

CHILD'S FIRST BOOK.

A B C D

E F G H

I J K L

M N O P

Q R S T

U V W X

Y Z

a	b	c	d
e	f	g	h
i	j	k	l
m	n	o	p
q	r	s	t
u	v	w	x
	y	z	

A

a



Ape.

B

b



Bear.

C

c



Cat.

D

d



Dog.

E

e



Elk.

F

f



Fox.

G

g



Goat.

H

h



Horse.

T

I



Ibex.

i

J



Jackal.

j

K



Kangaroo.

k

L



Lion.

l

M



Mouse.

m

N



Nut.

n

O



Ox.

o

P



Porcupine.

p

Q



Quadrant.

q

S



Squirrel.

s

U



Urus.

u

W



Weasel.

w

R



Raccoon.

r

T



Toad.

t

V



Viper.

v

X



Xerxes

x

Y

y



Yoke.

Z

z



Zebra.

The Roman Alphabet.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O
P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q
r s t u v w x y z.

The Italic Letters.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N
O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r
s t u v w x y z.

Double Letters.

Æ Œ æ œ fi ff ffi fl ffl &.

Figures.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0.

Syllables of Two Letters.

Vowels Long.

<i>a</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>i</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>u</i>	<i>y</i>
ba	be	bi	bo	bu	by
ca*	ce	ci	co	cu	cy
da	de	di	do	du	dy
fa	fe	fi	fo	fu	fy
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ga†	ge	gi	go	gu	gy
ha	he	hi	ho	hu	hy
ja	je	ji	jo	ju	jy
ka	ke	ki	ko	ku	ky
la	le	li	lo	lu	ly
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ma	me	mi	mo	mu	my
na	ne	ni	no	nu	ny
pa	pe	pi	po	pu	py
ra	re	ri	ro	ru	ry
sa	se	si	so	su	sy
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ta	te	ti	to	tu	ty
va	ve	vi	vo	vu	vy
wa	we	wi	wo	wu	wy
ya	ye	yi	yo	yu	
za	ze	zi	zo	zu	zy

* Pronounced ka, se, si, ko, ku, sy.

† Generally pronounced ga, je, ji, go, gu, jy.

Vowels Short.

ab	eb	ib	ob	ub
ac	ec	ic	oc	uc
ad	ed	id	od	ud
af	ef	if	of	uf
ag	eg	ig	og	ug
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ak	ek	ik	ok	uk
al	el	il	ol	ul
am	em	im	om	um
an	en	in	on	un
ap	ep	ip	op	up
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ar	er	ir	r	ur
as	es	is	os	us
at	et	it	ot	ut
av	ev	iv	ov	uv
ax	ex	ix	ox	ux
az	ez	iz	oz	uz

Words of Two Letters.

lo	it	is	an	ox
go	up	in	if	so
he	is	to	go	by
is	it	my	ox	no

Syllables and Words of Three Letters.

bla	ble	bli	blo	blu	bly
bra	bre	bri	bro	bru	bry
cha	che	chi	cho	chu	chy
cla	cle	cli	clo	clu	cly
cra	cre	cri	cro	cru	cry
dra	dre	dri	dro	dru	dry

fla	fle	fli	flo	flu	fly
fra	fre	fri	fro	fru	fry
gla	gle	gli	glo	glu	gly
gra	gre	gri	gro	gru	gry
kna	kne	kni	kno	knu	
pha	phe	phi	pho	phu	phy

pla	ple	pli	plo	plu	ply
pra	pre	pri	pro	pru	pry
qua	que	qui	quo		quy
rha	rhe	rhi	rho	rhu	rhy
sca*	sce	sci	sco	scu	scy
sha	she	shi	sho	shu	shy

* Pronounced ska, se, si, sko, sku, sy

ska ske ski sko sku sky
 sla sle sli slo slu sly
 sma sme smi smo smu
 sna sne sni sno snu
 spa spe spi spo spu spy
 sta ste sti sto stu sty

swa swe swi swo swu
 tha the thi tho thu thy
 tra tre tri tro tru try
 twa twe twi two
 wha whe whi who whu why
 wra wre wri wro wru wry

Boy.



Pen.



Man.



Pig.



Fan.



Sun.



Hen.



Bug.



Cup.



A a

B b



A is an AVOSET, that wades about the marsh;

B is a BITTERN, whose cry is shrill and harsh.

Words of Three Letters.

cab	bib	job	cub	bad	bed
dab	fib	mob	dub	gad	led
neb	nib	rob	rub	had	wed
web	rib	sob	tub	lad	zed

bid	hod	bud	bag	beg	dig
did	nod	cud	rag	keg	fig
hid	pod	mud	tag	leg	pig
kid	sod	rud	wag	peg	wig

cog	bug	ham	hem	con	gum
dog	jug	jam	gem	don	hum
hog	mug	ram	dim	non	rum
jog	tug	yam	him	yon	sum

can	den	fin	son	dun	cap
fan	pen	kin	ton	nun	gap
pan	ten	pin	won	run	lap
van	wen	sin	one	sun	nap

dip	fop	cup	car	bur	for
lip	hop	pup	far	cur	nor
nip	mop	sup	jar	fur	tor
tip	top	tup	mar	sur	war

bat	let	bit	cot	but	lax
cat	net	hit	got	cut	tax
fat	wet	pit	jot	hut	wax
rat	yet	wit	not	jut	axe

sex	fix	act	ash	ark	ebb
vex	mix	ant	ask	arm	eft
box	pix	and	asp	art	egg
fox	six	add	apt	are	ell

elk	ill	odd	ace	eke	ice
elm	ink	off	age	ere	ile
end	inn	oft	ale	eve	ire
err	its	orb	ape	key	eye

C c

D d



*C is a CONDOR, the strongest bird that flies ;
D is a DODO, that has not power to rise.*

ode	caw	law	bay	may	lea
ope	daw	paw	day	nay	pea
ore	haw	raw	gay	say	sea
owe	jaw	saw	hay	way	tea

bee	dew	mew	bey	die	tie
fee	few	new	dey	hie	vie
lee	hew	yew	hey	lie	rye
see	jew	ewe	aye	pie	buy

doe	coo	woo	bow	boy	low
foe	too	who	cow	coy	mow
hoe	two	rue	how	joy	row
toe	loo	you	now	toy	tow

cue	aid	ear	oaf	oil	awe
due	ail	eat	oak	our	awl
hue	aim	eek	oar	out	all
sue	air	eel	old	owl	



Monosyllables of four letters, in all their Forms.

1. The Vowels Long.

bale	fade	date	bake	bane
dale	lade	fate	cake	cane
gale	made	gate	sake	lane
sale	wade	late	take	pane

bide	dive	bile	dine	dire
hide	hive	file	fine	fire
ride	five	mile	line	hire
side	rive	tile	mine	mire

bone	hope	bore	doze	mote
cone	cope	core	hose	note
lone	mope	lore	nose	rote
tone	rope	more	rose	vote

babe	cage	cane	hate	huge
face	page	cape	save	mule
jade	pale	hare	gaze	dupe
safe	name	case	mate	pure

E e



F f



*E is an EAGLE, that gazes at the sun ;
F, a FLAMINGO, that early learns to run.*

gibe	like	line	time	wise
nice	vile	nine	pipe	mite
tide	wide	sire	tire	rice
pile	dine	dike	rise	life

bode	dome	cove	pole	mode
node	zone	robe	tome	hole
joke	tope	code	pore	home
mole	gore	yoke	rove	wove

2. The Vowels mostly Short.

back	beck	kick	dock	duck
lack	deck	pick	lock	luck
pack	neck	sick	rock	suck

ball	bell	bill	boll	cull
call	sell	fill	roll	dull
fall	tell	kill	toll	lull
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band	bend	bind	bond	jump
hand	lend	find	fond	lump
land	mend	mind	pond	pump
—				
bass	cess	kiss	loss	bull
lass	less	hiss	moss	full
pass	mess	miss	toss	pull
—				
cast	best	cist	cost	dust
fast	nest	list	lost	must
last	west	mist	tost	rust
—				
fang	gift	hilt	hall	cuff
gang	lift	tilt	tall	muff
hang	rift	wilt	wall	puff
—				
bank	bent	link	camp	hung
lank	cent	pink	damp	rung
rank	rent	sink	lamp	sung
—				
card	ring	hill	dint	bark
hard	sing	rill	hint	mark
yard	wing	will	lint	dark

G g



H h



G is a **GOSHAWK**, that whistles on the hill ;

H is a **HERON**, with slender legs and bill.

born	cart	cash	dish	hush
corn	dart	dash	fish	rush
horn	part	lash	wish	tush

bask	bath	barm	post	dusk
casK	hath	farm	host	husk
task	path	harm	most	rusk

balm	left	rich	loft	gulf
raft	delf	sift	soft	much
half	self	film	doll	tuft

balk	helm	high	bold	bulb
halt	help	sigh	fold	pulp
want	hemp	mild	gold	fund

rapt	wert	girl	bolt	hunt
pant	herb	bird	comb	curb
barb	herd	dirk	pork	curd
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warm	jerk	risk	word	lurk
warn	germ	lisp	work	curl
warp	desk	pith	worm	turf
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barn	fern	wink	form	hurt
carp	pert	with	long	gulp
marl	next	limb	romp	junk

3. The Vowels Short.

blab	bled	brig	clod	scud
crab	sled	grig	plod	spud
stab	fled	prig	trod	stud
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crag	glen	brim	clog	drug
flag	then	skim	flog	plug
stag	when	swim	frog	snug
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plan	thin	skip	crop	clap
than	skin	slip	drop	trap
span	spin	whip	stop	snap
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scar	clam	flit	blot	crum
spar	cram	whit	plot	plum
star	dram	spit	trot	scum

I i

J j



I is an **IMBER**, *that lives in northern seas ;*

J is a **JACKDAW**, *that can be tamed with ease.*

glad	bred	crib	knob	drub
snag	them	whim	from	stun
bran	stem	this	flop	blur

brad	step	glib	slop	glut
plat	fret	shin	grot	flux
flax	tret	trip	shot	thus

4. Diphthongs middle, mostly long.

laid	bail	grain	fair	bait
maid	nail	main	hair	gait
paid	sail	pain	pair	wait

bead	beak	deal	beam	bean
lead	leak	meal	ream	lean
read	weak	seal	team	mean

heap	dear	beat	feed	leek
leap	fear	heat	deed	mEEK
reap	hear	meat	seed	seek
feel	deem	deep	beer	beet
heel	seem	keep	deer	feet
reel	teem	peep	peer	meet
died	dies	goad	soar	boat
pie	pies	load	roar	doat
tied	ties	toad	goar	goat
boil	good	book	cool	doom
coil	hood	cook	fool	loom
soil	wood	look	tool	room
caul	dawn	beef	fief	mewl
haul	yawn	seen	mien	hewn
laud	bawl	lees	bier	news
loaf	foam	void	food	coop
soak	moan	coin	roof	poor
coal	soap	doit	moon	boot
loud	bout	fowl	your	four
foul	pout	howl	tour	pour
sour	gout	down	soup	soul

K k

L l



K is a KINGFISHER, watching for his prey;
L is a LINNET, that sings upon the spray.

 5. Diphthongs final, long.

claw	clay	flee	brew	flow
draw	slay	free	crew	slow
flaw	stay	tree	drew	grow

blue	flea	stow	sley	slew
glue	plea	blow	they	view
true	glee	crow	whew	lieu

 6. Diphthongs initial.

aids	each	earl	oath	ours
ails	east	earn	oaks	oust
aims	ease		oats	owls

 7. Vowels initial, short.

acts	arms	eggs	inch	odds
asks	arts	etch	itch	orbs

Monosyllables of five letters.

grape	glebe	spire	grobe	brute
chase	these	knife	score	prune
slate	scene	smite	smote	crude
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farce	fence	since	gorge	dunce
parse	tense	hinge	horse	curse
large	hedge	bilge	lodge	judge
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stand	bless	brink	short	churn
blank	wreck	thing	thorn	stuff
cramp	theft	which	stock	plump
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match	bench	filth	torch	bunch
batch	fetch	nymph	north	hutch
basks	depth	sixth	tongs	lungs
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snail	great	cheap	bleed	siege
brain	swear	steal	queer	niece
claim	break	cream	cheek	lieve
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fraud	spawn	weigh	boast	point
gauze	crawl	reign	hoard	joint
pause	drawl	eight	coach	moist
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brook	proud	scowl	guilt	screw
stood	spout	frown	quilt	shrew
shoot	cloud	crowd	build	threw

M m



N n



M is a MARTIN, that yearly does return ;

N is a NIGHT-JAR, that breeds among the fern.

Monosyllables of six letters and more.

thatch	clench	shrill	scorch
thwart	sketch	twitch	throng
warmth	pledge	bridge	mosque

thrust	slouch	school	search
church	shroud	groove	spread
plunge	spouse	choose	breast

speech	bright	spruce	weight
bleach	scythe	sluice	sprain
shield	stride	shrewd	plaint

shrieks	stealth	through	freight
screech	strength	thought	draught
squeeze	breadth	drought	staunch

Words of two Syllables accented on the first.

la-dy	ea-sy	di-al	ho-ly
la-zy	he-ro	di-et	po-sy
va-ry	re-al	li-ar	po-et
a-ble	e-ven	i-dle	o-pen
a-cre	e-vil	i-ron	o-ral
a-gue	e-qual	i-tem	o-ver
ba-ker	fe-ver	bi-ble	no-ble
fa-tal	be-ing	fi-nal	to-ken
pa-per	de-ist	pi-lot	vo-cal
dra-per	bee-tle	bri-dle	clo-ver
sta-ble	peo-ple	pli-ant	gro-cer
gra-ter	sea-son	spi-der	tro-phy
ha-tred	le-gion	ci-pher	mo-ment
la-ding	se-cret	pi-rate	no-tice
va-cant	re-cent	si-lent	lo-cust
late-ly	mere-ly	nine-ty	lone-ly
dain-ty	lead-er	kind-er	port-er
maid-en	deep-en	light-en	gold-en
bai-liff	bee-hive	eye-brow	oat-meal
fla-vour	hea-then	pie-bald	fro-ward
pay-ment	nei-ther	wri-ting	bow-sprit

O o



P p



O is an OSPREY, that fishes in the streams ;
 P is a PEACOCK, that proudly struts and screams.

al-um	lev-y	ac-tor	cab-in
ev-er	lil-y	en-ter	fel-on
in-to	bod-y	im-age	tim-id

bas-ket	ac-cent	bank-er	bram-ble
pen-cil	em-blem	cher-ry	blem-ish
din-ner	in-sult	quiv-er	chim-ney

fat-ling	ab-sence	sharp-ly	harm-less
cen-tral	ex-tract	fresh-en	head-long
dis-cord	in-cense	build-er	nick-name

dan-druff	stand-ard	back-wards	black-smith
mem-brane	splen-did	whet-stone	hence-forth
mid-night	scrib-ble	ship-wreck	witch-craft

Words of two Syllables accented on the last.

al-ly	a-way	a-kin	a-bet
de-fy	o-bey	e-mit	a-ver
re-ly	e-spy	o-mit	a-far
al-lay	al-loy	be-dew	ap-ply
ar-ray	an-noy	en-sue	be-lie
es-say	en-joy	im-bue	de-cry
ca-nal	ad-ept	al-lot	an-nul
ex-act	be-set	ex-alt	oc-cur
re-lax	re-bel	ex-tol	de-ter
a-base	a-bide	a-bode	a-buse
a-wake	a-live	a-lone	a-dieu
e-late	u-nite	e-lope	e-lude
cre-ate	com-mit	ful-fil	cra-vat
dis-may	dis-til	per-mit	mis-hap
sur-vey	for-bid	pre-fix	tre-pan
af-fray	be-lief	ad-mire	be-hold
en-gage	en-dear	be-nign	de-note
re-main	se-vere	de-file	be-stow
a-fraid	a-drift	a-verse	a-bound
e-scape	a-midst	e-merge	a-mount
o-paque	e-vince	e-nough	a-rouse

Q q



R r



Q is a **QUAIL**, that delights in fields of grain ;
R is a **RAVEN**, that preys upon the slain.

cas-cade con-cede bap-tize aug-ment
 con-tain dis-ease sub-side neg-lect
 pro-fane gen-teel sur-vive per-plex

de-claim be-seech de-light ex-plode
 en-slave de-ceive in-spire im-plore
 in-flate im-peach re-cline re-store

dis-grace com-plete dis-tress bal-loon
 per-suade con-ceive fer-ment buf-foon
 pro-claim dis-creet sup-press har-poon

ac-quaint ag-grieve af-fright al-though
 ap-praise be-queath be-stride ap-proach
 re-strain in-crease in-scribe de-throne

Easy and Progressive Lessons in Reading.

Go in.	I go up.	It is an ox.
O no.	So do I.	O so it is.
We go.	It is he.	Go up to it.
Do so.	Go up in.	See me go up.
I do.	If I go.	No, no, do not.
See me.	Do go on.	It is my ox.
Do it.	If it be.	Ho, my old ox.
Not so.	We do it.	O do not go.

Is it the cat ?	I see a dog.
Go in to see.	O let me see.
I can not go.	How wet he is.
Do not say so.	I see him now.
It is no cat.	A big old dog.
It may not be.	He is all wet.
O yes, it is.	Who wet him so ?
Now I can see.	I can not tell.

O see my pie.	We now must go.
Let me cut it.	May I go too ?
It is too hot.	Not now, my son.
Hot pie is good.	Why may I not ?
Do not cut it.	It is too far.
How nice it is.	I wish to go.
Put it up now.	But do not cry.
Let it get cool.	No, no, not I.

S s



T t



S is a STARLING, that roosts among the reeds ;
T is a TURKEY, that in the barn-yard feeds.

Be not a bad boy.	Let us do no ill ;
Try to do no ill.	For God can see us.
We are all to die ;	His eye is on us all.
And if we are bad,	We can not be hid.
We can see no joy.	He sees all we do.
O may I not sin !	O let us fear him !

If we fear not God,	My son, love the law.
We are led to sin ;	Do good all the day.
And so we are bad.	Do good, and not ill.
Bad men all act ill.	It is the true way.
Ill acts end in wo.	If we all do so,
O ! do no ill act !	Our end will be joy.

I have a book.	What time is it ?
Is it not nice ?	It is just nine.
See what a book.	We must make haste.
How nice it is.	You will be late.
See the fine cuts.	The house is near ;
I can spell in it ;	And we can run.
And I can read too.	You look quite nice ;
Do hear me read.	Now you may run

Where is my hat ?	O see that bird ;
I do not know.	And hear him sing !
It was hung up.	A small brown bird.
Please to get it ;	Let us keep still ;
For we must go.	Lest he fly off.
It is quite time.	How gay he is !
Is it not nine ?	What bird is it ?
It will be soon.	It is a wren.

You must come back.	Where is the cat ?
Who says we must ?	I will feed her.
Ma-ma says so.	Puss, puss, puss, puss :
Why must we come ?	She does not come.
You did not wash.	She is gone out.
Let us run back.	O there she is,
She will wash us.	Out in the yard
Then we can go.	Puss can catch mice.

V v



W w



V is a VULTURE, a cruel bird of prey;

W is a WHEATEAR, that's innocent and gay.

The cow eats grass.	See that first cut.
She gives us milk.	What a coarse bird!
New milk is good.	His bill is thick.
I want some now.	His neck is bare.
May I have some?	How sour he looks!
Yes, hand a cup.	I do not like him.

See this big fly.	How neat the next!
O let him live.	His breast is light.
He did no harm.	His wings are dark.
Do not hurt him.	His back is gray.
His life is short.	His rump is white.
Bad boys kill flies.	I like that bird.

THE SEASONS.

IN the Spring of the year, when the snow is gone, the trees bud, and put forth their leaves. The young grass springs up out of the ground. The plants and shrubs appear in bloom. And all is green and gay.

Then the birds sing in the groves. They seem glad that it is Spring. They choose their mates, and build their nests.

Some birds build in high trees; some choose the small shrubs; some like a hole in a tree; some make a nest in the grass; some dig a hole in the sand; and some lay their eggs on the bare ground.

They all take great care of their young. They feed them till they can fly and get food.

In Summer it is very warm. Then the grain gets ripe; and some kinds of fruit get ripe. O how nice ripe fruit is!

Then the grass is mown for hay. Men cut it down with a sharp scythe. When it is dried in the sun, it is hay. Quite small boys can help to make hay. They can spread the grass when it is cut.

In Autumn all the late fruits get ripe. They fall to the ground, if people do not pluck them. Some kinds can be kept a great while. Some will soon rot.

Then it grows cold; and the frost comes. The leaves fade, and fall from the trees. The beauty of the gardens and fields is lost.

In Winter it's cold. Then there are frost, and snow, and ice. The snow covers the ground, like a white robe. Then we must have a good fire.