

## B is for Bear

### Assignment 15

- Complete Lesson 15 of the handwriting book.
- Complete Lesson 15 in your B is for Bear textbook, volume 1. Begin by reviewing the “ew” and “oi” letter combinations (found in Lessons 3 and 4). Write down any number of the following words for illustration: *new, few, pew, dew, hew, blew, grew, drew, whew, stew, chew, crew, slew, newt; oil, boil, coil, foil, toil, soil, coin, join, void, doily, spoil, point, joint, noise, avoid, moist, voice, poison.*

When a word ends with an “s” sound and is combined with a short vowel, the letter combination is “ss.” Write down any number of the following words for illustration:

*miss, kiss, hiss, bliss, boss, dross, moss, cross, loss, floss, Ross, confess, less, tress, chess, mess, guess, dress, bless, grass, mass, lass, pass, brass, class, fuss*



Students may try to guess the meaning of the words *bliss, gloss, dross, tress, and lass* in context. Read the following sentences and have the student choose the correct word from the multiple choice. Where possible, gestures may help make the meaning clear.

1. What *bliss* we felt that spring day, when the sky was bright and the happy sun was shining on our faces!
  - a) happiness
  - b) grumpiness
2. The candlesticks were made of *brass*.
  - a) a mixture of copper and zinc
  - b) wax
3. Keep the good part and get rid of the *dross*.
  - a) pure gold

b) useless part of something

4. She had very long, blond, curly *tresses*.

a) locks of hair

b) dresses

5. Grandfather greeted the pretty *lass* who was knocking at our door.

a) a butterfly

b) young woman

- Students should write out Dictation 15, found at the bottom of the online assignment page, in their dictation books. Parents should be writing misspelled words down on the dictation page and going over it.
- Memorize Robert Frost's "Gathering Leaves," stanzas 1–5. There is only one more stanza to memorize!
- Here is a book recommendation: Diane Stanley and Peter Vennema. *Charles Dickens: The Man with Great Expectations*. HarperCollins, 1993. This delightfully illustrated biography gives a glimpse into Victorian England with an appealing narrative of Charles Dickens' life.