

**Combining Consonants Series      Phase 4      Blue      Book Band**

**Aims**

- to use words containing adjacent consonants as two separate sounds blended together. These include words from Phase 4 of *Letters and Sounds* such as 'best, truck, cross, help, jumps, across, grass, pond, splash, splutter, stop, sinks'. All these words are used in book 1, *The Toy Truck*.

These types of words have been used since book 3A in the *AB Starter Pack* in the word 'frog'. It has been impossible to write sentences and stories in natural language without them. There are no new adjacent consonant clusters in the series. Almost all the words containing adjacent consonants contain only the 'short' vowels 'a, e, i, o, u'. Only the words 'play, tree, asleep, splutter, tries, starts, under' contain vowel digraphs as well as consonant blends.

- to use words where consonant letters are combined together to represent one sound. These are called *consonant digraphs* or *trigraphs*. They include 'th, ch, sh, ph, wh, ck, ng, nch, tch, dge'.

There is only one new vowel digraph in this series. It is 'oy' in the word 'toy'.

The new high-frequency words in this series include 'what, there, mother, house'.

The books are all written in the present tense.

<b>No.</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Consonant digraphs</b>	<b>Total words</b>
CC1	<i>The Toy Truck</i>	sh tch th ng ck	141
CC2	<i>Two Chicks</i>	sh ch th ng ck	146
CC3	<i>Down the Well</i>	sh -- th ng ck	155
CC4	<i>The Red Spotty Cloth</i>	sh -- th ng ck wh dge	134
CC5	<i>In the Ditch</i>	sh tch th ng ck wh	155
CC6	<i>The Hedgehog Tunnel</i>	sh -- th ng ck -- dge	145

**Vocabulary in each book**

**CC1:            *The Toy Truck***

Vowel	ay:	away
	ee/ea:	Bean
	ie/y:	tries try
	oo:	too
	ow:	down
	ar:	starts
	er:	under splutter water
	oy:	toy
y ending:	Jelly Lotty	
Phase 2	is his can sit it and rabbits ducks a cannot him cats on	
	has button up runs	
Phase 3	bush push she Kevin	

Phase 4 best truck cross help jumps pressed across grass pond  
splash splutter stop sinks  
Tricky going to he the oh no comes they  
Others watch move dear

**CC2: Two Chicks**

Vowels ay/ai: day plays away again  
ee: sees cheep  
oo: look  
oo: too  
ow/ou: down out  
er: water other her  
all: falls

y ending: sorry

Phase 2 a on in of up at not his hen run and puts bobs pick back  
rock duck cannot

Phase 3 then them will chick

Phase 4 from swim grass trick clucks bring help pond jump

Tricky the to go he she they are one two

Other middle

**CC3 Down the Well**

Vowels ay: day play  
ee: sees tree  
y: by  
oo: too  
ow/ou: down out  
or: for  
all: ball wall falls

y ending: Lotty

Phase 2 a on in is it of up sad red not him top but get off runs  
hits pull kicks picks bucket

Phase 3 Kevin will well yells with then push bang sitting

Phase 4 flat grass drops clang help bump next jumps

Tricky the to he she they one oh no

Others Wellington

**CC4 The Red Spotty Cloth**

Vowels ay/ai: way again  
ee/ea: sees Bean  
oo: cool  
er: under

Soft g: hedgehog

y ending: Jelly spotty

Phase 2 a on is it of up at can not big red rat get rid his and  
off cats puts pull rabbit kitten

Phase 3 then them will with path

Phase 4 glad cloth past last pond spotty stuck thinks

Tricky the to he she are come what where going very goes

Others wants

**CC5**      *In the Ditch*

Vowels	ay:	away
	ee/ea:	see asleep Bean eating eaten
	o:	opens
	oo:	look
	ou:	out
	or:	for
	oor:	door
	all:	falls
y ending:	Jelly hungry empty	
Phase 2	in is it of has his him hut not mud run put off and cats back rabbit cannot a	
Phase 3	Jet then shed rush bushes much bangs long	
Phase 4	grass fresh next help jumps catch ditch hutch	
Tricky	the to he they have some goes there where oh no	

**CC6**      *The Hedgehog Tunnel*

Vowels	ay/ai:	day again
	ee/ea:	see Bean
	i:	climbs
	oo:	soon
	oo:	look looking
	ou:	out house
	ar:	garden
	er:	mother other together
	or:	for
	all:	ball wall falls all
soft g:	hedgehog	
y ending:	family Jelly	
Phase 2	is a in of it get and sad has not back red cannot until	
Phase 3	then missing pushes	
Phase 4	next went stuck end	
Tricky	there to the one little by they are very she come go goes into	
Other	mother lives tunnel	

THE VOLUME OF WRITING ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO COMPLEMENT  
THIS SERIES IS **WA19: WRITING ACTIVITIES FOR COMBINING  
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