Short Vowel “O”

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### Letters & words used in this book

**Alphabet letters introduced in this book:**
- o j

**Alphabet letters introduced in earlier books:**
- a c t s m n d h r e b g l v w y i I k f x p z

**Letters not yet introduced:**
- u q

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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 “-o-” sound.

Note: pronounce this with the short sound as in, “hop,” not “hope.”

Can you say, “-o-”? 

The “-o-” sound is in lots of words, like --

Officer

Ostrich

Otter on ox

Otter off ox

Note!

(Read this page TO your child.)
"on” family

First, let’s practice the “on” word family. Say after me:

on

(Other “on” words not taught here: gone, don, yon, John, Ron, etc.)
on

in
A mouse is on the table, eating all the cheese.
His brother mouse is **on** the floor,

eating all the peas.
The mouse **on** the table said, “Give me some peas!”
The mouse on the floor said, “Please say please!”
I was in bed with my blanket on me when something big jumped on my knee.
So I turned on the light, and what did I see?
A cat on a
cow on a camel
on my knee.
"ot" family

got
hot
lot
not
pot

(Other "ot" words not taught here: cot, dot, jot, rot, blot, clot, knot, plot, shot spot, etc.)
I like books. I like them a lot.
So I have a lot of books – and I mean, a lot!
But when is a **lot** much too much?
When you can’t
fit a lot in a
lot of trucks.
We Did Not Say No

Do we want to go? No, no, no!
We will not, would not, could not...
There’s ice cream?
We would not, could not, did not say, “No!”
Who Got The Ball?

I got a ball...

...and I threw it up high.
“I got it!”

said my brother...
“I got it!”

said my friend...
Oops!
“I got it,”

said the dog.

“Throw it again.”
Do I like cheese?

No, I do not.

But for lunch today, guess what I got?
I got a cheese sandwich, and I got cheesy chips.
I got a chunk of cheese and some cream cheese dip.
If a mouse got the cheese, I think he would be happy.
But I am a kid, and I want candy!
When I was a baby,

I did not walk,

I did not jump,

and I did not talk.
Then I got big, and I got strong,
but I still like to sleep all day long.
A hot pot of soup would be very, very nice.
A **hot pot** of soup for two hungry mice.
So they put a pea in a pot,
and when the
pot got hot,
they found that one pea did not make a lot.
You see me,
but I do not see you.
I am not alive, but I can move.
If you tell me to leave, I will not go. What am I?
Your shadow!
"op" family

hop
mop
pop
top

(Other “op” words not taught here: cop, chop, drop, stop, etc.)
How does a porcupine play with balloons?
Pop, pop, pop!
I wanted to be on the top of the world,
So I climbed to the top of a tree.
I said, “I am on top of the world!”
Then a bird sat on top of me.
Because a **mop** has only one **leg**, a mop has to **hop** all the way to the **top**.
Tom the Top Cat wore a top hat on top of his top cat head.
Then one day his top hat went “pop hat” on top of his top cat head.
“og” family

dog

(Other “og” words not taught here: cog, fog, jog, frog, smog, etc.)
My dog will eat anything.
So my **dog**

ate everything.
Hot Dog

I got myself a hot dog. I got him yesterday.
I thought that a hot dog would run and jump and play.
But my **hot dog** does **not** do a lot; he only wants to sleep a lot.
And because he smells like cheese, I want a real dog... please?
"ob" family

job

(Other “ob” words not taught here: Bob, cob, lob, job, sob, knob, blob, snob, etc.)
My Job

In our family,
we all have a job.
And my job is
to walk the dog.
Or is the job of the dog to walk me?
Pop Popcorn

My job is to pop popcorn, but how do I begin?
The popcorn will not pop when I poke it with a pin.
"ox" family

box
fox
ox

(Other “ox” words not taught here: lox, pox, xerox, detox, unbox, etc.)
“Oh, no!” said the fuzzy fox, “my tail is gone – it is not on the box."
“It is not on the table, not on the bed...
“Oops! I found it on my head.”
In a box were six little rocks, but Mr. Ox sat on the box.
“You are on our box,” said rock number six.
“Yes,” said the ox, “I like to sit.”
“But we are in,” said rock number three.

“Look at the clock—it’s time for tea.”
“Tea is good, but not in a box,” said Mr. Ox on top of the box.
“Then get off our box; we can’t get out!” said rock number five with an angry shout.
But the ox on the box did not get off, and this made the rocks in the box quite cross.

(Cross means angry.)
The oldest rock, rock number one, said, “Mr. Ox, are you quite done?”
“Our mother will be back when the sun goes down, and you, Mr. Ox, should not be around.”
Well, the sun went down and the ox still sat, half asleep and quite relaxed...
And then a big rock knocked him flat, and the mother rock said, "Ha, ha, take that!"
The End

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