

"Easy plus" is a set of Phonic Comic books between the "easy" books and the standard books with extra words.

These books are useful for children who need extra practice with the most common sound of each letter and already know many/most of the tricky words below. Or children who have to learn the common tricky "sight words" at school. Or for all children to practise the common words once they have learned the necessary sounds.

It is important not to teach these "sight words" just by heart as many children will struggle when there are too many words to remember.

Before they start this set of books, children will need to be thoroughly familiar with the most common sound of each letter plus

- "S" can say /z/. - is, has, was, comes, robs, yells ... (Level 5)
- "I" - When this letter is all by itself, it gets lonely and says, "Hello. My name is 'I'." (Level 5)
- "ed" can say /d/ or /t/ (or /ed/) (Level 5 Review, more detail in Level 8)

The other common words used are:

a, come, for, go, have, he, here, of, no, now, she, some, the, they, this, to, was, were, what, with

Teach your child to recognise and remember "a and the". They should already know "the" from the easy books. "A a" sounds a bit like /u/ when it is a word.

For all new, "tricky" words, point out significant features as you come across them. This may mean learning a few things ahead of the normal sequence. But it reduces the likelihood of having to remember too many words by sight, which in turn discourages guessing. The information below is intended to be background for parents.

- go, no, he, she, the - A vowel on the end of a short word often says its name.
- for - "or" - corn (Find the memory aid.)

- the, they, this, with - "th" - there (Find the memory aid.)
- she - "sh" - Sh, don't wake the baby. (Find the memory aid.)
- now - "ow" - "ow, ow!" (Find the memory aid.)
- come, some - Sometimes "o" sounds like /u/. "Ignore the silent 'e'." Cover the silent "e" with your finger.
- to - Sometimes "o" sounds like /oo/ - to. (Level 9 - other sounds of a e i o u)
- was, what - Beware of "w"! - "ant" becomes "want". (It works the same for "wh".) (Level 8 - wa)
- have, were - Say, "Ignore the silent 'e' on have," as you cover the silent "e" with your finger. Also for were. (English words cannot end in "v".)
- here - "ere" can sound like "ear".
- of - "f" sounds like /v/ in "of", but like /f/ in "off".
- Don's rod - The apostrophe (') shows that the rod belongs to Don.
Jen's net = the net that belongs to Jen (See Level 9.)
- missed, sobbed, fixed ... - Adding "ed" means something happened in the past.
It can be pronounced /d/ or /t/ (or /ed/) - sobbed (/d/), revved (/d/), missed (/t/), fixed (/t/) ...
(See Review in Level 5, or Level 8.)

Teach capital letters as needed. Print the chart below for reference.

These books are extra to the sequence of learning sounds. Children don't have to read any of them before going on from Level 5. Come back to them at any time if you need to, e.g. if children are learning the words at school.

"You" and "are" are also taught in the Review in Level 5, along with the words for the "easy plus" books, because they are usually in the top 20 in lists of the most common words in written English. Introduce these too if children have to learn them at school and/or come across them in other books before they get to them near the end of Level 7.

You can use the table below to find the appropriate "easy plus" books to practise any of the common words if your child needs them. See Review in Level 5 for the pronunciation of "-ed" and "comes*".

1/1 Here	1/13 this No	1/25 She some They
1/2	1/14 This to -ed	1/26 She
1/3 have This I	1/15 This Here come*	1/27 They to
1/4 This Here come* He	1/16 She	1/28 They
1/5 He go	1/17 was were -ed	1/29 Here
1/6 was He	1/18 with was	1/30 Here
1/7 Here come*	1/19 Here	1/31 she
1/8 This she	1/20 She What Now	1/32 He
1/9 They to -ed	1/21 of Here come* They have	1/33 Now
1/10 What was -ed	1/22 He was They Here	1/34 He
1/11 Here She What now -ed	1/23 Here She for	1/35 he go
1/12 Here	1/24 for He to	1/36 some He

Children will be directed to read the books when they learn the words and/or necessary sounds in the normal sequence in *Gilead[®] Success with Phonics*. The words will no longer be "tricky", but still need a lot of practise to become automatic.

Level 5 - Easy plus 1/1

Level 6 - Easy plus 1/32, 34, 5, 35; 16, 26, 31

Level 7 - Easy plus 1/33; 8, 13

Level 8 - Easy plus 1/6, 18

Level 9 Tricky Words 1 - Easy plus 1/28, 3

Tricky Words 3 - Easy plus 1/9, 14, 24, 27; 10, 20

Tricky Words 4 - Easy plus 1/1, 12, 19, 29, 30; 23, 11, 22; 4, 7, 15, 21, 25, 36

Tricky Words 5 - Easy plus 1/17

If you have been printing the easy books from the blog on <http://successwithreading.com>, or if you have *Gilead Success with Phonics, version 1.5* or earlier, print these pages. Cut them out and glue them over the words in an extra set of the easy books.

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh
Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp
Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx
Yy Zz

1/1

A cat and a hat

easy plus

Here

Here is a cat

and a hat.

The cat sat on the hat.

Is the man sad?

1/2

The bat

easy plus

Jack has a bat.

Bam!

It hit a cab.

1/3

The fat cat

easy plus

have This

The cats have a flap.

This cat is fat.

It sat ... "Will I fit?"

"Rats. I am stuck!"

1/4

Sam and the ants

easy plus

This Here come He

This is Sam.

Sam sat.

Here comes an ant.

The ants bit Sam. He ran.

1/5

Dan and Sam

easy plus

He go

Dan can hit.

Sam got it.

Dan is sad. He must go.

1/6

Dan in the fog

easy plus

was He

Dan was in the fog.

He got a cab.

A dog ran ...

The cab went in a bog.

1/7

Don's rod

easy plus

Here come

Don has a rod.

Here comes a dog.

The dog robs Don.

Will Don get the dog?

1/8

Jen and the net

easy plus

This she

This is Jen's net.

Can she get it?

Yes, but she got wet.

1/9

The cat and the vet

easy plus

They to

The cat has a cut.

They went to the van.

Mum revved the van.

The vet fixed the cat.

1/10

Kick and miss

easy plus

What was

Jim can kick.

Fred missed it.

What did it hit?

The man was cross.

1/11

Kiss the frog

easy plus

Here She What now

Here is a frog.

She kissed the frog.

Pop! What is the frog now?

Will she kiss lots of frogs?

1/12

The map

easy plus

Here

Here is the map.

Dan can dig.

Dan is mad!

1/13

A fan?

easy plus

this No

Is this a fan?

No, it is a fin.

Tim can swim.

Did Tim win? Yes.

1/14

It is big

easy plus

This to

This is big.

It bit Sam.

Sam sobbed

and went to bed.

1/15

The camp

easy plus

This Here come

This is the camp.

Here comes the wind.

The tent

went.

1/16

Bad dog!

easy plus

She

Gran has a bag.

A dog begs.

She drops the bag.

Bad dog!

1/17

Can six mix?

easy plus

was were

Six

got mixed.

It was fixed.

The six were sad.

1/18

A bug in the bun

easy plus

with was

Tim had a bag

with a bun.

But a bug was in the bun.

The bun went in the bin.

1/19

Bad Bub!

easy plus

Here

Here is Bob

and Bub.

Bub has a bib.

Bad Bub!

1/20

The lost list

easy plus

She What Now

Jill had a list.

She lost the list.

What luck!

Now she has lots.

1/21

Lots of fun

easy plus

of Here come They have

Here comes the bus.

Jen and Dan must run.

They got it.

They have lots of fun.

1/22

Lost

easy plus

was They Here

He was lost.

The man got him.

They went in the van.

Here is Mum.

1/23

The gift

easy plus

Here She for

Here is Gran.

She has a gift for Dan.

Dan is glad.

It is a golf set.

1/24

A jog in the fog

easy plus

for He

Sam went for a jog

in the fog.

He hit a log and

had to hop.

1/25

Junk!

easy plus

She some They

She has some jam.

She drops the jam.

They get the jack.

It is junk!

1/26

Jump and bump

easy plus

She

"Hiss."

Pam must run

and jump.

She got a bump.

1/27

The hunt

easy plus

They to

They went up a hill

to hunt.

They had to run and
get a hug from Mum.

1/28

Zap!

easy plus

They

"Zzz..."

They buzz.

Zap!

"Zzz..."

1/29

The yak

easy plus

Here

Here is a yak.

The dog yaps.

It nips the yak.

"Yelp!"

1/30

Yum, an egg

easy plus

Here

Here is a nest,

a hen

and an egg.

"Yum."

1/31

Yuck!

easy plus

she

Pam gets an egg,
but she drops it
and yells.
Yuck!

1/32

The quill

easy plus

He

Quick get the duck.
The duck quacks.
He quits.
It is a quill.

1/33

Fred and the flag

easy plus

Now

Fred has a
flag.

It flaps in the wind.

Now Fred is flat.

1/34

The sled

easy plus

He

Tom has a sled.

He slogs up the hill.

Tom slips.

The sled slid.

1/35

Busk and bump

easy plus

he go

Ben busks and

he brags.

He gets a bump and
must go on his bunk.

1/36

Plop in the mud

easy plus

some He

Tim has some pigs.

He prods a pig.

The pig grabs his stick.
Plop! Tim is in the mud.