
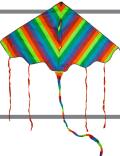





Module 3: Meet in the Middle

In Module 2, we learned about digraphs, consonant blends, contractions, and the schwa sound. As second graders continue to read more challenging words, Module 3 will be focused on long vowel sounds, the soft sounds of c and g, trigraphs, and VCe syllables.

Phonics Focus

Pattern	Vowel Sound	Keyword
a_e	long a /a/	cape 
i_e	long i /i/	kite 
u_e	long u /u/	tube 
o_e	long o /o/	robe 
e_e	long e /e/	athlete 

VCe Syllables	Examples
A word can have more than one syllable type. We can use patterns we have learned to help us read words with more than one syllable.	<p>cupcake</p> <p>pinecone</p> <p>reduce</p>

Practice Strategy

Practice reading the decodable text at home. These will be sent home on Friday each week. A few activities you can practice with the decodable text include:

- Have your child search for the words they learned. Ask them to circle the words and then practice reading them quickly.
- Make a list of the words you find with a VCe pattern in the decodable text. Sort the words by their vowel sound.
- Practice spelling the words that have a VCe pattern. Remind your child to say the word, tap the sounds, and spell the sounds they hear. Then go back and read the word they spelled.

Multisensory Practice

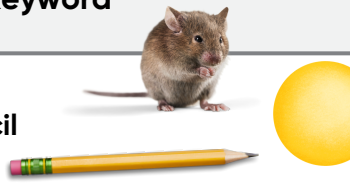
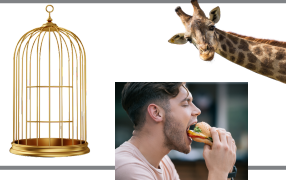


To practice identifying VCe syllables this week, write VCe words on cards. Try out this routine:

- Say a word that has at least one VCe syllable.
- Have your child repeat the word.
- Clap out the number of syllables in the word.
- Ask your child: Which syllable is the VCe syllable?
- Have your child write the word down or show them the word already written down.
- Ask your child to underline the VCe syllable in the word.

Words you can practice with:

- invite, lifetime, excuse, grapevine, flagpole, pinecone, placemat, reptile

Phonics Focus

Grapheme	Rule	Keyword
soft c	When c is followed by e, i, or y, it makes the soft sound /s/.	mice, circle, pencil 
soft g	When g is followed by e, i, or y, it makes the soft g sound /j/.	cage, giraffe, ingest 
tch	A trigraph is a single sound spelled with three letters. When the letters t-c-h are together, they make the /ch/ sound	catch 
dge	A trigraph is a single sound spelled with three letters. When the letters d-g-e are together, they make the /j/ sound	badge 

Module 3: Focus Words

Irregular Words (Heart Words)

buy	guy
anyone	anything

Practice Strategy

To provide additional practice with irregular heart words, start by writing irregular heart words on index cards, pieces of paper, or sticky notes. Have all of the words facing up on the table or floor. Have your child listen as you say a word. Then have your child find the written word that match the word you said. Questions you can ask your child during this activity:

- How do you know this is a heart word?
- Which parts can you sound out?
- What parts of this heart word do you need to remember by heart?