## Teacher's Guide Stories 11-20 Short Vowel Sounds



Stories 11-20 follow a problem/solution narrative structure. They are designed for students who are beginning to understand the relationship between speech sounds and the letter symbols that represent them. Using these 10 stories, students can practice how to

| The Laptop Gets <br> Wet | make predictions of story content by looking at <br> images and title page (when elicited by <br> instructor). |
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| blend C-V-C words (consonant-vowel- |  |
| consonant) with short vowel sounds. |  |
| e.g., mad, ten, dip, hot, mud |  |



Click here to watch a short instructional video with ways to practice these targeted skills. Suggested skill-building activities and skills foci are based on the Canadian Language Benchmarks ESL for Adult Literacy Learners (ALL).


## Series 2 Overview

| Book Titles | Phonics <br> (Short vowel sounds) | High-Frequency Sight Words | Teachers using stories 11-20 can focus on |
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| 11. Amira has a Flat | Short a: mad, van, flat, plan, grabs, jack, mat, can | is, she, has, a, and, the, go | $\checkmark$ building oral language as a foundation for literacy development. <br> $\checkmark$ matching oral language to pictures. |
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| 12. Elena's Neck | Short e: wet, neck, get, help, yell, desk, rest | is, at, the, down, her, and, has, to, she, up | $\checkmark$ matching pictures to text. |
|  |  |  | $\checkmark$ matching oral language to text. |
| 13. Sick Visit | Short i: sick, sits, pick, chips, dip, will, bit | is, he, in, to, up, for, and, you, are, I, has, a, of, the | $\checkmark$ hearing and producing short vowel sounds in isolation with correct mouth formation. |
| 14. Hot Pot | Short o: chop, bok, stock, tongs, lot, pot, hot | is, he, it, there, a, in, the, very | $\checkmark$ blending (reading) words with medial short /a/e/i/o/u/ vowel sounds. |
| 15. Stuck in the Mud | Short u: truck, stuck, mud, fun, tugs, jumps, tub | has, a, is, the, in, it, and, out, of, he | $\checkmark$ blending words with consonant blends, digraphs (sh/th/ch) and -ck, -II, -ss spelling patterns. |


| 16. Oscar Gets a Cab | mix of short vowels: ten, runs, bus, not, stop, mad, cab, gets, job, boss | is, he, at, to, the, does, his | $\checkmark$ introducing -ing and -s verb tense. <br> $\checkmark$ recognizing a small bank (2025) of sight words. |
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| 17, The Laptop is Wet | mix of short vowels: laptop, drop, gets, wet, grabs, rag, top, plugs | has, a, he, the, it, in, on, is | $\checkmark$ making predictions based on pictures. <br> $\checkmark$ using multiple strategies to |
| 18. Anna is Lost | mix of short vowels: this, sick, must, gets, lost, sits, map, helps | is, she, go, to, the, down, at, a | $\checkmark$ using multiple strategies to solve unknown words. e.g., look at the picture, try sounding it out, ask a friend, use Google translate. <br> $\checkmark$ recognizing that print carries meaning. |
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| 19. New Pants | mix of short vowels: pants, long, can, hem, pins, cut, them, fit | is, at, a, she, the, are, too, in, on, they | $\checkmark$ increasing oral reading speed of a sentence after modeling, individual and group practice. |
| 20. Liz Goes Shopping | mix of short vowels: fish, lunch, shopping, pick, till, scans, tap | for, she, up, to, the, it, is, good | group practice. <br> $\checkmark$ connecting stories with problems and solutions to students' lives. |

