Letter 'b' versus letter 'd'
Alphabetti Book #11
Ben’s Bed
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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!
Lesson 1

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

On the next page is a trick to help remember which is which.
Lesson 1

Make a fist with both of your hands with the thumbs sticking up.

Now pretend that your hands are a bed –

This hand is the letter ‘b’

This hand is the letter ‘d’

bed
Lesson 1

Look at the letters in the box and tell me which is a <b> and which is a <d> –

\[ \text{bed} \]

\[ \begin{array}{ccc}
  b & b \\
  d & d \\
  b & d \\
\end{array} \]
Lesson 1

Here are two words we practice in this book. Can you read them?

bed

ben
ben the bunny couldn’t read a book
without his **bed** trying to look.
And when ben

the bunny was

trying to sleep,
the naughty little bed tickled his feet.
“Stop!” said ben as he turned off the light. “I really need to sleep tonight.”
But I am a bed. I sleep all day. When you come home, I want to play!
But ben didn’t answer. ben was snoring.
“Bah!” said the bed. “This is really, really boring!”
So the little bed bounced across the floor.
Bang! The bed bounced out the door.
“Hey, owl!” said the bed. “Want to play some tag?”
The owl said,

“Whoooooo... it is time for a nap.”
“Hey, bear!” said the bed. “Want to play hide and seek?”
The bear lay down and fell asleep.
“Hey, moose!” said the bed. “Want to play hopscotch?”
The moose just yawned and fell over, plop!
“Bah!” said the bed.

“Why must everybody sleep?”
And that is when the elephants jumped from the trees.
Then Ella...
...Antonella...
and little

Baby Bella.
...jumped on the **bed**, waving their umbrellas.
“Be careful,” said the dad. “You must not squash the rabbit.”
“Oh, look,” said Ella Elephant, “he’s even got a jacket!”
“He’s MINE!” said Antonella, giving ben a squeezy hug.
“No, he’s MINE!” said Baby Bella as ben said, “Ugh!”
“Stop!” said the bed, but the Ellas didn’t stop.
They tugged and pulled like **ben** was a sock.
So the little bed

did what beds
do best...
He made everybody want to take a rest.
Then the bed carried ben all the way back home,
so that Ben
could sleep...
...where “Ellas”

never roam.

THE END

(Roam means to travel.)