

# Trainertext Visual Phonics

## Workbook 6

*vulture, whale, kanga-seal, yak, zuto, ook*

### What is TVP?

Trainertext characters are fun, memorable images which represent the sounds (phonemes) of the English language. The characters act as a phonemic guide presented above the letters, so that you can sound out any word, no matter how irregular.



o f f

### How does it work?

With TVP there is no need for frustrating, inconsistent phonics rules. When a child is stuck working out a word, the trainertext characters are there to help sound it out correctly. It soon becomes easy to get every word right when reading!

### Why does the brain love it?

Each character is so distinctive, that children find it easy to associate the sound to the image and start decoding. By repeatedly decoding words accurately, the child's brain maps the relationships between letters and sounds. Soon, the child is able to decode just from the letters, and the characters are no longer needed.

### How to get started

Guide your child through this workbook to get started using TVP and begin the reading journey! You can find our other resources at [helpingchildrentoread.com](http://helpingchildrentoread.com)

# Meet the Characters

## Vulture into Culture

I am the Vulture into Culture. I dream of playing my violin in a real orchestra one day! I help in words like: VAN and OF



van of

## Whale with Purple Pigtails

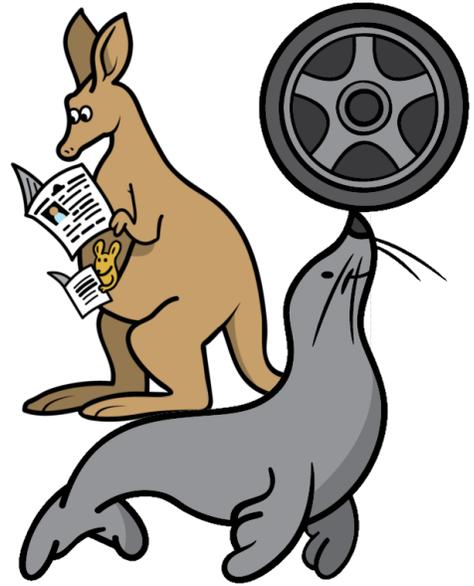
I am the Whale with Purple Pigtails. Chasing after my friends is much easier without hair in my eyes! I help in words like: WE and LOWER



we lower

## Kanga-Seal

We are the Kanga-Seal. Seal tries to distract us from our reading, but reading is just too fun. We help you make the X sound! Like in TAX or EXCEPT



tax      except



## Yak with a Pack

I am the Yak with a Pack. I love to go on hikes with my trusty green bag... what do you think is inside? I help in words like: YUM and YES



yum      yes



## Zuto from Pluto

I am the Zuto from Pluto. I zoom into outer space, to search for other alien life! I wonder if I will bump into a human one day? I help in words like: ZOO and USING.



**zoo**



**using**

## Ook with a Book

I am the Ook with a Book. I am the friendliest monster in the forest - and I LOVE to read fairytales in my special reading chair. I help in words like PUT and TOOK.



**put**

**took**

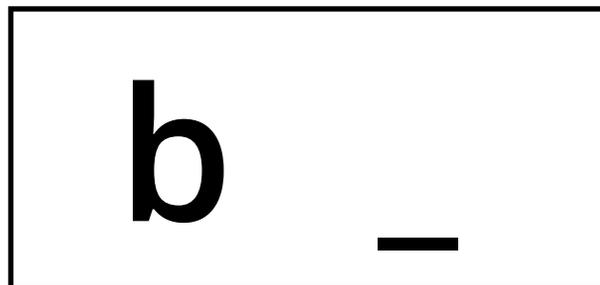


# Trainertext Games

TEACHER NOTES: Now that your learner has been introduced to the Trainertext characters, they can start using them to decode. Read out the following instructions to your learner and help when needed.

## Sound Match

Draw a line to show which characters could fill the blank to make a word. HINT: There is more than one!



ANSWER: Oon, owl, and ark for boo, bow, and bar.

# Word Match

Can you decode the words below and circle the real word? Don't get tricked by the silly words!



z a r



b o o k

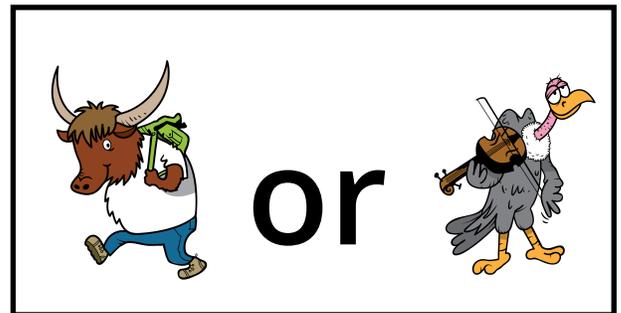
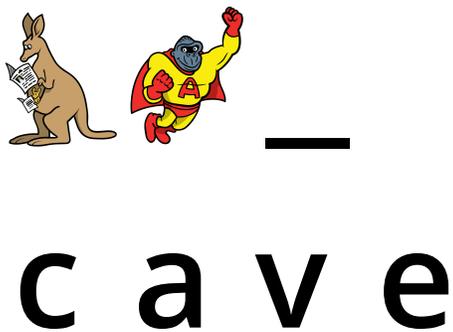
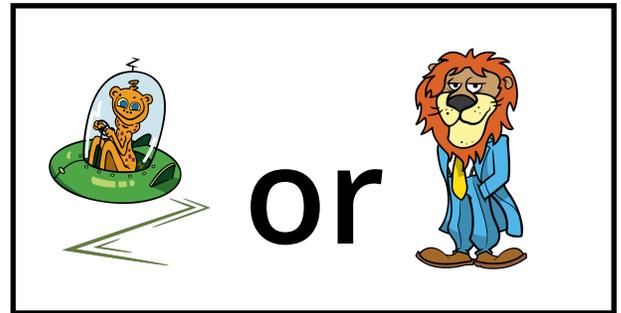
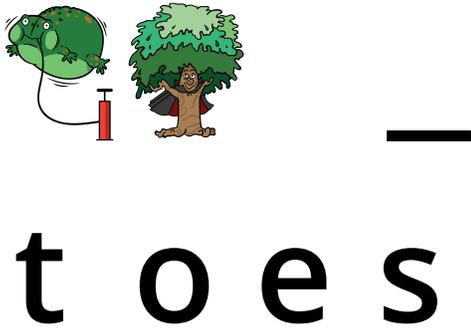


v a x

ANSWER: book

# Missing Character

Can you circle the character that would complete the word?

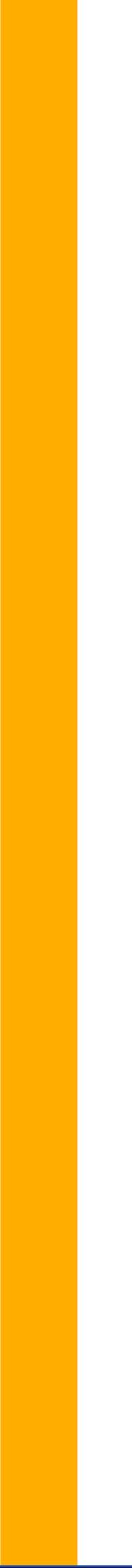


ANSWER: zuto, vulture.

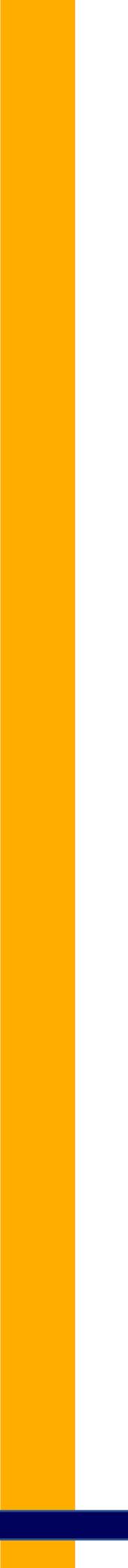
Grab your crayons!

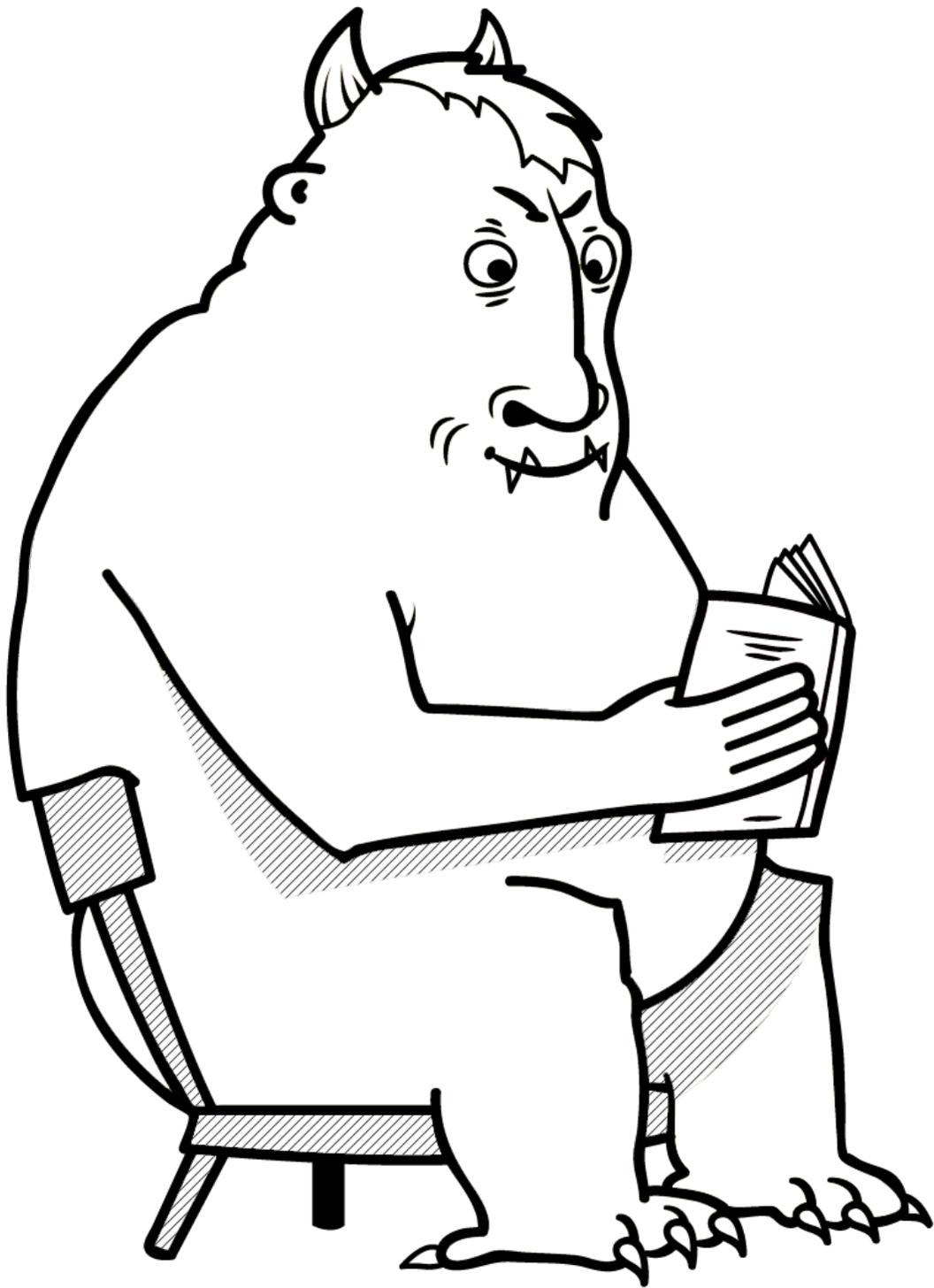












# Word List

TEACHER NOTES: Here are some words you can make from phonemes learned so far. You can practice encoding these using the TVP card set, writing the letters on a piece of paper and placing the characters above them:



of



with



is



good



box



when



very



have

More words for reading practice: we, one, his, has, six, fox, wet, van, vet, was, way, will, wake, wait, once, use, zoo, swim, twig, book, took, wood, foot, buzz, live, week, wear, where, wheel, while, Tuesday

# TVP Card Set Games

Trainertext visual phonics is a perfect (fun!) way to develop strong phonemic awareness, auditory processing skills, and decoding ability. You can print out a card set for free here - <https://www.helpingchildrentoread.com/resources/trainertext-printables/> or order it on Amazon: <https://www.helpingchildrentoread.com/resources/for-purchase/> . Here are some fun games for your 4-7 year old students using the card set.

- **Character Grab**
  - Pick a random handful of character cards, and see how many different words you can come up with. Can be played in teams or one-on-one
- **Sound Match**
  - The teacher/parent writes a simple word down, and places the characters above the letters, with one sound missing. See if your student can pick the correct missing sound. So if you had HAT, you might put the Horse over the H and the Toad over the T, and the child has to find the Ant for the A.
- **Flip the Deck**
  - Place the card set face down on the table. Set a stopwatch timer going. Flip over a card at a time, and have the student tell you the \*sound\* (not name) as fast as possible. Continue through the deck until every card has been flipped. Stop the timer. See if you can beat your time, next time you play! Can also be played in teams.
- **Room Race**
  - Pick a Trainertext character and ask your learners to race around the room collecting as many objects as they can that have the same starting sound. So if you hold up the Kangaroos, they might collect cups, cards, etc. Great to play in teams. If physically collecting objects feels like chaos, you can also have them call them out to list on the board (see which team can think of the most objects in the room)