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Beginner Book 3

Short Vowel “i”
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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 “ih” sound. Can you say, “ih”?

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

icky, itchy
itch

Izzy iguana is ill

invisible insects
"in" family

in

win

(Other “in” words not taught here: bin, din, fin, kin, tin, skin, etc.)
A cat in a hat...

...in a box with a fox...
...in a dish...

...in a fish...
...in a fish in a
dish, making a wish...
...oops, missed!
My hands are in my socks.
My ears are in my shoes.
But what goes in my sweater?
Ahh! Isn’t he cute?
There are two ways to write the letter ‘i’ – the little letter ‘i’ and the big letter ‘I.’

(Read this page TO your child.)

The big ‘I’ is also called the capital ‘I’
Most of the time, we use the little ‘i’ –
When we talk about ourselves, we use the big letter ‘I’ –

I am happy

I am sad

I am a duck
“I win!” said the tortoise. “I am a superstar!”
“No, I win!” said I the snail. “I was the first to come this far!”
“No, you guys did not win. You didn’t even start!”
I am in the bath with my hair in a hat. I know it looks funny, but I like it like that.
The hat stops shampoo from getting in my eyes
or in my hair
where I keep
a big surprise.
"id" family

kid
hid
hid

(Other “id” words not taught here: bid, lid, mid, rid, skid, grid, etc.)
Big kid...
...little kid...

...middle kid...
...giggle kid.
A hen hid in a hat.

Hid is past tense of “hide,” but now is not the time to teach grammar. If you need to explain, just say that “hid” is another way of saying “hide.”
A horse hid in the hay.
A kid hid in a candy store.
He hid in there all day.
Who Spilled The Milk?

Who spilled the milk?

I did not!
He did!

I did not!
I know who **did**.

The dog **did**!
"it" family

it
bit
fit
sit

(Other “it” words not taught here: hit, kit, lit, pit, wit, quit, knit, etc.)
A Riddle

The wetter it gets, the more it dries. What is it?
A towel!
Elephants are big, that is what they are, so how many elephants fit in a car?
One baby elephant fit in the front, but he couldn't fit his tail or his elephant trunk.
Another baby elephant

fit in the back.

“Help!” he said. “I am

squashed quite flat.”
A third baby elephant said, “Me too!” But all he could fit was a sock and a shoe.
Waiting For My Song

Yesterday, I sat and sat, all day long, waiting for the radio to play my favorite song.
Today I sit and sit some more. I am waiting for the song.
Then my sister says,

“Silly, you have to turn it on!”
The bug that *bit* me
was not very big, but
*it* bit *me* on my
back, *yes, it did.*

*‘Bit’ is another way to say ‘bite.’*
Then it bit me on my knee, and it bit me on my nose, and to say goodnight, it bit my toes.
"if" family

if

(Other "if" words not taught here: rif, plus sniff, tiff, whiff, etc.)
I like worms if they are in the dirt.
But I don’t like worms if they are on my shirt.
The first letter of a sentence is always a big letter (a capital letter).

(A sentence is a group of words that say something – a thought, an idea, a question.)

Can a cat catch a mouse?

So, if the first word in a sentence begins with the letter “I,” we always write the big letter “I”

If I was a cat, I would catch candy, not mice.

(Note: More rules about Capital Letters are taught in the second handwriting book series, Capital Letters, due for release in Spring 2016.)
If fishes made wishes, and if fishes gave kisses,
would a fish kiss his Mrs. if she cooked his favorite dishes?

Mrs. (pronounced “missus”) is a name for a wife.
“ix” family

fix
mix
six

(Other “ix” words not taught here: nix, affix, helix etc.)
Tape can fix a broken shoe or fix broken plate.
But can it fix a loose tooth?
Mmm, mmmph, mmmph!

(These are nonsense sounds.)
I can mix a cake. I can mix it with a spoon,
but I prefer to mix a cake with five or six raccoons.
Six raccoons can mix a cake, and mix it very well.
But they always mix two cakes because they mix one for themselves.
Can six sick sticks fix six sick fish?
“im” family

him

(Other “im” words not taught here: dim, rim, Jim, Tim, slim, swim, etc.)
My little dog is tiny, and when he needs a bath, I put him in a teacup, or I put him in a glass.
Then I wrap him in a ribbon and put him in a box. Then I put him in my pocket so he doesn’t get lost.
"ig" family

big
pig
wig

(Other “ig” words not taught here: dig, fig, gig, jig, rig, zig, swig, twig, etc.)
Remember the trick to know which is the letter ‘b’ and which is the letter ‘d’?

We will now learn a trick to remember which is the letter ‘p’ and which is the letter ‘g.’
Turn your hands so that your thumbs are pointing down –

Now pretend that this is a pig – wiggle your thumbs to make him run.

This hand is the letter ‘p’

This hand is the letter ‘g’
When a pig goes to bed, what does he wear?
A pig wears pig-jamas, and a ribbon in his hair.
When I am a big kid, I will have big toys.
And with my big toys, I will make big noise.
If a big pig hid,
where would he hide?
The closet, perhaps, 
if he weren’t so wide.
He would, if he could, hide under the bed, but all he could fit was the tip of his leg.
If he hid in a box,
the box would break.
Oh, where should he
hide, for goodness sake?
He took some time to sit and think. What if he hid under the sink?
But a pig that size is not that small – what if a pig can’t hide at all?
So the **big pig** hid behind the door...
...in the cupboard and on the floor, over the rug and under a chair – the big pig hid everywhere!
A little pig in a big wig.
A big pig in a little wig.
There once was a whale who wore a big wig.
Then the whale went into the water, oh, yes, he did.
“My wig!” said the whale. “My wig is now a mop. Do I want a wet wig? Oh, no, I do not.”
So the **wig**

went flying

through the air.
“Look at me!”

said a bird.

“I have hair!”
“ip” family

lip  tip  sip  zip

(Other “ip” words not taught here: dip, nip, rip, trip, slip, etc.)
I had a sip of lemonade.
I had a sip of tea.
Then I had a sip of something that said, “Don’t Drink Me.”
Oh, no, my zip is stuck. It won't zip down, and it won't zip up.
Here is a way to remember the difference between an ‘s’ and a ‘z.’

The ‘s’ is curvy like a snake. Also, “sss” is the sound that “sssnakes” make.

The ‘z’ has straight lines, and most zippers are more or less straight. Also, “zzzzz” is the sound that zippers make when they zip up.

(Read this page TO your child.)
If you **zip** your lip, you cannot **sip** water, milk or tea. So if you are thirsty, un-**zip** your lip “firsty.”
I stood on the **tip** of the hill with a ball on the **tip** of my nose.
Then I balanced the ball on the tip of my toe.
So there I was, in the sun, having a lot of... of... of...
What word is on the \textcolor{red}{tip} of my tongue?
I like to lick my lip.

My lip I lick a lot.
The End

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