

### Wordy Worm® Reading Books are most effectively used

in conjunction with

### Wordy's Road Through the Reading Code and The Teaching FUN-O-Guide

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### "Train the Brain" Books for Beginning Readers

Train the Brain Readers are the result of decades of personal involvement and research working with children and young adults with developmental disabilities, struggling readers, and those for whom reading comes easily.

Train the Brain Readers guide young readers in a UNIQUE—carefully constructed—sequence of instruction to learn our English reading code.

Because we read by sounds, not by letters, the Stop 1 and 2 – *Vowel Buddy Readers* guide readers to:

- train the brain to see those multi-letter combinations that show one sound
- begin blending by using vowel phonograms that produce just one sound each
- learn and practice sounds and patterns that do not change in future instruction

Wordy Worm® Reading gives consistent, reliable, predictable instruction that creates a foundation of mastery and confidence. English is logical, predictable, and easy to decode. *Train the Brain Readers* teach it that way! (see back cover for more information)

Wordy Worm® Reading is research-based and aligns with the best practices of the National Reading Panel, the National Right to Read Foundation and the National Center for Learning Disabilities. Wordy Worm® Reading is phonics-based, phonogram-specific, and multi-sensory. Explicit, systematic and sequential instruction is taught through child-centered play and family-focused activities using all components of literacy.



#### "Train the Brain" Books



# I See igh

practice these reading skills:

- find igh phonogram in words
- blend single-sound consonants with vowel buddy igh
- review any past phonograms taught
- use shared reading (the adult reads words that have sounds not yet introduced).
- discuss details of the story starting with questions at the end.
- vocabulary discussion (before reading)

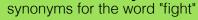
#### **Common Words**

(with phonograms not yet introduced)

I see the a at is it to end

Note: Introducing two-sound phonogram 's' allows children to sound out what would otherwise be the common or sight word, 'see.'

#### Vocabulary



discuss/act out differences among

**fight** – involves a physical exchange

argue – express difference of opinion with words

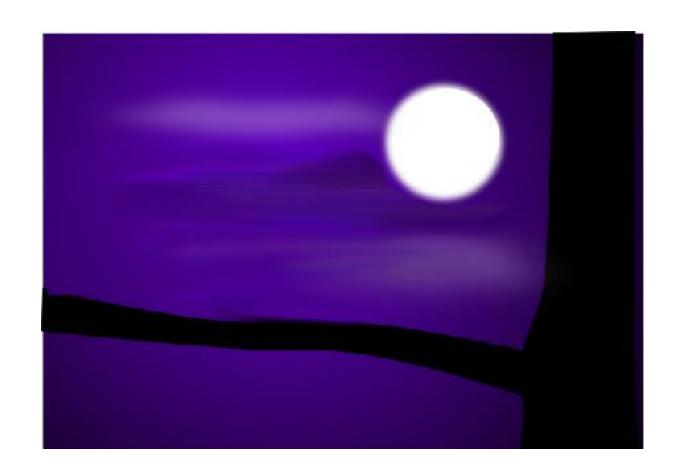
**scuffle** – short, confused, awkward exchange in close quarters



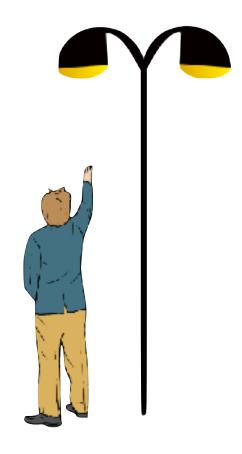
### I see the night.



### I see the light.



# I see the light in the night.



### I see a high light.



### I see a fight.



### I see a fight at night.

# The End

# Discussion Questions (to start you off)



What can we use to see at night?

What did the man point to?

What did the boys do?

Is that a good choice?

Extended discussion:

Can you show me your right hand?

What are some choices instead of fighting?

### "Tr<u>ain the Brain" Books</u> for Beginning Readers



Stop Two
Sail Away Lane
Vowel Buddy Readers

Give beginning readers the opportunity to 'step up' into the world of phonograms by blending single-sound consonants with vowel buddies.

#### Titles in this series:

I See ai I See igh
I See ay I See oa
I See eigh I See oe
I See ee

#### Why do we call them "Train the Brain" Readers?

Wordy Worm® Reading helps readers train their brains to "see sounds" in words not just individual letters.

#### How do we do that?

We teach the English reading code by teaching phonograms.

#### What are phonograms?

Phonograms are single letters (the alphabet) and multi-letter combinations that show the smallest sounds in the words we read. "Eight" has five letters but just two phonograms (sounds): eigh + t / $\bar{a}$ / + /t/

## Why does the Beginning Series use a unique approach instead of using the traditional, conventional introduction to blending?

The conventional **C-V-C** (consonant-short vowel-consonant) approach:

- —instills the one letter/one sound strategy.
- —is unreliable. For instance, short a pattern: cat, man, sad. But what about 'paw' and 'bay'? How do you explain that?

Beginning with vowel phonograms that produce just one sound each—and don't change in future instruction— Stop 1 and 2 Vowel Buddy Readers give consistent, reliable and predictable results that create a foundation of mastery and confidence.

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