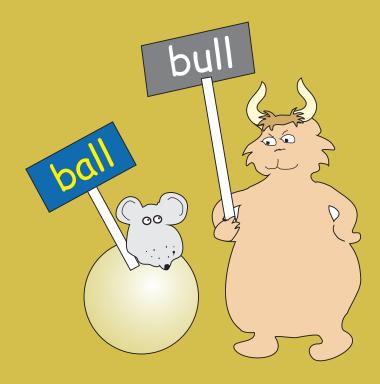
Intermediate Book 15

Controlled Vowels



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A Progressive Phonics book

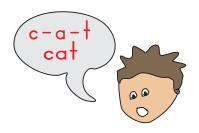
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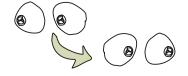
Quick Start Guide



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.

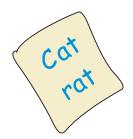




Read the book several times. This helps develop the eye muscles and left-to-right reading patterns that are necessary for reading.

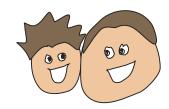
Don't rush it. Body builders don't train in a day – neither does a child.





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:

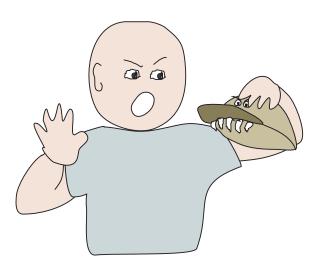
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all bald ball call fall salt
small tall wall
+ exceptions: Alf scalp shall
cold fold gold hold old
sold told
+ exceptions: doll golf
bull full pull push put
+ exceptions: dull skull
child mild wild
+ some of the many exceptions: Bill, hill
all of the "e" vowel is excepted
examples given = bell fell shell
smell swell
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The letter "L" changes the sound of the letter "a." Can you hear the difference between "bat" and "ball"?

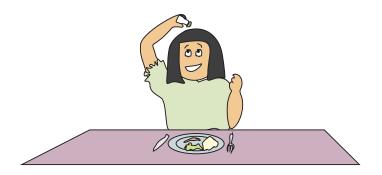


This only happens when the "L" comes AFTER the "a." When the letter "L" comes first, the letter "a" does not change:



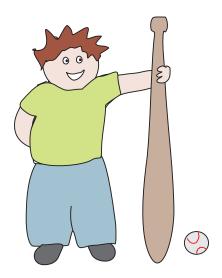


My hat is bad, so I am bald; my bad hat made me bald. My bad hat ate all the hair on my head, and now I am so bald.

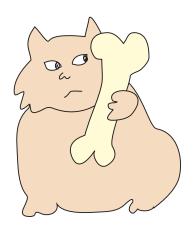


I sat at the table and got the salt.

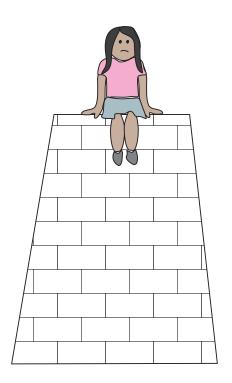
I put salt on my butter, salt on my bread, salt on my sugar, and salt on my head.



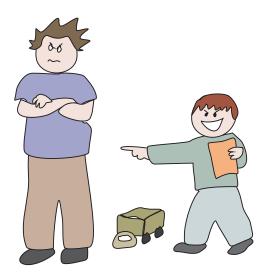
Can I hit a ball with
this bat? No, I can't
hit the ball at all.
So, am I too small, or
is the bat too tall?



My cat can call
me on the phone.
My cat can call
me on her own. But
when I call my cat on
the phone, she picks up
the doggy's bone.



I got on top of a tall, tall wall. I was scared that I would fall. So I sat on the wall and wished the wall was small.



My brother plays with a my toys, reads a my books and makes a the noise.

There are a few words — not many — where the "L" does not change the way the letter "a" sounds.



My friend, Alf, had an itch on his scalp. Alf asked the doctor, "What shall I do?" And the doctor gave Alf some no-itch goo.

(Goo is a cream or o food this is thick and sticky.)

The letter "L" sometimes changes the way the letter "o" sounds.

Here are some of the words where the "L" changes the way the "o" sounds:



hold a pen





cold water



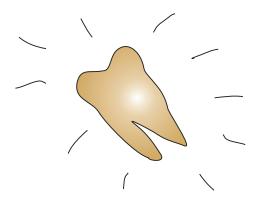
My cup of tea is too
hot to hold, so I will
wait till it is cold. And
when it is cold, I will
wish it was hot — just
not too hot to hold.



My brother, two years old, will not do what he is told. I told him not to jump on the bed, and then he fell off on top of my head.



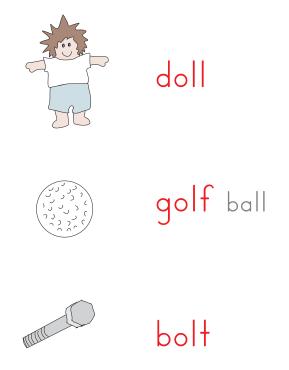
I told my dog not to fold the clothes, but did he listen? No, no, no. When he tried to fold a shirt, he knocked the basket in the dirt.



I sold a gold tooth, yes, I did. I sold a gold tooth to a kid.

Then the kid sold it back to me. He thought I was the tooth fairy.

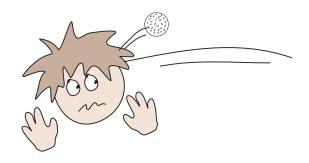
Sometimes the letter "L" doesn't change the way the letter "o" sounds, like in these words:



There are no rules on when the letter "L" changes the way the letter "o" sounds. If you see a word you don't know, try the "o" both ways to see which makes sense.



My doll has a dog, and my doll has a cat. My doll has a house, a car and a hat. My doll has much, much more than me. I wish I was my doll, and my doll was me.



I play golf, just
like my dad. But at
golf, I am so bad.
When I hit a golf
ball at a tree, the
golf ball bounces
back at me.

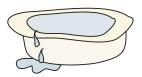


My doll has a cold,
just like me. Did I give
my doll a cold, or did
she give a cold to me?

The letter "L" can also change the way the letter "U" sounds:



pull



full tub



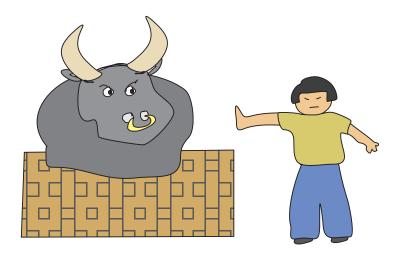
bull

ul



It is fun when the tub is full — when the tub is full of water.

It is so much fun when the tub is full, but we always spill the water.



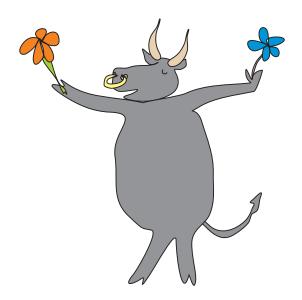
A bull has a big ring in his nose, so you can pull, pull, pull the bull.

But I will never pull a bull – well, would YOU pull a bull, bull, bull?

"Put" is another word where the letter "u" sounds different.



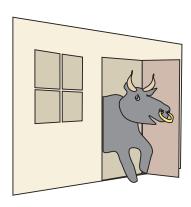
To eat a nut, put it in your mouth. But do not put a nut up your nose—
it is hard to pull it out.



To put a bull in a barn,
you pull him by his ring.
To put a bull in a movie,
you teach him how to sing.



"Push" is another word where the letter "u" sounds different.



You can push and pull a bull all day; you can push and pull and shout. But the best way to put a bull in a house is to never let him out.

But most of the time, the letter "L" does not change the way the letter "U" sounds:



gull
(also, seagull)

ul



My knife is dull.

It will not cut.

My knife is as dull

as a spoon. Oops,

my dull knife is

a spoon.



My bull is a pirate with a skull hat on his head. So my bull has two of them — a skull on his hat and a skull in his head.



The letter "L" can also change the way the letter "I" — but only in these three words:



child



wild



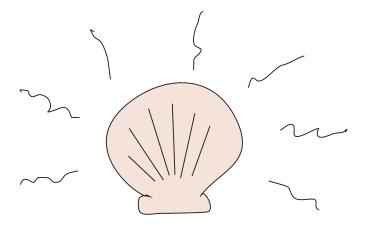
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A mild child, his
name was Bill,
he ran up a tall, tall hill.
At the top of the hill,
Bill saw a wild bear,
and Bill was so scared
that he lost all his hair.

e

The letter "L" does not change the way the letter "E" sounds.



My swell shell has a swell sea smell.

"Swell" means very good, first rate. It also means to grow bigger.

e



My bike had a bell, bell, bell, bell, but I rang it so much that it fell, fell, fell.

THE END