

A is for Apple Assignment 21

Reading and Phonics

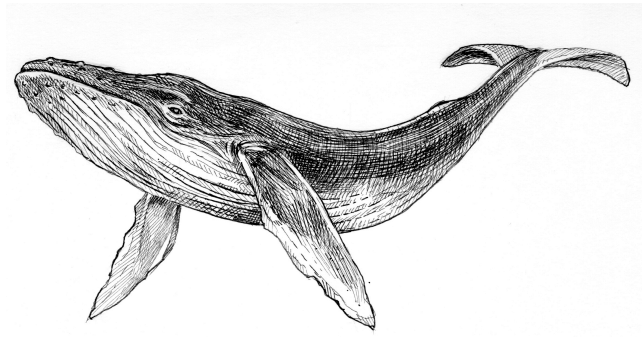
Complete Lesson 21.

Poetry

Memorize stanzas 1–4 of Henry Charles Beeching’s “Going Down Hill on a Bicycle.”

This year students will participate in Speech Night with the recitation of a poem with a

sentence introduction, telling the title, author and what the poem is about. I will be including the introduction in next week’s assignment page. Because there are not enough poems in the appendix, I have added some to make up the difference (see below). After memorizing the Beeching poem, students will have time to memorize at home and recite their poem in class several times before the Poetry Bee (Friday, April 19 at 1:30 at the Broomall Reformed Presbyterian Church). However, students may begin practicing their particular poem in class.



Handwriting

Complete pages 75–77 of the handwriting book.

Dictation

Remind students that if something belongs to the word that comes before it, the word that comes before it should have an apostrophe and s. Before completing the dictation, ask what belongs to what in the following oral exercise. Then ask what word should end with an apostrophe/s. This time the words are placed in the context of a sentence. Before giving the dictation, review the ind and ild letter combinations and the sound of the soft c (as in mice) and remind students to capitalize the first word in the sentence and to include an end mark.

ORAL EXERCISE 3 ON APOSTROPHES

1. She was late to the *dentist’s* office.

Answer: *The office belongs to the dentist. “Dentist” ends with an apostrophe + s.*

2. *Sam’s* violin was repaired.

Answer: *The violin belongs to Sam. “Sam” ends with an apostrophe + s.*

3. He opened all of the *desk’s* drawers.

Answer: *The drawers “belong to”¹ the desk. “Desk” ends with an apostrophe + s.*

4. The *teacher’s* books fell on the floor.

Answer: *The books belong to the teacher. “Teacher” ends with an apostrophe + s.*

5. Let’s fold up *the school’s* chairs.

Answer: *The chairs belong to the school. “School” ends with an apostrophe + s.*

¹ In many cases it is more proper to say that the apostrophe indicates “of the”; i.e., *The desk’s drawers* is the same as *The drawers of the desk*. However, as students are first introduced to the idea of using apostrophes, it is best to keep it as simple as possible.

6. The *old man's* tie was yellow.

Answer: *The tie belongs to the old man. "Man" ends with an apostrophe + s.*

7. *Brian's* bedroom need to be cleaned.

Answer: *The bedroom belongs to Brian. "Brian" ends with an apostrophe + s.*

8. The *tree's* fruit is ripe.

Answer: *The fruit "belongs to" the tree. "Tree" ends with an apostrophe + s.*

9. *Sarah's* husband is very kind.

Answer: *The husband "belongs to" Sarah. "Sarah" ends with an apostrophe + s.*

10. Close the *window's* shutters.

Answer: *The shutters "belong to" the window. "Window" ends with an apostrophe + s.*

EXERCISE A

1. It's mild.

2. Wind it up.

3. I like Jill's rice.

4. Bob's bike is gold.

5. I do not mind.

Poems to Recite for Speech Night

"Going down Hill on a Bicycle" by Henry Charles Beeching
by Lily Sheridan

I Meant To Do My Work Today by Richard Le Gallienne
Recited by Olivia Humbert

"There is But One May" by Christina Rossetti
Recited by Sarah Malachowski

"A Chill" by Christina Rossetti
Recited by Patrick Mohan

"The Lord Will Provide" by William Cowper
Recited by Gwen Gianotti

"The Cow" by Robert Louis Stevenson
Recited by Owen Ireland

"Merry Little Alice" by Christina Rossetti
Recited by Iliana Isaac

"Rosy Maiden Winifred" by Christina Rossetti
Recited by Laneya Worthington

"The Lowest Place" by Christina Rossetti
Recited by Rita Haselbarth

The Cow

By Robert Louis Stevenson

The friendly cow all red and white,
I love with all my heart:
She gives me cream with all her might,
To eat with apple-tart.

She wanders lowing here and there,
And yet she cannot stray,
All in the pleasant open air,
The pleasant light of day;

And blown by all the winds that pass
And wet with all the showers,
She walks among the meadow grass
And eats the meadow flowers.

Merry Little Alice

By Christina Rossetti

Dancing on the hilltops,
Singing in the valleys,
Laughing with the echoes,
Merry little Alice.

Playing games with lambkins
In the flowering valleys,
Gathering pretty posies,
Helpful little Alice.

If her father's cottage
Turned into a palace,
And he owned the hilltops
And the flowering valleys,
She'd be none the happier,
Happy little Alice.

Rosy Maiden Winifred

By Christina Rossetti

Rosy maiden Winifred,
With a milk pail on her head.
Tripping through the corn,
While the dew lies on the wheat
In the sunny morn.

Scarlet shepherd's-weatherglass
Spreads wide open at her feet

As they pass;
Cornflowers give their almond smell
While she brushes by,
And a lark sings from the sky
"All is well."

The Lowest Place

By Christina Rossetti

Give me the lowest place: not that I dare
Ask for that lowest place, but Thou hast died
That I might live and share
Thy glory by Thy side.

Give me the lowest place: or if for me
That lowest place too high, make one more
low

Where I may sit and see
My God and love Thee so.

I Meant To Do My Work Today

By Richard Le Gallienne

I meant to do my work to-day—
But a brown bird sang in the apple-tree,
And a butterfly flitted across the field,
And all the leaves were calling me.

And the wind went sighing over the land,
Tossing the grasses to and fro,
And a rainbow held out its shining hand—
So what could I do but laugh and go?

The Rainbow

By William Wordsworth

My heart leaps up when I behold
A rainbow in the sky:
So was it when my life began;
So is it now I am a man;
So be it when I shall grow old,
Or let me die!

The child is father of the man;
And I could wish my days to be
Bound each to each by natural piety.