

B Series books 5-10

History

Books 1–10 of the **B Series** were written in 1999/2000 to ensure that children learnt the basic correspondences of the sight and sound of each single letter of the alphabet.

Books 1 and 10 were revised in July 2009. The revision in book 1 was the removal of the word '*can*', meaning '*a drinks can*' because fizzy drinks were being discouraged for young children. The revision in book 10 was the removal of the word '*very*.' The word '*very*' was reinstated in the 2014 reprint to reinforce the use of the letters '*v*' and '*y*'.

The word '*quack*' was removed in the 2012 reprint from book 8. This means that the letter '*q*' is no longer introduced in this set of books.

B Series book 5-10 Introduction

The letters '*j, k, v, w, y, z*' are introduced in books 5-10. Sentences are also introduced including capital letters and full stops (other than on pages 5, 7, 8 in book 5B where full stops are used for consistency). The capital letters '*I, J, T, S, B, P, O, A, K*' are used and the verbs '*am, see, look, is, has, put, hops, run, fell, pull, hugs, ran, taps, jumps*'.

Aims of the B Series books 5-10

- To reinforce the introduction of the letters of the alphabet used in the A Series books 5-10 in simple meaningful words. The letter '*z*' is also introduced in books 8 and 10.
- To use the verbs '*am*', '*see*' and '*look*' in meaningful sentences consistently to reinforce the A Series.
- To ensure the books are written in natural spoken language and that the vocabulary makes sense to young children.
- To use as many CVC words as possible so that children can practise reading this type of word.

Introduction of Letters

Book	Title	New Letters	Capitals	No. of words
5b	<i>a hen and a rat</i>	y r l	I J	46
6b	<i>Sam</i>	f s	S T	60
7b	<i>The big bell</i>	k	B P L	65
8b	<i>The big black hat</i>	ck	A O	60
9b	<i>The web on the jug</i>	j w		50
10b	<i>The very big cat</i>	v z	K	61

Teaching notes for each book

Book 5B *a hen and a rat*

Phase 2: a in am hen net ran rat hut and

Tricky: I the

Other: Jelly

This book reinforces the phrase '*I am ...*' introduced in book 5A. It also reinforces the letter 'u' in the word '*hut*'.

Not all the text in book 5B is in the form of sentences e.g. '*The rat and the hen in the hut*' does not contain a verb and, hence, it is not a sentence. Capital letters and full stops have been inserted in this reprint. The letter 'y' is used in this book in the name '*Jelly*'. Please see the notes for the A series 5-10 for the Shy 'i', Toughy 'y' Rule

Book 6B *Sam*

Phase 2: a on can am has cat dog red cap fat run put
hops Sam

Phase 3: see

Phase 4: frog

Tricky: the I

The main aim of this book is to introduce the letter 's' in a simple CVC word and hence, the dog is named '*Sam*'. However, 's' also appears in the verb '*has*' (where it is pronounced /z/), and at the end of the verb '*hops*' (where it is pronounced /s/).

Book 7B *The big bell*

Phase 2: a at big and on in has his off cut leg bell fell
 pull hugs

Phase 3: look

Tricky: the

Other: Jelly Bean

The main aims of this book are to introduce the letters 'l' and 'k' into the B Series. There are two words beginning with 'l', i.e. 'leg' and 'look', and three words ending with 'l' (*in the form of 'll'*), i.e. 'bell, fell, pull'.

Book 8B *The big black hat*

Phase 2: a at big is in am hen hat and duck kitten

Phase 3: look

Phase 4: black trick

Tricky: Oh I me

This book reinforces the phrase 'look at me'. It also reinforces the 'ck' letter combination, the use of the verb 'is', and the introduction of the capital letter 'A' all introduced in book 8A.

Book 9B *The web on the jug*

Phase 2: a on in is up can and not off taps bug hops
 runs

Phase 3: see will web jug

Phase 4: jumps pond

Tricky: the

Other : Jelly

This book reinforces the letters 'j' and 'w' introduced in books 8A and 9A.

Book 10B *The very big cat*

Phase 2: a cat can in big at and run cannot

Phase 3: Kevin box zig-zag see look

Phase 4: fast

Tricky: the into very

This book reinforces the use of the letters 'k' and 'v' in the name '*Kevin*'. It also introduces the letter 'z'. The 'common exception' words '*into*' and '*very*' are used for the first time.