

For 8 - 11 Year Olds

Language Skills Series

Book Two

# Tricky Vowels and Words

*Activities for language  
learning.*

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# Introduction

The Language Skills Series was written to help students learn and consolidate on their understanding of basic English skills. Research has shown that many students lack the skills needed to unlock the written word. The ability to unlock words gives the student a tool to facilitate the learning of the English language.

This set of books has been tested extensively and the books have proven to be effective with all age groups, from younger students through to adults. Staff involved with ESL students have also found them useful.

The worksheets can be:

- used in a one-to-one situation;
- used with the whole class;
- used with small groups of students;
- sent home to reinforce a skill already learned.

Benefits of the worksheets include:

- they can be chosen to meet individual needs;
- they allow students to work at their own pace;
- they reinforce a known skill;
- the worksheets can be repeated if necessary;
- they provide a written record of student knowledge;
- they provide practice at answering open-ended questions.
- they are easy to use;
- they can be used to introduce a new concept;
- they are easy to mark;

**Note:** Answers, where appropriate, have been provided.

This series endeavours to assist students of all ages and ethnic backgrounds to gain mastery of the English language.

I hope you enjoy using the books.

*Frances Croft*

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Worksheet 1

The 'ah' sound

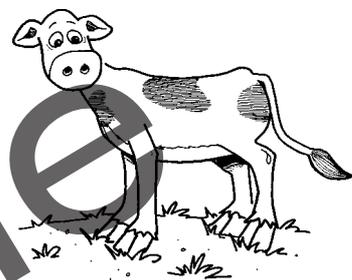
The 'ah' sound as in car can be written in the following ways:
a path ar car ea heart au aunt al calf

1. Complete the list of words where the 'ah' sound is spelt with an a. Choose two words and write each one in a short sentence.

pa \_\_\_ la \_\_\_ gra \_\_\_ gla \_\_\_ ma \_\_\_ fa \_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_



2. Unscramble each word and use four words in questions. The first letter is underlined.

These words have an 'ah' sound, spelt ar.

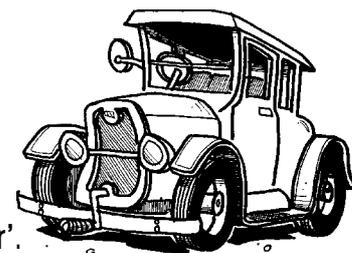
tsra \_\_\_ mrfa \_\_\_ ligrac \_\_\_
trca \_\_\_ aprt \_\_\_ ragedl \_\_\_

Question: \_\_\_\_\_

Question: \_\_\_\_\_

Question: \_\_\_\_\_

Question: \_\_\_\_\_



3. Circle the best word for each sentence.

Rewrite the sentence correctly.

Each word has an 'ah sound' and is spelt with either an 'a' or 'ar'.

a. An old (path / farm / car) slid off the road and rolled down the hill.

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. The tall girl was in (part / star / charge) of the books.

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. Peter laughed when he came (star / large / last) in the race.

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. Some people like to eat (grass / garlic / glass) to keep healthy.

d. \_\_\_\_\_

Worksheet 2

The 'ah' sound

The 'ah' sound as in car can be written in the following ways:
a path ar car ea heart au aunt al calf

1. Use each word in a question and write a suitable answer. Check with a dictionary.

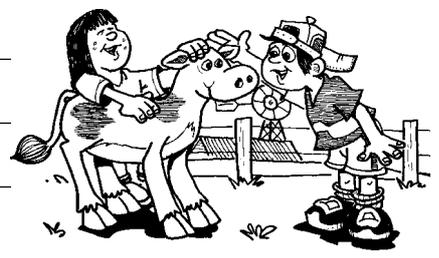
heart aunt calf

Question:
Answer:
Question:
Answer:
Question:
Answer:

2. Choose three words with an 'ah' sound from the list of words. Use them in sentences. Underline the 'ah' sounds.

Example: heart: My friend has a bad heart but he still goes walking.
aunt and cart party pat ask rage large calf farm

Sentence:
Sentence:
Sentence:



3. Circle the words with an 'ah' sound. Choose three words with an 'ah sound' and write one fact about each. Use a dictionary.

market hear park paddy hard mask jam

Fact:
Fact:
Fact:

**Worksheet 3**

**The 'aw' sound**

The 'aw' sound as in **saw** can be spelt:

a	au	aw	al	or	oa
as in <i>water</i>	<i>caught</i>	<i>paw</i>	<i>talk</i>	<i>horse</i>	<i>broad</i>

- Find and write the missing letters.  
Write the new word.  
Circle the words that have an 'aw' sound and are spelt using any of the above examples. Use three words in sentences.  
Check with a dictionary.

sauc \_\_\_\_\_ co \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_

sw \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ l \_\_\_\_\_

ya \_\_\_\_\_ wa \_\_\_\_\_ cl \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_



- Write the words that have an 'aw' sound and start with the following letters.

**Example:** oa a abroad b broad

au autumn d \_\_\_\_\_ t \_\_\_\_\_ sl \_\_\_\_\_

aw paw cl \_\_\_\_\_ l \_\_\_\_\_ r \_\_\_\_\_

al walk t \_\_\_\_\_ ch \_\_\_\_\_ st \_\_\_\_\_

or fork h \_\_\_\_\_ st \_\_\_\_\_ sw \_\_\_\_\_

- Complete the words.  
Each word has an 'aw' sound.  
Use four words in questions.

na \_\_\_\_\_ ta \_\_\_\_\_ sta \_\_\_\_\_ la \_\_\_\_\_ swo \_\_\_\_\_

Question: \_\_\_\_\_

Question: \_\_\_\_\_

Question: \_\_\_\_\_

Question: \_\_\_\_\_