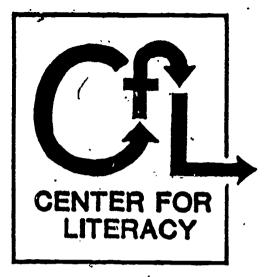
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ABSTRACT

This resource manual of ideas for incorporating functional literacy applications into student lessons is intended for volunteers trained to teach one-to-one in adult literacy programs and for teachers of adult students. The ideas are designed to increase beginning student exposure to and familiarity with functional literacy materials. It provides relevant reading materials while reinforcing basic skills development. Introductory materials discuss use of the book, teaching of functional literacy, materials needed, and definitions of important terms. The chapters are arranged by topics. Each topic contains sample lessons or lesson suggestions. Topics include names and sounds of letters, key words for the sounds of letters, sight words in real life reading materials, vowel decoding, alphabetical order, numbers, number words, variations on language experience, reading "everything," using the Bible or other religious material as teaching tools, family reading, and literacy and employment. A goal-setting checklist is followed by a bibliography of resource materials for tutors and teachers and reading materials for adults. (YLB)



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INTRODUCTION

Many adults enter literacy programs wanting and needing to read materials higher than their tested reading grade level. These reading materials include newspapers, work manuals, directions for medication and job applications. In many cases application of beginning literacy skills to "real world," or functional materials is delayed until students master "the basics." Students, therefore, have limited opportunity to read materials they really want to read. They are not instructed to apply what they learn in textbooks and workbooks into real world reading.

Although real world materials are higher than literacy students' tested reading grade level, applying basic reading, writing and computation skills can start at the 0 - level. Students can become familiar with, and begin reading functional literacy materials without delay.

Discuss with your student what he or she hopes to gain by learning how to read and write. Ask these questions:

- 1. Why did you decide to come for tutoring now?
- 2. What do you most want to be able to read and write?
- 3. Are there things you want to do that you can't because you don't read or write well enough?

What do you read or write outside of tutoring sessions?

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STUDENT EXPERIENCES

Here are excerpts, from a study conducted by Ms., Judy Lashoff for The Center for Literacy in Philadelphia. These students have were in the program from six months to over, one year. The study reflects a great deal of students' interest, need, and accomplishment in functional reading.

Mr. S. B.

. . his wife used to read his mail to him. Now he reads it himself. Now he reads from the Bible sometimes . . He reads signs while on the street and while shopping. He reads whatever he can lay his hands on, any chance he gets. Miss R.

. . . can't spell well enough for the writing she wants to do letters to friends . . . She wants to be able to help more in her church and, if asked, hold church offices such as corresponding secretary.

Mr. J. P.

. . . studied the Driver's Manual (his wife read it to him) and he passed the driver's test. . . His father also taught him how to drive a tractor trailor, but he won't do that since he can't read directions.

Mr. K. D.

. . . remarried recently and decided to start back to school with his wife's encouragement. She objected to doing "everything for him" i.e. reading his mail. He can now read ' Mrs. M. S.

. . explained that to put money into the bank you just write the numbers, but to take money out you have to spell them. She calls a friend to check the number spelling.

Mrs. S. M.

. . . when someone tells her he lives on a street that isn't well known, or a not-too-common name of a person or place, she'll ask the person to spell it because that wouldn't seem "too far out of line." For addressing presents and cards, she keeps a list of relatives' names and looks on old greeting cards, to find the spelling of words like birthday.

Ms. Lashoff interviewed twelve students for this report. All but two mentioned that they wanted to read the newspaper or magazines.

WHO THIS BOOK IS FOR

1. Students

This book is designed for adults learning or reviewing the names and the sounds of the letters of the alphabet, long and short vowels, numerals, consonant blends and other basic phonetic elements. They may be using the <u>Laubach May To Reading</u> series, but can be using other baginning reading texts. (See bibliography for recommended, beginning reading texts for adults.) This book also uses sight word reading, language experience reading, and other learning techniques.

2. Tutors and Teachers of Adults

a) One-to-One-Tutoring

This book is especially designed for volunteers trained to teach on a one-to-one basis in adult literacy program.

b) Teaching Groups

Experienced volunteer tutors and professionally trained teachers who teach classes of adult students will find this book helpful for adapting functional literacy instruction for groups of students.

SOME WAYS TO TEACH FUNCTIONAL LITERACY Functional literacy may be taught in these ways:

a.) Help

Helping a student with a functional literacy task that needs immediate attention.

Immédiate help for students with functional reading needs can be extremely helpful. For example: A student may ask a tutor's help to read a piece of important mail, fill in a form or respond to a letter. In a case like this the tutor does not necessarily teach strategies for decoding the words. Instead, the tutor helps a student with the immediate need of completing the task.

b.) Incorporating functional reading topics into a student's lessons.

Perhaps a student wishes to learn how to write checks. The tutor and student may decide to set this as a goal for tutoring. They then work on the various aspects of writing a check: writing dates, numerical spellings, balancing, etc. The student gets homework and practice in writing checks. The student, while working on other materials during the tutoring sessions, can also use a workbook especially written for teaching banking skills to adult new readers. After a few weeks the student understands how to write and balance checks and is working towards completing the banking workbook.

c.) Mastery of Functional Literacy Goals

At this point, a student masters a particular area of functional literacy. Perhaps the student mentioned above has opened a checking account, thereby fully achieving, the goal. Another student obtains a driver's license or raises his/her reading level high enough to enter a job, training program. Students can master one area of functional literacy but still want instruction in other areas as the need arises.

'Please note:

Achievement of some student goals is measured by the student's personal satisfaction. Many students want to read the Bible or read to children. Instead of getting a certificate, the student's own sense of accomplishment is the reward.

HOW THIS BOOK WORKS

This book is a resource manual of ideas for incorporating functional literacy into student lessons. ideas These are designed to increase beginning student exposure to, and functional literacy familiarity with, materials, thereby providing them with relevant reading materials while reinforcing. basic skills development.

Total mastery of functional literacy skills will be made easier as students reach more independent reading levels.

5.

The chapters are arranged by topic. Each topic contains sample lessons or lesson suggestions. Supplementary materials can be found in the bibliography.

You can adapt the **stop**ics and lesson suggestions for your own students' needs. A sample lesson can be used directly from this book, or with other real world materials.

Materials Needed

A sample of real life reading material of the student's choice. Many of the examples in this book come from the newspaper. Feel free to use magazines, church or synagogue bullitens, catalogs, menus, maps, or any other material students wish to read.

2. A separate notebook for the student.

3.

Any basic skills workbook series that focuses on the mames and sounds of letters, upper and lower case writing, numerals, short and long vowels, consonant blends and other basic phonic elements. Examples given in sthis book are from The Laubach Way To Reading Series. (See bibliography for other beginning reading texts for adults.)

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IMPORTANT TERMS

What follows is a brief review of important terms, tutors should know. These terms define teaching approaches which are applied throughout this book. Volunteers learn many or all of these techniques during their training workshops. For more information about teaching techniques, order a copy of the <u>Basic</u> <u>Literacy Tutor Handbook</u> by calling or writing The Center for Literacy, 37,26 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104-3189; (215) 382-3700.

Phonics .

Phonics is the study and application of letter sounds as a means of teaching beginners how to read. Phonics instruction includes the study of consonant sounds, short and long vowels, spelling patterns affecting vowel sounds, special letter combinations such as consonant blends, digraphs, dipthongs, and "r" controlled sounds and syllabication.

Sight Words '

- Sight words are learned as whole words through 'sight recognition rather than breaking them down phonetically. There are two different kinds of sight words:

commonly used words usually one to four letters long that occur frequently in printed materials.

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any word(s) of any length a student wishes to read immediately.

Sight words are usually taught by using flash cards. Students read them aloud and write them several times until they are mastered. Don't teach more than five sight words at a time. Words learned by sight should also be read in sentences and

paragraphs.

Duct Reading

Duet reading is an excellent way to help students practice reading and overcome choppy reading. The tutor and the student read aloud in unison. The tutor is the "lead" voice, setting the pace and modeling expressive reading. As the pair reads along, the student will drop out at unknown words but will hear them said by the tutor. This enables the student to comprehend everything even though he or she can't read every word. The immediate experience of hearing the tutor read the unknown word will help to reinforce the student's visual memory of the word.

Language Experience

The language experience technique uses the student's own language. The student learns to read the words he or she actually says. The tutor transcribes the student's oral language and uses it as the basis of reading instruction. A student reads his own words and stories and not what the author of a workbook decided to write.

Context Clues And The Cloze Technique

Context clues allow a student to make good guesses about the unknown words in a passage, based on the known words.

The Cloze technique consists of deleting words from a passage and asking students to fill in the blank with a word that makes sense. The student may have a choice of words but this is not necessary. Student answers do not have to be the same as the original reading passage, but they must make sense.

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Names and Sounds of Letters

sometimes a student who can identify a letter in a workbook cannot identify the same letter in other forms of print. Use these exercises to familiarize your student with the variety of ways a letter can be printed.

Identify letters in the newspaper that correspond to the letters taught in the workbook. Be careful to choose lower and upper case letters, depending on what the workbook teaches. Use various letter shapes and sizes.

Sample Lesson Using <u>Lubach Way to Reading</u> Lesson 1, Chart 1

Teach the chart, following the directions in the Teacher's Manual. With each letter taught in the workbook, find the same letter in the newspaper.

Say: What is the name of this letter:

What is the sound of the letter:

After teaching each letter with the new representative sample letter, cut out the letter from the newpaper and glue it . into the student's notebook. Arrange the notebook in the following way:

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Newspaper

Student Writes

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Sample page of student notebook teaching lower case letters, using <u>Laubach Way to Reading</u>, Lessons 1-2. Use this model to teach upper case letters as well.

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d	C	. •	
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g	9	'n	ĥ
'n h	h	р	P
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Key Words for the Sounds of Letters

Lesson Preparation

Identify words in the newspaper that begin with the same letters as in the workbook lesson. These words can be the same or different from the key words in the workbook. Be careful to choose words beginning with lower or upper case letters, depending on what the workbook teaches. Use various letter shapes and sizes. Circle the words you will use for the lesson(s).

Sample Lessons

using Laubach Way to Reading, Lesson 1, Chart 1

If your key letter is "b," find a word in the newspaper beginning with "b." Point to the word and say:

This is the word **bank**. Read **bank**.

Newspaper

bank

After teaching a new key word, cut out the word and tape or glue it into the student's notebook. Arrange the notebook in the following way:

Student Writes

The next pägë is a sample of a student notebook page teaching key words (<u>Laubach Way to Reading</u>, Lessons 1-9)....Use this model to teach lower case words as well.

Account Lottery Lotery Account Barber Barber Mother Mother Now Now Chain Chain Dil Oil Drug Drugs Prussia Prossaila Exports Exports Quality Quality Fly Fly Rangers Rangers Gray Gray. Steam Steam Haven Haven Ingredient; Ingredients Trash Trash Urban Urban Jerry Jerry. 12 Key KEY Volunteers Volunteers 18

Sight Words in Real Life Reading Materials

This lesson can be presented as a word search game. The basic guidelines are:

 A) List 3 to 10 sight words from the work book story.
 For example, in the Laubach Way to Reading, lesson 1, story 1, the sight words are:

This	this	The .	the
is	,	has	
a		in	×.
her			

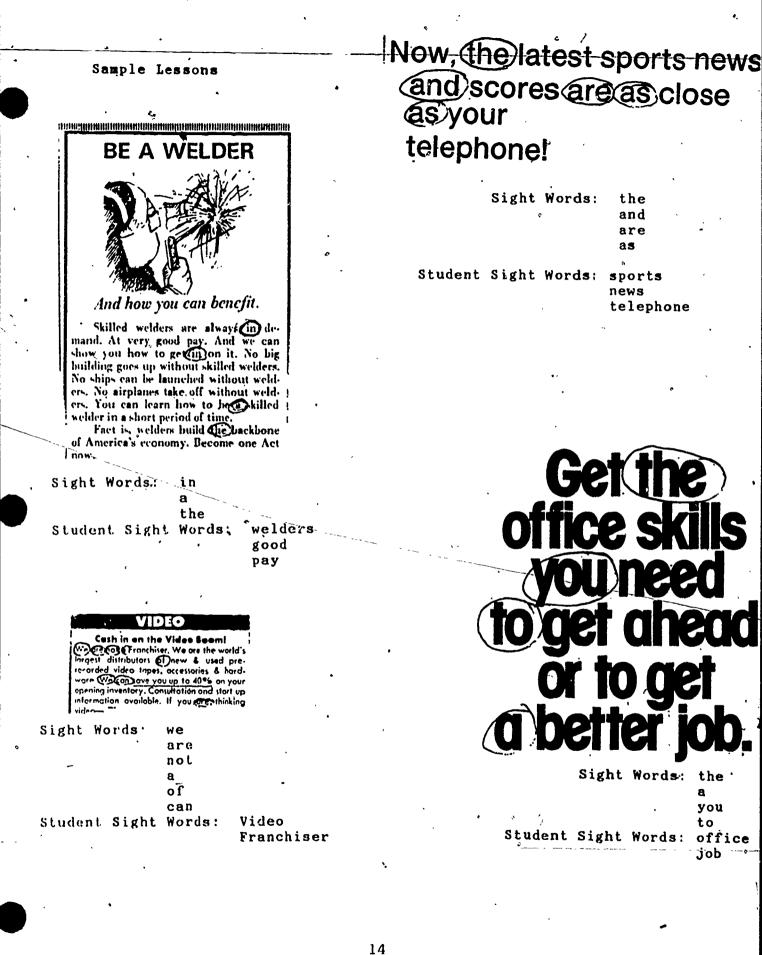
- B) Find a brief article of interest to the student from the newspaper cr other source.
- C) Clip the article and attach it to a page in the student's notebook.
- D) Circle the sight words from the workbook lesson which appear in the clipping.
- E) Point out to the student that the words in the clipping are the same words as the words in the workbook. Have the student read and write the words.
- F) Students may chose to read and write other words from the clipping as personal or student sight words.

Alternate Approach

- A) Duet Read the entire article with the student before clipping it from the newspaper.
- B) Circle the sight words from the workbook lesson (or any other key words) which appear in the article. Student and tutor may do this together.
- C) Attach the clipping to the student's notebook. Have student read and write the words. Nave student choose other sight words he or she might want to learn.

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VOWEL DECODING

Find examples vowel sounds in words students use everyday.

Lesson Suggestions

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Applying V	owel Decodin	g to Abbreviations	Lesson	s in
		1	Laubach Way To	
Monday	Mon.	u (irregular)	Lesson 4	Sk Bk 2
Tuesday	Tues,	u sound	Lesson _s 2	Sk Bk 4
Wednesday	Wed.	short e	Lesson ⁴	Sk Bk l
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Friday	Fri.	long i	Lesson 11	Sk Bk 3
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tit		×	Lesson 8	Sk Bk 2
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February	Feb.	short e	Lesson 4	Sk Bk
,			Lesson 6	Sk Bk 2
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May	May	"long a	Lesson 3	Sk Bk 3
June	June	u (irregular)	Lesson 4	Sk Bk 4
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July	July	u (irregular)	Lesson 4	Sk Bk 4
August	Aug.	← short u (au)	Lesson 12	Sk Bk 4
September	Sept.	short e	Lesson 4	Sk Bk l
• ``		•	Lesson 6	Sk Bk-2
October	Oct.	short o	Lesson 4	Sk ⁻ Bk l
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November	Nov.	long o	Lesson 17	Sk Bk 3
December	Dec.	long e	Lesson 7	Sk Bk 3
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ALPHABETICAL ORDER

Students may already have the alphabet memorized. If they don't, they should memorize it. It's OK for a student to keep an alphabet chart handy if he or she has trouble remembering alphabetical order.

Lesson Suggestions

Dictionary

Students should begin locking up words in the dictionary as soon as possible. Start with words students know, just so they get experience using the dictionary. Later they can begin looking up definitions and correct spellings. Students should begin using the dictionary to find syllables as soon as their workbooks start teaching it.

Telephone Book

Have student look up family and friends in the telephone book. Also, practice locating information in the Blue Pages and the Yellow Pages. Blue Pages list government services; Yellow Pages include names of restaurants, doctors, repairmen, and other consumer services.

Address Book

Have student get a personal address book and begin recording names, addresses and phone numbers of family and friends. Include other important numbers they've located in the telephone book. Work with the student to include correct area codes and zip codes. Area code charts are in the White Pages of the telephone book and zip code charts are in the Yellow Pages. <u>Other Practice in Alphabetizing</u> See page 24

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NUMBERS

Most students already know how to read and interpret numbers. Numbers commonly appear in:

time)	I.D. number
calendars	addresses
date .	street names
phone numbers	zip codes
noney	area code s
bank account numbers	social security cards

Some students need to learn basic computation. Knowing how to do addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, decimals, fractions. and percents is basic to literacy. If a student needs these skills, use math workbooks. Other very basic uses for numbers are included here.

Lessons Suggestions

Calendar

Get a calendar and discuss with student the following questions:

- 1. How many days are in the month? Is this the same for all months?
- 2. What do the numbers on the calendar represent?
- 3. How many columns are on the calendar and which days of the week do they represent?

4. Does a calendar week start with Sunday or Monday? See page 15 for applying vowel decoding to the days of the week and the months of the year

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Tutor and student review together how to write down times. Remember to teach A.M. for morning and P.M. for afternoon and evening.

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Student writes time

Try these for practice:

Tutor says: (I got up at) nine-thirty. (The appointment is for) ten o'clock in the morning.

(Be home by) six o'clock. (I arrived at) seven-o-five. (Punch in at) eight fifty-three. Five forty-five is too late. (The phone rang at) one-fifteen AM. Four-thirty PM (is when we expect to go).

Dates

Time

Teach student how to record dates according to numerical representations. Try these:

 Tutor says:
 Students Write:

 May 1, 1985

 January 23, 1983

March 11, 1983

Discuss where these might be used.

Have students write dates that are important to them, such as birthdays, anniversaries, etc. Students can use their address book to record some of these dates. Receipts

Have students bring in several store receipts if they wish to better understand them. Discuss with students the items on the receipts and what the codes represent:

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Sample Lessons

4 NAME of store PAYLESS SHOE STORE THANK YOU - Item code on Computer 42651710 LOT & Price of Shoes 10.00 SH - Item Code on Computer - Price of Shies 27011616 LOT - 10.00 SH - TOTAL PRICE 20.00 TOTL 20.00 CASH <Time 10:25 AM 4764 3 ← Store Codes 2575 e Date 05/24/85

PIC-WAY	E-Name of Store
OUR SERVICE MEASURES UP	
31 5046 01 8668 3383001	& Codes
0806 3094026 MDS 1 3.99	
0304 3594025 MDS 1 4.98	L Codes and Prices
0017 8062242 MDS 1 3.49] Codes and Prices of Items Purchased
SUBTOTAL 12.47	- Subtotal
PENN 6 PCT TAX .00	& Pennsylvania 690 tax
CASH TENDER 15.00	& Cesh Faid
CHANGE 2.53	e Change
TOTAL 12.47	
	< Total
YOU BOUGHT SMART AT PIC-WAY	
05/24/85 10:05	< Date and Time of Purchaso
	- Jone and I'me of furchase

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Number words

Spelling numbers is most important for writing checks or money orders.

Sample Lesson

Use copies of this blank check to give students practice in writing checks. Students can also use their own checks.

•	\sim		
Name Address			Check #
City, State,	Zip [.]		19
Pay to the		•	• '• • • • • • •
Order of	ی پرون چین برند میں اور سے 100 مترار سے زندا ہوتا ہوتا ہے۔ زند بی زندر میں عام اور اور اور اور اور او	بر این	\$
	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	·	Dollars
Bank Name			
Memo		Sign	nature
059007,6	147 629 711 0937	۵	- •

Beginning students often have difficulty mastering the spelling of number words. They may keep a chart of number spellings in their wallets for reference. Here is a chart students can use:

1		Nueb	er vorde		
<u> </u>		10	ten	20	tventy
}	one	11	eleven	21	tventy-one_
2_	tro	12	tvelve	22	tventy-tve
	three	<u> </u>	thirteen	23	tventy-three
~ <u>^</u>		14	fourteen	24	tventy-four
	five	15_	fifteen	25	tventy-five
6		16		26	tventy-six
7	seyen	17		27	tventy-sever
0_	eisht	10		20	tventy-eight
9	nine		nineteen	- 29	tvesty-nise
30	thisty	40	forty	70	seventy
31	thirty-one	50	eitty	80	eighty
32	thirty-two	60	sixty	90	ninety
	100 one hu	ndred	1,000 one t	housend	

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Variations on Language Experience

Transcribing a student's words into print links the written word with oral language. The words might be longer or harder to read by phonetic standards, but often they are easier for a student to read, since the student's speaking vocabulary is something that he has "owned" his whole life. "He knows the sounds; seeing those sounds represented by letters reinforces the connection between speaking and reading.

Lesson Suggestions

Recipes

Record' recipes (preferably ones the student already knows) through language experience dictation.

Letters

If your student wishes, you can take language experience dictation for letters he or she wants to write.

' Lists

Compile lists of words relating to subjects of interest to your student. For example:

family member names names of car makes and models foods plants or flowers streets color names movie characters fabric names tool names Bible characters

How To

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Take language experience dictation from your student about things he or she knows how to do well. For example:

Saving Money Fixing Cars Sewing Caring for Plants Caring for Animals Painting Parenting Being a Grandparent

Use any of the above ideas with duet reading, sight word practice, and phonics reinforcement.

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Reading "Everything"

Ask students to collect and bring to class such items as pamphlets, "junk mail," church bulletins, political information, and school notices. Much of what the students read will be understood since so much of this kind of information is familiar.

Sample Lesson

Here's an example of how to apply basic skills lessons to a supermarket food circular. You can develop similar types of lessons using many of the items mentioned above.

The basic guidelines are:

- A) Finding examples of words that illustrate skills learned in workbooks or skills student wishes to learn.
- B) Developing lessons that review and reinforce these skills, applying them to words, phrases, etc. in "real world" materials.

Examples of what you can include are:

short vowels dictionary use 1. 7. 2. long vowels 8. number of syllables 3. consonant blends subject categories 9. 4. digraphs locating information* 10. compound words 5.

6. root words

Supermarket Shopping

Instruct students to do the following:

<u>Vowels</u>

Say the words. Write the long vowel sound that you hear in each word.

grape ______ stove _____ blade _____ rice _____ save _____

Circle the letters that represent the vowel sound that you hear in each word.

roast	raisins	juice
meat	peas .	pie
cream	cheese	tea

Write the letter that represents the vowel sound in each word.

loaf		rain .	
maid	`	veal	
slice		cleaner y	
juice		weaver	
roast	·	beef	

Compound Words

Complete these compound words. You can use your paper to find examples of complete compound words.

sun	
food	

crab_____paste

cock_____

Find the two smaller words in each compound word.

popcorn			
checkout	ه		
pineapple		Ι.	•
toothpaste	' . 		

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Make compound words by matching each word on the left with a word on the right. Write the compound words you've made.

Δ	· ·	<u>B</u>
pine		. apple
drum		berry
stŗaw	- , ,	corn
grape		cake
mouth		wash
pan		fruit
DOD		sticks

Alphabetical Order

Arrange the words in alphabetical order

I., II HI eggs butter · fresh bread bread fruit milk fillet beans cheese bologna fish pork bananas flour • ••• Dictionary Find the words in the dictionary. Write the page number. poultry consumer fruit raisin dairy vegetables 24

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Consonant Blend

Using your paper, write food words or brand names. that_begin with these blends.

f 1	flounder	br	
s 1		fr	
g1 _		pr	
pl		tr	
cl		cr	

<u>Digraphs</u>

Using your paper, write food words or brand names that begin with these sounds.

<u>ch</u>				<u>wh</u>		•
1.	3				1.	`~
2.		•	•		2.	
3.	•	- -			3.	

Root Words

Write	the	root	word.
	• ** •		

saving	- <i>-</i>	baking	
shopping		dressing	
filling		flakes	

Syllables

Read each word out loud and write the number of syllables that you hear

grocery	· ·	detergent	
brooms	· · · · · · · · ·	shrimp	
walnut	·	roast	
wisk (flounder	

Read each word our loud, and write the number of syllables you hear. eggs vegetables butter fruit cabbage chicken turkey – ham ____ bacon frozen Locating Information Find the cost of these foods in your paper. apples 3 lb. bag _____ bacon 1 1b. pork chops center cutbutter 1 1b. ground beef 1 lb. _____ shampoo any size frozen orange juice any size Catagorizing Write the words under the correct heading. cheese turkey milk ham apples oranges butter greens mouthwash beet pork toothpaste chicken grapes bacon beiry <u>Health & Beauty</u>

Produce

<u>Meats</u>'

Reading the Bible or Other Religious Material As Teaching Tools.

If your student wants to read the Bible, or other religious material, use it in your lessons. Religious reading can both a motivate your student, and be a source of reading pleasure. However, no material should be forced on your student. Nor should you, the tutor or teacher, be forced to use material that conflicts with your values.

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Using the Bible

Sample Lesson

Since the Bible is often part of the student's oral language experience, the text will be somewhat familiar to him.

Here is an example of a Cloze Exercise using Psalm 23.

The Lord is - - - - - - Shepherd. me, my

I shall not - - - - -. want, went

He maketh me to lie down in - - - - - - - pastures. gray, green

He leadeth me beside the ------ waters. still, stop

Sight	Words			Student's	Sight Words
the		not	-	Lord	r
is		in		shephe	rd
to		down		green	
He		1	4	water	

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Family Reading

As a tutor, you can help your student become more comfortable about reading to children.

1) Familiarize your student with children's books. Encourage your student to bring in any children's books from home. Hold several tutoring sessions in the children's section of the local library, picking out books that the children involved might like.

2) Help your student bring reading to his or her children. Stress the idea that book-reading^o should be fun, thoughtprovoking, and reassuring for children (and not disciplinary, boring, or test-like). Allowing children to draw, scribble and make sound effects while reading, and to talk about people, places and feelings in the story helps children to identify with what's in the book. Early experiences with stories help prepare children for school.

3) Encourage your student to practice oral reading of children's books during tutoring sessions. Go over tricky or unknown words together. Try duet reading. Suggest that he or she use a tape recorder for additional practice.

4) MOST IMPORTANT: Be a friend. Be supportive. Check in with your student now and then about how the storybook reading is going.

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Literacy and Employment Lesson Preparation

Some things to discuss with your student:

- Many adults who want to learn to read and write already have a good job.
- Not everyone who wants to learn to read and write has employment goals.
- 3) Literacy students seeking employment may already have many employable skills.
- Learning how to read and write will not guarantee a person a job.

Examples of some job related lessons:

- One tutor and his student read the city plumbing code. The student is already a skilled plumber but needs to "finally" read the manual.
- 2) A woman in a literacy program got a job as a receptionist after her tutor taught her how to take phone messages.

Remind your student that reading and writing has rewards outside the job, as the next student exemplifies.

3. After several months of tutoring, one student cut back on the number of days per week she worked so she would have more time just to enjoy learning.

Literacy can improve job prospects in several ways:

- The process of looking for, and applying for, some jobs requires more reading and writing than the job itself. Tutors and students can focus lessons on want ads, job applications, and resume writing.
- 2) Some jobs require minimal or repetitives amounts of reading and writing. If so, a student can focus on what she will need to read and write for a particular job.
- 3) Job training opportunities are only available to those who can read and write.



4) As employed literacy students progress in their studies they often begin accepting job promotions that require paper work.

What follows are some sample lessons on literacy and employment.

Sample Lessons

Assist students in completing any of the following lessons: Finding A Job Through A Friend - Letters Of Application

A friend tells you about a retail clerk job opening at the local department store. To get a "head start" on the competition, you decide to write a letter of application for the position before it is announced publicly.

A. Write down your qualifications for this job.

B. Write down the probable requirements of this job.

C. Using the above two lists, write a letter of application for this position:

Letter Format:

Dear

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Sincerely.

Finding a Job in The Want Ads - Letters of Application

;'Sample Lesson'

Select one of the following three ads--

SECURITY	SALES	HBLPBR ·
Immediate Openings in airport area. Gd. starting sal. Need car and phone. Send resume to: attn: Mr. Smith	Major wholesale florist needs cutflower sales- person. Personal interviews today through June 6 at 5314 East Ave.	Small studio needs pleasant person to answer phone, etc. No exp. nec. HARCUM STUDIOS 830 Plake St.
ACME SECURITY	Contact John Jones	Phila. PA
1130 Second St.		must begin
Phila. PA	4	immediately

- A. List your qualifications for the job advertised:
- B. List the requirements of the job according to the ad:
- C. Using the above two lists, write a letter of application for the job advertised. See letter format from the previous page



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Using The Want Ads - A Closer Look

Example One

TYPIST

Exp. nec. full time or ~ part time. City Service Co., gd. sal., exc. work. cond., refs. req., call Mrs. Smith

555-9878

Write the words that the following abbreviations stand for:

exp.	. sal.	ref.
nec.	· exc.	req.
Co.	work.	
gd.	cond.	

1. Whom should you call if you are interested in this job?

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2. How much does this job pay?

3. Do you need experience to apply for this job? If yes, how much?

4. What company benefits does this job offer?

5. Where would you be working if you took this job?



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Example Two

SALESPEOPLE

Mfct. of spec. eqpt. needs exp. salespeople. Min. 5 yrs. exp. Sal. 15,000 Exc. work cond. Many Co. benefits inc. sick lv. loc. in N. sub. Call Mr. Seller at 222-5612

Write the words that the following abbreviations stand for:

Mfct.:	cond.:
eqpt.:	Co.:
exp.: \	incl.:
min.:	Iv.:
yrs.:	loc.:
sal.:	N.:
exc.:	sub.:

1. Whom should you call if you are interested in this job?

2. How much does this job pay?

3. Do you need experience to apply for this job? If yes, how much?

4. What company benefits does this job offer?

5. Where would you be working if you took this job?

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Example Three

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Bring in the want ads section from' a newspaper. Have students think of two job positions that they would like to have. With student, select two advertisements from the newspaper for comparable positions (jobs). Expand the abbreviations so that the ads become readable. Compare the advertisements using the ¹ following questions as starting points.

- How do the ads differ? 1.
- What information is included or deleted from one ad and 2. not the other? 3.
 - Which ad makes the job seem more appealing?
 - What information is not included in the advertisement that you should ask about?

Hiring Lesson Suggestion

1. You (student) are the manager of a restaurant looking for a new cook. The person you want to hire should have experience cooking and be able to work on weekends. You are willing to pay around \$8,500 in salary, but this is negotiable, depending on the person's experience. Write a newspaper ad in the space below that will accurately represent this position.

Using abbreviations, write an ad for the above job in 2 or 3

 ines.



Personal Data For Job Application And Other Forms

Before filling out a job application or applying for a license or credit card, you should have a complete personal data sheet. It should have information for the most frequently asked questions. Because compiling this sheet is not a skill, but a task to be completed once, this unit consists simply of a blank personal data sheet for you to fill out and bring along whenever you must fill out a form. A list of difficult or unusual vocabulary sometimes found on applications and forms is included as a reference sheet.

Vocabulary of application forms:

DEPENDENTS-- People for whom you are financially responsible. For example, children who do not work and live with you are your dependents.

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DISABILITY-- A physical condition or illness that mightkeep you from doing a job. A disability is usualTy permanent. Another word for disability is handicap. For example, blindness is a disability.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES -- These are activities you have participated in, or still participate in, that are not part of the regular, school or work day. For example, playing sports on a team after school is an extracurricular activity.

INJURY-- A wound or physical damage. An injury can be permanent or temporary. Sometimes this means the same as disability. For example, a person who^t has just broken his or her leg has had a recent injury.

MAIDEN NAME-- This is a woman's last (family) name before she married.

MARITAL STATUS-- Marital means about marriage, statud means condition. Marital status is your condition of marriage: married; single, divorced, separated, or widowed.

- MILITARY HISTORY- This means the time you served in the armed forces. For example, if you were in the army for three years and were then honorably discharged, this is your military history.
- N/A-- This stands for "Not Applicable". You may put this as the answer to a question that doesn't apply to you. For example, if you have never been in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, etc., then you could put N/A under the military history blank.
- NOTIFY-- This means to tell or call. For example, after an interview, an employer may tell you that he will <u>notify</u> you about when to report to work. Or he might ask you to give the names of relatives to be <u>notified</u> in an emergency.
- QUALIFY-- This means to have the necessary skills or knowledge to do a particular job. For example, a nurse has to to go to nursing school to <u>qualify</u> to practice medicine.
- REFERENCE-- This is a letter or a person recommending you for a job. For example, if your last boss is willing to tell your new employer that you are a good worker, then he is your reference.
- SPOUSE-- This is the person to whom you are married: your husband or wife.

A completed form such as the one that follows can be used by students as a sample for filling out any form. They can take a complete sample form with them anywhere they might need to use it.

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PERSONAL DATA SHEET

Name:						·
	First		Middle		Last	
Address:	<u>`</u>		- -	addres		s at this
Phone Num	ber: (area c					
Date of	Birth	/	/	_ Prese	nt Age	:
Place of	Birth:			Sta		
	ĩ	CITY	•	δτα	te	
Height:	feet	inches	·	Wei	ght:	•
Social Se	curity Num	iber:				_
PARENTS:			x		•	
Place of Address: Occupatio Employer: Work Addr	Maiden Nam Birth: n ess:	ie				
Place of Address: Occupation Employer: Work Addre	Birth: n: ess:					



PERSONAL DATA SHEET (cont'd)

Person to no	otify in an em	ergency:	·	
Name:		Pho	one No. (home)	
Address:		Pho	one No. (work)	
Personal Phy	/sician:	Ph	one No. (home)
Name:		° Ph	one No. (work)
Address:	·	Но	spital:	
	,		•	
Bank:		Ac	count Number:	
EDUCATION:				
<u>Name of Scho</u>	201			
Elementary:	Address:	,	Year Gr	aduated
Junior High:				
Senior High		· ,		
College/Univ	•	•		<u>م</u>
Work Experie				
Тор	<u>Employer</u>	Address	Dates	Salary
most recent:				
least recent	:			•



PERSONAL DATA SHEET(cont'd)

REFERENCES:

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NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE OCCUPATION
1.	•	
2.	••	
3.	• .	
MILITARY HISTORY:	•	~
Branch of service	• 	Rank:
Dates Served:		Serial No.:
Type of Discharge		•

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MEDICAL HISTORY:

Circle any of the disc	eases below that you have h	ad:
Epilepsy	Heart Trouble 🥄	Tuberculosis
Rheumatism	Asthma	Back Trouble
Arthritis	Hernia	Diàbetes .
Date of last physical	exam:	- 1
Do you have any disabi	ilities: Explain:	
Have you ever had an i	injury on the job? Explain	:
Hobbies:		
Sports:	·	
Clubs/Groups:	, 	
Church Affiliation :		·
Awards/Honors:		



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Writing, An Essay For A Job

applications Notes: Some job may require you to write a one paragraph essay explaining why you want the If you fill out an application for a school, you .iob. will undoubtedly have to write an essay explaining why you wish to attend that particular school. There is no correct way to write such a composition, one but the following suggestions should help.

Prewriting--

- 1. List the reasons why you want to work in that profession, or why you want to go back to school.
- List the reasons why you want to work at that particular job or school.
- 3. Rank the reasons on each list in terms of their importance.
- 4. Select the two most important reasons from list number one and two or three of the most important reasons from list number two. Use these five points in your essay.

Writing--

- Begin your essay by previewing what you are going to say. For example: "For both personal and professional reasons I would like to be employed by . . ."
 - State the two general points from list number one briefly.

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- 3. State the two or three specific points from list number two.
- 4. Conclude your essay with a general statement of why you want the position, and why you feel you are qualified for it.

Writing Resumes

Resume writing is a skill most people (who are not in highly specialized professional careers, or who do not plan to radically change their career) only need to do once. Therefore, this unit, rather than teaching a skill, will provide guidelines for preparing a resume, and will contain two sample resumes. Information from the personal data sheet may be used.

Reference Sheet

Anytime you apply for a job, it is important to have a one page summary of your qualifications. This summary is called a resume. It should be attractively and neatly typed, and contain the following information:

1. Full name

2. Address

- 3. Telephone number
- 4. Work experience (in reverse chronological order; most recent job first.)

5. Education

6. References

7. Personal information: health, marital status, age, interests, (this entire item is optional).

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Sample #1 -

HAROLD BROWN

123 Main Street Philadelphia, PA 19107 (215) 712-3344

EXPERIENCE:

Auto parts clerk, Pinehurst Buick Company, 144 Pinehurst Blvd., Philadelphia, Pa. Started February 1, 1964. Still employed at this job.

Gas station mechanic, Shell Oil Station, 200 Kink Street, Philadelphia, Pa. From March 1, 1961 to February 1, 1964.

EDUCATION:

West Side High School, Scranton, Pa. Graduated June 1960. Auto Mechanics Course.

Ace Mechanics School, Philadelphia, Pa. Graduated February, 1961.

REFERENCES:

Mr. John H. Harvey, Manager, Shell Oil, Station, 200 Kink Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dr. A.M. Prayer, First Methodist Church, '152 Pinehurst Blvd., Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. George Cladwell, Owner, Pinehurst Buick Co. 144 Pinehurst Blvd., Philadelphia, Pa.



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Sample # 2

SARAH ANN JONES

222 Park Street Blkton, Maryland 38251 (301) 411-2222

EMPLOYMENT:

1975-Present

1972-1975

EDUCATION:

Diploma

<u>File Clerk/Typist</u> Rockford High School 200 Scope Street, Elkton, Maryland

<u>File Clerk:</u> Billings Equipment Company 74 Rock Road, Elkton, Maryland

Elkton County High School, Elkton, Maryland. Business Major. Graduated 1972.

PERSONAL:

Birth Date

Marital Status

Health

REFERENCES:

May 17, 1954

Single

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Excellent

Dr. Jason Street, Principal, Elkton County High School

Mr. B. J. Billings, President, Billings Equipment Company.

Ms. Alice German, Supervisor of Records Office, Billings Equipment Company

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Goal Setting Checklist

The following list contains many practical skills adults want to work on. Keep track of your student's goals. Spend some time during each lesson working on these everyday reading and writing skills. Keep track of what goals your student accomplishes, and make sure he is aware of the progress he's making. The following list is taken from <u>The Basic Literacy</u> <u>Tutor Handbook</u>, created by the Center for Literacy.

•	GOAL	DONE	Mark A—Personal Goal (Date) Mark B—Mastery (Date)
			Basic functional literacy skills, such as
			1. writing name, address and phone number
		<u></u>	2. teiling time
		L	3. finding emergency phone numbers
<i>.</i> •	<u>~</u>	······	4. learning the days of the week and the months of the year
		<u> </u>	5. other:
、			6. reading the months of the year and the days of the week
\backslash			7. understanding legal holidays
\backslash			8. reading street signs
/	<u>\</u>	<u> </u>	9, transportation schedules
	\backslash		GOVERNMENT AND LAW
	<u> </u>		10. helping with tax forms
			11. knowledge of legal documents/contracts
	<u>`</u>	¥?	12. where to go for legal advice
	<u> </u>		13. getting a social security number
	<u> </u>	·	14. other:
	\sim		COMMUNITY RESOURCES
		\	15. obtaining a library card
		`	16. reading church bulletins
		<u> </u>	17. using the telephone book
	<u> </u>		18. other:
		• \	CONSUMER ECONOMICS
		<u> </u>	19. reading grocery ads
		·	20. cutting and using coupons
			21. finding sales (food, clothing, etc.)
			22. reading directions on cleaning and other products
		<u> </u>	23. reading and paying bills (gas, electric, telephone)
			24. car maintenance
_	-		25. reading store names
		,	26. Interpreting sale signs
			27. other:
			PARENTING
	·		28. helping children with homework
			29. reading to children
			30. reading about childcare

31. reading school notices 32. other: OCCUPATIONAL KNOWLEDGE 33. studying job-related vocabulary 34. filling out job applications 35. writing a resume 36. interviewing 37. knowledge of unions 38. understanding net/gross pay (deductions) 39. other: HEALTH CARE 40. reading directions on medicine bottles 41. nutrition 42. following recipes 43. dental care 44. first aid λ 45. safety for children/elderly people 46. writing down medical and dental appointments 47. obtaining glasses for reading 48. other: SOCIAL 49. registering to vote 50: voting for the first time 51. receiving a' driver's license 52. reading Bible verses 53. receiving U.S. citizenship 54. joining a community group 55. other: ECONOMIC 56. reading checks and money orders 57. learning to fill out checks, money orders, etc. 58. opening a bank account 59. getting off public assistance 60. getting a job 61. getting a better job/position 62. other:

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