

## Further Vowel Combinations

### Information for Teachers

This series, *Further Vowel Combinations*, replaces books 10-16 of the former *Long Vowels Series*, which was written in 1999/2000 to complement the *National Literacy Strategy*.

The introduction of synthetic phonics, and '*Letters and Sounds*', in 2007 required schools to teach one grapheme of each vowel phoneme before any of the alternative spellings. This was at odds with the criteria of the *National Literacy Strategy*.

The *Early Vowels Series* (2011) was developed as a replacement for books 1-6 of the *Long Vowels Series* concentrating on the graphemes 'ai/ay, ee/ea, ie/y, oa, oo'.

Follifoot Farm Series 3 (2011) was developed as a replacement for books 7-9 concentrating on the split digraphs 'a-e, i-e, o-e' (magic e).

This new series, consisting of some revised and some new stories, completes the transformation of the *Long Vowel Series* into three separate series of books covering the long-vowel phonemes/graphemes to be taught in Key stage 1.

Book	Title	Grapheme Focus	No. words
1.	<i>The Willow Tree</i>	ow, ew	220
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Vocabulary in each book:-

#### **Book 1      *The Willow Tree***

ai/ay:      laid away played stayed

a-e:      made came

ee/ea:      tree three Bean leaves leaving

y/i-e:      by time springtime liked

ow:      willow crow hollow yellow snow blown

o-e:      alone

oo: soon too  
 ew: grew flew new  
 oo: took Follifoot  
 ow/ou: brown out found  
 or: for  
 ar: farm  
 er: under summer winter sheltered  
 ir: birds  
 ur: turned  
 ear: near  
 Phase 2: a at and it in of moss eggs sat on big fell back  
 Phase 3: sitting them until with shed then  
 Phase 4: left pond felt black spent trunk twigs nest from strong winds  
 Shy 'i': Jelly baby sorry  
 Tricky: there was the to watch she her during they into young were all  
 their again  
 Others: lived most hatched autumn

**Book 2      *The Gold Ring***

ay: day  
 a-e: came gave  
 ee/ea: see leaf Bean  
 i/y: blind climbed by  
 i-e: side like  
 oa: toad  
 ow: followed  
 o-e: nose throne home mole hole  
 o: gold almost rolled  
 oo: pool  
 oo: look looking looked  
 ow/ou: crown now out round  
 or: for  
 er: under water never  
 ear: disappeared

ea: head  
 Phase 2: a him of and it his fell off its legs as it but up get  
 Phase 3: along path ring hanging then until king with  
 Phase 4: pond past grass went next from just lost swam catch  
 Shy 'i': suddenly muddy lily  
 Soft 'g': edge  
 Tricky: one was thought the to through when was into could he wanted  
 water  
 Others: popped hopped jumped

**Book 3     *Night***

ai/ay/a-e: rain away stayed  
 a-e: take place waded  
 ee/ea: asleep deeper reached Bean  
 i/ie/y/i-e/igh: climb tried dry sky  
 i-e: inside sometimes hide side  
 igh: night bright light tight frightened lightning  
 ow: followed  
 o-e: woke nose  
 o: opened told hold  
 oo: soon  
 ew: knew  
 oo: Follifoot  
 ow/ou: down out loud  
 or: storm morning door  
 ar: Farm farmyard  
 er: thunder deeper another over other water  
 ear: near  
 Phase 2: it of at and in up a on him had got not dog his back cats  
 Phase 3: Kevin kennel with bang then shed  
 Phase 4: next across jump flash crack from must went slept  
 Shy 'i': very Jelly  
 Soft 'c': place

Tricky: was the were their to he oh no where into water through water  
all

Others: middle puddle little crossed washed flashed pour pouring  
Wellington rumble

**Book 4      *The New Kennel***

ai/ay: rain main trailer painted away

a-e: taken gate came

ea: heap

y/i-e: by sides like

igh: alright tight

oa: road float

o-e: rope broken drove whole stone

o: old

oo: roof too

ue/ew: blue new screwed

oo: look wood looked sad-looking

ow/ou: down town wow around

or: for corner floor

ar: garden Farmer farmyard

er: corner Farmer Robert trailer

aw: saw

Phase 2: and upset had it sad dogs of ran not but in off a back got at  
put on top full

Phase 3: Kevin kennel with then

Phase 4: went swept from across crunch crack stuck split

Shy 'i': happy

Tricky: were their gone where was two to the would they so he oh no  
again some one

Others: Wellington pulled tractor wall all being pieces dragged inspected  
middle fixed every collapsed

**Book 5      *The Long Blue Tube***

ai/ay: waiting way

ee: cheeky  
 i-e: surprise ripe  
 o-e: roses over closely holes  
 oo: too cool  
 ue/ew: blue grew chewed  
 u-e: June cute tube huge useful  
 oo: looked stood Follifoot  
 ow/ou: shower out  
 or: for  
 ar: garden Farm  
 er: summer over water shower  
 ir: blackbird  
 ur: surprise  
 aw: saw strawberries  
 oi: soil  
 Phase 2: in at and of a rabbit tops it as if had up fell on  
 Phase 3: Kevin long then along pecking shot digging sitting  
 Phase 4: plants strong went next just from drink  
 Shy 'i': cheeky very  
 Soft g: huge cabbages  
 Tricky: the she all to was he some something they thought  
 Others: tall month jumped among Wellington lovely happen carrot

**Book 6      *The Pear Tree***

ay/a-e: day chasing  
 ee/ea: tree free between reached  
 y/i-e: by while  
 igh: high  
 ow/o: window windowsill followed pillow open hold  
 oo: whoosh bedroom  
 ue/ew: rescue grew flew  
 oo: looked good looking Follifoot  
 ow/ou: down how out farmhouse  
 or: for

ar: garden farm farmhouse  
er: summer over water shower  
aw: saw  
are/air/ear: scared carefully stairs air pear bear  
ear: year ear near disappeared  
Phase 2: a in at its had of on it full fell got up get but bed put and back  
Phase 3: that then along  
Phase 4: branches often left gust went wind from stuck lost children  
Shy 'i': Jelly plenty every very carefully  
Tricky: the thought was one when caught would some oh no there she  
Others: monkey squirrel pulled idea towards landed jumped

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