

Hickey Method - Lesson Order

Lesson #	On White Card	Clue Words (back of white cards)	Sound	Irregular Words (Yellow cards)		Lesson #	On White Card	Clue Words (back of white card)	Sound	Irregular Words (Yellow cards)	
1	i	igloo, in I, ice cream	(ĭ) (i)	I		13	-ic	picnic, music	(ĭk)		
	t	ten, telephone	(t)		Syllable division v/cv (and rarer, vc/v)						
	p	pen, popcorn, pizza	(p)		13a		i-e	Sprite	(i)		
	n	nine, no	(n)		13b		ike	Nike, bike	(ik)		
	s	snake, six, sister dogs, nose	(s) (z)	isn't it's	13c		ire	fire, tired	(ir)		
	Closed syllables; 's = contraction of 2 words, possessive Adding s to pluralize simple nouns; s to verbs for he/she/it present simple						14	l	lemon, lion	(l)	talk island listen
2	a	apple, add	(ă)		15	-ll	ball, tall	(l)	pal, nil, all		
		ambulance, alien, ABC	(ā)								
Capital letters; a/an; n't					16a	-y	cry, sky	(i)			
3	d	dog, dad	(d)	said	-y: 1-syllable words (i); 2+ syllables (ē)						
4	h	hat, hamburger	(h)	this	16b	-y	baby, pretty happy family	(ē)	any many pretty		
	th	think, three, thanks this	(th) (th) buzz	that							
5	e	egg, elephant ear, eleven, evening	(ĕ) (ē)	the she	Suffix y - add only						
	sh	she, sheep	(sh)	these	17	f	four, falafel, flower	(f)	half friend fall		
	Open syllables (me, he, be)					18	-ff	cliff, off, stiff	(f)	if	
6	c	cat	(k)	can't	19	-ss	dress, class	(s)	yes		
7	k	king, kick	(k)		20	Suffixes: -es, -less, -ly: classes, boxes, homeless, happily					
	Use of k before e, i					21	a-e	cake	(ā)	skate	
8	b	ball, banana Beitar, blue	(b)		22a	-ar	star, car		(âr)		
9	r	red, radio	(r)	are, her there their	Bossy R rule (r-controlled vowels): R changes the sound of vowels that precede it						
10	m	man, mango mother,	(m)	them Mr. Mrs.	22b	-are	prepare, share	(ār)			
11	-ck	duck, black, sick	(k)						Long vowel choices		
12	y-	yellow	(y)	they	23	o	orange, on	(ö)	come, do some, of, from, off		
		yes, yoyo		eye			open	(ō)			
12a	Syllable division vc/cv: rabbit, basket					23a	g	game, green	(g)		

24	o-e	rope, trombone	(ō)	
24a	-ore	snore	(or)	
25	-ng	ring	(ng)	
25b	-ing	sitting	(-ĭng)	
Review vc/cv Vowel ending + -ing Review adding suffixes JUST ADD Adding suffixes DOUBLE Suffix -ing to words ending ic Note: i/y interchangeable				
26	u	umbrella USA, university push	(ū) (ū) (ȯo)	your four plus buy us you
Suffix -ful (only one l) beautiful				
27	j	juice, jam	(j)	
28	u-e	cube June, prune	(ū) (ȯo)	use sure sugar
29	w sw	window swim	(w)	two walk woman women
30	v	video, van	(v)	have give live move
Use of fill, till, well, all, prefixes and suffixes until, welcome				
31	-x	box, fox	(ks)	
32	-nk	tank, pink, monkey	(nk)	
Adding prefixes without changes in spelling: re, mis, dis, un, be, ex, pre, sub, trans, reboot, mistake, disabled, unusual				

33	z	zebra	(z)	buzz
-zz at the end of word - Buzz				
Suffix es after sibilants and after o				buzzes dresses boxes goes, does
34	qu	question quickly quiet	(kw)	choir
35	ee	sleep tree	(ē)	these here scene
36	oo	book foot, look	(ȯo)	school door poor floor
36b	oo	zoo, food, spoon	(ȯo)	
37	th	(review) with	(th)	
38	sh	(review) fish	(sh)	
39	er	person mother	(êr) (êr)	answer (ü) other another brother mother
40a 40b 40c	-ed	rested, started played, watered kicked	(id) (d) (t)	talked
The suffix -ed: for past simple regular verbs.				
41	ay	play, day	(ā)	says
42	-ce	ice, nice	(s)	
"c" says (s) before e, i, y				
43	c	city, cereal	(s)	
44	-ge	cage, page, age	(j)	get angel (i) damage
"g" says (j) before e, i, y: gypsy				
45	gi	giraffe ginger	(j)	

46	-dge	bridge	(j)	
47	or	morning, store	(ôr)	
48	ea	eat, steal, ear	(ē)	beauty beautiful
48+	2-3 at a time; card for each: Regular final syllables ble, dle, cle, kle, gle, ple, tle, stle, zle, fle able, little, purple, uncle			people double trouble
49	ar	(review) park, shark, dark	(âr)	quarter warm
50	ai	rain, tail paint, wait	(ā)	
Review suffixes: adding, doubling				
51	Adding suffixes to multisyllable words			
52	oa	boat, coat	(ō)	
53	ou	house, mouse	(ow)	(ȯo) could would should
	ow	know	(ō)	
		cow	(ow)	
The use of ou and ow Two sounds (o) and (ow)				
Adding suffixes DROP e				
Plurals words ending f/-ves				
54	ch	cherry	(ch)	chalk stomach
55	-tch	watch kitchen	(ch)	much, such rich which
56	ue	blue, glue	(ū)	menu
			(ȯo)	
Adding vowel suffixes to ue				
57	igh	light, right	(ī)	
58	ir	girl, bird	(êr)	
59	a	father want, wash, watch	(ö)	wax wag quack
60	ew	new few, drew	(ū)	
			(ȯo)	
			(ew)	

61	ea	bread, read	(ë)	heart
62	ea	break	(ā)	
63	ur	turn	(êr)	
64	au	because	(aw)	laugh laughter
65	aw	saw, draw	(aw)	
66	Adding suffixes CHANGE			
67	Adding -es to words ending y: if no vowel before y, change y to i, add es: babies, says			
68	tion	fraction	(sh'n)	
69	ie	field, thief	(ē)	?(family cards)
		tie	(ī)	
70	Adding suffixes to words ending -ie: lie, lies, lied, lying			
71	Wild old words: Long vowel in middle of word, followed by two consonants: -ild, -old, -olt, -ind, ost: child, old, cold, most, find, colt			
72	ei	ceiling	(ē)	foreign
72a		beige	(ā)	
73	ph	photo, phone	(f)	
74	oi	coin	(oy)	
75	oy	toy	(oy)	royal
76	ear	earth	(êr)	heart
		hear	(ē)	
		bear, great	(ā)	
77	o	glove	(ü)	
78	wh	white, why	(hw)	
79	oe	toe	(ō)	canoe shoe
Plural of words ending oe and o				
80	a	above	(ü)	
Unaccented open syllables with a and i: around, about				
81	Schwa vowels, unaccented syllables			

82 82a	ch	chemist, school champagne	(k) (sh)	
83	Silent letters kn, gn, pn, wr, mb, gu, gh, mn, rh, sc, ps: know, write, guess, climb, thought			
84	sion	pension television	(sh'n) (zh'n)	
85	eigh	eight	(ā)	height
86	a	wall	(aw)	
Suffixes al, el				
87	our	colour our, flour	(êr) (our)	four pour hour your
88	ey	donkey, monkey	(ē)	
89	ey	they	(ā)	
90	cian	magician	(sh'n)	Martian Asian
91	or	doctor	(êr)	
92	ar	collar	(êr)	
93 93a	ou	couple youth	(ŭ) (ōo)	thought through
94	ui	fruit build	(ōo) (i)	
95	Syllable division v/v: being, duet			
	ous	dangerous	(ō'os)	
96	us	status	(ŭ)	
97	or	word, color	(êr)	
Use of ti, si, ci				
98	ure	picture	(er)	
Review of suffixes				
Prefixes unchanged, changed				
99	al	balance wall half special	(ăl) (aw) (a) (ō'ol)	