

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 this assignment page. 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.

EXERCISE A

He laid the package down.

We paid for the cabbage.

We did not damage the sail.

They took a voyage by sea, not the train.

The bird's tail had red plumage.

EXERCISE B

The boss needs this package sent.

I will take the garbage out.

The bird in that tree has red plumage.

Did the rain damage the package?

Where did you read that adage?