

Units of Sound

Stage 1

Reading content for your reference.

Units of Sound Books

The Units of Sound books contain the content of the Reading programme, excluding the Quiz Questions. They provide a useful overview of the programme and can be used for more detailed 1:1 work with a student if needed.

The book page numbers match the page numbers in the online programme.

Content

- ✓ Units of Sound and Word Blocks
- ✓ Check Words
- ✓ Check Sounds
- ✓ Sentences & Passages
- ✓ Reading Check – ‘A’ pages

How to use this book

- For a more detailed check on a specific page covering sounds the student had difficulty with in the Reading Check.
- For 1:1 revision purposes in relation to a student’s needs.
- For an overview of the content to see how the structure builds.

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a

1

at
am
as
an
and
hand

2

dad
had
bad
pad
sad
mad

3

hat
sat
cat
bat

4

fat
mat
pat
rat

5

bag
rag
wag
lag

6

sag
tag
nag
gag

7

cap
gap
map
lap

8

nap
rap
sap
tap

a

1

as
has

2

at
mat
sat
bat

3

cat
pat
rat
that

4

cab
tab
lab
dab

5

an
man
van
ban

6

can
pan
ran
than

7

wax
tax
max
lax

a

1

bat
ban
bad
bag

2

cat
can
cap
cab

3

mat
man
map
max

4

pat
pan
pad
pal

5

rat
ran
rag
rap
ram

6

hat
has
had
ham
have

7

sat
sap
sag
sad

8

that
than

O

1

on
off
of

2

god
got
gone

3

mob
sob
rob
bob
job
hob

4

fog
dog
log
hog
jog
cog

5

mop
top
pop
lop
hop
cop

6

got
lot
hot
pot

7

jot
tot
rot
not

O

1

top
Tom
tot

2

rob
rod
rot

3

hop
hot
hob

4

god
got
gone

5

pod
pot
pop

6

lot
log
lop

7

jot
jog
job

8

cop
cog
cod

9

mop
mob
mod

e

1

the
them
then

2

beg
keg
leg
peg

3

get
jet
let
yet
wet

4

bed
red
fed
Ned

5

bet
set
net
pet
met

6

egg
yes
men
ten
Ben

u

1

up

us

2

up

cup

pup

sup

3

run

fun

sun

bun

gun

4

cub

hub

tub

rub

pub

5

gum

hum

mum

sum

6

mug

rug

jug

tug

7

bug

hug

dug

8

but

cut

hut

rut

nut

9

put

u

1

us

up

2

sum

sun

sup

3

mum

mud

mug

4

cut

cup

cub

5

pub

pug

pup

6

hut

hum

hub

hug

7

rug

rut

run

rub

8

bud

bug

bun

bus

9

put

pull

full

i

1

in
if
is
it
ill

2

big
pig
dig
fig
jig
rig
wig

3

tip
lip
pip
sip
nip
dip
rip

4

lid
rid
hid
did
kid
bid
mid

5

fin
pin
bin
sin
din
tin
win

6

I

i

1

in
is
it
if
ill

2

nip
nib
nil

3

I
zip
zig-zag

4

did
dig
dim
din
dip

5

pin
pig
pip
pit

6

him
his
hid
hit

7

lid
lip
lit
live

8

big
bin
bid
bit

9

fig
fin
fib
fit
fix

10

sit
sip
sin
six

11

rig
rim
rib
rip
rid

12

wig
win
with
wit
will



i

1

him
rim
Jim

2

is
his
this

3

I

4

give
live

5

with

6

sit
fit
hit
lit

7

kit
bit
wit
pit

8

bib
fib
nib
rib

9

will
till
fill
hill

10

pill
kill
mill
bill

th

1

the
them
there

2

thin
think
thing

3

then
than
thin

4

the
them
that
this
than
there

5

bath
path
with
moth

This bath is hot.

Get them a map.

Come up this path with me.

I think it is there.

That box is thin and has a lid on it.

12A

The sun is up and Tom is up. Tom's dad has a van but it has not got tax on it. Tom thinks he will get the tax. If he can get the next bus at ten he can get the tax.

The bus at ten has not gone yet. Tom can get the tax. He will give the tax to his dad and his dad can put it on the van. Then Tom can give his dad a hand to fix the van.

-nd

1

and
sand
hand
land
band

2

end
send
mend
lend
bend
tend

3

fund

4

fond
bond
pond

5

wind

That is a bad cut on his hand.

Ben put his leg in the pond and got it wet.

The man is not there yet.

Lend him a hand to get that top off the box.

Tom is fond of his dog.

If I mend the hut the wind can not get in.

Then I can fix up a bed and the dog can live in the hut.

-tle

1

little
rattle
cattle
battle

2

bottle
kettle
nettle
settle

-lk

3

milk
silk

4

bulk
hulk
sulk

The kettle is hot!

Get a bottle of milk.

Have a little fun with it.

If I settle up with Tom I have to give him 10p.



-SS

1

pass
mass
lass

2

mess
less

3

kiss
miss
hiss

4

loss
moss
boss
toss

5

fuss

-y

6

my
by

7

cry
try
dry
why
fly

Dry the milk bottle and put it there.

Try a little bit of this.

Pass by the bus stop and then the pub.

Get a dry rag and mop up the mess.

-ll

1

tell
sell
fell
well
bell
hell

2

till
sill
fill
will
Bill
hill

3

dull
gull
hull
bull
full
pull

4

shall

5

doll

6

all
ball
call
wall

7

fall
hall
tall

at	egg	up	kettle	that
this	then	end	sand	on
sulk	moss	kiss	my	try

16A

Tom has a dog, Pat. Tom sends his dog off on a run and tells it not to get wet.

Oh no! The hut is a mess and Tom is mad at Pat. Let's give Pat a bath and try to get rid of all this mess in the hut.

Tom will have to try to settle that dog. I think Pat is a bad little dog. It will come to a bad end. I think that I will not have a dog at all.

ee

1

see
seed
seen
seep
seem
seek

2

seed
deed
feed
weed
need

3

feed
feel
feet

4

meet
beet
feet
street

5

keep
deep
seep
weep
steep

6

been
beet
beef

7

week
keen
keel
peel
heel

8

green
tree
street
three
free



oy

1

boy
toy
joy
Roy

2

annoy
enjoy
joyful
royal

fell fill doll dull of
ball fall off am than
is them moth this pull

toy been dry mass miss
mess moss fuss milk hand
bottle lend wind pond fund

oo

1

too
soon
boot
roof
room
food

2

cool
moon
root
boom
hoot
noon

3

soon
moon
noon

4

loop
loose

5

tool
pool
fool
cool
school

6

loose
goose

7

boom
room
doom

Tom got off the bus too soon.

The top of the bottle is loose. Ben taps it with his boot and soon there is a mess. There is a big pool of milk in the room. Ben puts his big feet in the milk. His mum calls him a fool.

O

1

to
do
lose

2

today
doing
into

OU

3

you
youth
soup
group

'You can do it if you can Ben.'

'I am doing it Tom if you let me try.'

'Come on we shall lose it soon.'

'It will pull you in Ben and you will get wet.'

'Tom, do not annoy Ben, it is deep there.'

'Yes, pull Ben up if you can.'

'Do not cry Ben.'

'I am not crying, But I am wet.'

20A

Tom has gone off to see his pal. I will come with you to see him as well, Ben. You will soon get there if you run. I can give you a hand up the hill if it is too steep. Come on, I can pull you up. There, that's not too bad is it? Let's run to get there soon. Tom will have gone soon and I have to see him. Mum will get mad if I miss him. See, there is Tom with that boy. That little green hut at the end of the path is his to keep things in.

wa-

1

was
wash
want
watch
wander
wasn't

2

war
ward
warm
warn
warning

3

wall
walk
water

4

what

little sand mill pond I
see beef boy you have
goose call settle my dry
dip big thing thin mud
bed ten mob log gone
enjoy kiss them cup do
moon pass fill tub tax



oo

1

look
book
cook
took
hook
rook

2

good
hood
wood
wool
soot
foot

3

door
poor

Ben took a thin bit of wood to his dad. His dad had a gap to fix in the hut wall. The bit of wood was OK for the job.

‘Look in the book and see if it tells us what to do, Dad.’

‘That was a good thing to think of, Ben.’

Poor Ben hit his hand. He had a bad bit of luck there.



-sk

1

ask
task
mask
bask
cask

2

risk
disk
desk

dusk
tusk
rusk
husk

you bottle was good end
this to milk try mess

ee oy

It is a big thing with tusks on it.

A desk is a thing you can put a book on.

If you bask in the hot sun you can get ill.

Swim in a mask and you can see all the fish.

Dusk is at the end of the day.

-ck

1

lack
sack
tack
pack
rack
hack

2

deck
neck
peck

3

lick
sick
tick
pick
thick

4

dock
lock
sock
pock
mock
rock

5

buck
luck
suck
puck
muck
duck



-y

1

happy
jolly
funny

2

dusty
rusty
trusty

3

pony
lonely
only
holy
duty

4

any
many
anything

-ry

5

very
every

6

carry
marry
berry
sorry
worry
hurry

It is a very long way to go.

Can anything be done to help him?

Do not worry, it will come off in the end.

If you will carry this for me I shall be very happy.

-ing

1

king
ring
sing
wing**-tch**

2

match
batch
catch
hatch
patch

3

etch
fetch

4

itch
ditch
hitch
pitch
witch

5

notch

6

Dutch
hutch**-ch**

7

much
such
rich
which

26A

Ask that boy if he will lend you his ball for a bit. I will give him this bottle of 7Up if he will let us have the ball. He can keep a watch on us to see that we do not run off with his ball.

Come on then, send the ball to me. You can give it a big kick. That was not a very good try was it? Run and get that if you can. I have had it and want to pack it in. Let's give the boy his ball back and sit on that log there.

ea

1

sea
tea

2

deal
meal
real
heal
peal
seal

3

beat
meat
seat
heat
neat

4

bead
read
lead

5

lean
mean

6

leap
heap

7

team
leaf
weak
dream**dr-**

8

drag
drab
drank

9

dress
drip
drop
drum

10

drive
Drake
drove

11

drink
droop
dry

12

drug
drift
drill

tr-

1

trap
trip
trim
trot

2

track
trick
truck

3

try
tree
tribe
trade
troop

SW-

4

swill
swell
swim
switch
swing

5

swan
sweet
sweep
swoop

bell soon doll soup jolly
ask look wall lose want
risk any joy carry dusk very

dr- tr- sw- -nd

i-e

1

like
life
line
lime

2

five
file
fine
fire

3

time
tire
tile
tide

4

pike
pile
pine
pipe

5

hide
ride
wide
side
tide

6

like
Mike
hike
bike

7

line
mine
dine
fine

8

nine
pine
wine
vine

9

dive
hive
five
wives

10

fire
hire
wire
tire

11

while
white

e and e-e

1

be
me
we
he
she

2

Pete
these
here

o and o-e

3

so
go
no
don't

4

rope
rose
rode
robe
Rome

5

pole
poke
joke
woke
hope

6

bone
tone
lone
zone
cone

7

hope
hole
mole
nose
note

-ing

8

going
warning

9

trying
drying

10

feeling
seeing

Jack is not going to do it. Look, he will very soon fall off the tree. Try to stop him if you can. Give him a warning, while I go and get some help. I hope he will not risk trying to get up to the top. Here are some men with a rope. Don't let go, Jack. In a little while you will be OK.



30A

This was a very funny dream. There was a big fat cat in it, but he was green. He did not like milk. I had a big tin of cat meat for him there as well, but he did not like that. He wanted to eat bits of wood and green grass all the time. He seemed to like thick little bits of dry wood. Then he let some wood drop on my hand and I woke up. There was my dog with her bone. I had gone to sleep at the foot of the tree in the hot sun. That was a funny cat, and a funny dream.

ar

1

car
card
cart
carve

2

hard
hark
harm
harp

3

car
bar
far
jar
tar
are

4

card
hard
lard
yard

5

barn
yarn
darn

6

cart
dart
part
tart

7

bark
mark
lark
dark
park

8

farm
harm

9

target
garden

cool foot youth lose beat egg

-ry -ry ag og ug th -nd ill -tle ig -lk
-ss oy ea ee wa- -sk dr- sw- tr-



or

1

or
for

2

cord
lord
ford

3

fort
sort
port

4

pork
fork
cork

5

more
sore
tore
core
wore
bore

‘That was not a very funny sort of joke.’

‘Well, it was only done for a lark. I did not mean to do any harm.’

‘Look at this tar. Can you get it off?’

‘Yes, I can cut it off with a...’

‘No you can’t. You have made a big mess as it is. I do not want you to do more and carve me up into little bits as well.’



er

1

were

2

over
under
ever
never
river
water

3

letter
better
butter
dinner
winner
thinner

4

sister
other
mother
brother
father
rather

5

order
border
number
member
remember



-ay

1

day
bay
say
may
pay
ray

2

hay
jay
way
lay
stay
sway

3

play
pray
slay
clay
fray
tray

4

away
always
today
maybe

‘Try not to make fun of me please.’

‘I will say what I like if I feel like it.’

‘That’s what you think. I’ve had too much of that sort of talk from you.’

‘Well, if I say sorry and I ask you, will you do something for me?’

‘If you put it that way, maybe I can. But you will have to be good this time and say please. What can I do for you?’

a-e

1

cake
cape
came
case
cane
cage

2

make
made
maze
mane
male
mate

3

sake
same
safe
sale
sane
save
sage

4

game
gaze
gate
gale
gave

5

pave
pale
pane
page
pace

6

race
rage
rate
rave
rake

7

lake
lame
late
lane
lace

The farmer's horse seems to be lame. It can't pull that big cart and the farm wants it to have a rest. He can send for the truck to take all those bales of hay. Then the horse will not need to try to pull the cart. Open that gate at the end of the lane and let it go in there. The farmer can take it back to the farm yard later.



-en

1

open
even
given
seven

2

happen
broken
golden
sudden
garden

very my food

dr- ea oy -sk wa- th
tr- ee or ar

Open the garden gate with care in case the dog gets out. If that does happen he will want to go for a walk. I can remember all the other times he has run away. There is broken glass by the river and I do not want him to cut himself.



36A

Did you say that you can fix my bike for me? If you can I will be very pleased. You see I can not get home on foot. I live far away and need my bike to go all that way. There is not even a bus until five and that is a long time.

Yes, I think it was a bit of glass that did it. You can see the hole in the tube there.

In a little time that will be set and I can put it on and ride off home. You have been very good to do this for me. May I ask what your name is?

ue and u-e

1

blue
due

2

cube
tube
tune
dune
duke

3

mule
use
fuse
amuse**a-e**

4

make
lake
take
sake
cake
bake

5

came
name
same
tame
lame
game

6

gave
save
wave
pave
rave
cave

7

date
late
gate
hate
fate
rate**u-e and a-e**

8

tube
tape
tune
tame
dune
mane

9

duke
make
mule
male
cube
came

-st

1	2	3	4
best	last	just	cost
rest	fast	trust	lost
west	past	must	
nest	cast	dust	
pest	mast	rust	
test			
vest			

5	6	7	8
fist	east	most	sister
mist	least	post	cluster
list	beast		duster
	feast		faster

-xt

9

next
text

Jack says his sister is just a pest.
 She can run faster than Jack and that is what he does not like.
 She is always playing tricks on Jack.
 In fact she is a little pest and she enjoys annoying her brother.

ou

1

out
about
shout
trout

2

round
pound
sound
bound

3

mount
count
mouth
south

4

loud
cloud
cloudy

5

mound
hound
found
ground

by dip rattle with hurry seem
box roof water today annoy lap
dream group many time took tune
loud mark these nest next away
order those made does sort your

cl-

1

clap
class
clash
clasp
clay

2

clip
cliff
click
cling

3

club
clean
cloth
clock
close

4

clatter
clever
clover
cluster

be-

5

began
begin
begun

6

became
because
become

7

before
behind
below

8

behave
beware
beyond

The old clock began to tick faster and faster. Before long the hands were still. Jack had a look at it but had to admit it was broken and was beyond mending.

40A

It is a hot dry day today. The summer has come at last. If I am good to Mum I may get the OK to take some food out with me. I must ask Ben if he can come too.

There is not a cloud in the sky. The sun looks as if it is here for ever. Come on Mum, leave the cleaning up. Let me get a box to put the food in. A bottle of coke to drink and off I go on my bike. All I have to do is call for Ben. I bet he is in bed fast asleep.

st-

1

star
start
starve
stay
stand

2

step
steep
stem
steam
steel

3

stop
stoop
storm
store
story

4

stock
stone
stool
stood
stork

5

still
stick
stiff

6

stun
stuck
stuff

7

stern
stout
stage

wh-

8

when
where
why
which
what

9

whip
white
while
wheel
whale

10

who
whose

11

whisper
whether

OW

1	2	3	4
cow	brown	down	vow
now	clown	town	row
how	drown	power	wow
bow	frown	tower	sow
	crown		brow

‘If you want to annoy me, Ben, ask me to say “How now brown cow”.’

‘Hello Mr Evans, I was just telling this boy about the cow.’

‘Were you now? Well, the name of that cow is Bill.’

‘What a funny name for a cow.’

‘Yes, it is a funny name for a cow. That’s because Bill is not a cow at all. He is a bull so you had better keep away from him or he may begin to get mad at you.’

fr-**pr-**

1

from
frog
free
fry

2

fresh
frank
frost
friend
freedom

3

prod
press
pride
prize
pray
proper

-nt

4

sent
spent
print
front

5

point
joint
count

6

account
amount
twenty
present
moment
different

moss why all zoom into
you cook clean cloud power

dr- tr- sw- -ce st- fr-
pr- wh- be- ee oy wa- ar
or er -en ay -st -xt
-nt -nd -sk -tle -lk

fl-**pl**

1

flag
flap
flat
fly
flock
flit

2

flame
flake
flee
fleet
flood

3

flatter
fluster
flower

4

plan
plot
plug
plus
ply

5

plane
please
plank
play
player
plaster

-ce

6

face
race
nice
price
space
place
place

7

fleece
peace
juice
voice
once
pence

8

force
since
police
service
office
notice

Try to make it flatter so that we can fit it in.

The story begins with "Once upon a time".

The player who is best at the game is the one who wins the prize.

Get a plank of wood to lay over the muddy place.

44A

‘Now Jack, tell me why you are in such a bad mood.’

‘Well I keep trying to get this sum to come out. I just can’t do it.’

‘I see. Well, it’s no good asking me, is it? I’m no good at doing things like that. But I hardly need to tell you that, do I Jack?’

‘No, I don’t think you do. When you add 2 and 2 you seem to make it five. At least you do when you are adding up what somebody has to pay you.’

‘Don’t talk like that or I will get annoyed. Just let me get on with what I have to do for the class test please.’

sp-

1

spot
span
spin
spit
spill
spell
speck

2

spine
spite
spoon
speed
spoke
spade
spy

sh-

3

shop
ship
shall
shell

4

shine
shame
shade
sheep

-ck

5

stack
stick
stock
stuck

6

black
block

7

track
trick
truck

8

flack
flick
flock

9

quack
quick

Pick a spot in the shade away from the sun.

The big ship hit a rock while it was going at full speed to escape the storm.

With luck we shall be back before the others.

Quick, get some sticks and we shall make a fire.



-sp

1

gasp
rasp
lisp
crisp

2

grasp
clasp

mp

3

lamp
damp
camp
ramp

4

lump
dump
bump

5

hump
jump
pump

6

stamp
clamp
tramp

7

stump
clump
plump

8

romp
pomp
stomp

It was a crisp and frosty morning. Jack was jumping about and stamping his feet to try to get warm. Ben got some sticks to make a fire. The sticks were damp so the fire went out.

At last Ben had the fire lit and he put a kettle full of water on it. Tea bags, milk and lumps of sugar make a lovely hot drink in a mug.

-lp

1

help
yelp
gulp
pulp

-lf

2

self
shelf
golf
gulf
wolf

oi

3

oil
boil
soil
coil
foil
spoil

4

coin
join
joint
point
noise

5

boiler
toilet
pointing
pointed
avoid

sound ice shape self fly
speck plump help clasp front
steal who those because

-ay ow oy oi

-art

1

part
cart
tart
dart
start

-ard

2

card
yard
hard

-ark

3

mark
hark
lark
bark
dark

-ark

4

park
stark
shark
spark

-erk

5

jerk

-erd

6

herd

-ort

7

fort
port
sort
sport
short

-ork

8

fork
pork
cork
stork

-ord

9

cord
border
afford
accord

Get a spade and a fork to dig the garden.
We will need a flower border about 1 metre wide.
Give the soil a good digging over.
Now we can sort out the boxes of little plants.
Mark off where we are going to put them.
Start with a line of plants beside the wall.
In June or July we shall have a lot of flowers in this space.



48A

‘What a good place this is for a camping site.’

‘Yes, we found it last summer. We were looking for a place to do some fishing. The farmer is a very helpful man. He lets us fish in this part of the river if we do not make a mess. There are lots of trout in there.’

‘Get away, that’s just a tall story. You won’t get trout in a silly bit of water like that.’

‘That’s what you think. You come over here and take a look in this bag. What do you think of that then?’

‘Wow!’

aw

1

law
saw
jaw
raw
paw
thaw

2

claw
draw
awful

3

yawn
dawn
lawn
hawk
crawl
shawl

Let's have some upside-down things.

When I have two bits of wood I can join them with a saw.

My lawn has nice red grass all over it.

A hawk is a little blue bird and it sings outside my house every morning.

All the birds stop singing at dawn.

Cook the meat in the oven to make it raw.

1

bad
back
bake
sack
sake

2

bin
win
wine
lick
like

3

them
when
shed
wash
path

4

all
wall
wasp
water
want

5

you
boy
see
eat
far

dry every pull group good
shine shame these those duke

th e -nd -tle o -lk u
-ss ee oy -sk ea sw- ar
or er -en ay wa- -ry -ry

	1	2	
	not	plum	
	note	plume	
	frost	duck	
	stoke	duke	
	mop	stun	
	pole	tune	
	3	4	5
	fresh	dream	farm
	these	treat	form
	ever	clean	barn
	even	steam	born
	never	please	spark
	Peter	speak	sport

It was after 10 o'clock and it was very dark. Ben was feeling very sleepy as the car went along. All of a sudden there was a loud bang. The car went from side to side with a lot of bumping. Then at last it came to a stop. Ben's dad put the light on inside. 'Now then Ben, we'll have to see what sort of a mess that has made of our back tyre.' Ben saw that his dad was not at all happy about it. They got out to see what had happened. Ben's dad put the warning cone beside the car.

1	2	3	4
end	little	flask	now
send	kettle	clasp	play
lend	bottle	stump	cloud
try	milk	front	tray
why	silk	swish	spout
by	next	before	down

5	6	7
soup	food	book
boil	moon	look
jerk	soon	foot
fork	cool	flood
spoil		
point		

part cord jerk nice place how

-aw oi -lf -lp -mp -sp -ck
 sh- sp- -ce pl- fl- -nt
 pr- fr- be- ow wh- -st -xt
 cl- ou st- wa-

52A

My sister has a cat called Claude.

With a name like that it sounds as if it must be a very fine cat with good manners.

What! Not a bit of it. That cat is a real pest. Last week I saw it crawling across the lawn. When I had a second look I saw it had a mouse in its jaws. It was awful. It looked at me and then it ran off.

When I next saw it, there it was sitting on the lawn in the sunshine. It was blinking and yawning and washing its paws. It gave me a look as if to say 'What a lovely day it is for a cat to sit in the sun and be good!'