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West Virginia Phonics and Word Recognition Standards Companion

WVCCRS ELA II: or Skill Set

This skill set provides examples for explicit teaching with educator modeling and guided practice. The skill set addresses key components that best support learners in cementing their learning and provides an opportunity for students to practice applying this skill in an authentic way. The activities each day build on the previous day's practice. The activities are designed to supplement phonics instruction in the classroom in a way that meets the needs of individual learners within a variety of instructional approaches. (Whole group, small group, intervention, etc.)

This skill set includes three weeks of suggested daily activities, word lists, word cards, and picture cards. The decodable reader suggested for use with the text and writing application sections can be found immediately following each week's activities. The total suggested time for each day is approximately thirty minutes.

Supporting documents such as an educator guide, suggested materials, and printable resources can be found [here](#) for preparation purposes. Please note that the activities and materials listed are suggestions. Both may be substituted for other activities and manipulatives found in your classroom.

The or skill is first identified in West Virginia's College- and Career-Readiness Standard ELA.2.II under the Phonics and Word Recognition Cluster.

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Thor and Ford at the Dorm

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Thor and Ford made their way up the stairs. This dorm had four floors to run and hunt. They found more spaces than they could add up!

They went back down the stairs to have lunch. Ford had to hold Thor's lunch bag so he could lace his shoe before he fell. Along the way they sat and ate.

They had lunch on the lawn in the shade. Ford had no fork for his pork, so Thor went to fetch him one. Thor had stew with corn and beef. The beef made him chew and chew.

After a few, they rode their bikes back home. They flew in the door to share their fun with their moms. They went on and on. By then it was a little past four. It was such a bore for their poor moms.

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A Stork in the Marsh

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They made a fort in the yard so they could hunt storks. The plan was to camp all night in the dark, so they got sticks to light a flame. The flame would help make it warm and bright.

Thor's mom went to the store for snacks. A horn blew! Thor's mom was back with the snacks. They got to pick four snacks for their night bags.

They sat on the bay to wait for a stork. They could not spot one. They were about to give up. Thor's mom said to hold tight and one would come. Just then a stork came up on the bank! Ford said, "this night could not get any better!"

It was late at night by that time. The friends had a full day of fun and could not stay up anymore. They went to the fort to rest.

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Writing Application	Independent Writing: Use verbal prompts to guide students to write a sentence connected to the text. The sentence should include skill words or high-frequency words. If needed, a sentence frame can be used. Example: Thor and Ford _____.	10

Note: When possible, students should be taught spelling patterns within high-frequency words, rather than being taught through memorization. Memorization of words should only be used if there are no identifiable spelling patterns within a word.

A Trip to the Port

When they woke, Thor and Ford went to the Port of Maine. It was a short hike from Thor's home. They hoped to see another stork.

In the end, they did not morn over the stork because they saw so many things! They saw a gull dive down to get a fish. The poor fish had no shot.

They saw a few men on the floor of the dock. The men used corn as fish bait. They would pull up fish left and right! They had a pail that would hold their fish.

Thor and Ford found a cork and some chord under the dock. They made a pole with the cork and chord. It was not the norm, but it could catch a fish.

They found old shrimp that would work better for bait. The shrimp worked for bait but the harsh smell made them shake to the core. They caught four fish!

They left the port and went down the street. When they got home their arms and feet were sore.

For

Pork

Worse

Work

World

Door



Horn

Orb

Sword

Stork

Fort

Porch



More

Shore

North

Cork

More

Fork



Torch

Moor

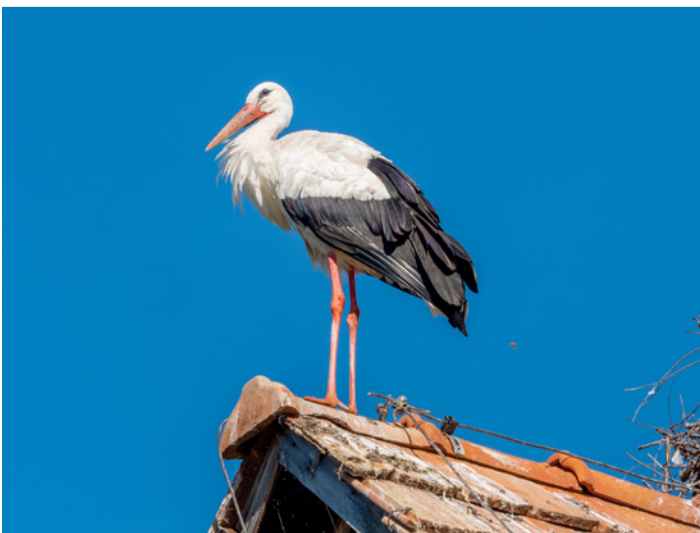
Corn

Or

Sport

Horse







R-Controlled Vowels or Picture Card List

world

fork

door

torch

horn

corn

sword

horse

stork