knowledge, and to manipulate and build their existing knowledge.

These first weeks of reasonably intense review should identify those students who need extra assistance in learning the phonograms, the rules, or perhaps other aspects of LEM Phonics such as handwriting. This assistance can come in the form of teacher aides, parents, or even other students.

## Beginning/Developing/Established

There are three broad levels of knowledge and ability that LEM Phonics provides for - beginning, developing and established. These levels are translated to actions in the course work - backup, do it! and extend.


Students in the beginning group will need extra review and attention to grasp concepts and progress through the program. Students may be placed in this group because they have had little or no exposure to phonics in the home or classroom and need some time to adjust, or their general ability is not at the same level as the majority of students. Students with above average natural ability but no phonetic training may initially be placed in this group, but will usually adapt quickly and are likely to move up.

The actions of backing up and reviewing are essential for the beginning student. Throughout the word list pointers to previous (simpler) words and concepts are provided to assist beginners and provide backup for concepts that may not have been fully understood the first time around.

DEVELOPING


Do it!

The standard course work is aimed at the developing student, taking the philosophy point of 'building on the known and incrementally building literacy knowledge on previously learned concepts at a steady pace.

The action for the developing student in the main stream is simply this: do it!

Review the sounds for the phonogram a ('a', 'ay', 'ah', 'aw', 'o'). The first sound of vowels is always a short sound (the fifth sound of $\mathbf{a}$ is also a short sound). Review the rule that vowels usually say their first sound when followed by a consonant in the same syllable. other phonograms that could represent the short 'e' sound (ea) - use the sound charts to assist if necessary.

Review the three sounds of $\mathbf{i}$ ('i', 'igh', 'ee'). After dictating the word swim, have students tell you if each of the phonograms is a consonant or vowel.
en

Review the four sounds of the phonogram o ('o', 'oh', 'oo', 'u'). Like a, o has a second short sound, saying ' $u$ '. After dictating the word fox, talk about the phonogram $\mathbf{x}$ and discuss which two sounds make up the ' $k s$ ' sound (' $k$ ' and ' $s$ ').
Review the four sounds of the phonogram u ('u', 'yoo', 'oo', 'uu'). u also has a second short sound which says 'uu' (put). Reinforce again the reading rule that vowels usually say their first sound when followed by a consonant in the same syllable.
Dictate the syllables for cap-i-tal, pronouncing the first sounds of a and iclearly: (3) 'kap-i-tal'. When students have told you how to write it, read it for speaking using the schwa sound: $\Omega$ 'kap-uh-tuhl'. Ask if any stuबents recall the rule for yowels at the end of a syllable (vowels may say their long sounds in this position). The in cap-i-tal may say its long sound 'igh' ('kap-igh-tal'), but here it does not. Place 1 over i.
Dictate spirit in a similar way to capital and examine the syllables and sounds.

K2 Section K List 2 Long vowels

| e-qual | Dictate equal for spelling: $\{$ 'ee-kwal' and once again review the rule that vowels may say their long sounds at the end of a syllable. Read it for speaking afterwards: $\qquad$ 'ee-kwuhl'. |
| :---: | :---: |
| hu-man | The phonogram u has two long sounds 'yoo' and 'oo'. We only number the long sound at the end of a syllable if it is the less common third sound. 'hyoo-man' 'hyoo-muhn' |
| i-tem | i may say 'igh' at the end of a syllable. Add 2 above, because i uses a 'permission' rule (may say) rather than a 'prescription' rule (usually says). |
| $n a-v y$ | $\boldsymbol{o}$ and $\boldsymbol{u}$ will usually say their second second at the end of a syllable, so we do not ed to place 2 over a. |
| no-bod-y <br> cu-cum-ber | Compare the first letter $\mathbf{o}$ in nobody with the second and discuss why they say different sounds (one is at the end of a syllable, the other is followed by a consonant in the same syllable). Do the same with the letter $\boldsymbol{u}$ in the word cucumber. |
| mo-ment e-vil | Students should be able to spell mo-ment and e-vil if the syllables are stated clearly. Once again note $\mathbf{o}$ and $\mathbf{e}$ saying their second (long) sounds. $B$ 'ee-vil' 'ee-vuhl' |
| mo-tor | Dictate motor as 'moh-taw' for spelling, sounding the or phonogram. In rhythm of speech it sounds as 'moh-tuh'. Underline the multiple phonogram or. |
| po-em po-et po-è-try | Pronounce the short ' e ' sound and the syllables clearly in poem, poet and poetry. Place 1 over $\mathbf{e}$ in poetry to show it saying its short sound despite being at the end of a syllable. |
| zeb-rả ze-brả | The Oxford Dictionary gives two pronunciations: 'zeb-rah' and 'zee-brah'. Discuss with students which pronunciation they prefer, and where the syllable break should be and why (after $\boldsymbol{e}$ for 'zee' and after $\boldsymbol{b}$ for 'zeb'). Place 3 above $\mathbf{a}$ where it says 'ah'. |
| stud-y stu-dent | study is the base word of student. The syllable break changes in stu-dent, allowing $\mathbf{u}$ to say its second sound at the end of a syllable. Review the rule that $\mathbf{y}$ usually represents the sound 'ee' at the end of a multi-syllable word., 'styoo-dent' 'styoo-duhnt' |

## Vowels before a consonant in the same syllable <br> Reading rule <br> 

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

## Vowels at the end of a syllable

## Reading rule

D1
The vowels a, e, o and u usually say their long sounds 'ay', 'ah', 'ee', 'oh', 'oo', and 'yoo' at the end of a syllable. The vowels $\boldsymbol{i}$ and $\boldsymbol{y}$ may say their long sounds 'igh' and 'ee' at the end of a syllable.

## 3 Student activities

1. 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.

2. Written expression Write the following outline on the board about the topic water:
3. How we get water
4. What we use water for
5. Water bodies such as lakes, sea, rivers

Divide the class into three groups, who will write about one of the outline topics. Work orally with all students first, hearing their ideas for the different sections of the outline, and then have students write several sentences about their topic. Have students use a new line to begin the sentences about each new point - the beginning of paragraphing. When students have finished their written work, choose one or two students from each group to read their work to the class.
3. Grammar: phrases Review the definition of a sentence (a group of words which tells a complete thought), and review the fact that sentences must begin with a capital letter and end with a full stop or question mark. Introduce phrases by following these steps:

1. Say these words to the students: in the garden
2. Ask them if those words make sense. Explain that we need more words to make the meaning clear.
3. Now say this sentence: A dog is in the garden.
4. Ask if those words make sense. Yes they do! It is a complete thought. 'In the garden' does not have a clear meaning - it is only part of a sentence. It is a phrase.
5. Write the definitions of sentence and phrase on the board and have students copy them into their books:

A sentence is a group of words which tells a complete thought.
A phrase is a group of words which forms part of a sentence, but is not a complete thought.
4. Workbook 8 Issue students with Workbook 8: Read, Spell, Go! and have students complete pages 1-3.
5. Weekly test Issue students with Test Book C. Each Friday give a test of the week's 24 words and have students write any corrections in the spaces provided. Continue this practice throughout the program.

Review words
Short vowel sounds

| it | is | am |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| and | in | into |

BACKUP

Long vowel sounds

| me l go he she | my by |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

o-ver ba-by la-dy

Phonograms

## Focus: vowels

Use the vowel chart in Teacher Toolbox $C$ to review all the vowel sounds, focusing on which ones are long and short.

## Third sounds

Review the third sounds of the vowels. Create a small chart with the headings à ('ah'), il ('ee'), $\mathbf{o}^{3}$ ('oo') and $\mathbf{u}^{3}$ ('oo'). Find at least two words for each. Examples:

| ) | ${ }_{3}^{3}$ ('ee') | ${ }^{3}$ ( ${ }^{\prime} 00$ ') | (00) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ther | p |  |  |
| fast | alien | to | flu |
| past | pizza | prove | rude |

## Syllables

Write these words with different syllable breaks and have students read them using the rule for long vowel sounds.
mod-el/mo-del
co-bra/cob-ra
ro-bot/rob-ot
se-cret/sec-ret

The review week at the end of each section is for general revision. 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. Students should write review tests and dictations in the 'review tests' section of Test Book C.

## Day 1

Word test Test the following words:

1. refuse
2. pure
3. bone
4. horrible
5. ice
6. simple
7. describe
8. file
9. medicine
10. increase
11. loose
12. servant
13. twinkle
14. mixture
15. space
16. prove
17. paddle

Correct this test quickly after completion and then discuss any errors with students, particularly common class errors. Have students record any errors in the 'corrections' section in their Test Book $\ell$ and relearn those words carefully. Have students review the days of the week, ready for the Day 2 test.

## Day 2

Word test Test the following words as well as any common errors from the previous day.

1. arrival
2. drive
3. improve
4. tired
5. centre
6. promise
loss
7. terrible
8. endure
9. imagine
10. cabbage
save
11. famous
12. freeze
13. excuse
14. bake
15. continue
16. complete

Be certain to use a short sentence when dictating the various derivatives, so that students can clearly understand which one to use, e.g. 'I go to the shop.' He goes to the shop.' Correct this test as soon as possible after completion and discuss any errors. Have students record their errors in their Test Book $C$ and relearn them.

## Day 3

Word test: alternate phonograms Test any errors made on the previous day, and then test these words which could have alternate phonograms:

1. machine
2. lose
3. lettuce
4. verse
5. freeze
6. increase
7. loose
8. servant

Silent $\boldsymbol{e}$ test Test the following words and ask students to mark the silent $\boldsymbol{e}$ correctly. Discuss the silent $\boldsymbol{e}$ markings and any extra markings required.

| tem-plev | Every syllable must have a vowel. Silent e provides one. |
| :---: | :---: |
| prom-isex | Sometimes silent $\boldsymbol{e}$ is helpless. |
| charge | Silent $\boldsymbol{e}$ allows $\mathbf{g}$ to say ' $\mathbf{j}$ '. |
| range | Silent $\boldsymbol{e}$ can do two functions at once. It allows a to say 'ay' and $\mathbf{c}$ to say 's'. |
| sen-tence | Silent $\boldsymbol{e}$ allows $\mathbf{c}$ to say 's'. |
| bone | Silent eallows o to say its long sound 'oh'. |
| versê | Silent $\boldsymbol{e}$ is helpless. |
| en-gâe | Silent $\boldsymbol{e}$ can do two functions at once. It allows a to say 'ay' and $\mathbf{g}$ to say ' $\mathbf{j}$ '. |
| solve | The letter v may not end a word. Silent e stands in its place. |
| con-tin-ue | The letter $\boldsymbol{u}$ may not end a word. Silent $\boldsymbol{e}$ stands in its place. |

Students will write their answers to this test in the 'section tests' section of their Test Book C. Students should achieve $80 \%$ or above in the Words test to move on with the word list. If students are weak only in dictation or in base words and endings, provide more practice in those areas but move on with the word list.

## Words

1. else
2. temple
3. slide
4. solve
5. increase
6. range
7. charge
8. entry
9. police
10. picture
11. fine
12. culture
13. nature
14. tire
15. horrible
16. waste
17. including
18. distant
19. space
20. freeze
21. wisdom
22. driven
23. pure
24. sentence
25. medici
26. probable
27. bone
28. centre
29. costume
30. lettuce
31. bridal
32. bake
33. prove
34. visible
35. sensible
36. machine
37. bronze
38. paddle
39. loose
40. ripple
41. capture
42. cure
43. assemble
44. invade
45. arrive
46. continue

Mark the spelling test out of 50 , taking off one mark for each word spelt wrongly.

## Dictation

Tired Tim had a terrible day. It began with his medicine. His servant gave him a horrible mixture of lettuce and cabbage on a bronze plate. Tim refused to eat it, even though it promised to improve his nature. In the end he had no excuse and had to endure the arrangement.

Mark the dictation out of 30 . Take off one mark for each word spelt wrongly, each capital missed and each full stop not entered.

## Base words and endingstest

1. baking
2. iciest
3. lettuces
4. charged
5. senseless
6. solved
7. excusing
8. refusing

Mark the base words and endings test out of 10 . If students get the base word correct but not the ending take half a mark off. If they get the ending correct but not the base word do likewise.

## pea

steam
peace
re-peat

## ea-glě

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di-s2eašê
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spread
in-stead
death
weap-on
$s t e^{2} a d-y$
stéad-fast


Review the sounds of the phonogram ea ('ee', 'e', 'ay') and find some example words. ea is a very common phonogram but there are not many rules to show when to use ea instead of ee - indeed many ea/ee words are homophones (e.g. steal/steel). Homophones are not shown in this list but keep students on the lookout for them. Tell students which phonogram represents 'ee' in beach, pea and steam.
Silent $\boldsymbol{e}$ allows $\mathbf{c}$ to say 's' in peace. Tell students which 'ee' phonogram to use.
There are two 'ee' sounds in repeat. Fingers will show the first, but the second will need to be clarified as ea. Say the first syllable clearly. ea in that position. Silent e provides a vowel in the last syllable. 'ee-gl' 'ee-guhl' This word was originally dis-ease (literally 'not at ease'). When the word is combined, the first s sounds as 'z' and the syllable break changes. 'di-zeez' 'duh-zeez'

The second sound of ea is unique because it is the only two-Aetter phonogram that may say the short sound 'e'. Fingers alone will show the spelling of spread, instead, and death when dictating, because there are no other options to represent the sounds.

Once again fingers will show the first syllable, but dictate the last sylable clearly to show which vowel to use. $B$ 'wep-on' $D$ 'wep-uhn'
Fingers will show to use ea in these words. Review the rule for $y$ at the end of multisyllable words, and note a representing 'ah' before two consonants in steadfast.

## 04 Section O List 4 The phonograms ea (cont) dnd wh

## real re-al-i-ty The phonogram ea splits into two sounds when real forms the derivative re-al-i-ty.

mean méant
heal health
breath breathê ${ }^{2}$ wéalth wéalth-y

Fingers alone will show the spelling of wealth. Discuss how the ending $\boldsymbol{y}$ can change a noun into an adjective (wealthy).

## bea-u3-ty

bea-u ${ }^{3}-t i-f u{ }^{4}$
i-de-a Review the rule that a usually says 'ah' at the end of a word. ea is not a phonogram in

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pine-ap-plě
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wheat
while
whis-per
whole
In beauty, ea says its first sound 'ee' and $\mathbf{u}$ its third sound 'oo'. The sounds 'ee' and 'oo' blended together create the sound 'yoo'. Say three syllables clearly for spelling, even though it sounds like two. Treat the derivative beautiful in the same way. Place 4 over u in the ending ful. 'bee-oo-tee' 'byoo-tee' 'bee-oo-ti-fuul' $Q$ 'byoo-tuh-fuhl' the word idea because the syllable break comes between the letters. Place 2 above $\mathbf{i}$ as it does not always say 'igh' at the end of a syllable. 'igh-dee-ah' $Q$ 'igh-dee-uh'
This is a compound word made up of pine and apple. As the word apple is an actual word and not an ending, the $\mathbf{e}$ is kept in pine. Silent $\boldsymbol{e}$ in pine allows $\boldsymbol{i}$ to say 'igh' and in apple provides a vowel for the last syllable. $\quad$ 'pighn-ap-pl' 'pighn-ap-uhl' Discuss the sound ' $w$ ' and the phonograms that can represent it ( $\mathbf{w}$ and $\mathbf{w h}$ ). Fingers will show the spelling of the ' $w$ ' sound in wheat, while and whisper, but students will need to be told the ea phonogram in wheat. Pronounce the last syllable of whisper clearly to show the 'er' sound.
In the pattern who the $\boldsymbol{w}$ is often silent. Pronounce the silent letter for spelling. Silent $\boldsymbol{e}$ allows o to say 'oh', but the I tends to shorten the sound. 'whohl' 'hohl'

## The phonogram a saying 'ah' <br> Reading rule кз

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 $\boldsymbol{a}$ at the end of a word.

## The pattern who Reading rule 13

The letter $\boldsymbol{w}$ is silent in the pattern who. wh is not a phonogram in this case.

## 3 Student activities

1. Grammar: commas for lists Write this list of animals on the board and have students arrange them in alphabetical order on scrap paper (review alphabetical order if necessary):
lion tiger giraffe zebra elephant
Then have them write the list of words in a sentence, explaining that commas must go between the items in the list. Before the last item, we use the word and instead of a comma.
Elephants, giraffes, lions, tigers and zebras are animals which live in the jungle.

Ask students to write their own lists of animals for other categories, such as:

- Animals which can be pets
- Animals which are found on a farm

2. Written expression: research project Introduce the concept of research: the careful investigation and study of a particular subject or thing. Have students choose an-Australian animal or bird from their word list to research, using the internet, encyclopedias or reference books that may be available. Write these points down on the board to use as guidelines.

- Description
- Food
- Its young (babies)
- Habits and behaviours
- Other interesting facts

Teach students to make notes as they are researching. When they have collected information and written down notes about their animal, have them record their work on pages 42 and 43 of Workbook 8. This project may take more than one week to complete.
3. Homophones Write, review and discuss these ea/ee homophones. Ensure students are aware of the meanings of the different words.
beach/beech heal/heel
tea/tee meat/meet
real/reel
read/reed
4. Weekly testing Continue testing each Friday using Test Book C.
5. Workbook 8 Have students complete pages $40-41$, providing exercises in commas and homophones.

## Review words

a saying 'ah' at the end
umbrella extra
a saying 'ah' before a consonant and another $\boldsymbol{a}$ at the end
koala banana data drama
ea says 'ee’

| dream each | clean |
| :--- | :--- |
| mean east | steal |

ea says 'e'
head dead thread
heavy leather feather
ea says 'ay'
great break steak
Phonograms
ea wh a c $y$

## Focus: the phonogram ea

Review the three sounds of ea ('ee', 'e', 'ay') and use the sound charts to explore the other phonograms that can represent those sounds. One of the most common phonogram choices students will need to make for the 'ee' sound is between ea and ee. Unfortunately there are no rules to assist and in many cases context is required because they are homophones (e.g. meet/ meat, week/weak).

## 'ee' to 'e' and back again

What do you notice about the 'ee' sound in deep > depth and heal > health? (It changes to ' $e$ ' in the derivative.) Find the meaning of the word stealth. What is the base word? (steal) Think about the word wealth. If it used the same pattern as health and stealth, what could the base word be, and what could it mean?
(The word well used to be spelt weal, and wealth meant 'welfare and prosperity').

