

Word Building

Level 1

Introduction

Word Building, the first booklet of Level 1, sets out to help the student to acquire basic phonic skills in (1) blending the sounds to make words, (2) analysing a word into its sounds.

Rules are taught to enable the student to acquire these phonic skills. And while it is true that not all English words *sound* according to rule, many words do. Learning these rules will help the student to tackle new words and learn to pronounce and spell them.

The words taught are not carried over to the readers, so it is not necessary for the student to learn the meanings of the words.

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Section A – Names and sounds of letters

1 Names of small letters

a ⇒ **b** ⇒ **c** ⇒ **d** ⇒ **e**

⇒ **f** ⇒ **g** ⇒ **h** ⇒ **i**

j ⇒ **k** ⇒ **l** ⇒ **m** ⇒ **n**

⇒ **o** ⇒ **p** ⇒ **q** ⇒ **r**

s ⇒ **t** ⇒ **u** ⇒ **v** ⇒ **w**

⇒ **x** ⇒ **y** ⇒ **z**

2 Names of capital letters with the small letters

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

3 Letter sounds

a b c d e

f g h i

j k l m n

o p q r

s t u v w

x y z

‘g’ has another sound ‘jer’. ‘c’ has another sound ‘ser’.
‘a, e, i, o’ and ‘u’ are called vowels. They have long and short sounds. The other letters are called consonants.

Section B — Words with the short sound of ‘a, e, i, o’ and ‘u’

1 Words with the short sound of ‘a’

c-a-t ⇒ cat

f-a-t ⇒ fat

m-a-t ⇒ mat

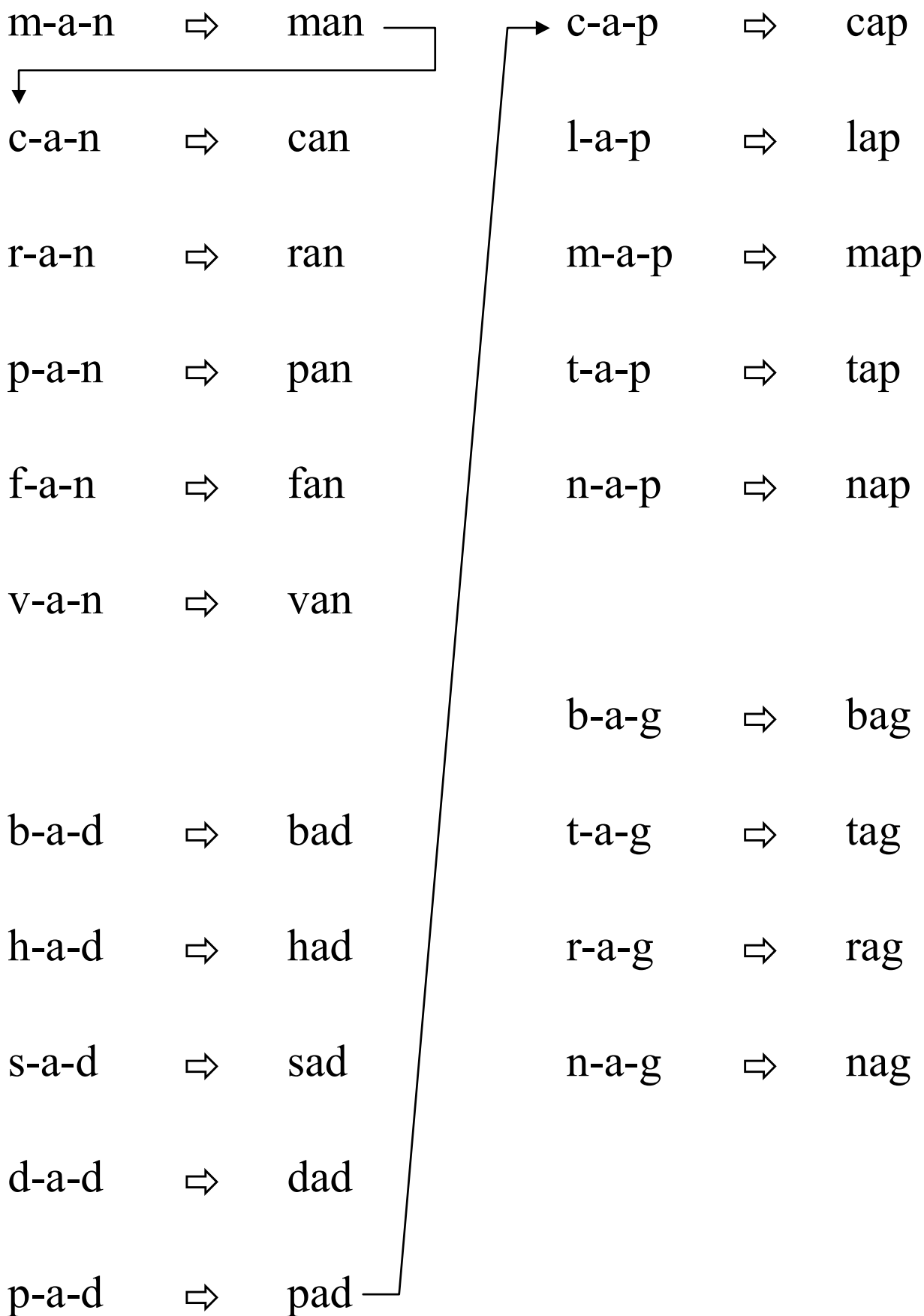
s-a-t ⇒ sat

r-a-t ⇒ rat

b-a-t ⇒ bat

h-a-t ⇒ hat

p-a-t ⇒ pat





cat

fat

mat

sat

rat

bat

hat

pat

man

can

ran

pan

fan

van

bad

had

sad

dad

pad

cap

lap

map

tap

nap

bag

tag

rag

nag

2 Words with the short sound of 'e'

b-e-t ⇒ bet

g-e-t ⇒ get

l-e-t ⇒ let

m-e-t ⇒ met

p-e-t ⇒ pet

s-e-t ⇒ set

v-e-t ⇒ vet

w-e-t ⇒ wet



bet

get

let

met

pet

set

vet

wet

less

mess

gem

hem

bed

fed

led

red

Ted

wed

beg

leg

peg

bell

fell

hell

sell

tell

well

den

hen

men

pen

ten

3 Words with the short sound of 'i'

b-i-t ⇒ bit

f-i-t ⇒ fit

h-i-t ⇒ hit

k-i-t ⇒ kit

l-i-t ⇒ lit

p-i-t ⇒ pit

s-i-t ⇒ sit

bit

fit

hit

kit

lit

pit

sit

bin

din

fin

pin

sin

win

dip

hip

lip

rip

tip

fill

hill

kill

pill

bill

till

will

big

dig

pig

did

hid

rid

fix

six

4 Words with the short sound of 'o'

c-o-t ⇒ cot

d-o-t ⇒ dot

g-o-t ⇒ got

h-o-t ⇒ hot

j-o-t ⇒ jot

l-o-t ⇒ lot

n-o-t ⇒ not

p-o-t ⇒ pot

r-o-t ⇒ rot

cot

dot

got

hot

jot

lot

not

pot

rot

nod

God

rod

cop

hop

mop

pop

top

dog

fog

jog

log

bob

hob

job

mob

rob

sob

5 Words with the short sound of 'u'

s-u-n ⇒ sun

f-u-n ⇒ fun

g-u-n ⇒ gun

n-u-n ⇒ nun

r-u-n ⇒ run

b-u-n ⇒ bun

h-u-m ⇒ hum

m-u-m ⇒ mum

r-u-m ⇒ rum

s-u-m ⇒ sum

sun

fun

gun

nun

run

bun

hum

mum

rum

sum

bud

dud

mud

dug

hug

jug

mug

rug

cub

pub

rub

tub

but

cut

hut

nut

jut

cup

pup

sup

Revision table for Section B — words with the short sound of ‘a, e, i, o’ and ‘u’

tap	well	sat
bed	fit	got
will	God	bag
cup	van	pin
bell	jog	ten
pig	hill	less
man	leg	pad
hot	dug	hug
win	mum	job
zip	map	sit

Section C – Words with the long sound of ‘a, i, o’ and ‘u’
and ending with ‘e’

1 Words with the long sound of ‘a’ and ending with ‘e’

cake	race	cane	late
wake	face	lane	mate
bake	lace	mane	rate
take	came	fade	daze
make	fame	jade	gaze
sake	lame	made	laze
cape	name	date	cage
rape	same	gate	page
tape	tame	hate	wage

2 Words with the long sound of 'i' and ending with 'e'

dine	five	time	bike
fine	dive	lime	hike
line	hive	life	like
mine	jive	wife	nice
nine	hide	bite	lice
pine	ride	kite	dice
vine	side	site	rice
pipe	tide	mite	rise
ripe	wide		wise
wipe			

3 Words with the long sound of 'o' and ending with 'e'

cope	dole	note	dome
hope	hole	vote	home
mope	pole	joke	Rome
pope	mole	poke	code
rope	role	woke	rode
robe	dote		

4 Words with the long sound of 'u' and ending with 'e'

cube	tune	Luke	muse
tube	mule	huge	cute
dune	duke	fuse	

Revision table for Section C – words with the long sound of ‘a, i, o’ and ‘u’ and ending with ‘e’

bake	came	tune	mate
joke	kite	make	ride
tube	nice	dive	code
wide	vote	cope	rate
gaze	gate	date	bite
hole	huge	rise	tone
late	lane	same	gave
time	pipe	hide	five
male	bone	wise	pole
hope	wave	Luke	home

Section D — Words beginning or ending with two consonants

1 Words beginning with s-t, s-n, s-p, s-k

st	sn	sp	sk
stop	snap	spot	skin
stem	snip	spin	skip
still	snake	spoke	skate

2 Words beginning with p-l, p-r, t-w, t-r

pl	pr	tw	tr
plan	pram	twin	trot
plot	pride	twig	trap

3 Words ending with s-t, n-d, m-p, n-t

st	nd	mp	nt
best	hand	pump	rent
must	pond	damp	hunt

4 Words beginning or ending with s-h
s and h together say 'sh'

shop	shape	fish	dish
ship	shake	rush	hush
shut	shame	dash	posh
shot	shine	wish	bash

5 Words beginning or ending with c-h
c and h together say 'ch'

chop	chip	much	lunch
chat	chin	rich	pinch
chill	chase	such	latch

6 Words ending with c-k
c and k together say 'ck'

pick	back	rock
tick	pack	lock
sick	sack	sock

7 Words beginning or ending with t-h
t and h together say 'th'

thin	broth
thick	path
think	froth

t and h together also say 'th'

them	thus
that	this
then	they

8 Words beginning with w-h
w and h together say 'wh'

when	whip
white	which
while	whiff

Revision table for Section D – words beginning or ending with two consonants

spoke	shot	damp	best
trap	path	stem	twin
pump	twig	shame	hunt
much	pram	chip	snake
shake	skate	shut	plan
sick	chin	hush	shape
this	thin	rent	such
whip	white	rock	chop
wish	pack	that	pond
rich	spin	pride	latch

Section E – General Revision

beg	code	spot	snip
rage	pup	role	hat
rag	twig	rat	hot
fix	lunch	pen	hug
cute	still	jog	cage
whiff	dive	hope	God
stop	pad	cube	woke
dad	leg	trot	snake
men	cup	chat	wise
tube	cake	pill	robe
skip	pole	rod	duke
joke	bite	tone	hand

dine

tune

bag

not

same

mud

gate

sun

wipe

Rome

sack

which

sad

dig

well

mob

nice

hut

cope

best

them

cup

path

site

bone

man

kite

ship

note

they

much

wide

pan

jug

side

fan

whole

when

back

hen

rice

this

joke

trap

bat

life

time

lock

that

bad

top

gun

name

pipe

plan

like

Section F – Writing

Aa [a] Bb

Cc Dd

Ee Ff

Gg [g] Hh

li

Jj

Kk

Li

Mm

Nn

Oo

Pp

Qq

Rr

Ss

Tt

Uu

Vv

Ww

Xx

Yy

Zz