

## A Digraphs Series books 17-24

### Introduction

This series of books was expanded in 2013 to a series of eight books to ensure that it is parallel to the B Digraphs Series. The two consonant digraphs 'sh' and 'ch' are introduced in books 17A and 19A. The rest of the pronouns, i.e. 'he, she, they' are introduced as well as the 'common exception words' 'all, goes, does, come, who, her, very, something'. The vowel digraphs 'ai, er, ow, or' are introduced in the words 'laid, under, over, other, down, for' and also the 'y' spelling of the long vowel /ie/ in the words 'fly, sky, by'. Books 23 and 24 are revised versions of stories from other series no longer in print.

### Aims

- to introduce and reinforce the consonant digraph 'sh, ch, th'.
- to introduce the rest of the pronouns 'he, she, they'.
- to introduce more 'common exception words'.
- to ensure that the words in the vocabulary are likely to be in the child's spoken language so that the text makes sense to them.

### Titles and use of digraphs

17	<i>The Big Fish</i>	sh --- ee ay oo --- --- --- or
18	<i>The Bee in the Box</i>	sh --- ee ay oo --- --- --- ---
19	<i>Chickens</i>	sh ch ee ay --- --- --- --- ---
20	<i>The Wet Cat</i>	sh ch ee ay --- --- --- --- ---
21	<i>Peck, peck</i>	sh ch ee ay oo ai --- --- or
22	<i>The Bottom of the Pond</i>	sh --- -- ay oo --- --- ow or
23	<i>Flap Flap Flop</i>	sh ch ee ay -- --- er --- ---
24	<i>Rubbish Dump</i>	sh --- ee ay oo --- er ow or

## Vocabulary in each book

Book 17A: *The Big Fish* (79 words)

ay: away says  
ee: see  
oo: look looking  
or: for

Phase 2: a in is big get but his had it and but

Phase 3: dish wish fish yum

Phase 4: grabs splash pond jumps empty still

Tricky: the I no go to he

Other: Jelly Bean

This book introduces the consonant digraph 'sh' at the end of the words 'fish, dish, wish, splash'. It also introduces the pronoun 'he' as both 'he' and 'He'.

Book 18A: *The Bee in the Box* (85 words)

ay: away  
ee: see bee  
oo: look

Phase 2: a on in is it up big can has sit sat mat mad  
and runs as

Phase 3: box buzz this with them

Phase 4: jump fast

Tricky: the oh no are she they comes

Other: Jelly Bean cannot

This book introduces the letter 'z' as a small letter and a capital letter. It also reinforces the digraph 'sh' as the sound 'shhh .....', meaning stay quiet, and in the pronoun 'she'. The pronoun 'they' is introduced and the high-frequency word 'comes'.

Book 19A: *Chickens* (80 words)

ay: away say

ee: cheep  
oo: look  
or: for  
Phase 2: a on in has run hen hut  
Phase 3: six Kevin shed chickens  
Phase 4: grass lost  
Tricky: the no oh to she goes all are  
Other : Wellington little kennel

This book introduces the consonant digraph 'ch' in the words 'chickens' and 'cheep'. It reinforces the phrase 'goes to look for' on three pages. It reinforces the pronoun 'she' and introduces the word 'all' on the last page.

Book 20A: *The Wet Cat* (97 words)

ay: day says  
ee: see  
Phase 2: a in is it up am big cat can get sad hen hut  
full his bin  
Phase 3: wet shed with Colin  
Phase 4:  
tricky: the I no to he you are goes come  
Other: Wellington Jelly happy kennel cannot

This book was rewritten in 2013 in the present tense for consistency throughout the series.

Book 21A: *Peck, Peck* (88 words)

ay: away says  
ee: cheek week  
oo: look  
or: for  
ai: laid  
Phase 2: a on in is it an dog has hen run sit off egg  
get back peck

Phase 3: will with chin chicks shed

Phase 4: cross soft nest

Tricky: the no go to he me we she are oh all

Other: Wellington cuddly kennel

This book reinforces the pronouns 'we, me, he, she', the consonant digraphs 'ch' and 'sh' and other high-frequency words. It also introduces the vowel grapheme 'ai' in the phrase 'laid an egg'.

Book 22A: *The Bottom of the Pond* (110 words)

ay: day play says

oo: look

or: for

ow: down

Phase 2: a on in it at up of hot but is not get him top  
put and pull back duck

Phase 3: Kevin then with push

Phase 4: frog grass send pond splash sent thank

Tricky: the to he she they you go all onto come goes  
does

Other: Lotty Wellington

This book was re-written in the present tense in 2013 for consistency throughout the series.

Book 23A: *Flap Flap Flop* (96 words)

ay: away play says

ee: see

er: other

y: fly sky

Phase 2: a in run his can red but and robin tell

Phase 3: with chicken bush wing

Phase 4: flap flop grass

Tricky: the he to I oh all who her she onto

Other: bye can't little

This story is a revision of '*I Can't Fly*', which was book 11 in the Long Vowel Series, now no longer in print.

Book 24A: *Rubbish Dump* (102 words)

ee: see feel

oo: look

or: for

ow: down

er: over under

Phase 2: is on in it and a cat up as at pat rat red but  
can bag back pan run

Phase 3: then

Phase 4: from jump help plank cloth cross lamp think fast  
dump

Tricky: to the by all she something have very goes

Other: wall Jelly rubbish move among basket bottles  
nothing

This story is a revision of '*The Rubbish Dump*', which was book 14 in the Consonants, Blends and Clusters Series