

Week One

Lesson 1 - A Picture Study Lesson and Phonics - The Letter b



From an illustration by John Gould, A GOULDIAN FINCH

What do you see in the picture?

How many birds can you count?

What colours can you see on the birds?

These birds have a beak. The words “birds” and “beak” both start with the same sound and letter. What is the sound you first hear in both of those words? Can you name what letter it is?

Trace these letters:

b b b

A bird uses its feathered wings to fly. “Feather” and “fly” both start with the same sound and letter. What is the sound you first hear in both of those words? Can you name what letter it is?

Trace these letters:



Have you ever seen a Gouldian finch? Perhaps in a pet shop? John Gould named the birds after his wife, Elizabeth Gould.

Lesson 2 – Poetry Appreciation and Phonics – The Letter h

HALF HOLIDAY

What shall I do this afternoon?
Shall I go down to the river soon?
Or to the field where kingcups grow?
Or sail my kite if the breezes blow?

What shall I do that's best of all?
And shall I take my ship or ball?
For there are plenty of things to do,
The sunbeams dance and skies are blue.

P'r'aps I might hear the cuckoo sing,
Or find a new-grown fairy ring,
I saw a squirrel once over the hill,
P'r'aps he'd come out if I sat still.

What shall I do? Where shall I go?
See how the yellow gorse is a-glow,
All things are lovely that I see,
I'll follow this happy bumble-bee.

- Olive Enoch

Have you seen a bumble-bee?

Have you ever seen mushrooms or toadstools growing in a field? They tend to grow in a circle, which is called a "fairy ring".

What do you like to do in your afternoons? Are there any things that you like to do that are included in this poem?

The name of this poem is "Half Holiday". Both of these words begin with the letter h. This is how we write the letter h:



Hat, had, has, help and hot all start with the letter h.

has *had* *hat*

Lesson 3 - Phonics Lesson - The Letters s and t

Trace these two letters of the alphabet:



Make the sound that each of these letters makes.

Scissors, snake and slide all start with the letter s. What other words can you think of that start with the letter s? Watch as your parent writes these words into your exercise book.

Toe, tap, toast and tree all start with the letter t. What other words can you think of that start with the letter t? Watch as your parent writes these words into your exercise book.

Here are two words that include the letters s and t:

sit *sat*

You can see that the middle letter is different, making the two words sound different. The letter i is the middle letter in the word sit, making the "iii" sound (as in the word "if"). The letter a is the middle letter in the word sat, making the "aaa" sound (as in the word "and").

These two words include the letter i along with the letters s and t:

is *it*

You can hear how the i sound is the same in both words.

These two words include the letter a along with the letters s and t:

as *at*

You can hear how the a sound is the same in both words.

Trace the words you have learned:

is

it

as

at