

Decodable Sentences

Real reading for early phonics learners

A decodable sentence is one your child can read using only the phonics sounds they already know, plus a small handful of taught sight words. These sentences are how children move from blending words in isolation to reading actual text. They're short, real, and low-pressure — every word has been chosen so your child can succeed without guessing.

WHAT'S IN THE PACK

- Group 1: 10 sentences using only s, a, t, p, i, n, m + 4 sight words
- Group 2: 12 sentences adding d, g, o, c, k, e, u, r, h, b, f, l
- Group 3: 12 sentences adding j, v, w, x, y, z, qu

HOW TO USE

- 1 Pick the group matching the sounds your child currently knows.
- 2 Read one sentence at a time. Sound out each word, then blend.
- 3 Read the sentence again, faster. This builds fluency.
- 4 Talk about what it means — comprehension is half the work.
- 5 Tick the box when done. 3-4 sentences per session is plenty.

Group 1 Sentences

Sounds: s, a, t, p, i, n, m • Sight words: a, is, it, I

Short and simple. The first sentences your child can fully decode without help.

☐ 1. **Sat on a mat.**

☐ 2. **I am Pam.**

☐ 3. **Pat is in.**

☐ 4. **It is a tap.**

☐ 5. **I am Sam.**

☐ 6. **A pin.**

☐ 7. **It is Tim.**

☐ 8. **I sip.**

☐ 9. **Tim sat.**

☐ 10. **Pat is at it.**

Group 2 Sentences

Adds: d, g, o, c, k, e, u, r, h, b, f, l • Sight words: + the, was, said, to

More variety, and proper sentences. This is where reading starts to feel like reading.

☐ 1. **The dog ran up the hill.**

☐ 2. **Tom had a red bag.**

☐ 3. **The cat sat on the bed.**

☐ 4. **Ben got a big hug.**

☐ 5. **The man said hop.**

☐ 6. **Sam can run to the den.**

☐ 7. **A bug is on the rug.**

☐ 8. **Hop in the cup.**

☐ 9. **The pup had a nap.**

☐ 10. **Mum had a hot bun.**

☐ 11. **Get the red pen.**

☐ 12. **The hen is in the pen.**

Group 3 Sentences

Adds: j, v, w, x, y, z, qu • Sight words: + you, are, of, was

All single-letter sounds in play. From here, decodable books are within reach.

- ☐ 1. **The fox ran to the box.**
- ☐ 2. **Six pups are in the van.**
- ☐ 3. **You are quick to win.**
- ☐ 4. **Jen had jam on a bun.**
- ☐ 5. **I will fix the wig for you.**
- ☐ 6. **Wax is on the rug.**
- ☐ 7. **The vet was a good vet.**
- ☐ 8. **Zip up the bag and go.**
- ☐ 9. **Yes, the cat is a fat cat.**
- ☐ 10. **A wet web on the box.**
- ☐ 11. **The jet is up in the sky.**
- ☐ 12. **Quick — get the fox out!**

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