

Appendix 7: *Beginning to Read*—Extra Copywork Passages

Extra Copywork Passages

We hope that you will encourage your children to practice writing each day. We understand, though, that there are some days when your children will feel... well, let's just say "uninspired." On those days, what should you do?

Should you just let them skip writing? Not if you want them to grow and excel as a writer. Mercilessly browbeat them into submission? Not if you want to keep your sanity! Instead, just assign one of the extra copywork passages below.

Your children will gain additional writing practice without the additional challenge of a regular assignment. You'll avoid a battle of the wills with a reluctant writer. Use the extra time you gain to discuss things with your children. Why are they feeling uninspired? Show them love and support and help them regroup in preparation to hit the ground running again tomorrow.

For your convenience, we have provided extra copywork passages for you to use over the length of this course.

The Best Trick

pg. 6

Do you have lots of pets?
Can your pets do tricks?

pg. 7

But the pig is a mess and he smells.
Jill said, "My pig's trick is the best trick."

pg. 14

Your red hen cannot win. Your hen cannot swim. She cannot run as fast as a fox.

pp. 15-16

At last the eggs start to crack.
Come and look in the hen's nest and you will see.

pp. 16-19

My hen has six little chicks.
The red hen looks for bugs and seeds to get for them.

pp. 20-21

The chicks want to be in the grass and look for bugs.
They see seeds on the dirt of the hen hut.

pp. 21,26

One by one they jump from the nest on to the dirt.
They peep and peep as they feed on the bugs.

pg. 28

When the pig stamps and grunts, she sees the chicks start to run back to the grass.

pp. 29-30

The hen runs fast and starts to peck at the cat.

When Jill sees the hen peck at the cat, she runs fast to help, too.

A Big Ball of String

pg. 25

I did not mind. I KNEW I could find some good kind of thing to do with my string.

pg. 43

I can rig up a thing with a box and a hook and my big ball of string. It will bring me a book.

pg. 44

But the light should be right when I look at my book.
I can pull up the blind on this good sunny day.

The Bravest Dog Ever

pg. 18

"Please help!" he said. "We need the best drivers and dogs to help save our town!"

The Cat in the Hat

pg. 18

I can hold up the cup and the milk and the cake!
I can hold up these books! And the fish on a rake.

pp. 38-39

"Now, here is a game that they like," said the cat. "They like to fly kites," said the Cat in the Hat.

pg. 58

Then we saw him pick up all the things that were down.
Then he said, "That is that." And then he was gone with a tip of his hat.

Green Eggs and Ham

pg. 20

"I do not like them here or there.
I do not like them anywhere."

pp. 30-31

I do not like them in a box.
I would not, could not, in a tree.

pg. 46

I will not eat them on a train.
I do not like them here or there.

pp. 54,59

Sam! If you will let me be, I will try them. You will see.
Say! I like green eggs and ham!

I Can Read It, Book 1

pp. 7-8

That fat cat is Nat.
Pat the fat rat has a mat.

pp. 9-10

The cat sat on a hat on the mat.
Is the hat Nat sat on flat?

pg. 15

Ann has jam, a ham, and a tan yam.
Is the jam that Ann has bad?

pg. 19

Sam the ram can not pass Val.
Sam can not pass the cab.
The cab has laps and laps and laps on Sam!

pp. 26-27

The kid pig did yip and did not quit.
The sand is to fill the land so it will not be bad.

pg. 30

"I said Lil has a kid. If a pig has a kid, she will do as Lil did," Dad said.

pg. 36

My dog can be bad. He can yap. He can jab.

pg. 38

"The rat will not go," said Bill. "I have a lid on the can."
The rat has had his fill of jam. The rat scats.

pp. 50-52

I grab a cup. I slam it on the bug.
I can not go on the bus.

pp. 58-60

Bud comes and asks Ann, "Do you have a mix for buns?"
"Why not have Ann cook the buns?" I say.

pp. 62-65

It is no fuss to cook buns. I will have buns for you at six.
I grin. "A bit of ham will be grand."

pg. 68

"Here are the eggs," she says.
She hands an egg to Jen.

I Can Read It, Book 2

pp. 6-7

Where did you get that hat?
I have to get my cat from the vet's.

pg. 14

Todd and Jill camp with Mom and Dad. They think it will be fun. Will it?

pp. 16-18

"Mom," she says, "can you help us fix this sag in the tent?"
Mom asks the kids, "What do you want me to cook?"

pg. 23

Bugs will come in. And what if a bat comes in? That would be bad!

pp. 26-27

May I have three?
Todd still has a bit of hot dog and bun left at the end.

pp. 29, 32

"Mom!" yells Todd. "There is a fox in the tent! Help!"
But Jill is so upset by the fox in the tent that she yells.

pg. 41

Bill looks sad. "Do you think I want to stay?" he asks. "I do not. But I want to do what is good."

pp. 50-51

But then you skid and bend your sled and... Man! This has not been fun!

pp. 53-55

Bring it in and I will look at it.
Do I plug it in to this plug next to the pad?

pg. 64

Greg tells the thug, "Max has a plan to grab lots of grub."
They see Big Bob and go up to him.

pg. 76

I think I will eat, press my frock, have my bath, and then dress.
When she gets out of the bath, her hair frizzes up!

pg. 88

He can still smell the Spam® and it still smells good. Can the man have left some?
"So," says the man. "You have snuck in again!"

I Can Read It, Book 3

pg. 11

He knows he must get back to land. He lets go of his leg and swims. Stan is at his back to help him if things go bad.

pg. 25

"Sal!" says Dad. "You must not yell!"
Sal gulps. "I will quit," she says.

pg. 36

Next, the boys must hunt for a box with a nest on it. In the box is a stamp and an ink pad. Each boy must stamp the back of his hand.

pg. 45

The boys rent their boats. Then they go down to the dock and rig the boats to sail.

"Cast off!" says Rob.

pg. 48

"What if we drag you?" says Clint. "We can each grab one end of this belt."

When they get back to the dock, the boat man is upset.

pg. 60

Then Brent yells: "Ants are in my pants!" As he says this, he slaps his pants and jumps in the pond.

pp. 71-72

"Wow!" says Scott. "Did you see that?!"

The ball slants down to the pond. Then it hits a rock and plops in the pond.

pp. 82-83

"You do not have to run!" says Lee. "When bees fly like that, they are on their way to a new house."

pg. 96

Kate sees smoke. It comes from the oven. "What is that?" she asks Jane.

"Oh, no!" says Jane. "I did not look in the oven when I lit it! What's in there?"

Little Bear

pp. 32,46

Shut your eyes, and say one, two, three.

"I climbed a little hill, and jumped from a little tree, and flew here, just like the birds."

pg. 48

"Yes," said Mother Bear, "and then you will have your nap. For you are my little bear, and I know it."

One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish

pg. 10

They run for fun in the hot, hot sun.

pg. 43

He likes to wink and drink pink ink.

SO... if you have a lot of ink, then you should get a Yink, I think.

Put Me in the Zoo

pp. 11,23

Why did they put me out this way? I should be in. I want to stay.

Oh! They would put me in the zoo, if they could see what I can do.

pp. 32, 41

And when I want to have more fun, I take my spots and make them one.

And now, when I say, "One, two, three," all my spots are back on me. ■