

# Blumenfeld's Alpha-Phonics<sup>®</sup>

# FIRST READERS Book 5

#### For Parents and Tutors

The words in this reader comprise all of the letter sounds and spellings learned in Lessons 1 through 49 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.

We have inserted some words with vowel sounds and consonant blends the reader has not yet been taught but which are easily decoded. These words are added to ease the flow of narrative.

Cal's pal, Tim, is tall and can bat a ball.

Hal put the ball in his jacket pocket.

He hung his jacket in the hall.

Then they all went to the mall.

They sang songs at the mall and the public sang with them.

The last song they sang was the best.

They rang bells and had lots of fun.

Mom and Dad went shopping at the mall.

They had lunch with Beth and Kevin.

Dad is shipping a rug to his mom as a gift.

Bill sent a letter to his sister.

Hank put cash in the bank.

Dad put gas in the van's tank.

Dad wants to get a ranch in Texas.

Bob had punch with his lunch.

Beth had a hotdog with relish for lunch.

Seth sat on a bench and put a pat of butter on his chicken.

Is chicken better with butter?
Ask Seth.

This summer Kent went camping with Chuck and Bill.

This summer the tent was bigger and better than last summer.

Last winter Bob went west with his mom and dad. The winter was long and then it was summer. Summers tend to go faster than winters. We all miss the summer in winter.

Bill got a raft as a gift. He left the raft at the pond. Bill and Chuck went fishing at the pond. In winter Bill will put the raft in the shed. The shed is next to the pond.

Philip and Kevin are selling eggnog and hotdogs to the public. In summer they sell lots of lemon drink. In winter they sell lots of eggnog, hotdogs, and chicken wings. They have fun selling to the public.

Mom was mending Dad's socks. She then went shopping at the mall to get Dad a fishing rod as a gift. Did Dad want a fishing rod? Yes, he did.

Karen is calling her sister Ann. She wants Ann to go shopping with her at the mall.

Karen and Ann are fond of Jack and Seth. They all had a picnic last summer at the pond. They went fishing and had a lot of fun. At dusk they went back to the camp and had fish and chips. Mom and Dad were at the camp. It was the best picnic of the summer.

Dad and Kevin went to Japan and Hong Kong. Calvin and Philip went to Dallas. Dallas is in Texas. It was getting hot in Dallas, so they left and went to Kansas to visit Chuck and Rick. After the visit, they got in the van and went back to Dad's ranch in Texas. They got back at six and had dinner at the ranch.

A robin was singing in her nest. She fed her chicks and sang a song.

Hank did a lot of running this summer. He can run fast. In winter he will not be running as much and will get a lot of rest.

Val has a gift list so that when she shops she will have her list in her handbag. It is best to have a list when you go shopping.

Kevin and Bob have bunk beds.

Kevin's bunk is on top. Bob's is on the bottom. Kevin's mattress is soft. Bob's mattress is not as soft. Next winter Dad will get them better beds.

Ken has a lot of junk in his shed.

The shed is so full of junk that Ken can't get his raft in the shed. Can he put his raft in the attic? No, it will not fit.

Hank and Philip were washing Dad's van but did not finish the job. Dad was upset. "You must finish the job," he said. They did finish the job, and Dad was glad that they did.

Hank and Philip then had lunch at a lunch wagon. The man at the wagon sells hotdogs and eggs, fish and chips, mints and gum. He also sells chicken wings.

Seth wants to get a job so that he can get cash. He wants to go to London and visit his pal, Calvin. Calvin has a job in London. He is singing with a band.

London is better in summer when it is not as wet as in winter. There is a lot of fog in London in the fall and winter.

When Seth gets to London he will get in a cab and visit Calvin.

Dad got stuck in traffic. He had to stop in back of a truck that had a flat. He had to skip lunch but got back to finish his job.

Greg got a chill and a stiff neck. He drank a hot lemon drink. It did the trick, and he felt much better. A hot lemon drink can help get rid of a chill.

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