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## ***For Parents and Tutors***

The words in this reader comprise all of the letter sounds and spellings learned in Lessons 1 through 39 in *Blumenfeld's Alpha-Phonics*.

When the learner has trouble with a word, have him or her spell it aloud and then read it. Spelling the word forces the reader to look at the letters in their proper sequence and is usually enough to evoke a correct reading. If the reader is still unable to read the word, have him or her sound it out. When the word is irregular, such as *were* or *you*, tell the learner what the word is and point out that it is irregular and does not follow the usual letter-sound rules.

Please note that where a two-syllable word is first introduced in this book, it is followed by the same word in parentheses and broken up into its syllables to help the reader sound it out more easily.

Jack had a hotdog (hot-dog) with  
relish (rel-ish).

Jill put a bag of chips in the picnic  
(pic-nic) basket (bas-ket).

Meg's tomcat (tom-cat) sat on top  
of the basket.

Mom and Dad are in the  
chapel (chap-el).

Val put linen (lin-en) on the bed.

Bill got a traffic (traf-fic)  
ticket (tick-et).

Bill put the ticket in his jacket  
(jack-et) pocket (pock-et).

The traffic signal (sig-nal) was red.

Philip (Phil-ip) had a pencil  
(pen-cil) in his hand.

Kevin (Kev-in) is a rascal (ras-cal).

Ken has a mascot (mas-cot).

Mom has a red satin (sat-in)  
bonnet (bon-net).

Val has a velvet (vel-vet) hat with  
a red ribbon (rib-bon) on it.

Mom put the satin bonnet in a  
hatbox (hat-box).

Val put her velvet hat in a box  
with her sash.

The vivid (viv-id) sunset (sun-set)  
was magic (mag-ic).

A rocket (rock-et) can go up  
and up and up.

Philip sat on a cactus (cac-tus).

He got up and ran.

Was Philip upset (up-set)?

Yes, Philip was upset.

But he had a lesson (les-son).

You can't sit on a cactus.



When can Calvin (Cal-vin)  
visit (vis-it) his chum Kevin?

Kevin and Karen (Kar-en) are in  
Japan (Ja-pan).

Calvin has a rabbit (rab-bit) as  
a pet.

Karen had a tennis (ten-nis)  
lesson.

Kevin put a pencil in his pocket.

Karen has a tablet (tab-let)  
and a pencil.

The camel (cam-el) sat on the  
picnic basket.

Did that upset Mom?

Yes, it did.

Can a tomcat run with a rabbit?

Can a rabbit mimic (mim-ic)  
a tomcat?

Patrick (Pat-rick) put his hat on  
the hatrack (hat-rack).

Kevin put his jacket on the  
hatrack.

Can Kevin put his combat  
(com-bat) helmet (hel-met)  
on the hatrack?

No, he can't.

A helmet is not a bonnet, and  
the hatrack is full of hats.

Philip had a dental (den-tal)  
exam (ex-am).

He had a checkup (check-up),  
and his gums are well.

Calvin sat on the deck until  
(un-til) sunset.

Meg's pet rabbit is in the  
attic (at-tic).

Can Meg's chum, Calvin, visit  
the attic?

Kevin is bashful (bash-ful), but  
Karen is not.

She can be a rascal.

She can sit on a camel and get  
it to run at a gallop (gal-lop).

Karen is full of fun.

She can mimic a puppet (pup-pet).

But she can't sit on a bobcat  
(bob-cat).

Karen put Calvin's jacket in  
the wagon (wag-on).

Did the jacket vanish (van-ish)?

No, it didn't vanish.

Calvin put Karen's locket  
(lock-et) in his jacket pocket.

Did the locket vanish?

No, the locket was hidden  
(hid-den) in the pocket.

Peg's husband (hus-band), Ted,  
has a red van.

Ted put the van in the shed  
and locked the shed with a  
padlock (pad-lock).

A camel can gallop with a rabbit  
on its back.

But a rabbit can't gallop with a  
chick on its back.

Rabbits can hop and chicks can  
run, but they cannot gallop.

Dad is a vet and was in combat.

He won a medal (med-al).

His combat helmet is in the attic.

The medal is hidden in a box in  
the log cabin (cab-in).

Mom's dad had the cabin when  
she was a kid.

The cabin had six cots for six  
kids.



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