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Grade 3: Weekly Phonics Focus Lesson 29

In our classroom this week, we are focusing on accuracy and fluency of the **vowel team syllable type in multisyllable words**. Here is the pattern to practice this week:

Vowel Team Syllables	A vowel team has 2 or more letters side by side that are pronounced as 1 vowel sound. Some vowel teams spelled with 2 letters side by side can be pronounced 2 different ways.
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Below are activities to practice at home this week. You may also use the activities and questions from the initial **Family Support Letter** to further address your child's success in learning the weekly phonics focus.

Read Words

Guide your child through reading multisyllable words with the vowel team syllable pattern by saying, "Let's read some multisyllable words. If a word has a vowel team that has 2 sounds, read the word using the most common pronunciation for the vowel team. If the most common pronunciation does not make sense, swap the sound. Point to the first word. Read across each row. Ready?"

fifteen	sundown	beneath	highlight
heatproof	display	royal	airfield
double	August	newly	boatload

Read Phrases

Guide your child through reading phrases by saying, "Let's read phrases. If a word has a vowel team that has 2 sounds, read the word using the most common pronunciation for the vowel team. If the most common pronunciation does not make sense, swap the sound. Point to the first phrase. Read across each row. Ready?"

a couple of weeks	was a delight	follow your feelings
a foolproof plan	the main reason	this awful weather
a faithful leader	on a voyage	without delay

Read Text

Guide your child through reading a paragraph by saying, "Let's read a paragraph." Read these steps to your child:

1. Use your finger to find multisyllable words in the text.
2. Underline any multisyllable words where one of the syllables follows the vowel team pattern.
3. Read the underlined words, then read the paragraph.

There was a time when lighthouses and their keepers protected ships. Their job was to keep ships safe and help avoid shipwrecks. Each lighthouse had its own blinking pattern to help ships know where they were at nighttime. The ship's crew and the lighthouse keepers used flags to send news or ask for help. When a ship needed help, the ship's flags were hoisted to let the lighthouse know. The lighthouses used their flags to relay news about wind and weather.

Read Text Answer Key:
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