



Unit 5: Vowel Teams

Weeks 17-20 | Flexible 90-minute lessons

This ready-to-teach deck matches the Word curriculum and printable pack. Use it as a teaching guide, pacing tool, or visual warm-up during homeschool lessons.



Unit Snapshot

Focus skills

Main weekly themes:

- ☐ ai and ay, ee and ea
- ☐ Patterns taught: ai, ay and more
- ☐ Balanced routine: phonics, reading, writing, and hands-on practice
- ☐ Built-in weekly check-ins and a unit test

Teaching notes

- ❖ Keep lessons flexible and upbeat
- ❖ Review old patterns before adding a new one
- ❖ Use printables, cards, or household objects for practice
- ❖ Add a short optional video only when it supports the target skill



Week 1: ai and ay

Pattern and words

Pattern(s): ai, ay

Word list: rain, train,
snail, play, day, stay

Sight words: play, today,
away, again, may

Model sentence: We play
in the rain.

Daily lesson flow

- Day 1 - Introduce the pattern
- Day 2 - Blend and build words
- Day 3 - Read phrases and sentences
- Day 4 - Write and dictate
- Day 5 - Review, assess, and play

Fun practice ideas

- Sound hunt around the house
- Roll and read with word cards
- Sentence scramble with cut-apart cards
- Quick check-in and confidence celebration



Week 2: ee and ea

Pattern and words

Pattern(s): ee, ea

Word list: tree, seed, feet, read, team, beach

Sight words: read, green, please, each, eat

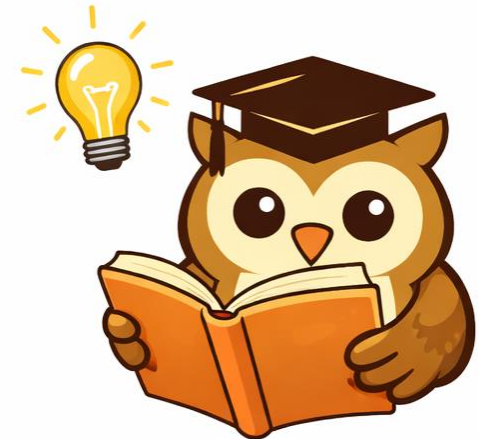
Model sentence: Please read to me.

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Week 3: oa and ow

Pattern and words

Pattern(s): oa, ow

Word list: boat, goat, road, snow, grow, blow

Sight words: know, show, grow, boat, most

Model sentence: The boat can float.

Daily lesson flow

- Day 1 - Introduce the pattern
- Day 2 - Blend and build words
- Day 3 - Read phrases and sentences
- Day 4 - Write and dictate
- Day 5 - Review, assess, and play

Fun practice ideas

- Sound hunt around the house
- Roll and read with word cards
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Week 4: oo ew ue ui

Pattern and words

Pattern(s): oo, ew, ue, ui

Word list: moon, book, new, blew, glue, fruit

Sight words: blue, new, school, too, through

Model sentence: The blue moon is bright.

Daily lesson flow

- Day 1 - Introduce the pattern
- Day 2 - Blend and build words
- Day 3 - Read phrases and sentences
- Day 4 - Write and dictate
- Day 5 - Review, assess, and play

Fun practice ideas

- Sound hunt around the house
- Roll and read with word cards
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Flexible 90-Minute Lesson Routine

Warm-Up

10 min

review cards, oral blending, quick sound drill

Phonics

25 min

teach the new pattern and connect sound to print

Practice

20 min

word building, worksheet, or hands-on game

Reading

20 min

read words, phrases, and a simple sentence or short text

Writing

15 min

trace, spell, and write words or a sentence

Assessment and Progress Tracking

Weekly check-in

- ☐ Can say the sounds
- ☐ Can blend the words
- ☐ Can read a sentence
- ☐ Can write a word
- ☐ Can explain what felt easy or hard

Unit test

- ❖ Read 10 unit words
- ❖ Read 5 phrases or 3 sentences
- ❖ Spell 5 words from dictation
- ❖ Write 1 sentence with a sight word



Celebrate effort, not just accuracy. Use the tracker in the printable pack to note growth across all 4 weeks.

Printable Pack Highlights

Trace and Write

pattern tracing and handwriting practice

Read and Write

word bank and sentence lines

Sentence Builder

cut-apart cards or point-and-build work

Flashcards

ready to cut and reuse

Game Board

simple board game for Friday practice

