**Letter Name Stage Pacing and Sequence Guide**

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|  | **Slow Introductory Pace** | **Moderate Pace** | **Advanced Pace or Review** |
| **Early Letter-Name Stage** | | | |
| **Initial Sound Sorts** | Beginning consonants:  b/m/r/s w/y  t/g/n/p g/j  c/h/f/d p/b  l/k/j/w d/t  y/z/v | Contrast easily confused consonants:  w/y/g/j b/p d/t  others as needed | Review initial sounds only as needed. |
| **Same-Vowel Word Families** | at/an et/eg/en  ap/ag ug/ut/un  op/ot/og ip/ig/ill | at/an/ap ug/ut/un  op/ot/og ip/ig/ill  et/eg/en | at/an/ap ug/ut/un  op/ot/og ip/ig/ill  et/eg/en |
| **Digraphs** | c/h/ch t/th/h  s/h/sh ch/sh/th  h/sh/ch wh/sh/ch/th | sh/ch/h  th/wh  wh/sh/ch/th | wh/sh/ch/th |
| **Blends** | st/s/t pl/bl/gl/sl  sp/s/p cr/cl/fl/fr  sc/sn/sw bl/br/gr/gl  st/sp/sk/sm pr/tr/dr  pl/p/l k/wh/qu/tw  bl/b/l | st/sp/sk/sm  sc/sn/sw/sl  cr/cl/fl/fr  bl/br/gr/gl  pr/tr/dr | tr/dr/gr  others as needed. |
| **Mid Letter-Name Stage** | | | |
| **Mixed-Vowel Word Families** | at/ot/it  an/un/in  am/im/um  ad/ed/ab/ob  ag/eg/ig/og/ug  ill/ell/all  ick/ack/ock/uck  ish/ash/ush | at/ot/it/ut  an/un/in  ag/eg/ig/og/ug  ill/ell/all  ick/ack/ock/uck  ish/ash/ush | ag/eg/ig/og/ug  ill/ell/all  ick/ack/ock/uck  ish/ash/ush |
| **Picture Sorts for Short Vowels** | a/o i/u  e/o e/i/o/u  add known words | a/o e/i/o/u  i/u  add known words |  |
| **Late Letter-Name Stage** | | | |
| **Short Vowels in CVC Words** | a/o e/i  i/u e/i/o/u  e/o | a/o  i/u  e/i/o/u | a/e/i/o/u |
| **Short Vowels with Blends and Digraphs** | ex: **dr**op **tr**ip di**sh** | ex: **dr**ag da**sh** **sl**ed | ex: **dr**ill **tr**a**sh** **fr**e**sh** |
| **Preconsonantal Nasals** | an/ant ink/ank/onk  in/ing amp/ump  ug/ung end/ent/ant  ing/ang/ung | ing/ang/ung  ink/ank/unk  amp/ump  nd/nt/nk | ng/mp  nt/nd/nk |
| **R-Influenced** | a/ar  o/or | a/ar  o/or | ar/or |