

LESSON 91

Review the material from the previous lessons using the sound-letter deck, the high-frequency word deck, and the whiteboards.

Make the sound with your student and have your student write the lowercase letters of this sound on a whiteboard three times while saying the sound. Create a flashcard for the sound-letter deck:

y (which makes the short “i” sound, as in “gym”)

Explain that **y** makes the short “i” sound and appears in the middle of words, and that this use of **y** is not common. There are a huge number of words like “baby,” “puppy,” and “crazy,” and many words like “try” and “dry,” but few words like “gym” and “hymn.”

Words to read and write:

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Introduce the new high-frequency words you have written onto flashcards. Have the student write the high-frequency words three times while pronouncing the words:

nature, future, picture (all pronounced with “cher”)¹

Have the student read:

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¹ **nature**, **future**, and **picture**: **na**, **fu**, and **pic**, are decodable; **ture** making the “cher” sound is irregular in these lessons, though other words such as “capture,” “puncture,” and “creature” also have this pattern

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Have the student write from your dictation:

In science class this year, we will study the solar system.

“Human nature is complex,” my mother often will say.

Patrick often thinks about his plans for the future.

Melissa loves myths and fairy tales.

Note: At this point your student has mastered so many sounds of **y**, and this is something to celebrate! Your student knows:

y as a consonant in “yell”

y as part of a vowel team as in “pay”

y as a vowel in “pony”

y as a vowel in “spy”

y as a vowel in “gym”

Ask your student to find and describe the different sounds of **y** in the sentences below:

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Choose any of the stories in Group 8 (“Y” as a Vowel Stories), Group 7 (Consonant-le Stories), Group 6 (Snow, Cow, Cloud Stories), or Group 5 (R-Controlled Stories) for a “triple read.”

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