

## A Day in May

### Phonics Skills

#### Long a: ai, ay

rain	Gail	gray	day	May	Ray
mail	brain	play	tray	way	

It is a gray day in May. This rain won't stop Ray. "I will use this in the rain. It will keep me dry!" Ray has roses in his yard. "Roses are just right for Gail," Ray thinks. He picks red roses for Gail. Gail is at home. She broke her leg. Ray takes the mail to Gail.

They play a game. Gail is smart. She uses her brain. She wins the game.

Ray brings Gail lunch on a tray. "Does this make you smile?" asks Ray.

Ray waves good-bye to Gail. He takes the short way home. Ray had a fine day.

## Funny Pets

### Phonics Skills

#### Possessives- singular and plural

family's Sam's Dan's Liz's Bing's cats'

My family's pets do many funny things. We can tell lots of fun pet tales.

Have you ever seen a puppy sing? Our big, black puppy Sam sings. He can bark the note. Sam's songs go on and on.

Dan has twin cats. Dan's cats run fast! Muff and Puff zip from place to place.

See the cats' bed. Dan's cats like socks. The cats play with Dan's socks.

Liz's bird is named Bing. He is big and gray. Bing likes to sit and talk.

Bing likes the mailman. Bing tells him a chicken joke. Bing's joke makes the mailman smile.

Bing's joke is funny. Sam's songs are funny. The cats are quick. They are funny pets.

## Home by the Sea

### Phonics Skill

#### Long e: ea

sea	beach	bean	teach
meals	eat	meat	peas
peaches	cream	read	neat
tea			

We take a trip to see friends. Meg and Ted's home is by the sea.

We do many things with Meg and Ted. We go to the beach. We pick up shells.

Ted digs holes. We plant bean seeds. Ted and Meg teach us about plants.

We ride bikes to the park. Ted pushes us on the swing.

Ted makes meals. We eat meat and peas. Meg grows huge peaches. We eat them with cream.

We read together on the rug. Ted tells us tales about neat places. Meg drinks a cup of tea.

When we say good-bye, we are not happy. We will send notes to Meg and Ted. We had a fun time.

## Bill's Yard Sale

### Phonics Skill

#### Inflected Endings (Spelling Change y to i)

**spied      flies      cried      tried**

Bill and his wife cleaned Bill's shed. What will Bill do with his old things?

"We can give them away," said Bill. "Our friends can take all these things."

Fred rode by. Fred spied Bill's funny fly. "It still flies!" cried Fred. Bill put Fred's fly on his cart.

Ann came. Ann liked Bill's big rug. She tried to jam it in her car. Bill put Ann's rug by the fly.

Then Lee stopped. Lee tried to lift Bill's trunk. The trunk is as big as Lee!

Bill put the trunk on his cart. Bill pushed the cart to each home.

Then Bill went home. What will he put in his shed now?

## Joan's Boat

### Phonics Skill

Long O: oa, ow

Joan	boat	goat(s)	own	show	blow
Joan's	soap	float	row	slow	tow
moan					

Joan has her own boat. Her sail has many colors. Five goats got on Joan's boat. "Where can I take you?" asked Joan.

The first goat gave Joan a map. "Please show us that soap store," said the goat.

"Oh, no!" cried one goat. "Can you see that hole?"

"Grab that pail!" yelled Joan. "I hope this boat will still float!"

Joan and the goats saved Joan's boat. But then the wind did not blow. "Do not moan, Joan," said those nice goats. "Show us how to row."

The goats helped, but Joan's boat was slow. Then Joan saw a fast boat.

"Will you tow my boat?" asked Joan. Joan and the goats went home.

## Brave Nell

### Phonics Skill Consonant Blends

stream stripes strong string  
splash scream scam

Nell set up her tent. She set her tent by a stream.  
She made hot toast.

As she rested, Nell saw a thing in the bushes. Then  
she saw it again.

It had stripes on its tail and a dark mask. It was as  
big as a cat. Nell was not afraid.

She got a big, strong string. She went to the  
stream with the stream.

"I will wait for that thing," Nell said. "It will splash  
in this stream and trip on my string."

Nell was brave. She did not scream. That thing  
tripped on Nell's string. "Scram!" yelled Nell.

The thing ran fast. It did not stop. Then Nell felt  
safe at camp.

## Hide and Seek

### Phonics Skill

#### Long i: ie, igh

sight	tight	lie	high
might	light	night	right

Let's play hide and seek. Let me look for you. Hide out of sight!

Try to hide in this box. The lid will not close. It is a tight fit.

Try to lie under that rug. No, it is not big! You are not out of sight!

Can you hide in this tree? Sit on that branch. No, it is too high.

Inside this cave might be fine. No, there is no light. It is dark like night!

By this shelf might be fine. No, I can see you in the light! Get out of sight!

Under this bed might be fine. I will not see you. Yes, this is just right!

## Arts and Crafts Day

### Phonics Skill

#### Silent Consonants: kn, wr

knots	knife	wreath	wrist
knows	knit	wrote	

Cam's class has Arts and Crafts Day. The kids bring things they made to show the class.

Kay made a wreath with her mom to hang on her wall. Her wreath is nice. It smells sweet.

Len uses string for your wrist. He ties many knots. He gave a short strand to each kid in class.

Jill baked cakes. She baked with her dad. Her dad has a knife to cut the cakes.

Jane wrote a skit. She shows her skit while the class eats cake. Her skit is funny.

Don painted a ship. His art looks real. Don's mom put it in a frame.

What did Cam bring? Cam knows how to knit! He has a bright scaft that he made.



## Liz's Busy Day

### Phonics Skill Compound Words

kickball   inside   backpack   penpal   lunchtime  
lunchbox   baseball   homework   brainstorm

Liz is glad to be at school. She has so much to do! First Liz will play kickball. When the bell rings, she will go inside.

Liz will put her backpack by her desk. She will write to her penpal.

At lunchtime, Liz will eat with her friends. She has a lunchbox just like Jen's lunchbox!

Liz and Jen play baseball when lunch is over. Jen races home. Liz's team wins.

Then it is time for math. Liz likes math. Liz can do her homework now.

Liz will brainstorm an act for the school play. The big show is next week. Liz hopes it will be funny.

## Clues for Sue

### Phonics Skill

#### Vowel Patterns ue, ew, ui

Sue	few	chew	fruit
clue(s)	new	knew	suit
blue			

Dad has a game for Sue. Sue must find a few clues. Dad helps Sue with her first clue. "The first clue is by that fruit," said Dad. "It is in that bright blue pot."

Sue reads her first clue. "Take eight steps to Dad's desk. Touch the pad to see the next clue." Sue reads her new clue. "Look for the trail up the steps." Sue runs to the steps.

She laughs. The trail is made of Dad's socks. Sue spots the clue by Dad's bed. "Find Dad's new blue suit."

Sue reads her last clue. "He likes to bark, run, and chew."

Dad hugged Sue. "I knew this pup was right for Sue."

## Helpful Holly

### Phonics Skill Suffixes -ly, -ful

gladly    sweetly    quickly    helpful    playful  
softly    slowly

Meet Holly. Holly is a helpful girl. She tries to help all the time.

Holly gladly helps her mom get bags from the car. Holly helps her dad make lunch. She sweetly feeds little Pete.

When her playful pup got in thick mud, Holly quickly gave Sam a nice bath.

Holly helps in her class. She keeps the room clean. She picks up paper. She is nice and speaks softly.

Holly helps her friends too. Jen did not walk slowly. When she fell, Holly helped her up.

Holly is helpful at home. Holly is helpful at school. You can be helpful too! How can you help?

## Zoom! Zoom!

### Phonics Skill Vowel oo as in moon

zoo	zoomed	coo	noon
food	hoops	too	

Luke is fast. He walks so fast that he misses many things.

Luke went to the zoo. Luke went quickly past apes. Other kids stopped. Luke zoomed on.

Luke sped past snakes. They were huge! Other kids stayed to watch. Luke zoomed on.

Luke zipped past birds. "Coo, coo," called bright birds. Luke did not stop. He zoomed on.

At noon a man gave food to the fish. Fish swim fast for food! Luke zoomed on.

Seals threw balls in hoops. All the kids thought it was fun. Luke missed the show.

"What did you see at the zoo?" Mom asked. "I do not remember!" cried Luke. "It all went by too fast!"