

Intermediate
Book 14

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Vowels

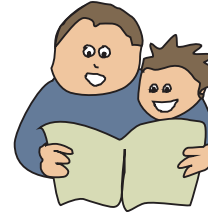


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A Progressive Phonics™ book

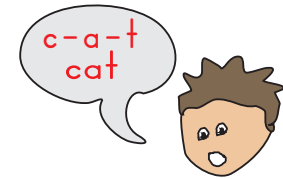
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Quick Start Guide



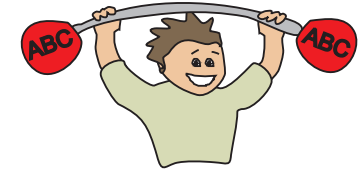
Read the book WITH your child. You read the “regular” text, and he/she reads the big, red words, sort of like reading the different parts in a play.

Help your child sound out the words as needed.



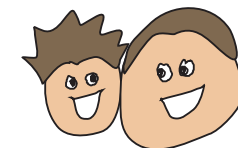
Read the book several times. This helps develop the eye muscles and left-to-right reading patterns that are necessary for reading.

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



If your child is having difficulty, he/she might need more practice with simple short vowel words. Read or re-read the Progressive Phonics Beginner Books a few times, and then try this book again.

And most important of all, HAVE FUN!



Words that a child should be able to read by now are printed with BLUE ink – if your child can't read them easily, go back and review the earlier books.

The new words being learned are "big, red words".



Is my clock sick?

It only says tick.



Words or grammatical constructions that a child has not learned yet are written in black ink.

These words are supposed to be read by the parent/teacher. **

** Your child can try to read them, but don't worry too much about them. They are taught later, either in later Progressive Phonics books, or in spelling or grammar at school.

Words taught in this book:

arm bark car Carl far
hard jar park part scarf
shark sharp smart star
start storm yarn

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born corn for fork horn
or short snort sport York

- - - - -

bird dirt first girl shirt
Sir skirt stir third

- - - - -

Bert her jerk

- - - - -

burn burp fur hurt
turn



Note: Pages like this are read TO your child.

When an "R" comes AFTER a vowel (an a, e, i, o, or u), the letter "R" changes the sound of the vowel.

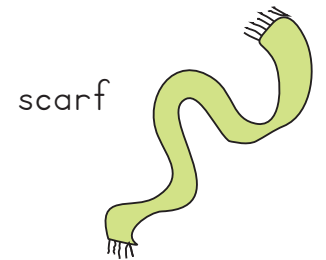
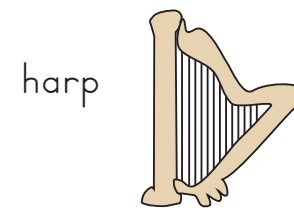
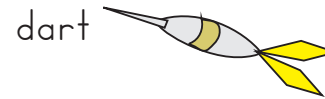
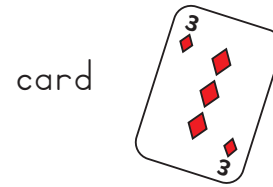
Let's hear how the letter "R" changes the sound of the letter "A."

cat → ca^r

bat → ba^r

The "R" squashes the "a" and calls out his own name, "R". You can hear only a little bit of the "a" and a lot of the "R."

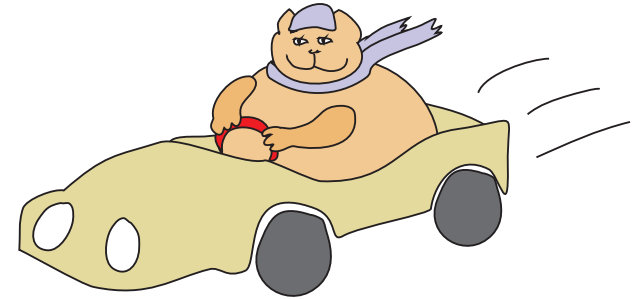
Listen to these words and say after me...



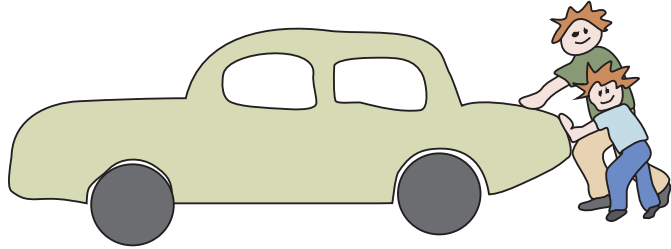
(More example words if you need them: far, scar, hard, mark, farm, sharp, start, cart, large, and starve.)



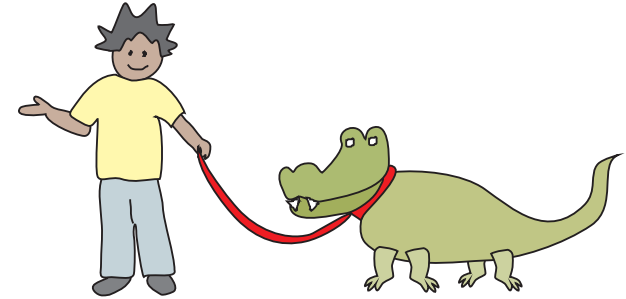
A **star** in a **jar** is better than a **star** up in the sky. I try to catch a **star**, but a **star** is much too high.



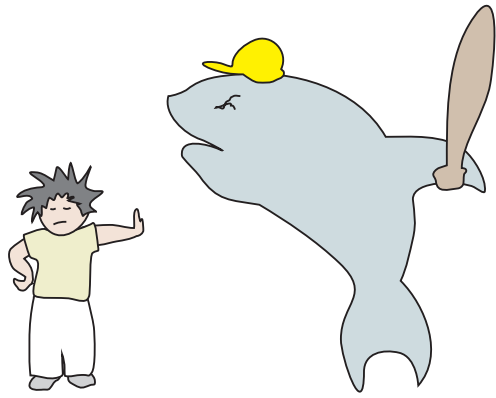
My **fat cat** can't walk too **far**, so he has to drive a **car**. He will drive to the **park**, so **far** away, and then sit in the **car** – he is much too **fat** to play.



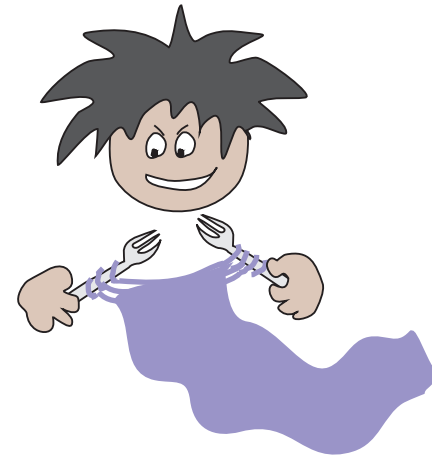
We got in the **car** to go
to the **park**; we got in the
car, but the **car** did not
start. You can't go **far**
in a **car** that will not **start**,
so we had to push the **car**
to the **park**, **park**, **park**.



My dog, **Carl**, is not
too **smart**. He will not
run, and he will not **bark**.
If **Carl** was **smart**,
he would catch a ball —
maybe **Carl** is not a dog
at all.



I will not play baseball with this **shark**. He is too big, and his teeth are **sharp**. If he bit off my **arm**, I would be so sad. Go away, **shark**, before I get mad.

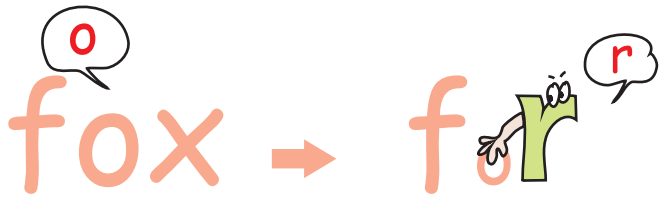


I made a **scarf** with purple **yarn**. I made the **scarf** as long as my **arm**. It was not **hard** to make that **scarf** – using forks was the hardest **part**.

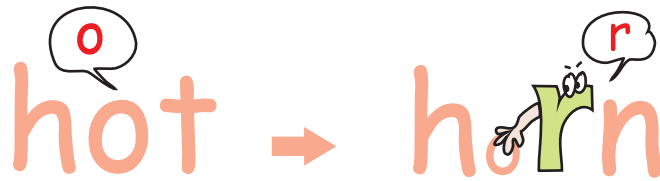
When the letter "R" comes after the letter "O", the "R" changes the sound of the letter "O."

The "R" squashes the "O" and calls out his own name, "R". You can hear only a little bit of the "O" and a lot of the "R."

fox → for



hot → horn



Listen to these words and say after me...

corn 

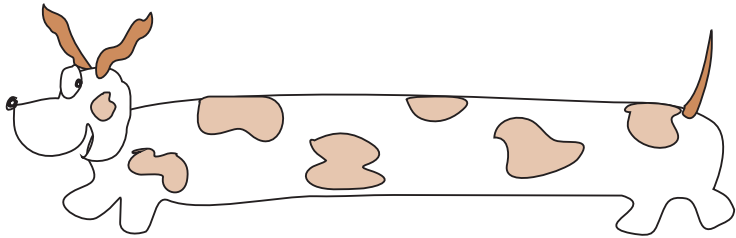
fork 

sword 

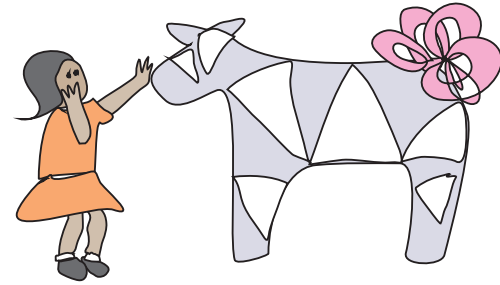
torch 

horn 

(More example words if you need them: storm, cord, torn, port, sort, and north.)



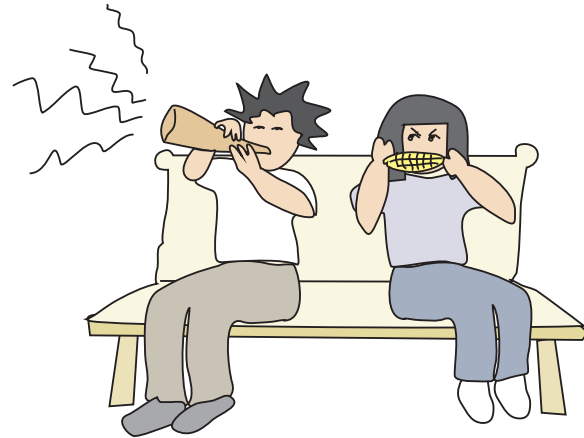
My dog, **Spot**, can't
play a **sport**. He is
much too long and much
too **short**.



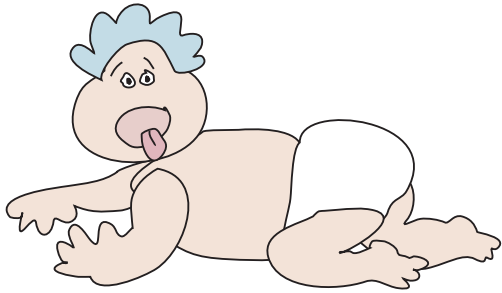
Is this gift **for** me,
or is it **for** Bob?
Is it a cat **or** a big,
black dog? Is it real,
or is it a toy? Is it a
girl, **or** is it a boy?



The cat is hungry **for**
 a fish, **or** maybe **for**
 a fat frog on a dish.
 Hungry **for** a bug so
 good to chew — a fish **or**
 a frog **or** a bug **or** two.



I sat on the bench
 and ate some **corn**.
 My brother played
 a song on his **horn**.
 I wish he had **corn**
 and not a **horn**.



When I was **born**, I was
so **short**; I could not run
or play a **sport**.

Now **that** I am older, I am
still too **short**, and when
I talk, I **snort**, **snort**,
snort.



All the people in New
York drink their water
with a **fork**. It is hard
to drink water with a
fork, but that is how
they do it in New **York**.

When the letter "R" comes after the letter "i", the "R" squashes the letter "i" so flat, that you can't hear much of the "i" at all.

bit → b*r*d

dig → d*r*t

Listen to these words and say after me...

bird



shirt



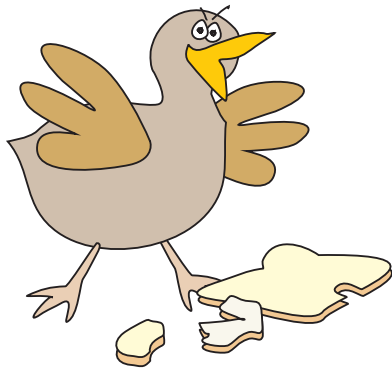
skirt



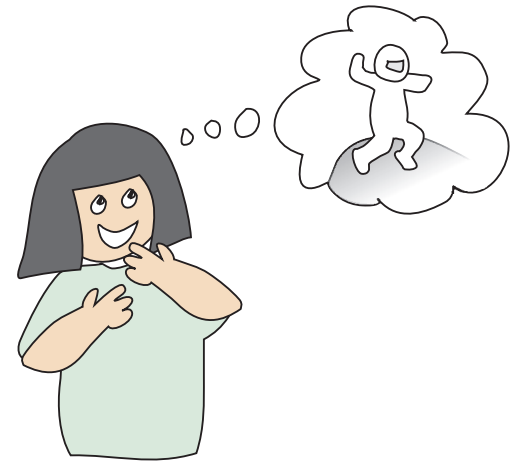
girl



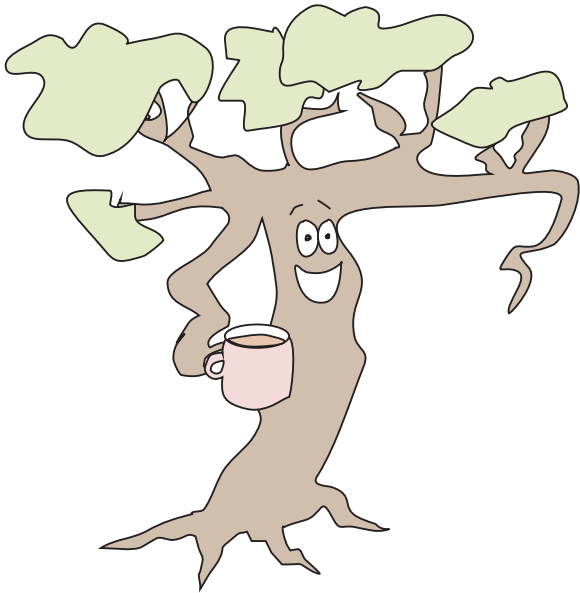
(More example words if you need them:
first, firm, dirt, stir and third.)



A **big**, bad **bird**
 ate a **bit** of bread.
 Then the **big**, bad
bird bit me on the
 head.



If I can't be the
first girl on the
 moon, then I want to be
 the **first girl** in the
 room who wants to be
 the **first girl** on
 the moon.



I use a **stick** to **stir** my tea. I **stir** with a **stick** because I am a tree.



The **first** time I fell in the **dirt**, I got **dirt** on my **shirt**. The second time I fell in the **dirt**, I got **dirt** on my **skirt**. The **third** time I fell in the **dirt**, I got **dirt** on my **dirt**.

When the letter "R" comes after the letter "e," the letter "R" squashes the letter "e" so flat that you can hardly hear the "e."

gem → g^rm

hen → h^r

Listen to these words and say after me...

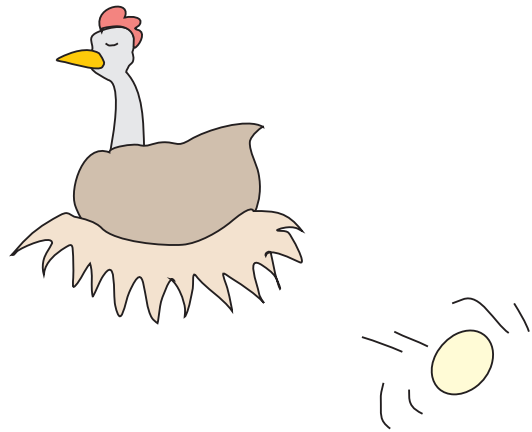
fern



her



(More example words if you need them: Bert, herb, dessert, nerve, serve.)

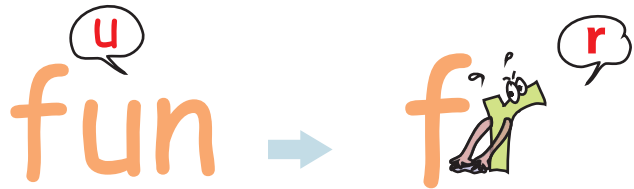


A hen sat on her leg;
 she sat on her leg all day.
 The hen thought her leg
 was her egg, but no —
 her egg had run away.



Bert is not a jerk,
 a jerk is mean,
 but Bert is so nice
 that he makes me scream.

When the letter "R" comes after the letter "u," the letter "R" squashes the letter "u" so flat that you can hardly hear the "u."



Listen to these words and say after me...

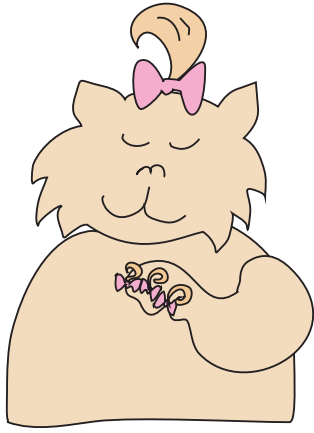
curl



hurt



(More example words if you need them:
blur, lurk, hurl, turn, surf, burp.)



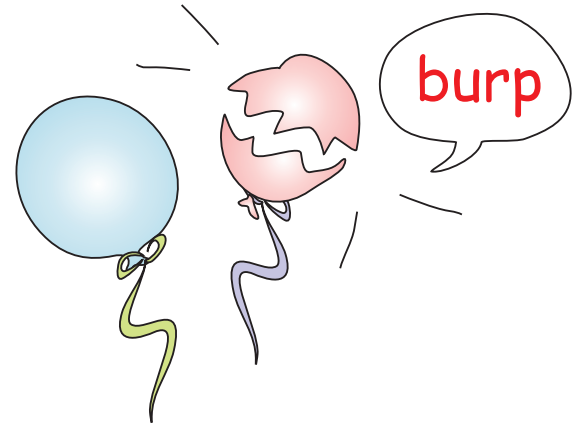
Fur is fun.

Yes, fur is cool.

I curl my fur

before I go to

school.



I can burp.

I burp a lot.

But when balloons

burp, they

pop, pop, pop.



A burn can hurt –
 a burn can hurt a lot –
 so do not touch the fire,
 and do not touch the pot.



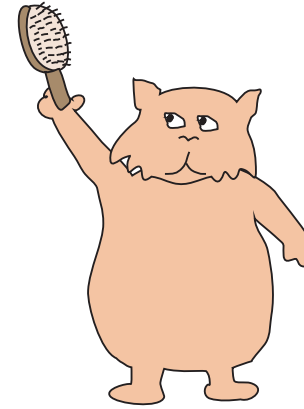
It is my turn
 to turn around,
 so see me spin and
 see me turn. If
 I turn any faster,
 my skin will burn.

The letter "R" squashes the letters "e", "i" and "u" so much that they sound exactly the same. Listen:

her → 

fur → 

Sir → 

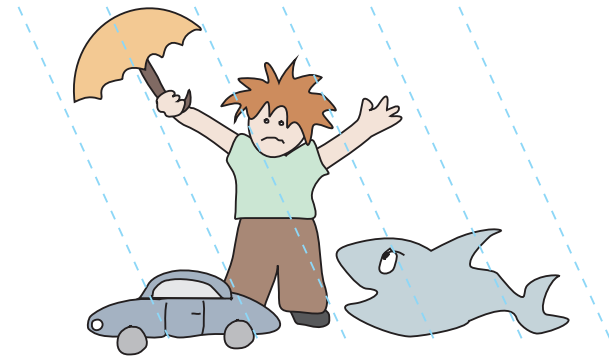


My cat has a brush
to brush her fur,
and she always says,
"Sir, will you
brush my fur?"



Bert was not
hurt when he fell
in the dirt, but
Bert got dirt
on his shirt,
shirt, shirt.

But the "R" doesn't squash the "a"
and "o" as much:



Stop the storm!
The storm will get
my car, my arm
and my shark too wet.

THE END