

Information for Teachers

The Reception Series A, A Extra, A Digraphs

Introduction

The first manuscripts for these series were written in 1998, based on a previously written phonic series entitled 'Tig and Ted'. The 45 high-frequency words specified by the National Literacy Strategy for the Reception Year were incorporated into this series and the characters changed to two cats, Jelly and Bean.

Revisions

Some revisions to the Series A have been made in the print run of January 2010.

The title of book 8A has been changed to *Duck and Frog*. The word *quack* has been removed.

Also the notation *Zzz ... zzz ...* (to infer snoring) has been removed from book 10A.

Consequently, the letters 'q' and 'z' no longer appear in the A Series.

Introduction of letters

Book no.	Title	Small letters	Capitals
A Series			
1	<i>a cat</i>	a c h m n o t	
2	<i>a box</i>	b i g x	
3	<i>a dog on a log</i>	d l f r	
4	<i>a puppy</i>	p e u y	
5	<i>Jelly and Bean</i>		J B I
6	<i>I can see</i>	s	
7	<i>Look at me</i>	k	L
8	<i>Duck and Frog</i>	j (ck)	A T D F
9	<i>Wellington</i>	w	W O
10	<i>Kevin</i>	v	K M

A Series Extra

11	<i>Hop ... hop ... hop</i>		H
12	<i>The Big Hat</i>		
13	<i>The Big Pink Box</i>		P
14	<i>Up and Down</i>		
15	<i>Go Away</i>		Y G N
16	<i>The Little Duck</i>	q	Q

A Series Digraphs

17	<i>The Big Fish</i>	(sh)	S
18	<i>The Bee in the Box</i>	(th) z	U Z
19	<i>Chickens</i>	(ch)	
20	<i>The Wet Cat</i>		
21	<i>Peck, peck</i>		
22	<i>The Bottom of the Pond</i>		

Introduction of new vocabulary

A Series

Book 1	a cat on mat hat
Book 2	big in box
Book 3	dog log frog and
Book 4	the puppy mud pond
Book 5	I am red bag Jelly Bean
Book 6	can see fat grass
Book 7	look at me hen hut happy Lotty
Book 8	is duck play jump
Book 9	no has with ball oh runs kicks Wellington
Book 10	my dad kennel sleep Kevin

Vowel digraphs in the A Series

Word	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
see						*				
look							*			
play								*	*	*

New tricky words in the A Series Extra

Word	11	12	13	14	15	16
to	*		*	*		
into				*		
go				*	*	
you					*	*
are					*	
said					*	*
we						*
little						*

New vowel digraphs in the A Series Extra

Word	11	12	13	14	15	16
away			*		*	
down				*		
for						*

New tricky words in the A Series Digraphs

Word	17	18	19	20	21	22
he	*			*	*	*
she		*	*		*	*
they		*				*
come			*		*	*
all			*		*	*
was				*		*

Consonant digraphs in the A Series Digraphs

Word	17	18	19	20	21	22
fish	*					
dish	*					
wish	*					
splash	*					*
she		*	*		*	*
shed			*	*	*	
push						*
the	*	*	*	*	*	*
they		*				*
this		*			*	
then						*
chickens			*		*	
cheep			*			
Chuff				*		
chicks					*	
chin					*	
cheek					*	

New vowel digraphs in the A Series Digraphs

- bee
- cheep
- cheek
- weeks
- laid

The text of each story is available to photocopy from our volumes of texts.

Vocabulary used in each story is printed on the inside back cover of each book.

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