



# TAKE-HOME PHONOGRAM GAME SAMPLES

## *Teacher's Notes*

In addition to the 31 spelling rules, the 75 phonograms explain 98% of English words and are foundational tools for understanding how English works. Learning the phonograms is a crucial part of the Logic of English® program.

Teachers using Logic of English often wonder what their students should practice at home, especially if parents are used to receiving a list of words to drill or requiring their children to read for an assigned amount of time.

Spending time practicing the phonograms at home is an excellent way for parents to support what their children are learning in class and to build their reading and spelling skills! And even though the phonograms are crucial and should be learned to mastery, they don't need to be practiced through boring drills.

We've created some sample take-home phonogram game sets designed to help parents help their children practice the phonograms in fun ways. Each of the sample sets falls at a particular point in Foundations or Essentials. You can use these sets as a take-home resource at that point in the lessons, but also as a model to help you create other take-home practice activities to assign throughout the year.

Each sample set focuses on 15 phonograms, including new phonograms from recent lessons and previously taught phonograms that may need review. The instruction page for each set is meant to give parents all the information they need to do the games with their child. Each instruction page includes a brief introduction, instructions for two games to choose from, and a list of the phonograms for that set, with corresponding sounds/spelling hints and example words.

## *When to use these Take-Home Sets*

The sample take-home phonogram game sets are designed for use at the following points.

**Foundations Set 1**            *after Lesson 40 (end of Foundations A)*  
— *can also be used in Essentials after Lesson 1*

**Foundations Set 2**            *after Lesson 50 (in Foundations B)*

**Essentials Set 2**            *after Essentials Lesson 3*

**Essentials Set 3**            *after Essentials Lesson 6*

## *Tips for Use*

- While all students can benefit from practicing the phonograms at home, these sets are especially appropriate for students who are struggling to learn all of the phonograms, or struggling with reading in general.
- If sending home readers is a common practice at your school, consider having the students take home practice sets like these instead. (It is especially important NOT to send home readers that include words that the students don't yet have the tools to decode, at least for any developing or struggling readers.)
- If sending home spelling lists or sight words to memorize is a common practice at your school, consider sending practice sets like these instead. Make sure parents understand that mastering these tools, which will help students read and spell thousands of words, is the goal— *not* memorizing a few specific words for a short time.
- Another alternative is to have the students make sets of phonogram cards during school to take home.

- If you print each set of phonogram cards on a different colored sheet of cardstock, the colors will make it easier to sort the cards if they get mixed up, and the cardstock adds durability.
- However you decide to make the cards, keep in mind that in some of the games (such as Phonogram Bingo in Foundations Set 1), the extra card (the one in the corner that says “Take-Home Phonogram Games”) is used as part of the game.
- Note that Foundations Set 2 uses TWO of each phonogram card. The cards page should be printed twice for each student.
- As you progress through the lessons, old sets can still be used for review.
- Because Foundations and Essentials introduce the phonograms in a different order, the take-home sets for Foundations are different from those for Essentials.
- The games included are generally appropriate for a wide age range, or can easily be adapted to be harder or easier.
- Of course, parents and their children are welcome to choose a different game than what is included in the instructions for their current set. The point is to give parents the tools they need to help their children practice in a fun way.