

English Vowels Series

Information for Teachers

The English Vowels Set 2 Series (2008) replaced the More Vowels Series, which was written in 1999 for children in Year 2. The introduction of synthetic phonics, and 'Letters and Sounds' in 2007 required schools to teach one spelling of each vowel phoneme before any of the alternative spellings.

This meant that the vowel phonemes introduced in the More Vowels Series were to be introduced earlier than Year 2. To accommodate this order of teaching, the stories in the More Vowels Series were simplified, the number of words on each page was reduced and the font size increased. The vocabulary was made simpler by avoiding the words containing the alternative spellings of the long-vowel phonemes as much as possible.

The first six books in this series are comparable to Follifoot Farm Series 1 and 2. The stories use words containing the graphemes 'ow, ou, er, ar, or' in words such as '*brown, round, after, farm, morning*'.

The alternative spellings for the vowel phonemes [ur], [or], [air], [ear], [e] are then used in books 7-12 i.e. '*ir, aw, au, air, are, ear, ea*'.

The phoneme/grapheme correspondences 'ear' (*learn*), 'alk' (*walk*) have not been used.

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Vocabulary in each book:-

Book 1

ow: down brown owl now cow

soft 'g': hedge

ay: play away day says (gate)

ee: keep see trees

oo: moo soon

oa: road

Phase 2: on a is not dogs gap in can run big off fun and rocks let's sits
it

Phase 3: will with Kevin

Phase 4: past from cross grass

Tricky: to the go no he she they are have one some come little what
oh so do does going like by herself

Others: Lotty behind until

Book 2

er: summer Silver under other better cover flowers

ow: flowers down now

soft 'g': hedge

ay/ai: day stays waits afraid

ee/ea: tree peeps feels sleep leaves

oo/oo: soon wood foot

Phase 2: it is a lots of in runs nips sets off gets back hops at and big

Phase 3: bang then along

Phase 4: next grass stamps thump end across branches still

Tricky: the to into she are her all out goes for

Others: sunny among everything field quiet falls until nibbling rabbit tunnel

Book 3

ou: ground out about proud

er: Silver under over

ow: owl growling

ay/ai: day way stays again (safe)
ee: tree three weeks sees sweet green
oo/oo: zooms wood foot
Phase 2: has dug a big in at of hop lots can fun run back but is an him
as and it on
Phase 3: long seven then with fox wing will six
Phase 4: grass skip jump stamps thump thinks just grab fast crash end
Tricky: the to go into he she they are all have one goes her when little
Others: baby old every nibble roll safe tunnel rabbits until

Book 4

ar: farm farmer barn hard harder barks
ou: cloud flour ground
er: farmer closer other under another over harder water
ow: down
ay/ai: day trailer again (gate)
ee: between seen teeth
oo/oo: too look good
or: for
Phase 2: at gets and of bags on his leg in it but get up a as top has tap
is him full dogs pulls
Phase 3: Kevin them then with thud pushes
Phase 4: went sniff stuck sinks himself still splits help sends next stops
slips grabs lands
Tricky: the to into no he they all when have oh gone goes
Others: having Wellington until falls tractor

Book 5

or: for horn morning thorns
oor: door floor poor
ore: more before
ar: farmyard
ow/ou: down out
ay: lays way say says

ee/ea: asleep meets screech bleeding Bean free creeps
oo/oo: toot goose food good
oa: road
Phase 2: is in gets up and of on robins a big it digs cut but his pulls
back not bad its
Phase 3: van shed bush them then Kevin
Phase 4: past jumps just stuck from think
Tricky: the no to into she they there one oh some her herself goes
does
Others: Wellington Jelly coming kennel misses falls blackberry among
moves body licking catches

Book 6

ur: fur hurt turns curls gurgle purple churchyard turkey
ar: farmyard churchyard
er: under
ow/ou: down out around
ay: day away hay says
ee/ea: sees feeling Bean cleaning
oo: looks
oa: coat
Phase 2: on his up is and big him not as sad in but runs of a it sits
Phase 3: with wing them
Phase 4: jumps from best still grass black
Tricky: the to into he she her be so one like said are very two wants
does goes when they
Others: sitting ugly coming beautiful head gobble unhappy everyone front
friends happy Lotty

Book 7

ir: birds blackbird first dirty thirsty girl
ar: bark farmyard
or: born story
er: winter water over another

ow/ou: down found ground about
ay/ai: day lay hay again
ee/ea: trees sheep three see Bean
oo/oo: took wool looked
Phase 2: buds on a and it back his in of not big get led tub had bed did
Phase 3: them then long shed
Phase 4: nest soft went drink next
Tricky: was were the he some when to said very where she they her
into all little like
Others: opening singing making putting saw something moved baa told
night animals boy Jelly move lambs

Book 8

oi: soil noise noisy spoiled pointed
ar: barked
er: water
ou: loud out about found mouth around
ow: down owl
ee/ea: sleep trees real
oo/oo: too looked shook took wood
Phase 2: in dug it of ran his did not at him sad back its had fun up and
Phase 3: Kevin with sang than then
Phase 4: trumpet cross went from pond
Tricky: was the when he oh no like said into so to be
Others: digging something yellow ta-raa ta-rum funny came loved
Wellington picked dropped pretended worse

Book 9

ear: near hear hears nearly
all: wall all fallen
soft 'g': hedgehog
oi: noise
ir: birds
or: for

ar: farmyard
 er: winter another under
 ow/ou: down shouts meow out
 ay: stays away says way (baby)
 ee/ea: trees sees sleep seem leaves heaps
 oo/oo: looks
 Phase 2: it is of a big has run on in can
 Phase 3: with then them long
 Phase 4: from cross across grass stuck help jumps next
 Tricky: have they the are little she her some to go be their so going
 when come
 Others: Jelly watching coming moves nose ready paw belongs getting
 suddenly something trodden

Book 10

aw: saw yawned frogspawn crawl crawled claws
 au: caught
 er: together longer under water
 ir/ur: hurt turned bird
 ou/ow: down out round about mouth mouthful
 oa/ow: toad floating grow (woke stone tadpoles)
 ay/ai: day away again tails came
 ee/ea: asleep free Bean eat
 ie/i-e/y: wide tiny trying
 Phase 2: in and fell up had lots of dots it a on did hid not put peck legs
 bottom his
 Phase 3: then fish long with
 Phase 4: pond frogs blobs stuck black from went next grass shrank swam
 adult
 Tricky: one was by when he two when all were little into very they go
 their gone
 Others: sitting jumped wriggled struggle jelly middle opened

Book 11

ea: head spread tread ready steady heavy breath weather
 soft 'c': ice icy
 or: for
 ar: barked
 er: over water under after together
 ur: turn
 ou/ow: out ground round
 ay/ai: again (came)
 ee/ea: meet heels freezing
 oa/ow: snow (cold)
 oo: too (rescued)
 ie/i-e: tried alive slide
 Phase 2: in on and his legs a up at of fell him dogs get back but got did
 not had
 Phase 3: Kevin with much that thud them along then
 Phase 4: pond went slid spin splash kept strong swam glad across from
 Tricky: the was very there all to have go her oh no he she they their
 going be two so
 Others: January cracked came Lotty Wellington jumped

Book 12

are: scarecrow scare hare rare
 air: pair air (there where)
 ea: head
 or/aw: for corner saw straw
 ur: disturb turned
 ar: barked
 er: after trousers woodpecker
 ay/ai: day way trail
 ee/ea: trees green peeped between leading see
 oo/oo: boots too wood looked looking (blue)
 ow/ou: trousers round brown
 ow/o-e: crows followed home

Phase 2: a in it had and sad did not at but of its on his up cubs back
but

Phase 3: them then bush fox with along path

Phase 4: next went just grass

Tricky: there where the to one was because he either were some go
they into

Others: jacket Wellington flying snuggled smiling

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