

Helpful Hints for Parents

In this level, students are expected to develop their skill at decoding words. They will learn to pronounce a word accurately, based on the letters in the word and their proper pronunciation, and then to recognize the meaning behind the word. Because they are still learning to read, children may be halting in their efforts to sound out each word to make their way to the end of a sentence. Praise your child when he or she finishes the daily worksheets. Nothing can better motivate your child to learn every day than your praise and admiration.

Additional Hints for Success

Your child will be mastering many of the skills introduced in previous levels. To ensure a smooth transition to Level 2A, this level will help your child solidify reading readiness skills. Good indications of reading readiness may include, but are not limited to: a consistent oral activity score of 1, exposure to all of the 7A-3A Recommended Reading List and Read-Aloud books, a regular Kumon routine at home, adequate maturity and concentration while completing worksheets at home and at the Center, and exposure to Kumon flashcards (word-family and rhyming). Listen to your child read his or her worksheets aloud at home and continue to help him or her as needed.

Instructor's Comments

Kumon Reading Program

Level 3A

Vowel Combinations and Compound Words

Student Name: _____

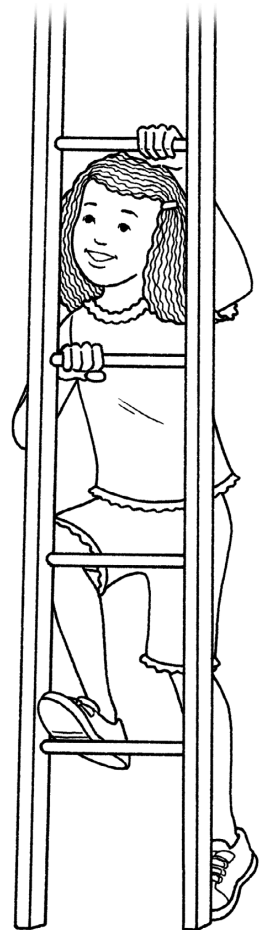
Starting Date: _____

Completion Date: Your Child's Goal

Jan	Apr	July	Oct
Feb	May	Aug	Nov
Mar	June	Sep	Dec

The goal is based upon your child's individual abilities. It takes into account the number of pages your child is currently able to complete per day and the number of repetitions necessary to ensure mastery of the worksheets.

Climbing the Ladder to Success in Reading



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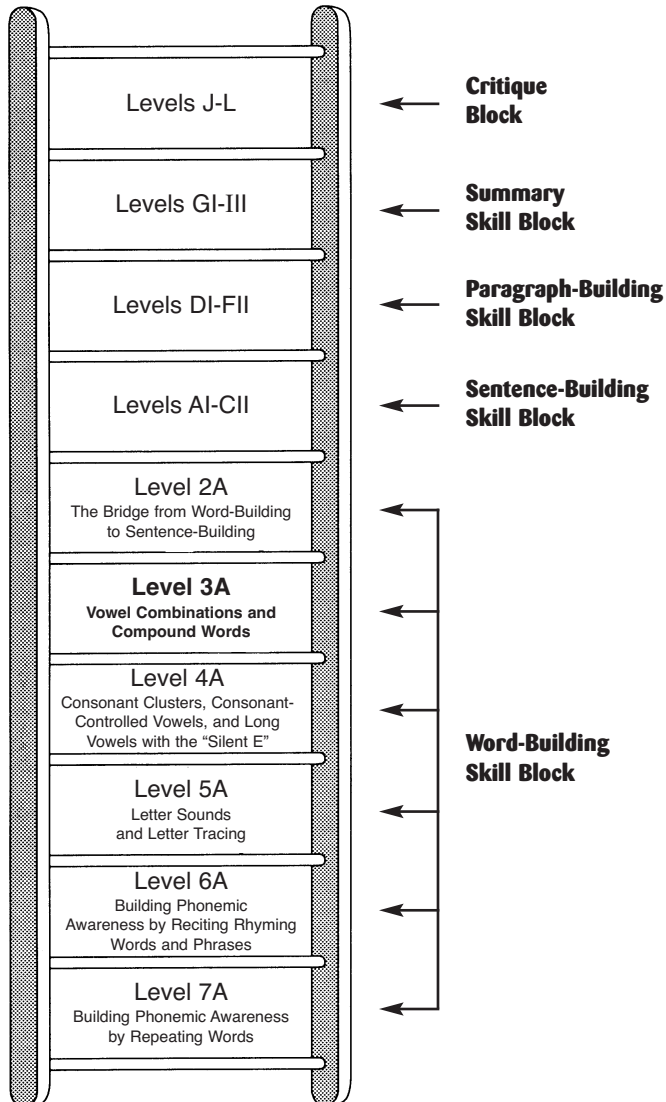
Goals of Level 3A

Congratulations! In Level 3A, students will master pre-reading skills as they try to decode words with various vowel combinations (digraphs like *boat*, diphthongs like *mouse*), two-syllable words with middle double consonants (*happy*) and two-syllable compound words (*snowman*).

Contents of Level 3A

Worksheet Number	Section
1 - 100	Sound Patterns
101 - 110	Five-Minute Fairy Tales
111 - 170	Compound Words
171 - 200	My Own Mini-Books

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Skills and Benefits of Level 3A

Level 3A helps students master pre-reading skills and guides them on their way to becoming emergent readers. As they go through the level, they will apply the skills they have learned to sound out over 1,200 words (cumulative) and will continue to build the word-attack skills needed to sound out many new words. They will learn to sound out words whose letter-sound patterns may signify more than one possible sound, as do the "oo"s in the words "shook" and "boots." In the Compound Words section, they will gain the confidence to decode longer words by learning to look for recognizable sound parts within compound words (such as *snow* and *man* in *snowman*). Students will have the opportunity to apply the word attack skills they are developing in short stories comprised of familiar words and situations. By the end of the level, students will graduate to enjoying familiar fairy tales bound in special "mini-books."

Level 3A Sample Worksheets

