# Your key to spelling and reading success



A whole school phonemic approach to spelling



## WHAT IS Sound waves?

#### Sound Waves is the only whole school phonemic word study program written by Australian teachers, for the Australian Curriculum and based on the sounds of Australian English.

The phonemic approach is recognised as one of the most effective ways to teach and learn spelling and reading skills. Sound Waves develops phonemic awareness through a systematic program for students from Foundation to Year 6.

Through the explicit teaching of the Sound Waves program, teachers assist students to develop an understanding of our language and the fundamental skills of spelling and reading.



## HOW TO USE SOUND WAVES

The Sound Waves program contains 36 sound units which fit neatly into a school year. Each sound unit follows a simple 3-step teaching & learning program. The program is comprehensively supported by Teacher Books, Student Books and a variety of resources including Black Line Masters and interactive games, all accessible via Sound Waves Online.

### **STEP** 1



#### **Explore the Sound**

This is your explicit teaching time for the week. Your **Sound Waves Teacher Book** has fantastic ideas for Warm Up, Identify the Sound and Brainstorming activities for every unit.

#### **Explore the List Words**

Use Sound Waves Online to project *Student Book* pages onto your whiteboard.This helps you, help students to stay focused as they explore the List Words for the week. You can also use the interactive games and teaching tools to further consolidate the List Words.

No whiteboard? Simply use the host of printable games ideas in your *Teacher Book*.

If you're looking for differentiation you'll find Extension Words in the back of every **Student Book** and for your super spellers try our **Super Challenge Black Line Masters**.

### **STEP 2**



#### Working with Words

On these days students will spend some time working through the graded activities in their *Student Books*.

As well as consolidating the List Words, each sound unit contains a range of important language concepts and you'll find clever teaching ideas to introduce each new concept – just look in your **Teacher Book**.

Download BLMs from *Sound Waves Online* to further consolidate and reinforce the content of each unit. They're great for homework ideas as well.

### STEP 3

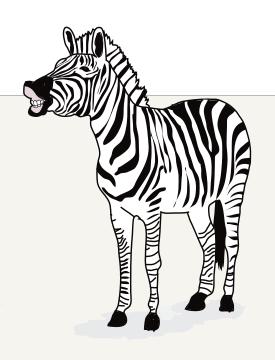
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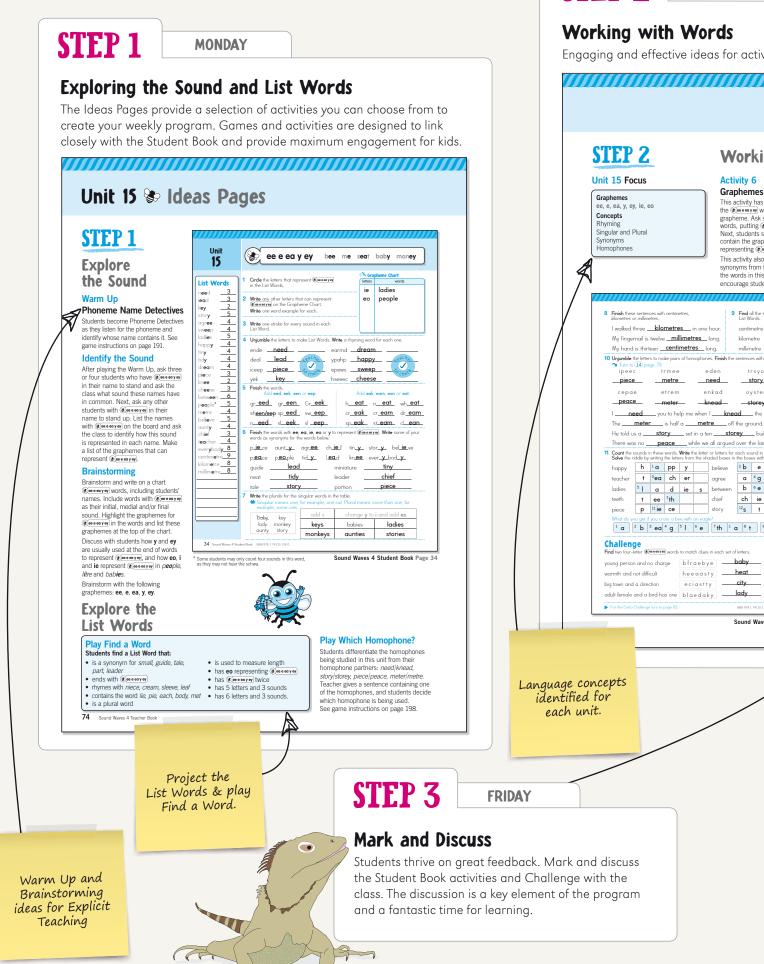
The time you and your students spend marking and discussing the work they have done in their **Student Book** is probably the most important part of the week.

Make sure you leave some time to pre-test the List Words for the following week.

And you're done!



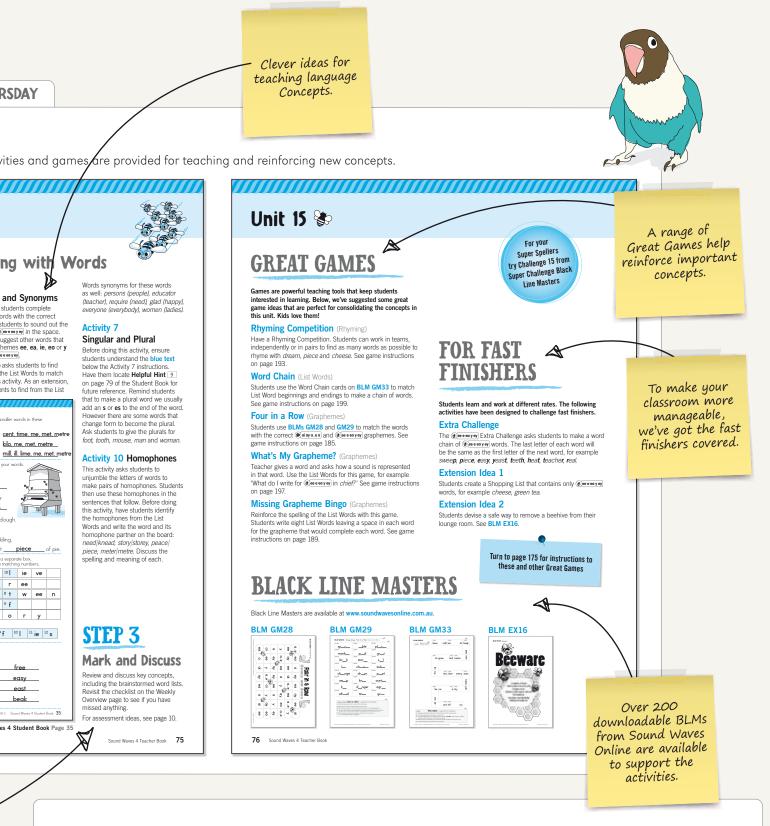
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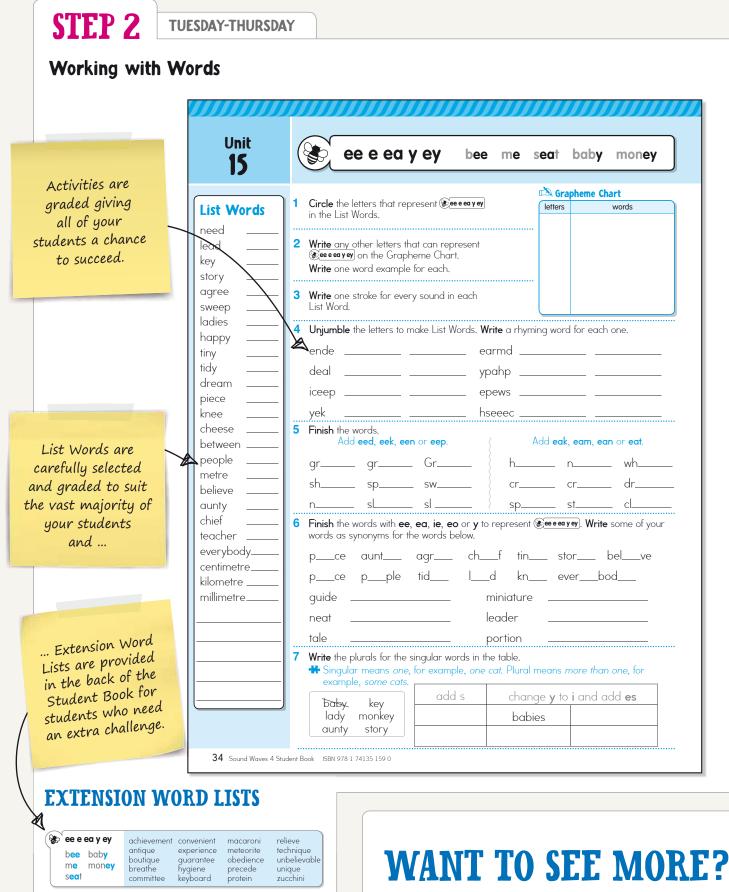
### BRING YOUR CLASSROOM TO LIFE WITH SOUND WAVES ONLINE!

- Projectable Student Book pages
- Projectable List Words
- Downloadable Black Line Masters
- Interactive learning objects and games for students
- Starter Kits
- Teaching tips, preparation & planning ideas
- And much more



Explore Sound Waves Online yourself... Try it! at www.soundwavesspelling.com.au

## **STUDENT BOOK**



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**EXTRA CHALLENGE** 



Make a word chain of **Eeeeayey** words. The last letter of each word will be the same as the first letter of the next word, for example *sweep*, *piece*, *easy*, *yeast*, *teeth*, *heat*, *teacher*, *real*.

- explore Sound Waves Online
- trial Sound Waves in your classroom
- request inspection copies of books
- view the professional development schedule.