

3A. Independent Reading & Writing

The Aim

In Level 3A students will learn the sounds of vowel blends as well as long vowel sounds and the silent “e”. Students will consolidate their knowledge of vocabulary learned in previous levels and they will learn an additional 181 words, including polysyllabic vocabulary. Throughout the level, they will be encouraged to become more conscious of the size, shape and spacing between letters, thus further refining their penmanship skills.

Important Points

Students who start Level 3A must be able to read consonants, short vowel combinations, combinations of short vowels and consonants, and consonant clusters which appear in Levels 5A and 4A.

No.	Focus of Worksheets	
1-10	Spelling Patterns	Throughout the level, students will be inserting letters and words into proportionally sized boxes. This aims to focus the student’s attention on the size and shape of letters within words and thereby encourage neat and accurate handwriting.
11-20		
21-30		
31-40		
41-50		
51-60		
61-70		
71-80		
81-90		
91-100		
101-110	Take the Tail	Sets 71-100, “Take the Tail”, is an important activity through which students demonstrate their mastery of phonics. In this section, the final letter (sound) of a word becomes the initial letter (sounds) of the following word. Students use their phonic skills to identify, spell and write the initial/final key sounds.
111-120		
121-130	Syllables	The “Syllables” section introduces students to polysyllabic words by breaking them down into syllables. This acts as an aid to reading and spelling.
131-140		
141-150		
151-160	Sentence Copying	By the final section of Level 3A, students should be able, through practice, to work on their own and tackle reading sentences independently. Parental supervision is still highly recommended to ensure progress.
161-170		
171-180		
181-190		
191-200		

Level 3A is an important checkpoint to assess students’ readiness for Level 2A. It is vital that students demonstrate reading comprehension in order to progress smoothly through the following levels.

As in all levels, monitoring reading aloud is necessary for successful advancement throughout Level 3A and beyond.