

# Phonics

## Six Easy Steps to Reading



## Second Edition

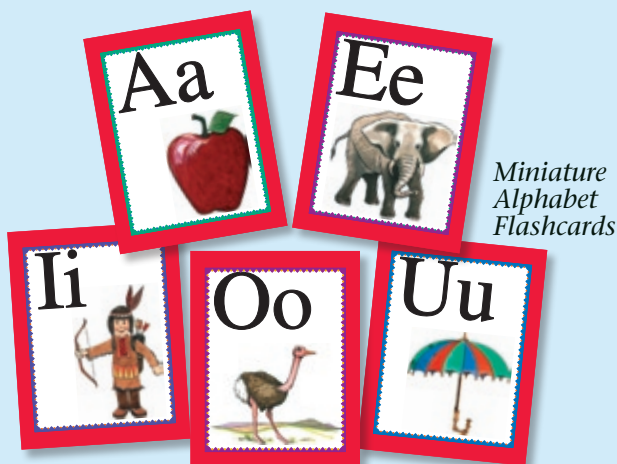
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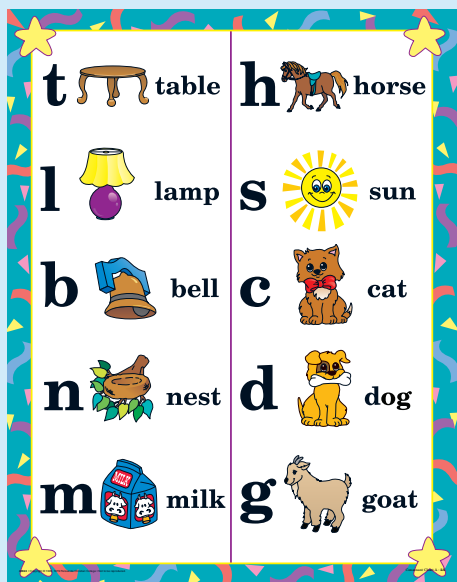
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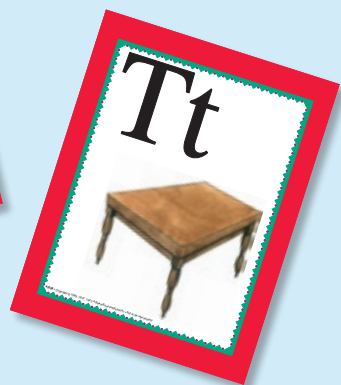
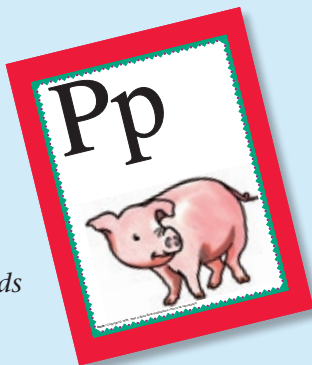
Vowel Chart from  
*Phonics Charts  
and Games*



## 2. Learn to recognize the consonants and their sounds.



Consonant Chart (front and back)  
from *Phonics Charts and Games*



Alphabet Flashcards

### 3. Learn to blend.

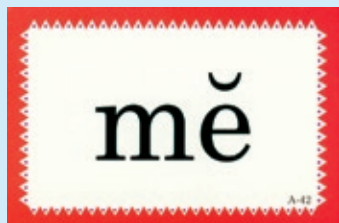
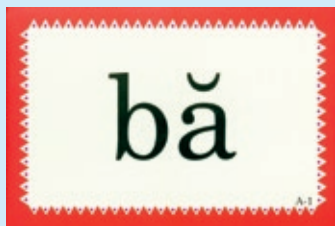
Blending the sounds of a consonant and a vowel is the first step to reading words.



*My Blend & Word Book*



*Blend Ladders*



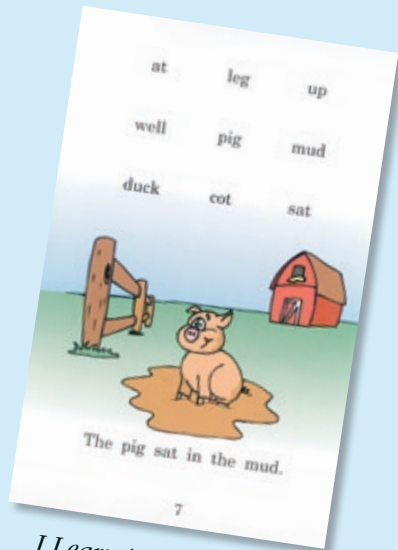
*Blend Practice  
Cards A*

## 4. Learn to sound one-vowel words.



*My Blend & Word Book*

When there is one vowel in a word, that vowel usually says its short sound.



*I Learn to Read, Book A*

**Note:** Sight words cannot be pronounced entirely by phonetic analysis. Children learn to recognize sight words such as *the*, *I*, and *a*.

# 5. Learn the sounds of the long vowels. Learn to sound two-vowel words.

When there are two vowels in a word,  
the first vowel says its long sound,  
and the second vowel is silent.



*I Do Read Book 1*



Long Vowel Chart  
from *Blend Ladders*



*My Blend & Word Book*

## 6. Learn the special phonics sounds.

The *A Beka Book* phonics program contains 132 special sounds (often called phonics rules), such as those listed below:

<i>bl</i> in block	<i>ang</i> in bang
<i>ear</i> in bear	<i>gl</i> in glue
<i>cr</i> in crab	<i>ay</i> in pray
<i>alk</i> in walk	<i>str</i> in stream



## Basic Phonics Chart

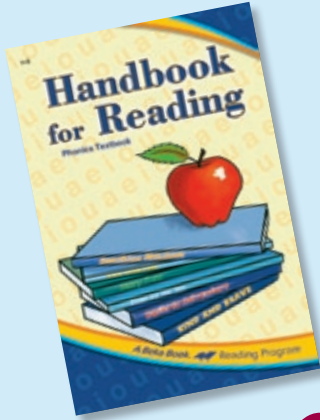
Handbook  
for Reading

*Bridge Book*

Additional skills:

- Know and use prefixes and suffixes.
- Divide words into syllables.
- Use alphabetical order.
- Recognize and work with rhyming words, opposite words, same meaning words, same sounding words, compound words, and contractions.





# Materials for Teaching Phonics

*A Beka Book* offers complete day-by-day lesson plans for phonics and reading from K4 through grade 2. Listed below are teaching aids and readers for the six steps of phonics.

## 1. Short vowels

- Miniature Alphabet Flashcards K
- Large Alphabet Flashcards K-2
- Large Alphabet Vowel Chart from Phonics Charts and Games Set K
- Letter Picture Flashcards K
- Vowel Chart from Basic Phonics Charts 1-2

## 2. Consonants

- Miniature Alphabet Flashcards K
- Large Alphabet Flashcards K-2
- Consonant Chart from Phonics Charts and Games Set K
- Letter Picture Flashcards K
- Consonant Chart from Basic Phonics Charts 1-2

## 3. Blends

- Blend Ladders K
- My Blend and Word Book* K
- Blend Practice Cards Set A K-1
- Basic Phonics Charts 1-2

## 4. One-vowel words

*My Blend and Word Book* K

Basic Phonics Charts 1-2

*Handbook for Reading* 1-2

Readers:

- K4 *Little Books 1-10* (10 books),  
*Old MacDonald's Farm, Tip, Gus,  
Wig on a Pig, Matt*
- K5 *My Blend and Word Book*  
*I Learn to Read*, Book A, Book B, Book C
- 1 *Fun with Pets*, pp. 1-73

## 5. Long vowels and two-vowel words

*My Blend and Word Book* K

Basic Phonics Charts 1-2

*Handbook for Reading* 1-2

Readers:

- K4 *Pet Pete, Mike's Coat, A Pal*
- K5 *My Blend and Word Book*  
*I Learn to Read*, Book D  
*I Do Read*, Books 1, 2, 3, 4
- 1 *Fun with Pets*, pp. 74-126  
*Tiptoes*, pp. 3-42

## 6. Special phonics sounds

Basic Phonics Flashcards K-2

Clue Word Cards K-2

Basic Phonics Charts 1-2

Large Phonics Teaching Charts 1-2

*Handbook for Reading* 1-2

Readers:

- K5 *I Can Read Well*, Books 1, 2, 3, 4  
*Big Owl Books* (4 books)  
*Family Fun Books* (7 books)
- 1 *Tiptoes, Stepping Stones,  
Secrets and Surprises,  
The Bridge Book, Animals in the  
Great Outdoors, Kind and Brave,  
Aesop's Fables, Strong and True,  
Down by the Sea*
- 2 *Story Tree, Treasure Chest*

***A Beka Book®* has a Basic Phonics Sounds CD  
to assist in teaching phonics.**