



Listen. Speak. Read. Write. Think!

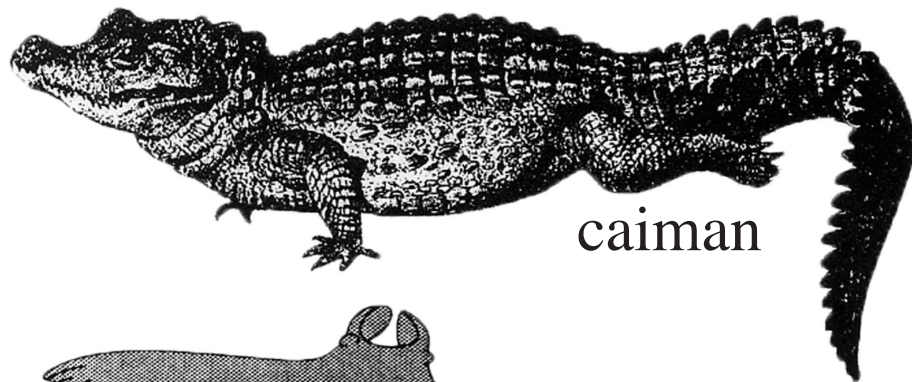
Phonetic Zoo Lesson Cards

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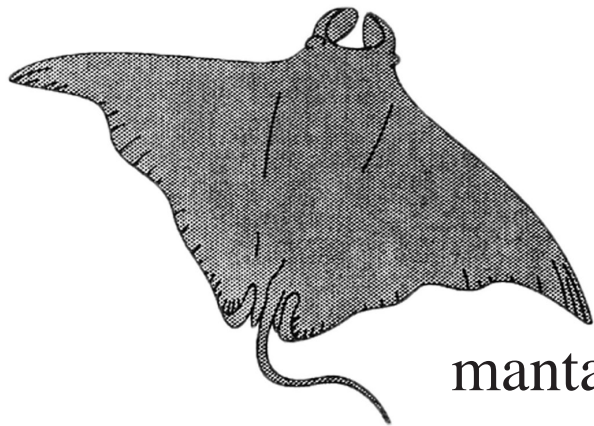
These lesson cards contain all three levels of words on each card. Students should work through all the spelling words in their level (A, B, or C) before continuing on to the next level.

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Lesson 1



caiman



manta ray

A brain
always
pain

B wailing
decay
sailor

C ailment
portrayal
tailored

Lesson 1:

“ai” and “ay”

Rule, Jingle or Hint:

When *a-i* says ā
as in *claim* and *chain*,
It comes in the middle
as in *train* and *pain*.

But when *a-y* says ā
as in *jay* and *portray*,
It comes at the end.
See *decay* and *delay*.

Don't let suffixes betray you
as in *decayed*,
The root never changes.
See *playful* and *played*.

A

brain
played
chained

railway
pail
sailed

train
painful
tray

paint
raisin
trailing

grain
always
contain

B

claimed
slain
strain

Wednesday
complaining
mailed

hailed
regaining
painter

restrained
complaint
delayed

sailor
grained
decayed

C

ailing
complainant
plaintiff

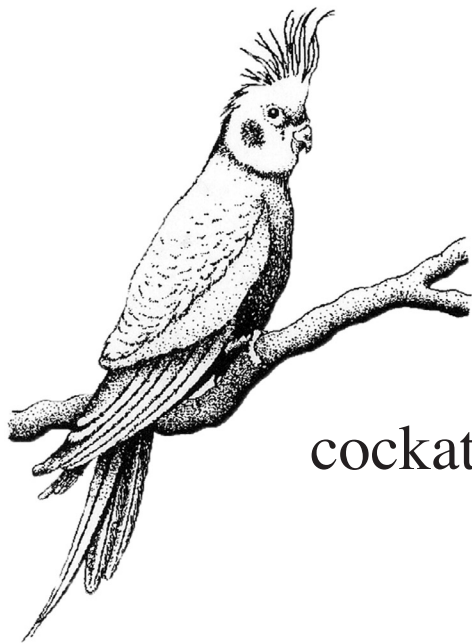
ailment
slay
proclaimed

maim
trailway
tailored

painstakingly
rainproof
claimant

faithfully
portrayal
constraint

Lesson 2



cockatiel

A relief
conceive
seize

B grieve
deceive
neither

C hygiene
ceiling
leisure

Lesson 2:

The “ie” Rule

Rule, Jingle or Hint:

When the sound is *ee*, it might be *i* before *e* except after *c* as in *cockatiel*, *grievous*, and *deceit*. Watch the few exceptions.

A

relieve
belief
conceive

either
field
thief

grief
wiener
neither

seize
perceived
shield

believe
being
yield

B

shriek
relief
seized

grieve
yield
sieve

retrieve
deceit
cockatiels

deceived
receipt
briefly

yielding
perceived
wielded

C

seizure
piece
ceiling

shrieked
grenadier
hygiene

conceiving
leisurely
diesel

fiendishly
retrieval
weird

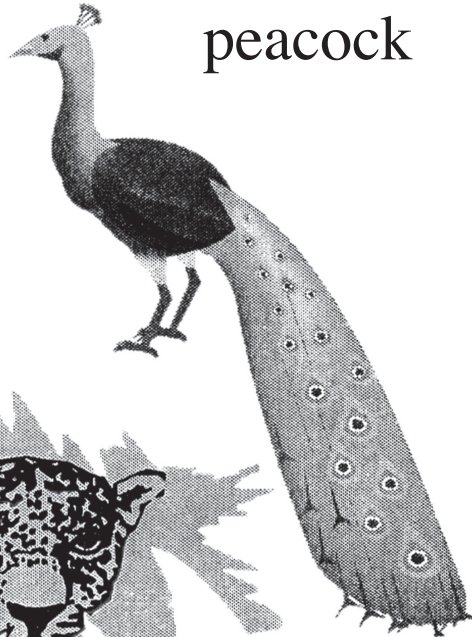
mischievous
liege
deceitful

Lesson 3



death adder

leopard



peacock

A leaf
coal
people

B spread
gloat
measure

C reasonable
soared
pleasurable

Lesson 3:

The First Vowel Talks

Rule, Jingle or Hint:

When two vowels go walking,
The first often does the talking

Either shouting out its name
As in *goat*, *leaf*, and *pain*,

Or making its sound as in *leather*
As well as *measure*, *pleasure*, and *feather*.

Rarely is the rule broken, mate!
But watch for *break*, *steak*, and *great*.

A

seal
goat
feather

peacock
boat
ready

leaf
coal
heavily

treat
roast
readily

tie
toe
people

B

beaver
boar
spreading

retreat
goalie
death

pleated
gloated
measure

eaves
bloated
deadly

foe
pied
leopard

C

sneakiness
reproach
treasure

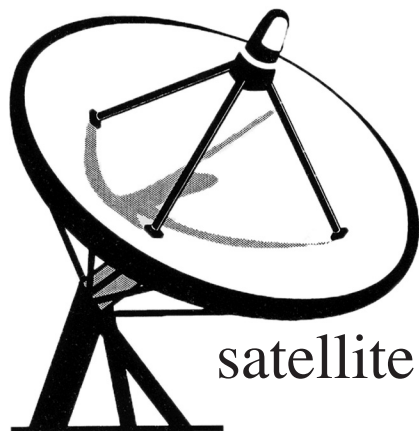
reasonable
soared
leatherback

pleadingly
boastfully
pleasurable

treaty
foal
retreadable

poultry
maelstrom
mischievous

Lesson 4



satellite dish

A cough
vein
throughout

B slough
weight
thought

C bough
seismic
dough

Lesson 4:

Radio “o-u-g-h”

Rule, Jingle or Hint:

This is radio O-U-G-H, of the Phonetic Zoo,
Broadcasting on six megacycles:

O-U-G-H saying *uff* as in *rough*

O-U-G-H saying *ah* as in *thought*

O-U-G-H saying *oo* as in *through*

O-U-G-H saying *ow* as in *bough*

O-U-G-H saying *off* as in *cough* and

O-U-G-H saying *oh* as in *although*

A

rough
eight
although

thought
weight
cough

through
reindeer
plow (plough)

tough
vein
trough

doughnut
veiled
toughen

B

toughen
sleigh
enough

fraught
weight
although

brought
height
wrought

cough
neighbor (our)
dough

though
reigned
trough

C

sourdough
eighty-eight
deinonychus

throughout
eightieth
plow (plough)

cough
feigned
roughage

brought
seismic
slough

toughen
drought
bough

Lesson 5: Personal Spelling



It is the rule, that you collect
All your spelling errors.
Write them down and then dissect
Why they truly are such terrors.

Lesson 6



horse



bear



boar

A write
right
rite

B rain
reign
rein

C sight
site
cite

Lesson 6:

Homonyms 1

Rule, Jingle or Hint:

Homonyms sound the same, but spelling and meaning are different. Have you ever seen a ***bare bear***, a ***hoarse horse***, or a ***bore*** of a ***boar***?

A

right
aloud
air

bare
hoarse
boar

write
allowed
heir

bear
horse
bore

blew
rite
blue

B

reigns
their
dual

praise
cents
claws

rains
they're
duel

prays
sense
clause

reins
there
preys

C

threw
dependence
residents

bore
cellar
plumb

through
dependents
residence

boar
seller
plum

coarse
thru
course

Lesson 7

crow



buffalo

A hello
video
below

B concerto
stereo
flowing

C proviso
tuxedo
embargo

Lesson 7:

Long “o” or “o-w”

Rule, Jingle or Hint:

The open *o* as in *The banjo dances the bolero during the concerto.*
O-W says *ō* as in a *mellow yellow pillow.*

A

buffalo
hippo
radio

limo
below
video

bingo
window
piano

auto
cargo
row

potato
tomato
hello

B

stereo
pillow
rhino

Mexico
flowing
banjo

tow
bolero
pimento

concerto
bow
piccolo

mow
typo
torpedo

C

Tokyo
dynamo
slowly

towing
proviso
sorrowfully

soprano
contralto
apropos

tomorrow
tremolo
trio

tuxedo
rodeo
embargo