

Lesson 59: Final Phonics Rules

Phonics Rule: When the vowels “o” and “i” are followed by two consonants, the vowels are long.

old:

old

bold

cold

fold

gold

mold

hold

scold

told

sold

smolder

behold

olt:

bolt

colt

jolt

molt

volt

revolt

oll:

roll

toll

poll

cotton boll

knoll

scroll

stroll

toll/booth

enroll

ild:

child

mild

wild

ost:

most

post

host

ghost

ind:

kind

find

mind

bind

blind

grind

rind

behind

unwind

Phonics Rule: “ull” says the same vowel sound as in “foot”:

pull full bull bully pulley
pullet

Other words with the same vowel sound are:

put push bush bushel butcher
pudding cushion am/bush

The suffix “ful” also says “u” as in “foot”:

care/ful beau/ti/ful de/light/ful aw/ful
won/der/ful wist/ful wor/ship/ful pow/er/ful
joyful peace/ful faith/ful tact/ful

Phonics Rule: Before “e”, “i”, or “y”, the consonant blend “sc” has a “soft c” sound, so it simply sounds like “s”:

scent scissors scene scen/er/y
science sci/en/tist sci/en/tif/ic dis/ci/ple
scepter lu/scious mis/cel/la/ne/ous fas/cin/ate
a/dol/e/scent fluor/es/cent

Phonics Rule: The consonant “x” has three sounds:

1. At the end of a word or syllable, it says “ks”.
2. With “ex”, it says “gz”.
3. At the beginning of words, it says, “z”.

X at the end of a word or syllable:

box	fox	mix	tax
Max	wax	lax	lax/a/tive
ax	ox	six	six/teen
sixty	flax	relax	coax
complex	next	hoax	lynx
sphinx	axle	suffix	prefix

With “ex” it says “gz”:

exact	example	exercise	exist
exalt	exhort	exude	ex/haus/tion
exert	excellent	ex/as/per/a/ted	extinct
Exodus	exam	ex/am/ine	excel
exceed	except	ex/cess	ex/change
exciting	exhale	ex/hi/bit	expand

X at the beginning of a word says "Z":

xy/lo/phone	xy/lem	Xe/rox	xe/beck
xe/non	Xer/xes	Xa/vi/er	

Phonics Rule: EA is a vowel team for short e. It's the only time a vowel team is used for a short vowel:

bread	head	deaf	breath
bear	lead	dread	death
realm	thread	heavy	ready
break/fast	weather	wearing	already
instead	feather	Heaven	meadow
clean/li/ness	measure	pleasure	

ear = er

earn	learn	earth	heard
pearl	early	earth/quake	earth/worm
re/hear/sal	earnest	yearn	search
re/search	un/heard	search/light	earthly

Exceptions: heart, hearken, hearth, beard,

JESUS Said, “Follow Me and Be My Disciple”

JESUS CHRIST of Naz/a/reth is the Son of GOD who was sent from **Heaven** to help us **learn** how to love GOD and love people, and to show us the Way to Eternal Life. While He lived here in the **earthly realm**, he was an **ex/cel/lent**, **beau/ti/ful**, **pow/er/ful** **example** of gen/u/ine love in action. He was **care/ful** to honor and show **kindness** to his mother, the sick, the poor, and children. He



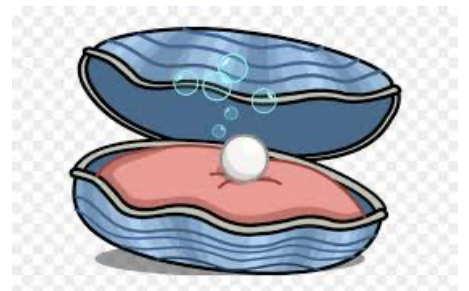
healed many people, including those who were **blind**, **deaf**, and lame. Once, he turned water into wine. Another time, he took five loaves of **bread** and two fish that a **child** offered and mul/ti/plied the food to feed a crowd of over five thousand people! He served the people **earn/est/ly**, often

working to the point of **ex/haus/tion**. Some/times, there were so many people coming and going that He didn't even have time to eat! JESUS was a com/pas/sion/ate, **wonderful**, loving, **joyful**, **peaceful**, patient, kind, good, **faithful**, gentle, meek man who **ex/hib/it/ed** in/cred/ible self-control. When he was offered all the kingdoms of the **earth** if he would simply fall down and worship the devil, JESUS quickly refused, **pushing** back and saying, “Get **behind**

Me, Satan, for the Scriptures say, ‘You must worship the LORD your God and serve only Him.’” JESUS ful/filled his des/tin/y on **earth**, dying on the cross to take away our sins, and then GOD the FATHER gave Him the **scep/ter** of au/thor/i/ty over all of **Heaven** and all of the kingdoms of the **earth**. JESUS received the eternal position of KING of Kings and LORD of Lords by obeying GOD, not by the **awful** act of being **wor/ship/ful** of the devil.

JESUS calls every/one ev/ery/where to follow Him and be His **dis/ci/ple**. He wants us to love GOD with all our hearts, souls, **minds**, and strength; and to love people just like He does. He wants us to be strong in char/ac/ter. He wants us worship GOD and **search** for GOD dil/i/gent/ly. He wants us to become a true friend of GOD.

When we do, it will be like finding a great treasure or a **pearl** of great price, because be/live/ing in JESUS for sal/va/tion and becoming His friend is what gives us eternal



life and opens up all the riches of **Heaven** for us. If you have JESUS, you have EVERYTHING you ever need, forever!!! If you don't have JESUS, you have nothing. It is a **heavy** thought, but one we must all face: **death** comes to all of hu/man/ity. However, if you have believed on the LORD JESUS CHRIST for your salvation, instead of going to the grave when you die, your spirit will simply move to **Heaven**! You will be es/cort/ed by the angels to the Throne Room of GOD, where you will behold the glory of GOD MOST HIGH, the

LORD JESUS CHRIST, and the HOLY SPIRIT! It will be so **exciting** to be with our CREATOR! It will **exceed** anything you have ever thought or imagined! You will get to talk with GOD face-to-face, and be His dear, close friend, forever!!!!



JESUS tells us to repent of our sins and turn to GOD. That means we are supposed to tell GOD that we are sorry for all the unkind, bad things that we have done in our life, STOP doing those things, and start loving people in the way that GOD loves them: by being **kind**, merciful, com/pas/sion/ate, and forgiving. Romans 10:9-13 **explains** what we are to do if we want to follow JESUS and **ex/per/i/ence** eternal life: “If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the **dead**, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly de/clar/ing your faith that you are saved. As the Scriptures tell us, ‘Anyone who trusts in him will never be dis/graced.’ Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives gen/er/ous/ly to all who call on him. For ‘everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.’”

JESUS also says in Mark 16:16, “Anyone who believes and is bap/tized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be con/demned.”

JESUS wants EVERYONE to be saved! 1 Timothy 2:3-4 says that He is “...God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to un/der/stand the truth.”

You were BORN to be a beloved friend of GOD. You **exist** to worship Him. When you repent of your sins and accept JESUS as your LORD and SAVIOR, you begin walking down the path that leads to your destiny – the high calling of GOD in CHRIST JESUS for you – which is to be one of JESUS’ Best Friends. Would you like to make the best de/ci/sion of your life right now? Would you like to choose to follow JESUS and be His **disciple** forever? If so, you can pray something like this:

“LORD JESUS, I am so sorry for all the bad, **unkind** things that I have done in life. Would You please forgive me and make me clean? I believe that You died on the cross to pay the pun/ish/ment for my sins. I believe that You were in the grave for three days and that then GOD raised You from the **dead**. I believe that you are now alive forever! I boldly say to all people that You are my LORD and KING! I love You and I want to follow You and be Your **disciple** forever! Please teach me how to love You and love others. Please teach me how to be **kind**, merciful, and good. Please send Your HOLY SPIRIT to fill me up and empower me to live this new life of love with You. I love You, LORD JESUS. In Your Holy Name I pray. Amen.”

If you prayed that prayer and really meant it, then JESUS has written your name in His *LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE*, and you are saved!!! The angels in Heaven are throwing a party, rejoicing, and dancing because you are now one of JESUS' followers and a child of GOD!!!! You are the prodigal son or daughter who has returned home! You are the lost sheep that has been found! You are the Bride that JESUS paid the most **ex/pen/sive** price of His own blood on the cross to purchase. You are so valuable to JESUS!!!! Your i/den/ti/ty is pre/cious, and your des/tin/y is **POWERFUL!!!!**

The **next** thing you will want to do is to find a good church that believes in JESUS, GOD the FATHER, and the HOLY SPIRIT, and ask to be baptized. Baptism publicly shows everyone that you have made a de/ci/sion to die to your old life of sin and self/ish/ness, and that you are being raised up to live a new life of love by following JESUS and being His **disciple**. Your **old** sinful nature is buried in the waters of baptism, and you become a new creature in CHRIST JESUS when you come up out of the water!

Then you will want to ask the pastor or elder to pray for you to receive the gift of the HOLY SPIRIT. JESUS **told** the **disciples** in Acts 1:8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere – in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." He also said in Luke 11:13, "So if you sinful

people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.” So, ASK Him!!! The Holy Spirit will help you to be **bold, kind,** and loving, and will help you fulfill your **wonderful** destiny in life!

Finally, you will want to set up a daily ap/point/ment with JESUS to spend time with Him. It takes time and effort to become a faithful **disciple** and Best Friend of JESUS. As Gary and Dr. Greg Smalley say in their book, *Bound by Honor*, “Friendships don’t develop by chance or accident, but as a result of [our purposefully] spending time together regularly.” It is a great idea to set aside the first hour of your day every day to sing a song to JESUS, read one chapter of the Bible, and talk to JESUS about whatever is on your heart. As you do, JESUS will begin to per/son/al/ly teach you how to follow Him and love others. You will grow a little bit every day. After many years, you will become just like JESUS: you will be loving, **joyful, peaceful,** patient, **kind,** good, **faithful,** gentle, meek, and self-controlled. You will be a very happy, fulfilled person! A life lived with JESUS is an amazing, **excellent** life!

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS:

1. What is the most important decision everyone must make in life?
2. What does baptism represent?

3. Would you like to be one of JESUS' best friends?

PROJECT: Would you like to become a disciple (or student) of JESUS and learn how to become kind and loving like He is? JESUS wants you to be just like Him and do the things He did. He says that you will do even greater things than He did, because He is now with FATHER GOD in Heaven! "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." (John 14:12) Take a moment to talk to JESUS about this. Pray the prayer written above. Then talk to your parents or pastor about following JESUS forever and being baptized.
