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Photocopiable Activities Accompanying Dandelion Launchers Extras Stages 1-7

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides instructions for using the Phonic Books Dandelion Launchers Reading and Writing Activities for Stages 1-7. This activity book is designed to accompany the Dandelion Launchers Extras Stages 1-7 decodable book series, offering supplementary exercises for children in Pre-K and Kindergarten who are learning to read. The activities focus on introducing letters and sounds incrementally, supporting the development of phonics skills and encouraging independent reading.

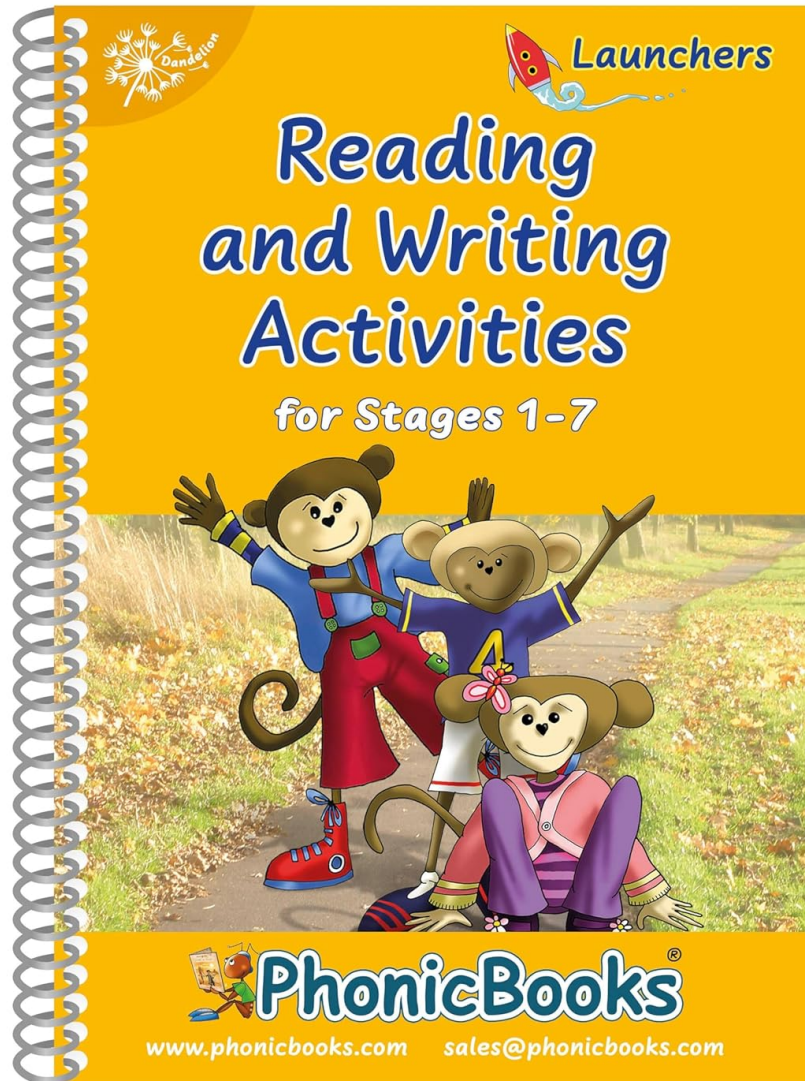


Figure 1: Front cover of the Dandelion Launchers Reading and Writing Activities book.

The book contains 168 pages of activities, including exercises for practicing previously taught spellings and CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) words. Phonics is a method of teaching reading by understanding the sounds individual letters make and blending them to form words, enabling children to decode new words effectively.

## 2. SETUP

The Dandelion Launchers Reading and Writing Activities book is designed for flexible use. Many pages are photocopiable, allowing for repeated practice or use with multiple students. To prepare for activities:

1. **Photocopying:** Identify pages marked as photocopiable. These can be duplicated for individual student use. Ensure clear copies are made for optimal readability.
2. **Accompanying Books:** This activity book is intended to be used in conjunction with the Dandelion Launchers Extras Stages 1-7 decodable readers. Refer to the corresponding stage in the decodable readers for context and reinforcement of phonics concepts.
3. **Materials:** Provide students with pencils, crayons, or other writing tools as required by specific activities.

## 3. OPERATING THE ACTIVITIES

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The activities are structured to align with the progressive stages of the Dandelion Launchers series, introducing new letter patterns and reinforcing previously learned sounds.

### 3.1 Stage-Based Progression

Each stage in the activity book corresponds to a stage in the Dandelion Launchers Extras series, introducing specific letters and sounds. For example:

- **Stage 1:** Focuses on sounds s, a, t, i, m. Activities will involve words and exercises using these letters.
- **Stage 2:** Introduces n, o, p, building upon Stage 1.
- **Subsequent Stages:** Continue to introduce new letters and sounds (b, c, g, h; d, e, f, v; k, l, r, u; j, w, z) while reviewing prior learning.

### 3.2 Activity Types

The book includes a variety of activities designed to practice phonics skills:

- **Retelling Stories:** Activities often involve cutting out pictures and word cards to retell stories from the accompanying decodable readers, reinforcing vocabulary and comprehension.
- **Word Building:** Exercises focus on blending sounds to form CVC words (e.g., s-u-n).
- **Writing Practice:** Opportunities for children to practice writing letters and words.

## Stage 1

## Book 1a: Sam, Tam, Tim

## Retelling the story



Tim

Tam

Sam

sit

sat

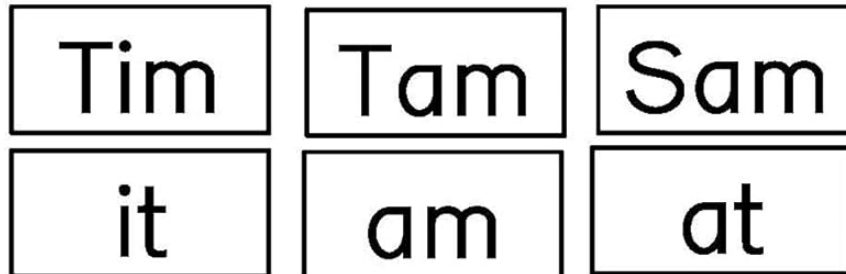
This page can be photocopied onto card. Cut out these pictures for retelling the story or for children to make their own story. Picture cards are arranged in story order. Choose whether to number them on the back. Word cards can also be used to reinforce vocabulary.

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Figure 2: An example activity page for Stage 1, Book 1a, focusing on retelling the story "Sam, Tam, Tim" using picture and word cards.

Book 1b: Is it Sam?

Retelling the story



This page can be photocopied onto card. Cut out these pictures for retelling the story or for children to make their own story. Picture cards are arranged in story order. Choose whether to number them on the back. Word cards can also be used to reinforce vocabulary.

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Figure 3: An example activity page for Stage 1, Book 1b, focusing on retelling the story "Is it Sam?" with corresponding picture and word cards.

## 4. MAINTENANCE

To ensure the longevity and usability of your Dandelion Launchers Reading and Writing Activities book:

- **Storage:** Store the book in a dry place away from direct sunlight to prevent page yellowing or damage.
- **Handling:** Encourage careful handling, especially when photocopying pages or cutting out activity

elements.

- **Cleaning:** Keep the book clean. Avoid spills and use a soft, dry cloth to gently wipe the cover if necessary.

## 5. TROUBLESHOOTING

If students encounter difficulties while using the activities, consider the following:

- **Difficulty with Sounds:** If a child struggles with specific letter sounds, revisit the corresponding Dandelion Launchers Extras decodable reader for that stage. Provide additional oral practice of the sounds before attempting written activities.
- **Blending Challenges:** For difficulties in blending sounds to form words, practice segmenting and blending CVC words orally. Use manipulatives like letter tiles to physically combine sounds.
- **Lack of Engagement:** Ensure the activities are appropriately challenging. If a child is disengaged, simplify the task or provide more direct support and encouragement. Connect the activity to a story they have just read.
- **Photocopy Quality:** If photocopied pages are unclear, adjust copier settings or use the original page if possible. Poor quality copies can hinder learning.

## 6. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Publisher	Phonic Books
Publication Date	October 31, 2019
Language	English
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ISBN-10	1783693150
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Item Weight	2.31 pounds
Reading Age	4 - 6 years
Dimensions	8.62 x 0.7 x 11.7 inches
Grade Level	Preschool - 1

## 7. SUPPORT

Phonic Books specializes in creating decodable, systematic phonics books and resources to support structured literacy instruction. For further assistance or inquiries regarding the Dandelion Launchers series and accompanying activities, please refer to the publisher's official website or contact their support channels. Phonic Books is committed to helping children learn to read effectively.

