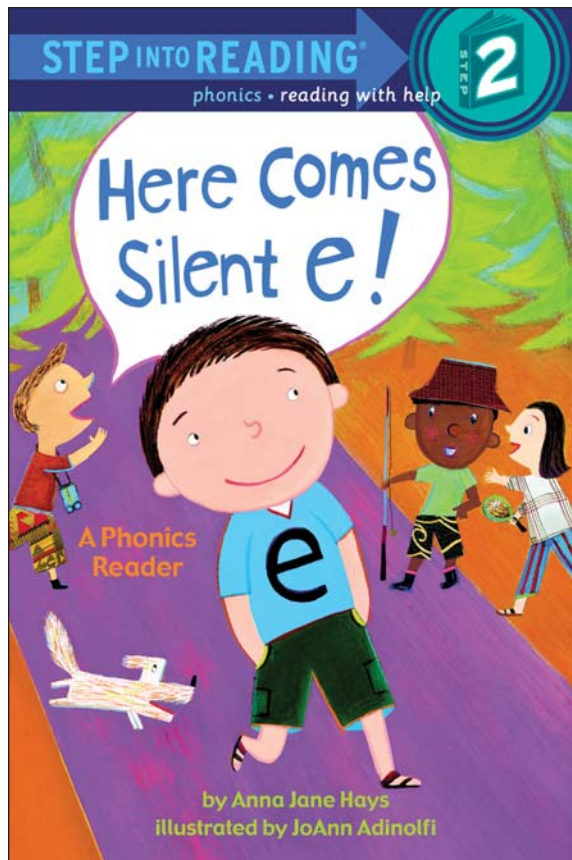




Teachers Guide



Pre-Reading Activity for *Here Comes Silent E!*

Discuss the following questions with your students before reading the book: Have you ever heard about silent *e* before? Do you have any idea what his job in a word is to do? Do you think there are many words that follow this rule or just a few?

As a class, brainstorm a list of as many words as you can that have the silent *e* on the end.

Vocabulary/Word Study

Create a simple game board (racetrack, snake, or winding road) and write a silent *e* word or those with short vowel sounds (listed below) in each square. Students can move around the board by reading a word correctly and advancing. The student who reaches the finish line first wins. To add an additional element to the game, include a point value for each word.

WORD SORTS: Have students divide a sheet of paper in half lengthwise and then make two categories: *short vowels* and *long vowels*. List the following words on the board and have them sort the words into the correct categories. Or put the words on reusable index cards and have students take turns sorting the words at a learning center.

From ***Here Comes Silent E!***: *bit, bite, kit, kite, glob, globe, plan, plane, man, mane, cap, cape, cub, cube, tub, tube, van, vane, can, cane, pin, pine, not, note, cod, code, ton, tone, hop, hope, hat, hate, mad, made, tap, tape, cap, cape, mat, mate, can, cane, fad, fade, gap, gape, rat, rate, bit, bite, fin, fine, hid, hide, dim, dime, rip, ripe, mitt, mite, spin, spine.*

SAMPLE CHART

Short vowels	Long vowels

Have the class practice recognizing initial consonant sounds for *s*, *b*, and *f* by sorting the following words into the correct column as you read them aloud:

Initial *S* sounds from the story: *Sara, sat, sipped, smoothie, spilled, silly, sat, slipped, slam, Sam, scooted, seek, saw, seesaw, slurp, super*

Initial *B* sounds: *bubble, blew, big, bigger biggest*

Initial *F* sounds: *funny, face, first, fell, found*

SAMPLE CHART

S sounds	B sounds	F sounds

Fluency

Explain to the class how good readers do not read word by word but actually process language in chunks. Read a sample paragraph word by word (rather like a robot) and explain how processing the information this way can make you lose the meaning. Next, read a passage fluently and discuss how the phrases help you move along the text into chunks of reading. Have students practice reading in phrases or chunks to each other. Or, provide a copy of a paragraph and have children use a highlighter to chunk the words they would read together. One phrase highlighted, the next left plain. Discuss your results.

Comprehension

Give students small sticky notes (the flag type or ones used to bookmark pages work well) to place over unknown or confusing words. Then, have them work in pairs to read aloud and decipher unknown words together.

Have children fill out the following sentences on each of the books they read in **Step 2**:

Title: _____

1. The main character of this story is _____.

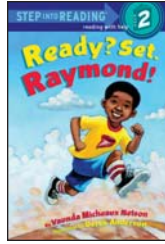
He or she likes to _____.

2. One thing that happened in the story was

_____.

3. This book reminded me of (or made me think about) . . .





Curriculum Connections

ART: Create vowel art by having students trace large die-cut letters or stencils for each of the five vowels. Then, they can cut out the letter and design them with pictures that have that short or long sound within them.

MUSIC: After reading *Ready, Set, Raymond!*, give each student a small hand held instrument like a tambourine, maracas, finger bells, sticks, etc. Then, reread the story but this time ask the children to create fast or slow rhythms based on Raymond's actions. Be sure to remind students that fast does not equal loud!



MATH: After reading *Mary Clare Likes to Share*, have students create paper plate pizzas and practice dividing them into various fractions: 1/2, 1/4, 1/6, and 1/8. Have each child bring in one piece of fruit to share the following day and then discuss and divide the fruit into sections. When you're done cutting up the fruit, create a friendship fruit salad and enjoy!



SCIENCE: After reading *Oh My, Pumpkin Pie!*, have the class make predictions on growing a plant from pumpkin seeds. Create various conditions for several groups of seeds. Possible conditions: water each day, water once a week, high light/low light, potting soil versus garden dirt, talking to plants, playing music for plants or quiet. Graph all results and discuss.



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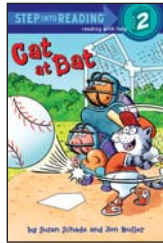
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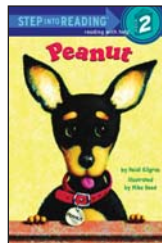
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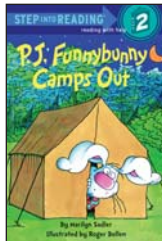


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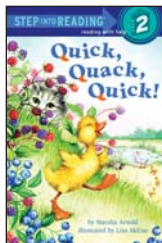
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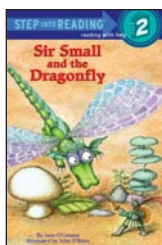
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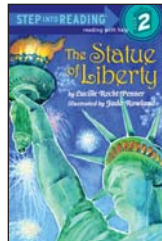
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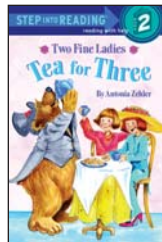
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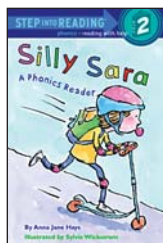
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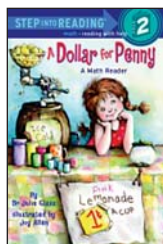
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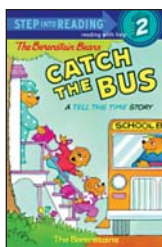
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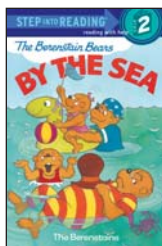
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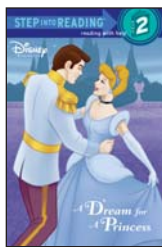
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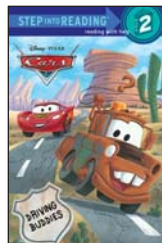
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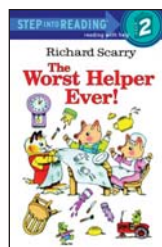
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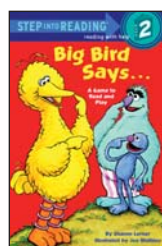
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