Short Vowel “E”

ten
red
get

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The red letters and words are newly introduced in this book.

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Quick Start Guide

Read the book WITH your child. You read the “regular” text, and he/she reads the big, red words, sort of like reading the different parts in a play.

Help your child sound out the words as needed.

Read the book several times. This helps develop the eye muscles and left-to-right reading patterns.

Don’t rush it. Body-builders don’t train in a day – neither does a child.

And most important of all, HAVE FUN!
Today we are going to practice the “eh” sound. Can you say, “eh”?

The “eh” sound is in lots of words, like –

* Elephant elevator.*

* Endless eggs.*

* Empty envelopes.*
"en" family

ten
men
hen
I am ten,
and I have ten pets...
...ten lovely worms all slimy and wet.
My ten little worms eat dinner on my plate...
...then one day I **had** spaghetti...
...and a worm

said, “Hey!"
Usually when there is more than one of something, we add a “sss” sound to the end of the word to show there is more than one.

- cat
- cats
- hen
- hens

But it’s different with the word ‘man.’ We don’t say, “mans” – we say, “men” –

- man
- men
- mans
Three Men And A Hen

One man and a mat.
Two men and a hat.
Three men and a hen.
Three men, an egg and a hen.
"ed" family

bed
red
The letters ‘b’ and ‘d’ look a lot alike.

On the next page is a trick to help remember which is which.
Make a fist with both of your hands with the thumbs sticking up.

Now pretend that this is a bed –

This hand is the letter ‘b’

This hand is the letter ‘d’
My bed is not a baby bed.
My bed is not too small.
My **bed** is fine –

the problem is...
...that I am really tall.
I hid some food under my bed...
...but then the food went bad.
The bad food jumped up and down on my head.
Then the **bad**

food kicked me

out of **bed**.
I like red.

I like red a lot.
So I always

wear something

red on top.
Like my little red ribbon,
or my little, red hat...
...or my big, red wig,
which is full

of cats.
I had a bad cold, so I had to stay in bed.
My nose was runny and really, really red.
My runny, red nose tried to run away.
So I used some glue to make my red nose stay.
"eg" family

leg
Here’s a way to remember the letter ‘g’

The letters ‘b’ and ‘d’ have arms that reach up above their “bodies”

But the letter ‘g’ has a FOOT under its “body”
A foot is always at the end of a leg, not the middle or the top:

![Diagram showing a correct foot at the end of a leg and incorrect positions in the middle and top]

So it helps to remember that the letter with the little “foot” (the letter ‘g’) is always at the end of the word, ‘leg.’
Hold your left hand flat to make the letter ‘l’ –

Point your right thumb down to make the letter ‘g’ –

Curl your thumb to make the little “foot.”
This is how I like to stand: one leg in the water, one leg in the sand.
But with one leg in the water, I never, ever know if something in the water....
...wants to bite my toe.
I can stand on one leg.
I can stand on the other leg too.
But can I stand on no leg at all?
When I try,
I just fall.
"et" family

get
let
vet
wet
yet
For my birthday, I will get a bike. I will also get a cake and a dog called Spike.
And Spike will get a collar, and Spike will get a leash...
Wait! Why will Spike get anything?

On my birthday, I am the king!
If I get sick,
if I get ill,
I always get two purple pills.
The pills get stuck inside my mouth.
Then I have to get my brother to pull them out.
My cat said to me, “Please, let me wear your hat.”
Then my cat said, “Please, let me wear your pants.”
Then my cat said,

“Please, let me

wear your shoes...”
“Look at me, now I am you!”
Last night, I let my fish watch a little TV.
Then I let my fish sleep in bed with me.
I forgot that my fish had water in his bubble.
And now my bed has a really big puddle.

A puddle is a small pool of water.
The vet vacuumed his van today. When the van was clean, the vet said, “Yay!”
But then a vulture jumped into the van.
with mud on his feet
and chocolate on his
hands.
“Oh, no!” said the vet.

“Now my van is dirty.
That vulture is a bad, bad birdie.”
With a wet sponge in his wet hand, the vet washed the wet van.
When it was time to rinse off the soap, the vet turned around and said, “Oh, no!”
Splash! The vulture sprayed the vet...
...and that is how the vet got wet.
The **vet** and the vulture made a cake.

They put it in the oven so that it could bake.
The **vet sat** down on his little **vet** “beddy,” saying, “Wake me up when the cake is ready.”
(Ten minutes later.)

“Oh, vulture,” said the 

vet, “is the cake 

ready yet?”
“Not yet, Vet, go back to sleep. I will wake you when it’s time to eat.”
(Ten minutes later.) “Tell me, little birdie, is the cake ready yet?”
“Not yet, Vet.
No, no, not yet.”
A little while later, the vet was awake. He went downstairs to eat some cake.
But the cake was gone, and the dishes were dirty.
“Oh, no!” said the vet. “That bad, bad, birdie.”
"es" family

yes
Where Is My Cake?

Yes, it is my birthday, and yes, I have a cake, but where is the cake?

It is not on the plate.
I have a cat, so
I looked in her mouth.
I saw no cake, but
yes, I saw a mouse.
I asked my dog, “Have you seen the cake?”

My dog said, “Yes, go ask the snake.”
Yes, I guess, the snake ate the cake.
The End

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