BLEND PHONICS' SPELLING FAMILY READING AND SPELLING EXERCISES

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Alphabet

Aa Bb Cc Dd

Ee Ff Gg

Hh Ii Jj Kk

Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp

Qq Rr Ss

Tt Uu Vv

Ww Xx Yy Zz

THE ALPHABET

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Unit 1: Short ă syllables & Words: VC, CVC.

at	ag	ad	an	а	ıp	ab
bat	bag	bad	can	Ca	ιp	cab
cat	wag	dad	fan	la	ıp	tab
fat	rag	lad	man	na	ıp	lab
hat	tag	had	pan	ra	ıp	nab
mat	zag	pad	ran	Sa	ıp	gab
rat	lag	sad	tan	ga	ıp	
sat	nag	mad	van	ma	ıp	
pat	hag	tad		ta	ıp	
as	ax	ak	ac	k	am	al
gas	tax	yak	quac	k	ham	Hal
has	wax		bac	k	jam	Sal
	lax		hac	k	Sam	pal
ass	Max		lac	k		Al
lass	sax		pac	k		
mass			sac	k		
pass			tac	k		
			hac	k		

Unit 2: Short ĭ syllables & Words: VC, CVC.

ib	in	it	ill	ig	im
bib	bin	bit	bill	wig	dim
fib	fin	pit	hill	pig	him
rib	sin	hit	kill	dig	rim
nib	tin	lit	mill	fig	Tim
	din	quit	pill	rig	vim
	win	fit	sill	big	
		sit	fill		
			will		
			quill		
ip	ix	id	iss	ic	k iff
dip	fix	hid	kiss	quic	k miff
lip	mix	kid	miss	sic	k tiff
nip	six	lid	hiss	lic	k
sip		rid		tic	k
tip		mid		Wic	k
rip		Sid		Ric	k
zip		bid			
		did			

Unit 3: Short ŏ syllables & Words: VC, CVC.

ob	od	og	ot	oll	on
bob Bob cob job mob rob sob gob	hod nod pod rod sod	bog dog fog log hog	cot dot hot lot not pot rot	doll	Don on
op	off	ox	OI	m ock	
hop mop pop sop top	off of	box fox	moi Toi	_	
oss					
boss loss moss toss					

Unit 4: Short ŭ syllables & Words: VC, CVC.

us	ud	ub	ug	un	ut
bus us	bud	cub tub rub	bug dug hug mug rug tug lug	bun fun gun run sun	but cut hut nut rut
uck	ull	uss	um	uff	up
buck duck muck suck luck tuck	cull	fuss	gum hum sum	cuff	cup pup sup up

Unit 5: Short ĕ syllables & Words: VC, CVC.

eg	et	eb	ed	en	ess
beg leg	bet jet	web	bed fed	den hen	less mess
peg	met		red	men	Bess
keg	net		Ted	pen	yes
	pet		wed	ten	
	set wet				
	vet				
	v 🔾 C				

ell
bell
dell
jell
well
fell
tell
sell

cell

Unit 6: Final Consonant Blends: VCC & CVCC.

and	amp	ast	ant	
hand	camp	fast	pant	
land	damp	last	rant	
sand	lamp	cast		
and		mast		
		vast		
end	ent	elt	est	esk
bend	bent	belt	best	desk
mend	dent	felt	quest	
send	lent	melt	rest	
	sent	welt	test	
	tent		west	
	went			
ext	elp			
next	help			
text	whelp			
ift	ilt	int	ist	ilk
gift	tilt	hint	fist	milk
rift	wilt	lint	list	silk
lift	quilt		mist	

ond fond bond	ost cost lost	ulk bulk sulk	ulp gulp	its fits hits sits its
ump	und	ust		
bump	fund	gust		
jump		just		
hump		must		
pump		rust		
ack	ick	ock	eck	uck
Jack	kick	lock	neck	duck
quack	pick	rock	peck	luck
tack	quick	mock	deck	tuck
lack	sick	sock		muck
rack	lick			suck
sack	nick			buck

Unit 7: Consonant Digraph: sh.

sh	sh
cash	shall
dish	shed
fish	shelf
hush	ship
wish	shop
	shot
	shut

Unit 8: Consonant Digraphs th (Voice) and th (Unvoiced).

th	<u>th</u>	<u>th</u>
than	thick	bath
that	thin	with
them	thud	math
then	thump	path
this		
thus		

Unit 9: Consonant Digraph: ch, tch

ch	ch	tch
chat	rich	match
chin	such	notch
chill		patch
chick		pitch
chop		witch
chip		thatch
chum		
ch =	k	
me <mark>ch</mark> an	ic	
char	acter	
techni	cal	

Unit 10: Consonant Digraph: wh. wa & wha blends /ŏ/

wa	wha	wh
want	what	when
was		which
water		whiff
watch		whip
wash		wh isk

Unit 11: ng (ang, ing, ong, ung).

ang	ing	ong	ung
bang	ding	gong	hung
gang	ring	long	lung
hang	sing	song	rung
rang	wing		sung
sang	king		
	thing		

ping-pong
thing-a-ling

Unit 12: kn (ank, ink, onk, unk)

ank	ink	onk	unk
bank	kink	honk	bunk
sank	link		dunk
tank	pink		chunk
thank	rink		
	wink		
	think		

Unit 13: Initial Consonant Blends: CCVC & CCVCC. bl, cl, fl, gl, pl, sc, sk, sl, sm, sn, sp, st, sw

bl	cl	fl	gl
blush	clip	fl ash	glad
black	clap	flesh	glass
block	click	flip	gland
blend	cliff	flap	
bland	clock	fling	
bliss	clink	flung	
bl ink	cl ank	flit	
blond	clinch	flat	
	clench	fl ag	
	cling	flock	
	clang	fled	
		flop	
pl	sk	SC	sl
plan	skin	scuff	slush
plant	skip	scum	slot
plop	skill	Scotch	slum
pluck	skid	scalp	slap
plum	sketch	scat	slam
plus		scan	slash
			slip
			sled

smack smelt smug smell smash smock smog	snip snob snap snug snuff snub	spun spot spill spell spank spunk spin span span spat spit	stuck stop still stem stand stack step stub stab stiff stamp
swim swell swam swift switch swing swept swag			stomp stump stick

Unit 14: Initial & Final Consonant Blends: CCVC & CCVCC. br, cr, dr, fr, gr, pr, tr

brag brand brass brim brick bring branch brunch	crab crash cramp crack crib crop crunch crust	drag drip drop drug drum drank drink drink	fr Fran Frank frost frump fresh French Fred frog
brush bring	crush crutch	dress	
grand grass grasp grant gruff grog grip grunt grin	prank press prim print prompt	- - - -	track trick trim trip trot truck trend trust

Unit 15: Short Vowel, Two-Syllable Words (Skipped)

Unit 16: VCE Long Vowel Words.

Long ā as a_e

ake	ane	ape	ate	ale
bake	cane	cape	date	pale
cake	mane	tape	fate	sale
lake	pane	gape	gate	whale
make	lane	grape	hate	tale
wake	wane	drape	mate	stale
quake	bane	scrape	late	male
rake	plane		rate	dale
sake	sane		crate	gale
shake	crane		slate	
take				
stake				
snake				
brake				
fake				
flake				

ade afe aze ase daze fade safe case made chafe chase gaze haze glade vase blaze grade spade craze trade graze

aste ave ame paste gave came haste fame save taste game brave waste tame crave baste blame grave slave flame same lame

Long ē as e_e

ere ese ete here these Pete

Long ī as i_e

ide	ife	ike	ime	ite
ride	life	like	dime	bite
side	wife	pike	lime	kite
tide	str <mark>ife</mark>	spike	slime	mite
slide		Mike	time	quite
glide			crime	white
pride			gr <mark>ime</mark>	spite
wide			prime	
ine	ile	iv	e :	ize
dine	file	div	e si	ize
fine	mile	fiv	e pr	ize
mine	pile	hiv	е	
nine	smile	driv	e i	pe
pine	stile	striv	e rip	pe
brine	tile	liv	e pi	pe
swine	while		swi	pe
spine			wir	pe
twine			gri	pe
whine				

Long ō as o_e

obe	ode	oke	ole
globe	code	joke	dole
robe	lode	poke	hole
probe	rode	spoke	pole
		smoke	sole
		woke	stole
		broke	mole
ome	one	ope	ose
dome	bone	cope	those
home	cone	hope	hose
	lone	lope	rose
	stone	mope	chose
	scone	rope	close
		scope	
		slope	
ove	ote		
dove	vote		
drove	tote		
stove	quote		
grove	mote		
	dote		

Long ū as u_e

```
ube
        ude
              uke
                    ule
                            ute
             duke
                   mule
cube
       dude
                           cute
       rude fluke
tube
                   rule
                          flute
                          brute
lube crude Luke
  ume
          une
plume
         dune
 fume
         tune
        prune
```

Unit 17: Phonograms using Long Vowels.

```
olt
                 oll
  old
                              oth
                       ost
        colt
bold
                             both
                toll
                      most
        jolt
cold
                roll
                      post
 fold
        molt
               troll
                      host
 gold
        bolt
              scroll
hold
        volt
mold
         ild
 sold
       child
 told
        mild
scold
  old
        wild
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Unit 18: Short words ending in Long Vowels.

ē	Ō
be	go
he	no
me	SO
w <mark>e</mark>	
she	
the	

Unit 19: Phonogram ar.

ar	ar	ar
bar	hard	star
b <mark>ar</mark> n	j <mark>ar</mark>	start
car	lark	tar
chart	mark	<u>war</u> m
charm	p <mark>ar</mark> k	<u>war</u> n
darn	part	war
dark	sp <mark>ar</mark> k	
far	smart	
farm	scar	

Unit 20: Phonogram or.

or
scorn
scorch
storm
stork
torn
torch
morn
morning
worn

Unit 21: Phonograms er, ir. ur and sometimes or

er	ir	ur	er
clerk	bird	curb	camper
fern	birth	curl	cutter
j <mark>er</mark> k	dirt	burn	catcher
herd	fir	fur	chopper
term	first	hurt	dipper
germ	girl	purr	drummer
	sir	cur	helper
	stir		jump <mark>er</mark>
	third		mark <mark>er</mark>
			farmer
			pitcher
			plann <mark>er</mark>
0:	r	Wor	runn <mark>er</mark>
acto	r	word	sitter
docto	r	work	starter
janito	r	world	swimmer
visito	r	worm	sender
			spinn <mark>er</mark>
			better
			never
			aft <mark>er</mark>
			under

Unit 22: Vowel Digraphs ai, ay

ai	ay
ail	bay
b <mark>ai</mark> l	clay
br <mark>ai</mark> n	day
fail	gay
gr <mark>ai</mark> n	gr <mark>ay</mark>
jail	hay
maid	jay
mail	lay
p <mark>ai</mark> d	pr <mark>ay</mark>
laid	play
p <mark>ai</mark> n	ray
rain	say
sail	sway
tail	way
train	str <mark>ay</mark>
wait	
wail	

Unit 23: Vowel Digraph ee

ee	ee
bee	k <mark>ee</mark> n
beef	meet
breech	need
beet	p <mark>ee</mark> p
deed	p <mark>ee</mark> k
deep	reed
breeze	see
fee	seed
feet	seem
feed	seen
feel	sl <mark>ee</mark> p
free	sleeve
freeze	sleet
fleet	sweep
green	wee
greet	weed
heed	week
heel	weep
j <mark>ee</mark> p	qu <mark>ee</mark> n
k <mark>ee</mark> p	

Unit 24: Vowel Digraph: ea (three phonemes: long ē short ĕ, and long ā)

ea	as	ē	ea	as	ē		ea	as	5	ĕ
beat least			bread							
beac	ch	S	sea			br	eas	st		
beas	st	5	seat	t		br	eat	: h		
bear	ı	t	tea			d	eac	f		
crean	n	t	cead	ch		d	eat	: h		
cheat	-	c]	Lear	n		h	ea	Lth	1	
cheap		1	cead	ch		inst	eac	f		
deal	L	1	cead	f		r	eac	f		
dream	n	1	cea.	L		thr	eat	5		
feas	st	squ	ıea	L		thr	eac	f		
eas	st	ť	eai			tr	eac	f		
eat	_	1	ceai			W	ea	Lth	1	
eac	ch	c]	Leaı			W	eat	the	1	•
leaf	=	r	neai							
lear)	t	ceai			е	a a	as	ā	į
leav	7e					ste	ak			
lear	ı					bre	ak			
mea]	_					gre	at			
						be	ar			
						te	ar			

Unit 25: Vowel Digraph: ie (two phonemes: long ī and Long ē)

ie as ī	ie as ē
cried	brief
cries	chief
dried	gr <mark>ie</mark> f
dries	field
fried	priest
lie	relief
lies	bel <mark>ie</mark> ve
lied	thief
pie	y <mark>ie</mark> ld
pies	belief
spies	
tie	
tied	
tried	

Unit 26: Final Vowel: y (Some dictionaries give it the sound of short ĭ; others say long ē. Take your choice.) Long ī in one syllable words.

as ē y	as	ē	y as ī
penny			b y
puppy			cry
rain <mark>y</mark>			dry
sunny			fly
sleepy			my
thirty			ply
twenty			sly
silly			try
wealthy			sky
pretty			why
			${ t myself}$
	penny puppy rainy sunny sleepy thirty twenty silly wealthy	penny puppy rainy sunny sleepy thirty twenty silly wealthy	penny puppy rainy sunny sleepy thirty twenty silly wealthy

Unit 27: Vowel Digraph: oa, oe (like long ō)

oa	oe
boat	foe
boast	goes
coat	hoe
coach	hoed
coast	Joe
goat	toe
float	toes
load	woe
loaf	
road	
soap	
soak	
toad	
thr <mark>oa</mark> t	
roast	
soapy	
toast	

Unit 28: Digraph ow (like long ō), Diphthong ow as ou

<u>Digrap</u>	<u>Diphthong</u>						
ow as	ō	WO	as	ō	OW	as	ou
bow		fellow			bow		
bowl		follow			COW		
blow		hollow		C	row	f	
crow		pillow		C	lowr	ı	
glow		shadow		b	rowr	1	
gr <mark>ow</mark>		window			dowr	1	
gr <mark>ow</mark> n		willow		f	rowr	1	
gr <mark>ow</mark> th		yellow		f	lowe	er	
flow		owr	l		gowr	l	
low				g	row	L	
row					how		
slow					howl	L	
tow					powe	er	
throw					powo	der	
show					row		
sown					now		
snow					towr	l	

Unit 29: Diphthong ou (Same as diphthong ow of cow). Digraph ou (Often irregular: ŭ, short oo, long ō, etc)

```
Diphthong ou
                 Digraph ou
         cloud
                         you
          found
         ground
                         country
          house
                         young
          loud
                         soul
         mound
                         four
           out
           our
          mouse
          pound
          round
          sound
         shout
         scout
         clout
          pout
```

Unit 30: Digraph oy, oi

oy	oi
boy	boil
boys	coin
joy	join
j <mark>oy</mark> s	joint
toy	oil
toys	soil
oyster	sp <mark>oi</mark> l
oysters	point
Troy	toil
	going

Unit 31: Long sound of oo

00	00
boot	stoop
booth	spoon
COO	shoot
cool	too
boost	tool
droop	tooth
food	troop
groom	coolness
goose	Z 00
doom	cooler
moon	foolish
roof	smooth
loose	teaspoon
room	n <mark>oo</mark> nday
proof	toothbrush
mood	scooter
gloom	tooting
noon	school
soon	
roost	
stool	

Unit 32: Short sound of oo and some less frequent sounds.

00	00	oo as	ō
book	looking	door	
booklet	soot	floor	
cook	took		
crook	shook	oo as	ŭ
brook	wool	flood	
cooker	wood	blood	
good	wooden		
foot	woolen		
footstep	footstoo	1	
goodness			
hoof			
hook			
hood			
look			

Unit 33: Vowel Digraphs: aw, au.

aw	au
crawl	cause
crawling	clause
draw	f <mark>au</mark> n
drawn	f <mark>au</mark> lt
hawk	pause
jaw	
law	
lawn	
paw	
saw	
shawl	
thaw	
y <mark>aw</mark> n	

Unit 34: Phonograms al, all.

al	al	all
already	bald	ball
almost	f <mark>al</mark> se	call
always	halt	fall
also	malt	mall
	salt	tall
		wall
		all

Unit 35: Digraphs: ew, ue

ew	ew	ue
blew	new	blue
brew	news	clue
chew	pew	flue
crew	stew	glue
drew		true
flew		due
threw		hue
dew		Sue
few		
mew		

Unit 36: Unaccented a at the beginning of a word. Also the word a when not used for emphasis.

a about adrift afar ajar alike ahead amuse around arouse apart aside asleep astir awake awhile

Unit 37: Phonograms: ul, ull, ush (u sounds like short oo)

ul	ull	ush
caref <mark>ul</mark>	pull	bush
f <mark>ul</mark> fill	bull	push
	full	_
	f <mark>ull</mark> back	
	full moon	

put

Unit 38: Soft sound of c (before e, i, & y) Usually sounds like s: sometimes sh.

c as s	c as	s cas s
cent	fleece	ri <mark>ce</mark>
cell	fence	space
cease	France	sli <mark>ce</mark>
center	hence	spice
civil	ice	since
cinder	la <mark>ce</mark>	twice
cyclone	mince	trace
circus	mice	thence
cinch	ni <mark>ce</mark>	choice
cigar	nie <mark>ce</mark>	voi <mark>ce</mark>
acid	pace	
cistern	peace	ci as sh
ace	pie <mark>ce</mark> sp	pe <mark>ci</mark> al
brace	pran <mark>ce</mark>	
chance	prin <mark>ce</mark>	s as sh
decide	princess	sugar
dance	pen <mark>ci</mark> l	
dunce	pri <mark>ce</mark>	
face	race	

Unit 39: Soft sound of g in dge and sometimes before e, i, y

ge	as	j	dge	as	j	g as j
age			badge			ginger
bar <mark>ge</mark>			dodge			giraffe
change			edge			gist
cage			fudge			giblet
enga <mark>ge</mark>			hedge			gyp
fringe			lodge			gypsy
huge			nudge			gymnast
lar <mark>ge</mark>			pledge			
lun <mark>ge</mark>			ledge			
hinge			judge			
page			ridge			
plunge			smudge			
rage			wedge			
range			budge			
sage						
stage						
wage						
urge						
budge						
bridge						

Unit 40: Silent gh and gh sounds like f (au is often irregular)

```
igh silent gh f as gh
   bright
               caught
                        rough
   blight
               daughter tough
    fight
               taught enough
    fighter
                        laugh
   flight
                        laughter
                ought
    high
              thought
                        laughing
    light
               fought
               bought
    might
    night
moonlight
   plight
    sight
    tight
   slight
   thigh
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Unit 41: Silent k, w, t, b, and l (kn=n, st=s, wr=r, mb=m, mb= m; lf=f).

kn=n	st=s	wr=r
knee	chasten	wreath
kneel	gli <mark>st</mark> en	wretch
kn ight	hasten	write
knife	listen	wrist
knit		wring
knot	ft=f	wrote
know	often	wreck
known	soften	wrong
kn ock		

mb=m	bt=t	lf=	=f lk=k
comb	debt	calf	wa <mark>lk</mark>
climb	doubt	half	talk
dumb			cha <mark>lk</mark>
lamb	sw=s		sta <mark>lk</mark>
limb	answer		
thumb	sword		h=silent
			hour
			honor
			honest

Unit 42: se sounds like z

se=z	s=z
choose	as
chose	is
cheese	ha <mark>s</mark>
ease	his
becau <mark>se</mark>	
noise	
nose	
pau <mark>se</mark>	
pose	
prai <mark>se</mark>	
please	
rose	
rise	
tease	
these	
those	
wise	
use	

Unit 43: ph sounds like f

```
ph
elephant
nephew
orphan
prophet
pamphlet
photograph
phonograph
phone
telephone
telegraph
alphabet
phonics
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Unit 44: Final le, tion, sion

le	tion	sion
battle	attention	expression
bundle	action	impression
bottle	addition	mission
buckle	affection	
circle	invitation	
little	foundation	
middle	education	
pick <mark>le</mark>	mention	
samp <mark>le</mark>	nation	
handle	partition	
puzz <mark>le</mark>	portion	
scramble	station	
scribble	section	
sprinkle		
struggle		
tick <mark>le</mark>		
wigg <mark>le</mark>		

Unit 45: ed past tense ending.

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ed + d or t = ĕd;
ed + voiced letter = 'd;
ed + voiceless letter = 't.
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ed=ĕd	d = d = d	ed='t
add <mark>ed</mark>	aim <mark>ed</mark>	bak <mark>ed</mark>
act <mark>ed</mark>	burned	boxed
counted	call <mark>ed</mark>	camped
crowded	chang <mark>ed</mark>	hitched
end <mark>ed</mark>	nam <mark>ed</mark>	jump <mark>ed</mark>
folded	sav <mark>ed</mark>	lik <mark>ed</mark>
land <mark>ed</mark>	rain <mark>ed</mark>	look <mark>ed</mark>
lighted	roll <mark>ed</mark>	pack <mark>ed</mark>
paint <mark>ed</mark>	stay <mark>ed</mark>	pitched
plant <mark>ed</mark>	turned	stopp <mark>ed</mark>
printed		wish <mark>ed</mark>
rest <mark>ed</mark>		
wait <mark>ed</mark>		

Unit 46: Long vowels in open accented syllables

ā	ē	ī
b <mark>a-</mark> ker	fe-ver	t <mark>i</mark> -dy
sh <mark>a-</mark> dy	c <mark>e</mark> -dar	l <mark>i</mark> -my
l <mark>a-</mark> dy	he-ro	sl <mark>i</mark> -my
p <mark>a-</mark> per	l <mark>e</mark> -gal	v <mark>i</mark> -per
f <mark>a-</mark> vor	r <mark>e-</mark> gal	b <mark>i</mark> -ter
s <mark>a-</mark> vor	be-fore	br <mark>i-</mark> er
v <mark>a-</mark> por		fr <mark>i</mark> -ar
w <mark>a</mark> -fer		l <mark>i</mark> -bel
m <mark>a-</mark> ker		c <mark>i</mark> -der
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l <mark>a-</mark> bel		g <mark>i</mark> -ant
h <mark>a-</mark> lo		d <mark>i</mark> -al
s <mark>a</mark> -go		tr <mark>i</mark> -al
p <mark>a-</mark> cer		f <mark>i</mark> -nal
r <mark>a-</mark> cer		v <mark>i</mark> -al

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h <mark>o-ly</mark>	f <mark>u</mark> -el	
o-ver	d <mark>u</mark> -el	
clo-ver	cr <mark>u-</mark> el	
d <mark>o-</mark> nor	gr <mark>u-</mark> el	
s <mark>o-</mark> lar	p <mark>u-</mark> pil	
p <mark>o-</mark> lar	r <mark>u-</mark> in	
lo-cal	m <mark>u-</mark> ral	
fo-cal	r <mark>u-</mark> ral	
vo-cal		
to-tal		
o-val		
po-em		
gro-cer		
o-ral		
o-pen		

Unit 47: Remaining Dolch List Words.

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do
                            again
                 come
                 done
                             said
  to
  today
                 some
  together
                             could
                  one
                             would
 two
                  once
 who
                  of
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 any
many
only are
carry eight
have give
their
they very where were
every been buy don't your
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measure pleasure treasure

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I used Hazel Loring's 1980 *Reading Made Easy with Blend Phonics* as the phonics corpus from which the words in this document were chosen.

I simply organized the words into spelling-families to make it easier for the students to discover the spelling patters for reading and spelling. Other words were added to make sure the patterns were adequately covered. There are a few more words in this document than the original *Blend Phonics*.

The common element in each spelling-family is aligned in columns, with the common element in perfect letter-by-letter alignment. I used a *Courier New* fixed-width font to enable me to achieve the perfect alignment of each letter. Some "irregular" words are included in the columns, but underlined to indicate that they do not possess the same sound value as the other spelling structures. The teachers will point out these differences.

The spelling-families are especially good for cursive handwriting practice since they give the student the opportunity to **repeat the motor patterns**. Cursive is far superior to manuscript for helping student to internalize these motor and acoustic patterns to automaticity.

Oral and written spelling should also be employed at every step. Students should be taught to read, write, and spell (orally and in writing) the words fluently.

It is important to remember, "Because consonants and vowel sounds actually overlap each other, there is no sequence of sound in the usual sense. It would be better, then, to talk about *phonological structure* of syllables and words and NOT their phonological sequence or order." (*Find the Vawol: Read the Rime, Learn to Read* by Miriam Cherkesk-Julkowski, p. 15). Cursive handwriting reflects this co-articulation feature in the motor realm. Ironically co-articulation is what makes oral language fluent and reading difficult.

The Proper Place of the *Blend Phonics' Spelling Family Reading and Spelling Exercises* in the Blend Phonics Program.

Purpose: The Spelling Family Reading and Spelling Exercises are an auxiliary to the Reading Made Easy with Blend Phonics for First Grade. The spelling family exercises are designed to enhance reading fluency and spelling ability.

Proper Place: The Spelling Family Reading and Spelling Exercises are to be used AFTER student have been introduced to proper directionality with the blend phonics technique. Blend phonics is sometimes call single-letter phonics. The Blend Phonics teaches the <u>body-coda</u> <u>approach</u> to building syllables: bat = ba +t. The blend **ba**- is the body of the syllable and -t is the coda. The spelling family technique teaches the <u>onset-rime approach</u> to building syllables: b+at = bat: **b**- is the onset and -at is the rime. Both are valuable, but to assure directionality blend phonics should come BEFORE spelling-family.

Proper Order:

- 1. Reading Made Easy with Blend Phonics for First Grade. This should be taught exactly as described in her brief but brilliant introduction, "Why Teach Blend Phonics" and her brief but adequate, "Lesson Plans for the Teaching of Phonics in First Grade.
- 2. Blend Phonics Lessons and Stories: A Complete Phonics Reading Program for All Ages. This paperback was published by Mr. Potter in 2015. It is available from Amazon or Barnes & Noble.
- 3. The Spelling Family Reading and Spelling Exercises. Note that this is to be done AFTER the students have been taught with the blend phonics directional technique. It is my practice to also have the students spell some of the words. I also use the Exercises for handwriting practice. The repletion of the rime patterns is excellent handwriting practice, and especially helpful when taught with cursive.

Syllabary Table 1
Short Vowels in Closed Syllables

ab	eb	ib	ob	ub
ac	ec	ic	OC	uc
ad	ed	id	od	ud
af	ef	if	of	uf
ag	eg	ig	og	ug
aj	ej	ij	oj	иj
ak	ek	ik	ok	uk
al	el	il	ol	ul
am	em	im	om	um
an	en	in	on	un
ap	ер	ip	op	up
as	es	is	os	us
at	et	it	ot	ut
av	ev	iv	OV	uv
ax	ex	ix	OX	ux
az	ez	iz	OZ	uz

Syllabary Table 2
Long Vowels in Open Syllables

ba	be	bi	bo	bu
ca	çe	çi	CO	cu
da	de	di	do	du
fa	fe	fi	fo	fu
ga	ge	gi	go	gu
	ġe	ġi		
ha	he	hi	ho	hu
ja	je	ji	jo	ju
ka	ke	ki	ko	ku
la	le	li	lo	lu
ma	me	mi	mo	mu
na	ne	ni	no	nu
pa	pe	pi	po	pu
ra	re	ri	ro	ru
sa	se	si	so	su
ta	te	ti	to	tu
va	ve	vi	VO	vu
wa	we	wi	WO	wu

Syllabary Table 3
Long Vowel Open Syllables w/Cons. Blends & Cons. Digraphs

bla	ble	bli	blo	blu
cla	cle	cli	clo	clu
fla	fle	fli	flo	flu
gla	gle	gli	glo	glu
pla	ple	pli	plo	plu
sla	sle	sli	slo	slu
bra	bre	bri	bro	bru
cra	cre	cri	cro	cru
dra	dre	dri	dro	dru
fra	fre	fri	fro	fru
gra	fre	fri	fro	fru
pra	pre	pri	pro	pru
tra	tre	tri	tro	tru
wra	wre	wri	wro	wru
tha	the	thi	tho	thu
<u>th</u> a	<u>th</u> e	<u>th</u> i	<u>th</u> o	<u>th</u> u
cha	che	chi	cho	chu
sha	she	shi	sho	shu
pha	phe	phi	pho	phu

Syllabary Table 4

Long Vowel Open Syllables QU, Double & Triple Beginning Consonant Blends

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qua	que	qui	quo	qu-
spa	spe	spi	spo	spu
sga	ste	sgi	sto	sgu
aks	ske	ski	sko	sku
sca	sçe	sçi	SCO	scu
swa	swe	swi	SWO	swu
spla	sple	spli	splo	splu
spra	spre	spri	spro	spru
stra	stre	stri	stro	stru
shra	shre	shri	shro	shru
scra	scre	scri	scro	scru
scla	scle	scli	sclo	sclu
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