

Information for Teachers

The characters Sam, Jelly, Bean and Kevin are introduced in the four stories in this book.

The letters **f, j, k, l, r, w, v, y, z** are introduced so that all the letters of the alphabet except **q** have been used.

The letter **y** is used as a vowel sound at the end of the words **Jelly, very**.

Each story is written in complete sentences. Capital letters and punctuation are used.

The 'tricky' words used are **the, I, to, very**

Story Title	New Letters	High-frequency Words
<i>Sam</i>	r	I am has can see the
<i>The Big Bell</i>	f, l, y	can see off has his is him the and
<i>The Web on the Jug</i>	w, j, ck	can see is off back the
<i>The Very Big Cat</i>	v, z	can see to very the and

* The letter **y** is used in four different ways in written English words.

1: as a consonant in 'yes, yet, you'. 2: as a vowel in 'my, fly, by, sky'.

3: as a vowel in 'happy, sorry, baby, tricky'. 4: as a vowel in 'gym, crystal'.