

The Cursive Road to Reading and Spelling

Alpha-Phonics Practice Sentences

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Lesson 6: Dad sat. Max had ham. Dan was tam.

Was Sam tam? Has Dad an ax? Dad has an ax.

Dan has wax. Sam was sad. Was Max mad? Tad was tam.

Lesson 13: Al can bat. Jack has a sack. Pam has a

fat cat. Val has jam. Cal has a hat. Yaz can bat.

Mack has a jazz band. Yaz can yack. Jack has a back-pack. Can Yaz bat?

Lesson 17: Bess fed Jack an egg. Let Jeff tell Ben.

Can Rex tell Pam? Deb had an egg. Dad let Ken

get wet. Deb has a red pen. Send Len an ax. Lend

Jen a pet. Ben has a jet. Rex fell. Tell Bess yes.

Deb can yell. Ted has a cat as a pet. Get Jeff a

keg. Tex and Len set a net. Bess has less. Ten

men met.

Lesson 20: Quick, Rick, fix it. Tim bit his lip.
Nick is sick. Nick will get well. Will Bill tell
Jill? Sid will miss his pet pig. His pig is big.
Jim is big. His hat fit him well. Phil hid his
hat. Jack hid his ham in his hat. Liz was sick
and was fed in bed. Mix it, fix it, and quit it.
Will Bill win? Yes, Bill will win. Is Jill ill?
Yes, Jill is ill.

Lesson 22: The man has a cat. The cat is a big
cat. The cat is a thin cat. This is his cat. This is
Beth. Tell them that Rex is at bat. The cat is in
the bag. Did Beth tell them that the cat is in the
bag? Rick hid the bag with the cat. Dick ran
with the bag in his hand. Phil was with Beth
and Seth. Then Beth and Seth ran with the hen.
Quick, get the thick net.

Lesson 24: The quick fox got on top of the box. The red hen fell in the bath and got wet. The Red Sox will win. Yaz will win. Tom is the son of Jack. The dog ran with the cat. The pot got hot. Is the dog in the box? The dog is not in the box. The dog is on top of the box. Bob and Don sat on the dock. Tell Mom that Bob has the mop. That fox is in the big tin box. That box has a lock on it. Quick, lock the box. But the fox ran.

Lesson 26: The man has ten cats and six dogs. Jill has six hens. Jimi's pet pig is big. Don kisses his mom. Pam's cat is fat. Pat has ten pins. Jack has six boxes of eggs. Mom has ten pots and six pans. Rex's hat is red. The dog ran with the foxes. Val's dog was in the pen.

Lesson 28: The dog dug in the mud and had fun. Tom's dad put the pup in the tub. Can Jack pull the big log up the hill. The red jug is full. The dog got mud on the rug. Bud's dog fell in the tub. Gus put the mug on the rug. Rick hugs his pup. The sun was up at six. The tub is full of mud. The bug dug in the rug. A big bull is in the pen. Val put the mud in the tub.

Lesson 33: Don had fish and chips. Which dish is Dad's? Which dish has the fish in it? This dish is full of chips. Pam sat on the deck of the ship. Don has a chill. Bud has a rash. Rick has cash and is rich. Bud is his chum. His chim is thim. He hid the dish of fish in the shed. When will Jen shut the shop? The shop will shut when it is six. Chuck is in the shack. Dad has a chess set. Chuck will wash the ship. Pam will pull the dog off the ship. Did Bess check the shack? Bess did check the shack.

Lesson 35: I have a cat. She has a dog. We have a cat and a dog. They have six pets. You have a pet pig. Are you sick? No, I am well. She put the pup on the bed. The pets were in the tub. They were in the hut. He had a rash. Did you get sick? No, I did not get sick. Did she win? Yes, she won.

Lesson 37: Is Bill sad? Bill isn't sad. Is this Peg's dog? No, this isn't Peg's dog. Is it Jill's dog? Yes, it's Jill's dog. Has Peg a cat? Peg hasn't a cat. Can they run? They can't run. Did Jill run? Jill didn't run. Let's not jog. Let's run.

Lesson 39: Jill has a picnic basket full of hotdogs and relish. Philip has a suntan. Kevin is a rascal. Karen and Ken will visit dad.

Calvin put the pencil in his jacket pocket. Bill's mascot is a rabbit. Don put a red ribbon on his cat. Mom has a red satin bonnet. Peg's husband has a wagon. The camel sat on the cactus. Pam can mimic a puppet. Deb has a gallon of lemon tonic. Let's visit Patrick's dad. It was a vivid sunset.

Lesson 40: Cal's pal Tim is tall. Did Hal fall?

Cal has a ball. Cal hit the ball with the bat.

Philip sat on the wall. His jacket is in the hall.

Call Cal. Tell Cal that his ball is in the hall. Is the ball in his pocket? Yes, it is.

Lesson 41: Deb sang a song. Ron rang a bell. The song was sung. The king can sing. The gang sang. Tim is in Hong Kong.

Lesson 42: Jan is singing a song. Bill is ringing the bell. Peg is getting all wet. Rick is kicking the ball. The cat is licking his leg. Bob is calling his dog. Jack is yelling at Jill. Pat is packing his bag. Cal is passing the ball. Chuck is fixing the shack. Meg is petting the cat. Is Mom shopping at the mall? Dad is chopping with his ax. Jill is napping on the bed. Bess is washing her doll. Philip is digging in the sand. Was Kim digging in the mud?

Lesson 44: Bill is mending his tent. Ken went hunting. Jack went with Kent. Bob lent Ann his fishing rod. Ann is fishing at the pond. Jill is fond of Philip. Philip sent Jill a bag of mints. The cat sat on the ant hill. Beth is running in the wind. Kent is in the band. Mom will mend Pam's socks.

Lesson 45: Butter is better. Ken has a sister. Her hat is bigger. Bill sent a letter. Her dad is a hunter. Summer is better than winter.

Lesson 47: Hank put cash in the bank. Bob put gas in the tank. Beth put the dish in the sink. Bill had a bunch of junk. Dan sat on a bench. Dad has a ranch. Tim had lunch with Bess. Bev had punch with her lunch. Pam has the top bunk.

Lesson 48: Bill got a raft as a gift. He left his raft at the pond. The raft is big. Can Bill lift the raft? The fact is that he can't. But Jack and Bill can lift the raft. Ann got a gift. Jan will get the next gift. Can Beth act? Yes, she can. Liz will sift the sand.

Lesson 49: Jim sat at his desk. Jill will pass the test. Beth did her best. Bill went west. Bob did his task. Hank will run fast. The metal chest was full of rust.

Lesson 55: The cat sat at the edge of the ledge and did not budge. The cat sat on the fence. The fog is dense.

Lesson 70: truck, skip, swift, quick, grudge, glass, blond, fudge, dump, task, sash, lisp, clasp, dwell, clap, slack, spring, witch, smash, smick, string, jump, then, spun, slosh, shrimp, shack, plum, prom, fill, flag, cliff, crux, chest, bridge, edge, golf, elm, scant, scrunch, thrush, bless, Dutch, with, pest, dish, bank, king, fond, act, lift, left, kept, trick, France, hitch, next, lunch, flash, twist, stand, scuff.

Lesson 71: The cat sat still. Bill had fudge with his lunch. Patrick drank a glass of milk. Gwen put cash in the bank. Pam had a stiff neck. Kenneth had shrimp for lunch. The king of France was plump. Frank is a prince. The bus stop is on the bridge. His skin had an itch. Stan put the trash in the basket. Fred sat on the grass. The frog swam in the swamp. A frog can jump and swim. A skunk can jump and skip. The skunk stunk. Madge had a strand of gems. The clock struck twelve. The truck got stuck in the mud

Lesson 74: Jane can bake a cake. When will Kate wake up and take a bath? Dave has an ache in his hand. Dave's rabbit is in a cage. Dave came, but Kate is late. Dave had a date with Kate. Jane ate the cake. When will Dave shave his face? Jack fell in the lake. Can Dave save Jack? Yes, Dave is brave. Dave gave Kate a locket. This place is safe. The cat hid in the cave. His name is Jake. Kate gave Jane the date of the game. Abe's face is pale. Beth ate a grape.

Lesson 76: Clair paid ten cents at the gate. Gail will wait in the rain for the train. If the train is late, Gail will take a bus. In Spain the rain falls on the plain. Cain is waiting at the main gate. If the train is late, take a plane. "Fish or cut bait," said Bill. Gail is washing her hair. Jane is trimming her nails. "If it rains, take the train," said Dave. "It is raining," said Kate. "Wait for Jane," said Dave. But Kate did not wait in the rain. The mail is late. Spring is in the air.

Lesson 78: Can Fary play with Kary? They say that Fary may play with Kary. Fary will play a game with Kary. Fary will stay with Kary all day. Fary fell in the hay. They went that way. They came late that day. The day was grey.

Lesson 79: Bill is eight. Jack has eight cents. Kary's hat has a veil. Dave ate eight cupcakes. The freight train came. Can they weight the freight? Yes, they can weight the freight on a scale. They will play with their game. Dave and Kary are on the eighth day of their game.

Lesson 82: payday, railway, airplane, spaceship, away, engage, waitress, enslave, grateful, explain, complain, mailman, chairman, embrace, obtain, taigate, playmate.

Lesson 84: Paul saw a spot on Saul's jaw. Paul saw Aunt Maud sitting on the lawn. The cat cut her paw. Paul drank milk with a straw. The dawn came at six o'clock.

Lesson 86. Mark has a red car. "Park the car in the yard," said Art. Pam has a big jar of jam. Beth has a part in play. Mark's farm has a barn. Father went far away on a plane. It is dark in the park. "Start the car," said Ma. The dog will bark in the dark. Pa's yard is full of junk. Mark's arm has an itch. Beth has a ball of yarn. "If it rains, put the cart in the barn," said Father. The shark ate the small fish. Clark and Mark are smart. Marge drank a quart of milk. Paul and Pat will play cards. Mark can take his car apart.

Lesson 88: I see a tree. Can the tree see me? She is the queen. Is she the queen of Greece? Yes, she is the Greek queen. We ate beef this week. Lee came in a jeep. Will they sweep the street this week? Yes, they will sweep the street at three. He is free at three o'clock. I have seen the queen. Lee will greet the queen. Dee and Lee will cheer the queen. We ate cheese this week. She ate cheese and beef. "Meet me next week," she said. The deer was in a deep sleep. He was sleeping in the breeze. Lee was on his knee fixing the jeep.

Lesson 90: Jean had a dream. She put cream in her tea. Jean ate a meal of veal, peas, bread, and tea. Then she ate a peach. The peach was sweet. Bill is at sea. The sea is in the east. The beach is neat and clean. Jean sat in her seat. The seat is near the rear. Bill is on the team this year. The dog has fleas. The cat is neat and clean. When will we reach the beach? Steak will be great. Let's break for steak. Jean will read "The Seal Had Zeal."

Lesson 91: Where is Steve? Steve is here. Where were Pete and Steve? Pete and Steve were here. Here is where they were. Where were they? They were here and there. "Sit here, not there," said Steve. Steve and Gene were there at the beach. The sun was in Steve's eyes. Steve had a tear in his eye. Eve has green eyes.

Lesson 92: Debbie and Ronnie sat on the pier. Jackie is Connie's friend. Vinnie and Ronnie are friends. Lassie ran in the field. The thief ran away. Vinnie will seize the thief. The heat from the sun is fierce. Bonnie shields her eyes from the sun. Connie has a niece. Her name is Minnie.

Lesson 94: Billy is silly. Taffy was daffy.
Mommy was happy. Daddy was merry. Sammy
ate candy. Kenny felt dizzy. The lobby was
stuffy. The day is hot and muggy. The bunny
is funny. Larry is dizzy. Debbie is very pretty.
Betty is busy. Jerry is in a hurry. The day was
chilly and foggy. Perry is very sorry. Garry
hasn't any money. The city was hilly. The day
was sunny. Daddy was busy. The baby was
fussy. Can Perry carry Barry?

Lesson 98: "I will dry my wet tie. I can not tell
a lie," said Terry. "I will try to do better," said
John. Why did the big guy cry? Jack's dad will
fly in the plane to Spain. She had cherry pie
for lunch. "Can you tie the bow on my dress?"
Connie asked. "I will fry an egg for Timmy,"
said Mom. Lesson

Lesson 99: I like red berry ice cream. I can ride my bike to the park. I will fly my kite at the beach. We ate a slice of pie. I will strive to do my best. We will strive to run a mile each day.

Danny will fix the tire on my bike. Jenny has a pretty smile. "Let's play hide and seek," said Jake. What time is it? It is five o'clock. Mike likes to ride his bike. Tim likes to drive his car. They won a nice prize at the fair. Jean is Jack's wife. Her doll can cry like a baby. Mom and Jan like plain rice, but Dad likes spice on his rice. "I feel fine," Betty said.

Lesson 100: The light was bright. The price is right. The night was chilly. Is the price high? Yes, the price is very high. The fire is bright. Land is in sight. The bright lights of the city are a sight at night. Mike was in a prize fight. Mike fights with all his might. The sky is bright tonight.

Lesson 101: I bought gum and candy. Paul caught the ball. He thought the ball was fast. Dad taught a tennis lesson.

Lesson 102: Dad had a cough. Mom gave him a cough drop. The steak was tough. Mike made Billy laugh. The sea is rough.

Lesson 104: My nose is sore. My home is in Rome. I spoke on the phone. I had an ice cream cone. I love a joke. Tell me a funny joke. She will move the stone one more time. The stove is hot. The dog ate the bone. Perry wore a bathrobe. Jean woke up. The she woke me up. A rose is a rose. A rose smells nice. Dad drove to the store. He bought some hotdogs and a Coke.

Lesson 104 continued: "Come home when you are done, she said. Mom ate something for lunch. Betty loves to talk on the phone. "Tell me more," she said in a soft tone. I sent Kathy a note. The note was in code. "Please don't poke and shove," Tom said. We chose to go to the seashore.

Lesson 105: The car is on the road. He brought a loaf of bread. Joan ate a roast beef sandwich. The soap can float. Dad bought coal for the stove. Jan and Joan had oatmeal. Mom has tea and toast each day. Dad bought a big boat. The boat floats on the lake. Joan wore her red coat.

Lesson 106. Joan wants to grow up. The snow fell last night. I know what I want. I want to own a car. Bill wants his own boat. Bob wants to row a boat. Go slow in the snow. "I know the way home," said Joan. Jack will mow the lawn after lunch. Mom gave the cat a bowl of milk. Dad and Mike like to go bowling on Sundays. Mike has grown up. We saw a TV show. Bonnie has shown a lot of growth. The ball was thrown to Jim.

Lesson 107: The old home was cold. "Hold my hand" she said. "Go home," I told him. He was lost. He sold his home. I know what he told her. In winter it is cold most of the time. Bob sold his gold ring. I told him so. Dad sold his boat. It had cost him a lot of money. "It was only money," he said. He is the only one I know with a boat. Most of the time he stays home. "Go slow. There is ice on the road," said Dad.

Lesson 108: Do you know who went to the phone? Did you do what you were told? The two of you must know what to do. Who do you think you are. I want to go too. You are young. You are too young to go alone. The box is two feet high. It is too big. Give it back to him. What shall I do? Go to the man who sold it to you.

Lesson 110: Joan and Jane went to the zoo. The zoo was too far from home. Jane took a book with her. Joan wore a wool coat. Soon they will go to the school. The pool was cool, but the food was good. Betty can cook good food. Jim stood at the door and took a look. Look at Betty's room. It's so neat. "Open the door," said Pam. "I have cookies and milk." The door is made of wood. The dentist said my tooth was loose. Barry sat on the floor. He took a snooze. It's noon. Time for lunch. Betty has too much to do this afternoon. The broom is in Mike's bedroom. Go to his room and get it. Soon it will be noon. Choose a good book to read.

Lesson 111: I would go if I could. If he could go, he should. Couldn't I go? He could go, but not the two of you. I would like to go, but I know I shouldn't. Should I go? No, you should stay.

Shawn has a bad cold. Should he go to school? He shouldn't go to school if he has a cold. I wouldn't go to school if I had a bad cold. If I were sick I would stay in bed. Would you? Yes, I would.

Lesson 113: How did the cow get out of the house? A mouse let her out. "I found the cow near the house," Brother said. They heard a loud sound. The house fell down. "Ouch," said the clown. The clown ran out of the house. They went down town. It took an hour to find the cow. The cow was in a crowd, and then she went around the tower. How now brown cow? Will you come home? "Not now," said the cow. "Bow wow," said the dog. A man came to the house. "Your cow is in town," he said. The clown chased the mouse round and round and round.

Lesson 114: Roy gave the toy to Joyce. The cat likes to annoy Joyce. Roy wants to annoy Joyce. Roy wants to join the club. He has a choice of two clubs. Joyce has a pair of coins. Roy has a ballpoint pen. The water is about to boil. The soil is moist. Joyce made a good point. Uncle Royce has a boyish smile.

Lesson 115: June can play a tune on a flute. Luke sat on the sand dune. June ate a prune. Luke rode on a mule. June is cute. The cloud is huge. Luke put a dime in the jukebox. Is there a cure for the cold? We are not sure. If there is a cure, let's use it. Bruce has a fuse in the fuse box. It's never nice to be rude.

Lesson 116: Sue had prune juice at breakfast. It is true that Sue has the flu? Yes, it is true. Take a cue from Sue. When you have a cold eat lots of fruit and drink lots of juice. Sue's dress is blue. Bruce has a tube of glue. He will use the glue to fix the toy.

Lesson 117: June has a new dress. What's new?

The news is good. Good news is always nice.

Tell me the good news. Lew is having beef stew.

I knew the news was good. Sue likes to chew

gum. She grew an inch. Luke threw a stone. He

threw it far. Lew drew a cat on his sketchpad.

Sue will sew her blue coat.

Lesson 118: Sue wants to be a nurse. Bert likes to

throw curve balls. He is in his third year of

baseball. Today is Vern's birthday. Willy likes

to learn new words. He is an expert at learning

verses. Kelly is sitting on the curb. Bonnie has

curls in her hair. She is holding a purse in

her lap. Mom will grow turnips in her garden.

We will have turkey for dinner. "Did you do

your homework?" Dad asked. Vinnie will work

with his list of words. The clerk wore a new

shirt. The girl lost her purse. Bert held the bird

and heard it sing. The bird was hurt and

thirsty. Bert will urge Vern to get water for the

bird.

Lesson 119: He ate a little apple. He threw a pebble.
She had a little dimple. He sat at the table. He
had a pimple on his dimple. She was nimble
with thimble. The bottle was brittle. The candle
was on the table. Can a beagle chase an eagle?
Can a turtle play a fiddle? Are you able to
handle a paddle? The drizzle was a fizzle.
There was a battle in the jungle.

Lesson 121: The ocean can be ferocious. Ralph is
a musician and won a special prize at the fair.
Jeff went to the train station to pick up Kate.
Did you see Gail's picture on the table? Betty
had a crucial question for the teacher. "Thank
you for being so patient," said Dad. Mom
bought a box of facial tissues. She phoned the
pharmacy for special lotion. Didn't you think
that motion picture was obnoxious? It sure was
a pleasure to see Grandma and Grandpa this
weekend. Grandma brought an album of
photographs from Phoenix, which we will
treasure. (Completed on next page) Page 22

Lesson 121 Continued: Dad will measure the wood to a fraction of an inch. The doctor's suggestion cleared Philip's confusion about his indigestion.

Lesson 122: I knew the solution to the math problem. The knight cut the knot with a sharp knife. The knight knelt before the king.

Lesson 123: The plumber combed his hair after climbing to the top of the tomb. The bomber dropped a bomb during a bombing run. The lamb ate a crumb.

Lesson 124: The ghost walked for an hour in the ghastly ghetto. The words honor and doctor rhyme.

Lesson 125: The writer wrote a story. I wrapped the gift in paper. He broke his wrist using the wrong wrench. I can write about the wreck.

Lesson 128: The gymnast worked out in the gym. The mystic sang a cryptic hymn. The physician prescribed a synthetic medicine for the symptom. The cylinder bore a mystical syllable. Syntax is another word for grammar. Physics is the science that uncovers the mysteries of the universe. It is important to have a system for keeping rhythm when singing the beautiful lyrics. A myth is an old story that is not true. Phyllis was a hypnotist; she practiced hypnosis.

It has been great learning to read and spell with Mr. Potter's Cursive Road to Reading and Spelling with Blumenfeld's Alpha-Phonics. Dr. Blumenfeld has taught another student to read.

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Alpha-Phonics Cursive Sentence Reading Practice Chart

Name _____ Grade _____ School _____

Teacher _____ Start _____ Completion _____

Unit 1: Single Letter Consonants – Short *ă* (Lesson 1 – 14)

Lesson 6 _____

Unit 2: Short Vowels – *ă, ě, ĭ, ō, ŭ* (Lessons 15 – 28)

Lesson 13 _____ Lesson 17 _____ Lesson 20 _____ Lesson 22 _____

Lesson 24 _____ Lesson 26 _____ Lesson 28 _____

Unit 3: Consonant Digraphs (Lessons 29 – 42)

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Unit 4: Ending Consonant Blends (Lessons 43 – 57)

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Unit 5: Beginning Consonant Blends (Lesson 58 – 71)

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Unit 6: Long *ā* Spellings (Lessons 72 – 86)

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Unit 7: Long *ē* (Lessons 87 – 97)

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Lesson 94 _____

Unit 8: Long *ī* (Lesson 98 – 102)

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Lesson 102 _____

Unit 9: Long ō (Lesson 103 – 114)

Lesson 104 _____ Lesson 105 _____ Lesson 106 _____ Lesson 107 _____

Lesson 108 _____ Lesson 110 _____ Lesson 111 _____ Lesson 113 _____

Lesson 114 _____

Unit 10: Long ū (Lessons 115 – 117)

Lesson 115 _____ Lesson 116 _____ Lesson 117 _____

Unit 11: R-modified vowels: er/ir/or/ur/ear. (Lesson 118)

Lesson 118 _____

Unit 12: Silent Letter, Multiple-Letter Consonants & y=ī. (Lesson 119 – 128)

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Lesson 124 _____ Lesson 125 _____ Lesson 126 _____ Lesson 127 _____

Lesson 128 _____

Instructions

These Cursive Reading Practice Sentences are taken from Dr. Samuel L. Blumenfeld's *Alpha-Phonics: A Primer for Beginning Readers* (2005).

First Step - Writing: The teacher is to teach all the words and sentences in a Lesson from the chalkboard as cursive handwriting lessons. The students are **not** expected to read words or sentences they have not been taught in the class. They will have written in cursive every word and sentence on handwriting paper **before** being asked to read the cursive reading practice sentences. I recommend that the students say the letter names as they write the letters.

Second Step - Reading: The students can begin **reading** these practice sentences **after** they have written them in good cursive on handwriting paper. The students should read each Lesson as many times as it takes for them to learn to read it without hesitation, using tally marks to keep track of the times each Lesson is read. **Guessing from the context is to be discouraged at all times.** This repetition is to build up their cursive word identification automaticity (fluency and speed with comprehension).

Fourth Step - Writing Again: The sentences should be used for **dictation practice.** The goal of the program is Total Linguistic Function with reading, cursive handwriting, and spelling all having an equal value. The student should be able to write the sentences from dictation as well as they can read them.

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