



About Bob Books

Bob Books is based on synthetic phonics. They employ the synthetic phonics strategy of combining sounds to form words. The beauty of Bob Books is beginning phonics is incorporated into story format. Kids have the simplicity of sounding out words, combined with the pleasure of reading a pleasing story, and the pride of reading a whole book. The concepts in the various sets are listed below

Bob Books is included in the Sound Partners Reading Intervention Curriculum. If you're interested in seeing how Bob Books are used in a synthetic phonics curriculum, we can arrange for copies of the Sound Partners Curriculum to be sent to you.

#1 Alphabet

Introduces all letters of the alphabet, focussing on short vowel sounds. Upper and lower case are shown. There is a sample for large motor skill practice, and as well as regular size copy to introduce left-to-right reading. An additional very short story for each letter. For adults to read to children. Not suitable for children to decode.

#2 Beginning Readers

All C-V-C words

All short vowels

Synthetic phonics. Letters progressively introduced. The first book uses only letters M, A, T and S to sound out four words (Mat, Sam, sat, plus "on"). With plenty of repetition, there are a total of 24 words in the book. Second book introduces C and D. By the end of Beginning Readers, all letters have been used in a word (except Q).

Very simple stories and vocabulary throughout
12 books, 12 pages per book

#3 Rhyming Words

Mostly C-V-C words

All can be sounded out

All one syllable.

All short vowels

Each book is based around a word family.

Word families: an, am, en, ed, ip, in, ug, uff, ot, og

Each vowel is featured in two books.

A few consonant clusters such as pl (plan), cl (clam), ack (snack).

Can be decoded using synthetic phonics. Word families can be interpreted with analytic phonics if desired, but not necessary.

10 books, 12 pages per book

#4 Early Readers

All short vowels

Mostly C-V-C words

One syllable

More sight words

Decoding practice

Longer stories; more words per page, more pages per book | 12 books, 16 pages per book

#5 Sight Words 1

Introduces 30 sight/high frequency words (three per book)

Many sight words can be decoded

All other words use short vowels and can be decoded

Mostly C-V-C

All one syllable

10 books, 12 pages

#6 Sight Words 2

Introduces 30 sight/high frequency words (three per book)

Longer sight words

Remaining words can be decoded

Mostly one syllable

10 books, 12 pages

#7 Growing Readers

Mostly short vowels

Introduces two syllable words

Focusses on consonant combinations

Letter Y practice

AR diphthong

Some endings such as er, ed

A few long vowels

8 books, 16 pages

#8 Reading Progress

Mostly short vowels with new concepts introduced gradually

More combinations (consonant and vowel - mp, ouse, own, sh)

Multiple syllables

8 books, 16 - 24 pages

#9 Reading Liftoff

Silent E

Vowel blends

Multiple syllables

8 books, 16-24 pages