

Teaching note — marking words the McGuffey way

McGuffey's revised Readers printed marks so a student could **sound a word out** instead of memorising its shape. These cards are plain on purpose — mark them by hand, in front of your student, as you teach each word.

brāve Long vowel
says its own name

lăst Short vowel
the short sound

knife Silent letter
makes no sound

WEEK 1 FLASHCARDS

Short a and short e words, and academic vocabulary. Cut along the dashed lines for twelve cards.

Week 1 Short a and short e words, and academic vocabulary	last	stamp
crash	snack	spend
check	brand	next
habitat	equal	BONUS crept

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WEEK 2 FLASHCARDS

Short i, o and u words, review, and academic vocabulary. Cut along the dashed lines for twelve cards.

Week 2 Short i, o and u words, review, and academic vocabulary	front	thump
blink	stomp	crust
split	dress	best
compass	sum	BONUS shrimp

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WEEK 3 FLASHCARDS

Long a and long e words, review, and academic vocabulary. Cut along the dashed lines for twelve cards.

Week 3 Long a and long e words, review, and academic vocabulary	brave	shade
escape	reach	sweet
theme	pond	lunch
climate	region	BONUS greet

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WEEK 4 FLASHCARDS

Long i and long o words, review, and academic vocabulary. Cut along the dashed lines for twelve cards.

Week 4 Long i and long o words, review, and academic vocabulary	slide	bright
spike	invite	stone
throat	agree	remain
planet	orbit	BONUS globe

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WEEK 5 FLASHCARDS

Blends st and str, review, and academic vocabulary. Cut along the dashed lines for twelve cards.

Week 5 Blends st and str, review, and academic vocabulary	strong	stream
street	strike	stretch
strange	smoke	drive
distance	energy	BONUS stress

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WEEK 6 FLASHCARDS

Silent letters kn and wr, review, and academic vocabulary. Cut along the dashed lines for twelve cards.

Week 6 Silent letters kn and wr, review, and academic vocabulary	knife	knock
knee	wrist	wrong
wrap	stack	struck
fossil	desert	BONUS wrench

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WEEK 7 FLASHCARDS

The f sound spelled gh and ph, review, and academic vocabulary. Cut along the dashed lines for twelve cards.

Week 7 The f sound spelled gh and ph, review, and academic vocabulary	laugh	enough
rough	graph	phone
dolphin	knot	wrote
harvest	settler	BONUS cough

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WEEK 8 FLASHCARDS

The ch and tch spellings, review, and academic vocabulary. Cut along the dashed lines for twelve cards.

Week 8 The ch and tch spellings, review, and academic vocabulary	match	watch
catch	switch	pitch
scratch	tough	photo
measure	century	BONUS stitch

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WEEK 9 FLASHCARDS

The sh spelling, review, and academic vocabulary. Cut along the dashed lines for twelve cards.

Week 9 The sh spelling, review, and academic vocabulary	shall	shape
shore	shrink	fresh
finish	chance	church
supply	survive	BONUS shiver

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WEEK 10 FLASHCARDS

Soft c, the c that says s, review, and academic vocabulary. Cut along the dashed lines for twelve cards.

Week 10 Soft c, the c that says s, review, and academic vocabulary	city	cent
circle	fence	price
dance	shine	shell
citizen	surface	BONUS recess

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WEEK 11 FLASHCARDS

Soft g, the g that says j, review, and academic vocabulary. Cut along the dashed lines for twelve cards.

Week 11 Soft g, the g that says j, review, and academic vocabulary	gentle	giant
giraffe	magic	stage
badge	pencil	police
valley	canyon	BONUS hinge

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WEEK 12 FLASHCARDS

The oi sound spelled oi and oy, review, and academic vocabulary. Cut along the dashed lines for twelve cards.

Week 12 The oi sound spelled oi and oy, review, and academic vocabulary	choice	voice
noise	point	spoil
join	bridge	change
weather	season	BONUS loyal

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WEEK 13 FLASHCARDS

The ou sound spelled ou and ow, review, and academic vocabulary. Cut along the dashed lines for twelve cards.

Week 13 The ou sound spelled ou and ow, review, and academic vocabulary	around	ground
pound	mountain	shout
crowd	annoy	enjoy
product	remainder	BONUS sprout

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WEEK 14 FLASHCARDS

The aw sound spelled aw and au, review, and academic vocabulary. Cut along the dashed lines for twelve cards.

Week 14 The aw sound spelled aw and au, review, and academic vocabulary	crawl	dawn
lawn	straw	author
autumn	growl	powder
drought	custom	BONUS haunt

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WEEK 15 FLASHCARDS

Long oo and short oo, review, and academic vocabulary. Cut along the dashed lines for twelve cards.

Week 15 Long oo and short oo, review, and academic vocabulary	choose	loose
moose	balloon	smooth
shook	caught	taught
sample	mixture	BONUS scoop

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WEEK 16 FLASHCARDS

r-controlled ar, review, and academic vocabulary. Cut along the dashed lines for twelve cards.

Week 16 r-controlled ar, review, and academic vocabulary	market	garden
sharp	carpet	marble
alarm	brook	wooden
average	diagram	BONUS harbor

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WEEK 17 FLASHCARDS

The air sound spelled air and are, review, and academic vocabulary. Cut along the dashed lines for twelve cards.

Week 17 The air sound spelled air and are, review, and academic vocabulary	stairs	repair
prepare	compare	square
aware	apart	partner
column	triangle	BONUS stare

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WEEK 18 FLASHCARDS

r-controlled or, review, and academic vocabulary. Cut along the dashed lines for twelve cards.

Week 18 r-controlled or, review, and academic vocabulary	morning	corner
forest	report	storm
north	glare	spare
import	export	BONUS forget

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WEEK 19 FLASHCARDS

Homophones, review, and academic vocabulary. Cut along the dashed lines for twelve cards.

Week 19 Homophones, review, and academic vocabulary	here	hear
bare	bear	way
weigh	order	forty
poem	fable	BONUS meet

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WEEK 20 FLASHCARDS

More homophones, review, and academic vocabulary. Cut along the dashed lines for twelve cards.

Week 20 More homophones, review, and academic vocabulary	piece	peace
board	bored	hair
hare	sport	torch
legend	myth	BONUS sail

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WEEK 21 FLASHCARDS

The ur sound spelled ur, er and ir, review, and academic vocabulary. Cut along the dashed lines for twelve cards.

Week 21 The ur sound spelled ur, er and ir, review, and academic vocabulary	purple	curve
burst	turkey	thirsty
shirt	waist	waste
service	survey	BONUS thirty

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WEEK 22 FLASHCARDS

Double consonants in the middle, review, and academic vocabulary. Cut along the dashed lines for twelve cards.

Week 22 Double consonants in the middle, review, and academic vocabulary	happy	funny
puppy	bottle	common
rabbit	perfect	whisper
gravity	volume	BONUS letter

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WEEK 23 FLASHCARDS

Comparing with -er and -est, review, and academic vocabulary. Cut along the dashed lines for twelve cards.

Week 23 Comparing with -er and -est, review, and academic vocabulary	bigger	biggest
hotter	hottest	louder
loudest	dinner	ribbon
increase	decrease	BONUS faster

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WEEK 24 FLASHCARDS

Compound words, review, and academic vocabulary. Cut along the dashed lines for twelve cards.

Week 24 Compound words, review, and academic vocabulary	notebook	sunset
bookcase	classroom	football
sunshine	happier	happiest
rainfall	landform	BONUS daylight

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WEEK 25 FLASHCARDS

Two consonants in the middle - win-ter, bas-ket - review, and academic vocabulary. Cut along the dashed lines for twelve cards.

Week 25 Two consonants in the middle - win-ter, bas-ket - review, and academic vocabulary	winter	cellar
basket	welcome	member
sudden	rainbow	baseball
magnet	fabric	BONUS picnic

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WEEK 26 FLASHCARDS

One consonant in the middle - ti-ger, ca-bin - review, and academic vocabulary. Cut along the dashed lines for twelve cards.

Week 26 One consonant in the middle - ti-ger, ca-bin - review, and academic vocabulary	cabin	music
tiger	behind	focus
belong	until	always
solar	data	BONUS silent

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WEEK 27 FLASHCARDS

Adding -ed and -ing, review, and academic vocabulary. Cut along the dashed lines for twelve cards.

Week 27 Adding -ed and -ing, review, and academic vocabulary	liked	rolling
swimming	settled	hurried
buying	family	motel
recording	observing	BONUS stopped

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WEEK 28 FLASHCARDS

Words ending -tion and -sion, review, and academic vocabulary. Cut along the dashed lines for twelve cards.

Week 28 Words ending -tion and -sion, review, and academic vocabulary	action	nation
question	attention	vision
mission	diving	worried
fraction	population	BONUS portion

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WEEK 29 FLASHCARDS

Words ending -ful, review, and academic vocabulary. Cut along the dashed lines for twelve cards.

Week 29 Words ending -ful, review, and academic vocabulary	beautiful	cheerful
harmful	playful	useful
colorful	motion	section
resource	nutrient	BONUS restful

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WEEK 30 FLASHCARDS

Words ending -ly, review, and academic vocabulary. Cut along the dashed lines for twelve cards.

Week 30 Words ending -ly, review, and academic vocabulary	lonely	suddenly
actually	rapidly	lovely
nicely	joyful	painful
estimate	predict	BONUS quickly

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WEEK 31 FLASHCARDS

Words ending -able and -ible, review, and academic vocabulary. Cut along the dashed lines for twelve cards.

Week 31 Words ending -able and -ible, review, and academic vocabulary	comfortable	valuable
erasable	available	portable
capable	bravely	tenderly
evidence	experiment	BONUS likable

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WEEK 32 FLASHCARDS

Changing y to i before an ending, review, and academic vocabulary. Cut along the dashed lines for twelve cards.

Week 32 Changing y to i before an ending, review, and academic vocabulary	penny	pennies
empty	emptied	parties
families	sensible	reusable
territory	boundary	BONUS cities

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WEEK 33 FLASHCARDS

Contractions, review, and academic vocabulary. Cut along the dashed lines for twelve cards.

Week 33 Contractions, review, and academic vocabulary	he's	she's
didn't	isn't	you're
we're	married	carried
conclusion	summary	BONUS wasn't

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WEEK 34 FLASHCARDS

More contractions - will, have and would - review, and academic vocabulary. Cut along the dashed lines for twelve cards.

Week 34 More contractions - will, have and would - review, and academic vocabulary	we'll	I'll
he'll	she'll	you'll
they'll	haven't	don't
government	election	BONUS he'd

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WEEK 35 FLASHCARDS

Words ending in -er, review, and academic vocabulary. Cut along the dashed lines for twelve cards.

Week 35 Words ending in -er, review, and academic vocabulary	under	never
center	border	sister
whether	I've	we'd
explorer	glacier	BONUS clever

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WEEK 36 FLASHCARDS

Words ending -le and -al, review, and academic vocabulary. Cut along the dashed lines for twelve cards.

Week 36 Words ending -le and -al, review, and academic vocabulary	total	central
simple	chuckle	giggle
middle	summer	finger
capital	material	BONUS puzzle

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