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## 1. INTRODUCTION

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The Phonic Books Dandelion Launchers Stages 8-15 series is a collection of 16 decodable books specifically designed for beginner readers in Pre-K and Kindergarten. These books introduce children to foundational phonics concepts, helping them develop reading skills through structured, incremental progression.

Each stage in this series introduces new letter sounds and patterns, building upon previously learned phonics. The goal is to support independent reading by providing engaging stories that align with a systematic phonics approach.



*"I must get rid of this old tent," said Alf.*

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*Alf went to the dump.*

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Image 1.1: Front cover of the Phonic Books Dandelion Launchers Stages 8-15 bundle.

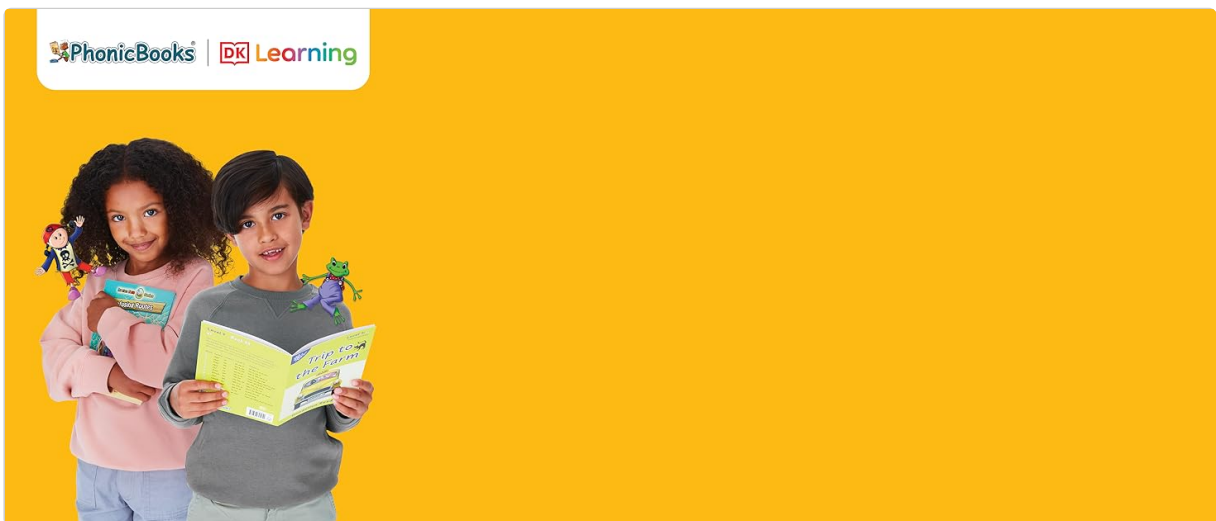


Image 1.2: Children engaging with Phonic Books Dandelion Launchers, demonstrating the target audience.

## 2. SETUP AND PREPARATION

Before beginning reading activities, familiarize yourself with the structure of the Dandelion Launchers books. Each book is designed to be used sequentially within its stage.

### 2.1 Understanding Book Structure

- **Guidance Page:** Each book includes a 'How to Use This Book' guidance page. This page details the new sounds introduced in the book, sounds learned from previous books, and any high-frequency words. Pay close attention to the 'Important notes on the sound' section for specific instructions.
- **Story Pages:** Pages 1-6 contain the story, typically with one line of text per page to maintain focus for beginner readers.
- **Game Instructions:** Following the story, you will find instructions for a game designed to reinforce the

phonics concepts.

- **Photocopyable Game Page:** A dedicated page is included for a game that can be photocopied and used to practice the sounds and letters learned.



Image 2.1: An overview of various Dandelion Launchers book covers, illustrating the series progression.

### 3. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS (READING PRACTICE)

These books are designed to be read with a child, guiding them through the process of decoding words using phonics. Follow the stages sequentially to ensure a smooth learning progression.

#### 3.1 Phonics Introduction and Practice

Each stage focuses on specific letter patterns and sounds. Encourage the child to sound out words by blending individual letter sounds. For example, for the word "sat," guide them to sound out "s-a-t" and then blend it to form "sat."

- **Stage 8 (CVCC words):** Introduces words with a Consonant-Vowel-Consonant-Consonant structure, such as "junk" or "gift."



Image 3.1: Example page from 'Junk' (Stage 8), demonstrating CVCC words. The text reads: "I must get rid of this old tent," said Alf. Alf went to the dump.

- **Stage 9 (CCVC words):** Focuses on words with a Consonant-Consonant-Vowel-Consonant structure, like "spill" or "floss."
- **Stage 10 (CCVCC words):** Progresses to words with a Consonant-Consonant-Vowel-Consonant-Consonant structure, such as "stunt" or "frank."
- **Stage 11 (ch sound):** Introduces the 'ch' digraph, found in words like "lunch" or "champ."
- **Stage 12 (sh sound):** Focuses on the 'sh' digraph, as in "shep" or "fish."



Image 3.2: Example page from 'Shep and Tosh' (Stage 12), illustrating the 'sh' sound. The text reads: Shep was a big dog. Shep had a wish. Tosh was not a big dog. Tosh had a wish.

- **Stage 13 (th sound):** Teaches the 'th' digraph, used in words like "this" or "that."
- **Stage 14 (ck, wh sounds):** Covers the 'ck' and 'wh' digraphs, found in words like "back" or "which."
- **Stage 15 (ng sound):** Introduces the 'ng' digraph, as in "ding" or "dong."



Image 3.3: Example page from 'Ding Dong!' (Stage 15), demonstrating the 'ng' sound. The text reads: Tam is on the mat. Ding, dong! The bell rings. "Can I have an egg?" Tam brings Sam an egg.

### 3.2 Engaging with Games

Utilize the game instructions and photocopyable game pages at the end of each book. These activities provide a fun and interactive way to reinforce the phonics skills introduced in the story. Games help solidify learning and improve retention.

## 4. CARE AND MAINTENANCE

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To ensure the longevity of your Dandelion Launchers books, follow these simple care guidelines:

- **Storage:** Store books in a dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures to prevent warping or fading.
- **Handling:** Encourage gentle handling, especially by young children, to avoid tearing pages or damaging the binding.
- **Cleaning:** If a book becomes soiled, gently wipe the cover with a dry or slightly damp cloth. Avoid using harsh chemicals or excessive moisture.
- **Protection:** Consider using clear book covers for added protection, especially if the books are used frequently or by multiple children.

## 5. TROUBLESHOOTING COMMON READING CHALLENGES

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Children may encounter various challenges while learning to read. Here are some common issues and suggested approaches:

- **Difficulty Blending Sounds:** If a child struggles to blend individual sounds into a word (e.g., s-a-t to "sat"), practice blending sounds orally without the book first. Use sound cards or verbal cues. Return to simpler books if necessary.
- **Forgetting Previously Learned Sounds:** Regularly review sounds from earlier stages. The 'Guidance Page' in each book lists previously learned sounds, making review easy.
- **Confusing Similar Sounds/Letters:** Provide extra practice with the specific sounds or letters causing confusion. Use the game pages for targeted reinforcement.
- **Lack of Engagement:** Make reading sessions short, fun, and positive. Use different voices for characters, point to words as you read, and celebrate small successes. The games are excellent for boosting engagement.
- **Reliance on Pictures:** If a child is guessing words from pictures rather than decoding, cover the pictures initially and encourage them to sound out the words. Uncover the picture after they've decoded the word to confirm.

## 6. PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

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<b>Publisher</b>	Phonic Books
<b>Publication Date</b>	July 31, 2019
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<b>Print Length</b>	192 pages (total for the bundle)
<b>ISBN-10</b>	1783693118
<b>ISBN-13</b>	978-1783693115
<b>Item Weight</b>	1 pound
<b>Reading Age</b>	4 - 6 years
<b>Dimensions</b>	5.94 x 1.32 x 8.38 inches
<b>Grade Level</b>	Preschool - 1

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## 8. PRODUCT VIDEOS

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