Kids Education e-learning & explainer scripts

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Bouncing Letter B

Early reading, phonics · Adult (any, playful) · Neutral American · 60 seconds

Hi, reading friends! Today we're meeting a letter that loves to bounce. It's the letter B.

Say it with me: buh. Buh. Press your lips together, then let the sound pop out. Buh!

B is the first sound in ball. Ball. Can you hear it at the start? Buh, ball.

It's also the first sound in banana, bubble and bear. Let's say them slowly. Buh... banana. Buh... bubble. Buh... bear.

Now it's your turn to be a sound detective. I'm going to say three words. When you hear buh at the start, give a little bounce in your seat.

Ready? Bus.

[Pause]

Great bouncing! Next word: fish.

[Pause]

Hmm. No bounce for fish. Fish starts with fff. Last one: boat.

[Pause]

Bounce! Boat starts with buh. You found it. Tomorrow, B is bringing a friend.

Counting Crabs at Low Tide

Early math, counting game · Adult (25-40) · Neutral American · 30 seconds

Down at the beach, the tide has gone out, and the crabs have come out to play.

Let's count them together. One crab under the rock. Two crabs by the shell. Three crabs digging in the sand.

Oh! Here come two more, walking sideways, of course. Three crabs and two more crabs makes... five. Five crabs!

Now tap each crab on the screen and count them again, nice and slow.

Wendell and the Borrowed Light

Science for kids, astronomy · Adult (any, playful) · Neutral American · 90 seconds

Cast: NARRATOR OWL

NARRATOR It's late, and the forest is quiet. But up in the tallest pine, Wendell the owl is wide awake.

OWL Of course I'm awake. Owls work the night shift. And tonight I have a question for you. Look up. What do you see?

NARRATOR The moon! Big and round and bright.

OWL Bright, yes. But here's a secret. The moon doesn't make any light of its own. Not one bit.

NARRATOR Then how does it shine?

OWL It borrows light from the sun. The sun shines on the moon, and the moon bounces that light down to us. Like a mirror in the sky. Hoo!

NARRATOR But Wendell, sometimes the moon is just a skinny little slice.

OWL Ah, that's my favorite part. The moon is always a whole ball. But as it travels around the Earth, we see different amounts of its sunny side. When we see all of it, that's a full moon. When we see just a sliver, that's a crescent.

NARRATOR So the moon isn't really shrinking?

OWL Never. It's only turning its bright side toward us, a little more or a little less. It takes about a month to go through every shape, and then it starts all over again.

NARRATOR Tonight, before bed, peek out your window. What shape is the moon?

OWL Draw it in your moon journal. Tomorrow night, draw it again. Then you'll be a moon watcher, just like me.

NARRATOR Goodnight, Wendell.

OWL Goodnight. Well... good morning, for me. Hoo.

Why Leaves Change Color

Science for kids, nature · Adult (30-45) · Neutral American · 60 seconds

Have you ever noticed that in the fall, the trees start to change their clothes? Green leaves turn yellow, orange and even bright red.

But where do those colors come from?

All summer long, leaves are busy making food for the tree. To do that, they use something green called chlorophyll. There's so much green in each leaf that it covers up every other color.

When the days get shorter and cooler, the tree gets ready to rest for winter. It stops making all that green.

And as the green fades away... the yellows and oranges that were hiding underneath finally get to show. They were there the whole time!

Some trees make red colors too, right at the end of the season.

So next time you find a crunchy orange leaf, hold it up to the light. You're looking at a color that waited all summer for its turn.

Shape Sort Challenge

Early math, classroom app · Adult (any, playful) · Neutral American · 30 seconds

Uh oh! The shape truck tipped over, and all the shapes spilled out.

Can you help put them back where they belong?

Circles go in the blue bin. Squares go in the yellow bin. And triangles go in the red bin.

Drag each shape into the right bin. If it wiggles, try another one.

Ready, set... sort!

Welcome to the Dinosaur Hall

Museum audio guide, kids · Adult (35-55) · Neutral American · 90 seconds

Welcome to the Dinosaur Hall at the Brightwater Museum of Natural History. I'm glad you're here.

Before you go any further, stop right where you are. Now look up. Way up.

That long neck stretching over your head belongs to a dinosaur called Talusaurus. Her skeleton is as long as three school buses parked in a row. And she was a plant eater. All that size, and she spent her days munching on leaves at the tops of trees.

Scientists found her bones in a dry riverbed, one piece at a time. It took a team of twelve people four whole summers to dig her out. Every bone had to be wrapped in plaster, like a cast on a broken arm, so it wouldn't crack on the trip here.

Now walk around to her tail and look closely at the bones near the tip. Do you see how they get smaller and smaller? Some scientists think she could swing that tail fast enough to make a loud crack, like a whip, to scare away hungry predators.

Here's a question to talk about with your family. If you could ask Talusaurus one thing, what would it be?

When you're ready, follow the green footprints on the floor to stop number two, where you'll meet her much smaller and much sneakier neighbor.

Meet the Penguins

Zoo learning, animal facts · Adult (25-40) · Neutral American · 60 seconds

Welcome to Penguin Point at Cedar Hollow Zoo! Look through the glass, and you'll meet our colony of twenty-two penguins.

Penguins are birds, but they can't fly. Instead, they swim. Underwater, they flap their wings like they're flying through the sea, and they can zoom along faster than you can ride a bike.

On land, it's a different story. They waddle. Their legs are short, and their feet are set far back on their bodies, so walking takes a lot of wiggling.

Penguins have more feathers than you might think. They're packed in tight, like the shingles on a roof, to keep the cold water out and the warm air in.

See the penguin with the purple band on its wing? That's Pebble, our oldest penguin. She's nineteen years old and still the first one in the water at feeding time.

Feeding time is at two o'clock. Come back and watch her dive!

Sleepy Solar System

Bedtime learning, space · Adult (30-45) · Neutral American · 2 minutes

Let's get cozy. Pull your blanket up to your chin, and take a slow breath in... and out.

Tonight we're going on a quiet trip through space. We'll visit each planet, one at a time, and say goodnight as we go.

First, we float past the sun. It's a star, a giant ball of glowing light, and it keeps all the planets warm.

Close to the sun is little Mercury. It's the smallest planet, and it zips around the sun faster than all the others. Goodnight, Mercury.

Next is Venus, wrapped in thick, cloudy air. It's the hottest planet of all. Goodnight, Venus.

Then comes a blue and green planet we know very well. That's Earth. That's home. Somewhere down there is your bed, and you're tucked inside it. Goodnight, Earth.

Now we drift past Mars, the red planet, dusty and quiet. Goodnight, Mars.

Here's Jupiter, the biggest planet, with swirly stripes and a great red storm that spins and spins. Goodnight, Jupiter.

Saturn floats by, wearing its beautiful rings made of ice and rock. Goodnight, Saturn.

Far, far away, Uranus rolls along on its side, like it's lying down for a nap too. Goodnight, Uranus.

And last of all, deep blue Neptune, the windiest planet, all the way at the edge. Goodnight, Neptune.

Now we turn around and float slowly home... past the rings... past the stripes... past the red dust... all the way back to Earth, and into your room, and into your bed.

The planets will keep turning all night long. You don't have to do a thing.

Goodnight, space. Goodnight, you.

Rhyme Time with Juniper

Early reading, rhyming · Adult (any, playful) · Neutral American · 60 seconds

Cast: NARRATOR JUNIPER

NARRATOR It's Rhyme Time! And today, Juniper the fox is here to play.

JUNIPER Hello, hello! I am excellent at rhyming. The best in the whole forest.

NARRATOR Let's find out. Words that rhyme sound the same at the end. Like cat and hat. Juniper, what rhymes with cat?

JUNIPER Easy. Bat!

NARRATOR Yes! Cat, bat. What rhymes with dog?

JUNIPER Hmm. Dog... Dog... Sandwich!

NARRATOR Sandwich? Let's listen. Dog, sandwich. Do they sound the same at the end?

JUNIPER Not even a little bit. I was testing you.

NARRATOR Of course you were. Friends at home, can you help Juniper? What rhymes with dog?

Pause

JUNIPER Log! Frog! Fog! Oh, those are good ones.

NARRATOR Great rhyming, everyone. One more. What rhymes with sun?

JUNIPER Run! Fun! Bun!

NARRATOR Wow, Juniper. Three in a row.

JUNIPER Told you. Best in the forest.

Welcome to Story Cove

Classroom app, onboarding · Adult (25-40) · Neutral American · 30 seconds

Hi there! Welcome to Story Cove, where every story is waiting just for you.

First, let's pick a buddy to read with. Will it be the turtle, the rabbit or the little blue whale? Tap the one you like best.

Great choice! Your buddy will help you with tricky words and cheer you on.

Now tap the big book, and let's read our very first story together.

Great Job, Level Complete

Classroom app, feedback prompts · Adult (any, playful) · Neutral American · 30 seconds

[Line 1]

Great job! You did it!

[Line 2]

Wow, you got every single one right.

[Line 3]

Ooh, so close. Let's try that one again.

[Line 4]

That's okay! Mistakes help our brains grow. Give it another go.

[Line 5]

Level complete! You earned a gold star.

[Line 6]

You've been working hard. Want to take a little break?

[Line 7]

Welcome back! I missed you. Ready to keep going?

[Line 8]

Look at all those stars. You should be proud of yourself.

How Plants Drink

Science for kids, plants · Adult (25-40) · Neutral American · 60 seconds

Plants can't pick up a cup, so how do they drink?

Let's find out with a simple experiment. You'll need a glass of water, a few drops of food coloring and a stalk of celery with the leaves still on.

First, add the food coloring to the water. Blue works really well. Stir it around.

Next, stand the celery in the glass, leaves pointing up. Now comes the hard part. We wait.

[Time-lapse music]

After a few hours, look at the leaves. Do you see little lines of blue creeping up into them?

The celery pulled the colored water up through tiny tubes inside its stalk. Those tubes work a little like drinking straws. Real plants do this every day, pulling water from the soil up through their roots and stems, all the way to the tips of their leaves.

Try cutting the celery in half. Can you spot the blue dots where the tubes are?

Tens and Ones at the Bakery

Early math, place value · Adult (25-40) · Neutral American · 90 seconds

Welcome to Poppy's Bakery! Poppy makes the best muffins in town, and she has a clever way of keeping track of them.

Whenever she has ten muffins, she puts them in a box. One box always holds exactly ten. No more, no less.

This morning, Poppy baked a big batch. Let's count what she has on the counter.

She has two full boxes. Each box has ten muffins inside. So that's ten... twenty muffins in boxes.

And next to the boxes, she has three loose muffins that didn't fill up a box.

So how many muffins does Poppy have altogether? Two boxes of ten make twenty. Three loose ones make three. Twenty and three... twenty-three!

Here's the neat part. Look at the number twenty-three. The two tells us how many boxes of ten. We call that the tens place. The three tells us how many loose muffins. We call that the ones place.

Now it's your turn. Poppy just baked more muffins. She has four boxes and six loose ones. How many muffins is that?

[Pause]

Four tens are forty. Six ones are six. That's forty-six muffins! You're a place value baker.

Next time you see a number, ask yourself: how many boxes, and how many loose ones?

Where Does Rain Come From?

Science for kids, water cycle · Adult (25-40) · Neutral American · 90 seconds

This is Drip. Drip is a drop of water, and right now, Drip is floating in a big, blue lake.

The sun comes out and shines down on the lake. It gets warmer... and warmer... and Drip starts to feel very light. So light that Drip rises up out of the lake and into the air, as a tiny bit of invisible water vapor.

That's called evaporation. Water warms up and turns into vapor.

Drip floats higher and higher, where the air is cold. Up here, Drip bumps into lots of other tiny drops, and they huddle together to stay close. Together, they make a cloud.

That's called condensation. Vapor cools down and turns back into drops.

The cloud gets bigger and heavier, full of drops like Drip. Soon it's too heavy to hold them all. And then... down they fall! Pitter, patter. It's raining.

That's called precipitation. Water falls from the sky as rain, or snow, or hail.

Drip lands on a hill, slides down into a stream, and rides the stream all the way back to the big, blue lake.

That's called collection. And then the sun comes out, and it all starts again.

The water you drink today might have been a cloud last week. It might even have been Drip.

Sight Word Rocket

Early reading, sight words · Adult (any, playful) · Neutral American · 30 seconds

Attention, astronauts! Your rocket needs fuel, and the only fuel it takes is words.

Every time you read a word out loud, the fuel tank fills up.

Here's your first word: the. Now say it with me. The.

Next word: and. Say it! And.

Last word: is. One more time. Is.

The tank is full! Buckle up. Five, four, three, two, one... blast off!

Map Explorers: The Seven Continents

Geography for kids · Adult (25-40) · Neutral American · 2 minutes

Grab your explorer hat. Today we're taking a trip around the whole world, and we're going to visit seven giant pieces of land called continents.

Look at the map. See the big shapes surrounded by blue water? Each one is a continent.

Let's start in North America. It stretches from icy lands in the far north all the way down to warm, sunny beaches. It has deserts, forests and some very tall mountains.

Just below it is South America. It's home to the Amazon rainforest, where it rains so much that more kinds of plants and animals live there than almost anywhere else on Earth.

Now we cross the ocean to Europe. Europe is small compared with the others, but it's packed with countries. Some of them are so close together, you could visit three in a

single day.

Just south of Europe is Africa. Africa is huge. It has the longest river in the world and the biggest hot desert, too.

To the east is Asia, the biggest continent of all. More people live in Asia than on every other continent put together, and it has the tallest mountain on the planet.

Down in the bottom corner is Australia. It's the smallest continent, and it's the only place you'll find kangaroos hopping around in the wild.

And finally, at the very bottom of the world, is Antarctica. It's covered in thick ice all year long. Hardly any people live there, but lots of penguins do.

Let's count them together. North America. South America. Europe. Africa. Asia. Australia. Antarctica. Seven continents!

Which one do you live on? Put your finger on it. Which one would you visit first?

Counting Sheep on Willow Farm

Bedtime learning, counting · Mature (55+) · Neutral American · 90 seconds

Down a quiet lane, past the old red barn, there's a place called Willow Farm. And on Willow Farm, when the sun goes down, the sheep all get ready for bed.

The farmer opens the gate to the sleeping meadow, and one by one, the sheep hop over the little wooden fence.

Let's count them as they go. Are you ready? We'll count softly, so we don't wake the chickens.

One sheep hops over. She's the fluffiest one, and she lies down right by the gate.

Two sheep hop over, side by side. They're sisters, and they always sleep close together.

Three... A little lamb, with a bit of hay stuck in her wool.

Four... slow and steady, the oldest sheep on the farm.

Five... he stops to look at the moon, then curls up in the grass.

Six...

Seven... yawning a great big yawn.

Eight...

Nine...

And ten. The very last sheep steps over the fence, turns around three times, and settles down with all her friends.

Ten sheep, all tucked in.

The farmer closes the gate. The moon rises over the barn. And everything on Willow Farm is quiet and still.

Goodnight, sheep. Goodnight, little lamb.

Goodnight.

Ask a Zookeeper: Giraffes

Zoo learning, Q and A · Adult (25-40) · Neutral American · 2 minutes

Cast: HOST ZOOKEEPER

HOST Hi, everybody, and welcome to Ask a Zookeeper! Today I'm standing next to a very tall friend, and a very friendly zookeeper. This is Mara, who takes care of the giraffes here at Pine Valley Zoo.

ZOOKEEPER Hi! And this tall friend is Juno. She's six years old, and she's about fifteen feet tall.

HOST Fifteen feet! That's taller than my house. We got a lot of questions from kids at home, so let's start. Owen, who's seven, wants to know: how much do giraffes eat?

ZOOKEEPER Great question, Owen. Juno eats about seventy-five pounds of food every day. That's mostly leaves, hay and special giraffe biscuits. She eats for most of the day, actually.

HOST Next question is from Lila. She asks, why do giraffes have such long necks?

ZOOKEEPER Their long necks help them reach leaves at the very tops of trees, where other animals can't get to. But here's a surprise. A giraffe has the same number of neck bones that you do. Seven.

HOST Wait, really? Seven? Same as me?

ZOOKEEPER Same as you. Hers are just much, much bigger. Each one is about as long as your arm.

HOST Okay, that's amazing. What about her tongue? I just saw it, and it's kind of purple.

ZOOKEEPER It is! Her tongue is dark blue and purple, and it's almost two feet long. She uses it to wrap around branches and pull off the leaves. Some scientists think the dark color helps protect it from sunburn.

HOST Last question, from Sam, who's five. Do giraffes sleep?

ZOOKEEPER They do, but not very much. Juno sleeps only a few hours a day, and often she sleeps standing up.

HOST Standing up! Thanks, Mara. And thanks, Juno.

ZOOKEEPER Say bye, Juno.

HOST I think that was a yes.

When Feelings Get Big

Social-emotional learning · Adult (30-45) · Neutral American · 60 seconds

Sometimes feelings get really big. Like when your tower falls down, or someone takes your turn, or you have to leave the park before you're ready.

Big feelings are okay. Everybody has them. Grown-ups too.

When a feeling gets big, your body might feel hot, or your hands might want to squeeze tight. That's your body telling you something important.

Here's something you can try. It's called balloon breathing.

Put your hands on your tummy. Now breathe in through your nose, slowly, and fill your tummy up like a big balloon.

[Pause]

Now let the air out through your mouth, nice and slow, like the balloon is floating away.

[Pause]

Let's do it one more time. Breathe in... and let it go.

How does your body feel now? Maybe a little calmer.

Your feeling might still be there, and that's all right. Now you can use your words to tell someone how you feel.

Coins in Your Pocket

Early math, money · Adult (25-40) · Neutral American · 60 seconds

Let's empty our pockets and take a look at some coins.

This copper-colored coin is a penny. A penny is worth one cent.

This silver coin is a nickel. A nickel is worth five cents. That's the same as five pennies.

Now here's a tricky one. This little silver coin is a dime. It's smaller than a nickel, but it's worth more. A dime is worth ten cents!

So remember, bigger doesn't always mean more.

And this big silver coin is a quarter. A quarter is worth twenty-five cents.

Let's try a puzzle. You want to buy a sticker that costs fifteen cents. You have one dime and one nickel. Do you have enough?

[Pause]

A dime is ten cents. A nickel is five more. Ten and five make fifteen. You can buy the sticker!

Now open the coin jar on your screen and see how many ways you can make twenty cents.

Telling Time with Tock

Early math, telling time · Adult (any, playful) · Neutral American · 90 seconds

Cast: NARRATOR TOCK

NARRATOR Hanging on the classroom wall is a round, smiling clock named Tock.

TOCK Tick, tock. Good morning! I'm Tock, and I tell everybody when it's time for lunch. Very important job.

NARRATOR Tock, can you teach us how to read a clock?

TOCK I'd love to. First, look at my face. See the numbers going around in a circle, from one all the way to twelve?

NARRATOR Got it. And what about those two pointy arms?

TOCK Those are my hands. I have a short hand and a long hand. The short hand is the hour hand. It points to the hour.

NARRATOR And the long hand?

TOCK That's the minute hand. It moves faster and tells us the minutes. When the long hand points straight up to the twelve, we say o'clock.

NARRATOR Let's try one. Tock, show us.

Clock hands move

TOCK My short hand is pointing to the three. My long hand is pointing straight up to the twelve. So what time is it?

NARRATOR Three o'clock!

TOCK Right! Now you try. My short hand is on the eight. My long hand is on the twelve.

Pause

NARRATOR Eight o'clock!

TOCK Wonderful. One more, and it's a very important one. Short hand on the twelve. Long hand on the twelve.

NARRATOR Twelve o'clock. Hey, isn't that...

TOCK Lunchtime! Tick, tock. Told you it was an important job.

A Caterpillar's Big Change

Science for kids, life cycles · Adult (25-40) · Neutral American · 60 seconds

On the underside of a leaf, there's a tiny egg. It's smaller than a grain of rice. And inside, something is growing.

One day, the egg cracks open, and out crawls a caterpillar. The very first thing it does? It eats its own eggshell. Then it starts on the leaf.

The caterpillar eats and eats and eats. It grows so fast that it gets too big for its skin, so it wriggles out and grows a new one. It does this again and again.

When it's finally big enough, the caterpillar hangs upside down and makes a hard, snug case around itself. This is called a chrysalis.

From the outside, it looks like nothing is happening. But inside, the caterpillar is changing. Its whole body is being rebuilt.

Then, after about two weeks, the chrysalis splits open. Out climbs a butterfly, with damp, crumpled wings.

It waits in the sun while its wings dry out. And then... it flies.

Your Five Brilliant Senses

Science for kids, the human body · Adult (30-45) · Neutral British · 90 seconds

Good morning, everyone. Today we're finding out about five brilliant tools you carry around with you all day long. And the best part? You've had them since the day you were born.

They're called your senses.

Your first sense is sight. You use your eyes to see. Look around your classroom and find something that's the colour green.

[Pause]

Well spotted. Your second sense is hearing. You use your ears to hear. Close your eyes for a moment and listen very carefully. What's the quietest sound you can hear?

[Pause]

Your third sense is smell. You use your nose to smell. Your nose can tell you when your tea is nearly ready, or when something is burning, which is very useful.

Your fourth sense is taste. You use your tongue to taste. Your tongue can tell the difference between sweet, salty, sour and bitter. Think about a lemon. Is your mouth going a bit funny? That's sour.

And your fifth sense is touch. You feel things with your skin, all over your body. Rub your hands together. Are they getting warm?

So that's sight, hearing, smell, taste and touch. Five senses, working together, all the time.

Here's your challenge for playtime. Find one thing that's smooth, one thing that's rough, and one thing that makes a noise. Then come back and tell a friend which senses you used.

Gallery Scavenger Hunt: Ancient Egypt

Museum learning, activity guide · Adult (25-40) · Neutral American · 60 seconds

Welcome, young explorers, to the Ancient Egypt Gallery. Your mission today is to find three hidden treasures. Are you ready?

Treasure number one: somewhere in this room is a cat. Not a real cat, but a cat made of bronze, sitting very tall and proud. The ancient Egyptians loved cats so much, they made statues of them. Can you find it?

Treasure number two: look for a long, painted box shaped like a person. It's called a coffin, and the pictures on it tell a story. Count how many birds you can find painted on the side.

Treasure number three is the trickiest. Find a small stone carved like a beetle. It's called a scarab, and people wore them for good luck.

When you've found all three, head to the front desk and whisper the secret word: scarab. There might be a sticker waiting for you.

Now go. And don't tell the grown-ups where the cat is.

Handwashing Heroes

Health for kids · Adult (25-40) · Australian · 30 seconds

G'day, Handwashing Heroes! Germs are tiny, sneaky and way too small to see. But you can wash them away.

Here's how. Wet your hands. Add some soap. Now scrub, scrub, scrub, the fronts, the backs and in between your fingers.

Keep scrubbing while you sing the alphabet song all the way through.

Then rinse off the bubbles and dry your hands on a clean towel.

Germs gone. Hero done!

Coding with Bolt the Robot

Early coding, classroom app · Adult (25-40) · Neutral American · 2 minutes

Meet Bolt. Bolt is a little robot who lives on a grid of squares, and Bolt is very, very hungry for apples.

But there's one thing you need to know about Bolt. Bolt can't think for itself. Bolt only does exactly what you tell it to do. Nothing more, nothing less.

The instructions we give a robot are called code. And today, you're going to write some.

Look at the grid. Bolt is standing on the green square. The apple is three squares ahead. What should Bolt do?

Let's try it. Tap the arrow that says forward. Tap it once.

[Robot beeps]

Bolt moved forward one square. But the apple is still two squares away. So we need more forward steps. Tap forward two more times, then press go.

[Robot beeps three times]

Yum! Bolt got the apple. You just wrote your first piece of code!

Now let's make it trickier. In level two, the apple is around a corner. Bolt needs to go forward two squares, then turn right, then go forward one more square.

What happens if we forget the turn?

[Robot bumps]

Oops. Bolt walked straight into the wall. Robots don't guess. If you forget a step, the robot will just keep doing what you told it, even if it bumps into something.

When code doesn't work the way we planned, programmers call it a bug. And fixing it is called debugging. Every coder in the world makes bugs. Even the grown-up ones. Especially the grown-up ones.

So let's debug. Add the turn right arrow after the two forward steps, then press go.

[Robot beeps]

There it goes. Forward, forward, turn, forward. Apple!

Great job, coder. Order matters. Every step matters. And when something goes wrong, you look carefully, find the bug and try again.

Bolt's still hungry. Ready for level three?

The Seed That Waited

Bedtime learning, story · Mature (55+) · Neutral American · 2 minutes

Once, in a garden at the edge of a small town, a girl named Rosie planted a seed.

It was a tiny, brown seed, no bigger than a freckle. Rosie pressed it into the soft dirt with her finger, covered it up, and gave it a drink from her yellow watering can.

The next morning, she ran outside to see her flower.

But there was nothing. Just dirt.

The seed, deep down in the dark, wasn't worried. It was busy. It had soaked up the water Rosie gave it, and it was getting ready. Very, very slowly, a tiny root began to push down into the ground, looking for more water.

Rosie came back the next day. Still nothing.

And the day after that. Nothing.

But every day, she gave the seed a drink. And every day, underneath, the seed kept working. Its root grew longer. And then, a little green shoot began to push up, up, up, toward the warm light it could feel above.

On the eighth morning, Rosie knelt down by the garden and gasped.

There, poking out of the dirt, was a tiny green sprout with two small leaves, like two hands waving hello.

Rosie kept watering. The sun kept shining. The sprout grew taller, and it grew more leaves, and one day at the very top, a round green bud appeared.

And one warm morning, the bud opened, and there it was. A yellow flower, as bright as Rosie's watering can.

Rosie smiled. Her flower had been growing the whole time. She just couldn't see it yet.

Some things grow quietly, where no one can see. Like seeds. And like you, while you sleep.

Goodnight.

Weather Watchers

Science for kids, weather · Adult (25-40) · Australian · 60 seconds

Hey, Weather Watchers! Scientists who study the weather are called meteorologists. And this week, you're going to be one.

Every morning, before class starts, head outside and look up at the sky. Then grab your weather diary and draw what you see.

If the sun's out and there are no clouds, draw a big yellow sun.

If there are a few clouds, draw a sun peeking out from behind one.

If the whole sky is grey, draw a big grey cloud.

And if it's raining, add some raindrops falling down.

Now check the flag on the school flagpole. Is it hanging still, or flapping about? If it's flapping, it's windy, so draw some wavy lines.

At the end of the week, look back at your diary. Which kind of weather did you see the most? Did the weather change a lot or stay the same?

That's exactly what real meteorologists do. They watch, they write it down, and they look for patterns.

Vowel Sounds Warm-Up

Early reading, phonics review · Adult (25-40) · Neutral American · 90 seconds

It's time for our vowel warm-up! Stand up tall, stretch your arms up high, and get your mouth ready.

There are five vowels in the alphabet: A, E, I, O and U. Today we're practicing their short sounds. Let's go one at a time.

The first vowel is A. Its short sound is ah. Open your mouth wide, like you're at the doctor. Ah. Ah, like in apple. Ah, apple.

The next vowel is E. Its short sound is eh. Eh. Eh, like in egg. Eh, egg.

Next comes I. Its short sound is ih. Ih. Ih, like in itch. Scratch your arm if you're itchy! Ih, itch.

Then O. Its short sound is aw. Make your mouth round, like a little O. Aw. Aw, like in octopus. Aw, octopus.

And the last vowel is U. Its short sound is uh. Uh. Uh, like in up. Point up! Uh, up.

Now let's put them together, nice and fast. Ah, eh, ih, aw, uh.

One more time, even faster. Ah, eh, ih, aw, uh!

Great work. Now let's play a game. I'll say a word, and you tell me which vowel sound is in the middle.

Cat.

[Pause]

Ah! Cat has the ah sound.

Pig.

[Pause]

Ih! Pig has the ih sound.

Sun.

[Pause]

Uh! Sun has the uh sound.

You're vowel experts. Take a seat, and let's get reading.

Spelling Bee Practice Mode

Classroom app, spelling · Adult (30-45) · Neutral American · 60 seconds

Welcome to Practice Mode in Spelling Hive. I'll say a word, use it in a sentence, and then say it again. Type the spelling in the box. Take your time. There's no timer in practice mode.

Here's your first word.

Garden. We planted tomatoes in the garden. Garden.

[Pause]

Nicely done. Next word.

Because. I wore my raincoat because it was raining. Because.

[Pause]

Good try! Because is a tricky one. It's spelled B-E-C-A-U-S-E. Let's come back to it at the end.

Next word.

Friend. My friend sat next to me at lunch. Friend.

[Pause]

Correct! Remember, friend has an I before the E.

Last word for this round.

Whistle. The coach blew her whistle. Whistle.

[Pause]

That's right. The T in whistle is silent. Sneaky.

Round complete. You spelled three out of four. Let's try because one more time.

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