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ENGLISH

**SPELLING-BOOK.**

AN  
ENGLISH  
**SPELLING-BOOK,**  
WITH  
READING LESSONS,  
FOR  
THE BEGINNERS  
AT  
THE SCHOOL  
**kaiseidzio**  
IN YEDO.

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FIRST EDITION.

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SECTION. I.

The common alphabet

A B C D E F  
G H I J K L  
M N O P Q R  
S T U V W X  
Y Z.

a b c d e f  
g h i j k l  
m n o p q r  
s t u v w x  
y z.

Manuscript.

A B C D E F  
 G H I J K L  
 M N O P Q R  
 S T U V W X  
 Y Z.

a b c d e f  
 g h i j k l  
 m n o p q r  
 s t u v w x  
 y z.

The vowels.

a e i o u,

and sometimes,

w and y.

The consonants.

b c d f g h j

k l m n p q r

s t v w x y z.

Double letters.

ff fi fl.

SECTION II.

SYLLABLES AND WORDS  
OF TWO LETTERS.

The vowel long.

ba	be	bi	bo	bu	by
ca	—	—	co	cu	—
da	de	di	do	du	dy
fa	fe	fi	fo	fu	fy
ga	—	—	go	gu	—
.....					
ha	he	hi	ho	hu	hy
ja	je	ji	jo	ju	—
ka	ke	ki	ko	ku	ky

la	le	li	lo	lu	ly
ma	me	mi	mo	mu	my
na	ne	ni	no	nu	ny
pa	pe	pi	po	pu	py
.....					
ra	re	ri	ro	ru	ry
sa	se	si	so	su	sy
ta	te	ti	to	tu	ty
va	ve	vi	vo	vu	vy
wa	we	wi	wo	wu	wy
ya	ye	yi	yo	yu	—
—	ce	ci	—	—	cy
—	ge	gi	—	—	gy

The vowel generally short.

ab	eb	ib	ob	ub
ac	ec	ic	oc	uc
ad	ed	id	od	ud
af	ef	if	of	uf
ag	eg	ig	og	ug.
.....				
ak	ek	ik	ok	uk
al	el	il	ol	ul
am	em	im	om	um
an	en	in	on	un
ap	ep	ip	op	up.
.....				

ae	er	ir	or	ur
as	es	is	os	us
at	et	it	ot	ut
ax	ex	ix	ox	ux.

WORDS OF TWO LETTERS.

The vowel long.

by	do	he	go	he
oi	to	me	lo	ye
my	so	we	no	wo.

The vowel short.

am	if	at	of	
an	in	it	on	us
as	is	up	ot.	

Reading lesson.

Go up.	Is he up.	We do so.
Go in.	So am I.	Do so to us.
Go on.	Do go on.	Do as we do.

SECTION III.

Syllables and words of three letters the position of the vowel varied.

ba be bi bo bu  
 bra bre bri bro bu  
 ca ce ci co cu  
 ca ce ci co cu cry  
 da de di do du dry

.....

fa fe fi fo fu fy  
 ga ge gi go gu  
 gra gre gri gro gru  
 pla ple pli plo plu ply  
 pra pre pri pro pru pry,

.....

sa se si so su  
 sha she shi sho shu  
 spa spe spi spo spu spy  
 swa swe swi swo swu swy  
 the thy fly shy sky try.

The vowel generally short.

af ef if of uf



alp	elp	ilp	olp	ulp
amp	emp	imp	omp	ump
and	end	ind	ond	und
ang	eng	ing	ong	ung
ank	enk	ink	ouk	unk
ant	ent	int	out	unt
.....				
apt	ept	ipt	opt	upt
arm	erm	irm	orm	urm
ask	esk	isk	osk	usk
ast	est	ist	ost	ust
add	egg	ill	odd	off
ann	ass	ell	inn	

Reading lesson.

A fly.	An inn.	My arm.
An ant	The ink.	An egg.
An ass.	The sky.	The end.
Go to Ann.	Go and ask.	
She is ill.	By and by.	
Is she up?	Try to do it.	

SECTION IV.

A SKETCH OF THE DIPHTHONGS.

The principal diphthongs.

ai	ea	ey	ou	eu
au	ee	oa	ow	ui

aw    el    oi    oy    uy

ay    ew    oo    ua.

1 The sound of two vowels.

oi            in            boil;

oy            in            boy;

ou            in            our;

ow            in            cow.

2. The sound of a single short vowel.

ea in bead sounds like e short;

in in build            like i short;

ue in guest            like e short:

3. The sound of a single middle vowel

ao in about sounds like middle a;

oo in cool            like middle o;

oo in good            like middle u

4. The sound of a single long or broad vowel.

ai in air sounds like a long;

ay in day            like a long;

ey in key            like e long;

au in daub            like a broad;

aw in paw            like a broad,

ow in slow            like o long.

SECTION V.

THE SHORT SOUNDS OF THE  
VOWELS AND DIPHTHONGS.

Words of three letters

a

bad can had mad rag

bag cap has man way

bat cat bat mat wax

fat lad sad

e

bed hen let peg red

beg men met pen vex

den get net pet wet

fed leg set

hid mid i

bid dig fit lip rid

big dim bid pig sit

bit fig him pin tin

did fin his

o

box hop not rob sob

fox hot pop rod sop

dog mop pod rot top

fog nod pot

u

bud cut hut rub sun

bun gun mud tug sup

but hug mug run tub

cup hum nut

### Reading lesson

A pin.	The dog	I had.
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A cup	The cat.	He has.
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A top	The pig	We can
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A bad lad	A red bud.
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A mad dog	A dry fig.
-----------	------------

A fat pig	A tin box.
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He can dig	It is hot.
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I can hop.	Get my hat.
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We can run. | Let us go.

### SECTION VI.

#### Words of four letters.

a

band flad land sash

bank flax lass sand

damp have fast span

glad hand last

e

bell fret nest mend

best left rest send

desk lent west soft

tell well when.

i

dish fill pink skip

fish kiss ring spin

give king sing swim

live milk silk will

hill mist ship wish.

o

blot frog lost soft

doll from pond spot

drop gone shop stop

fond long song.

burn hurt must spun

dull hush plum sung

drum jump purr tusk

dust lump shut.

Reading lesson.

A nest. The king. I wish.

A frog. The ship. I skip.

A pond. The desk. We jump.

A red spot. Ring the bell.

A pink sash. Shut the box.

The left hand. Mend my pen.

A dish of fish. Give me a pan.

A cup of milk. | Do not hurt me.

### SECTION VII.

Words of five and six letters.

glass shall bless fresh

grass stamp dress shelf

plant stand flesh shell

smell bring fish still

spell brisk spring sting

speed drink stiff string

cross blush crust stung

tongs brush grant strut

strong crush snuff trunk.

### Reading lesson.

A shell | The grass | I spell

A brush | The tongs | He drinks.

A crust | The shell | We stand.

A long string | Brush my hat

A strong man | Bring the cup.

A brisk lad | Drink the milk.

### SECTION VIII

Words containing short diphthongs.

e

dead	death	pearl	said
deaf	bread	tread	says
head	earth	spread	guess
bread	learn	thread	friend

i

been	build	gold	quill
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u

blood	does	young
flood	touch	scourge

Reading lesson.

The earth	A dead man
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My head	A dead fly
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A friend.	A young frog.
I guess.	A crust of bread.
He said.	A bit of thread.
We learn.	A long quill.

SECTION IX.

THE LONG SOUNDS OF THE VOWELS AND DIPHTHONGS.

Vowels and diphthongs like  
a in ale.

cake	face	haste	take
rare	jane	made	tape
gave	james	make	grape.
air	clay	may	break

fair	day	maid	great
hail	hay	way	frail
tail	gain	play	snail
rain	gray	say	they
vain	hair	stay	their

Reading lesson.

It rains.	Take care.
It hails.	Make haste.
A long tail.	May I go ?
A great cake.	Stay by me.
A fair day.	Let us play.

SECTION X.

Vowels and diphthongs  
like e in me.

eve	she	here	these.
ear	read	steal	week
eat	bleat	wheat	geese
east	clean	bee	green
pea	mean	see	sheep
tea	leave	feed	sweet
dear	sheaf	feet	sleep
fear	shear	keep	sleeve
leaf	speak	tree	field
neat	sneak	weed	piece.



Reading lesson.

A green field.	The sheep bleat.
A sweet pea.	The pigs squeak.
A sheaf of wheat	Here is a bee.
A piece of bread	Feed the geese
A cup of tea	Eat the grapes.

SECTION XI.

Vowels and diphthongs  
like i in pine.

live	kind	nice	blind
bite	kite	rice	wipe
dine	like	ripe	smile
fine	mice	side	smile

fire	mild	time	quite
line	mind	wine	spice
die	pie	tie	buy
lie	die	vie	eye.

Reading lesson.

A sweet smile.	A nice pie.
A ripe plum.	A glass of wine.
A blind man.	A kind friend.

The sun shines.	Fly the kite.
It is a fine day.	It is time to read.
Bring the line.	I like to read.

## SECTION XII.

Vowel and diphthongs  
like o in no.

old	home	roll	house
cold	hope	rose	stone
gold	mole	told	smoke
hold	most	tone	stoke
coat	cloak	low	grow
load	toast	mow	show
road	door	blow	snow
roar	floor	grow	sew.

Reading lesson.

A hot roll. | A red cloak.

A sweet rose | A load of hay.

A bad road. | A clean floor.

Shut the door. | It snows fast.

The fire smokes. | Bring my coat.

It is a cold day. | Let us go home.

## SECTION XIII.

Vowels and diphthongs  
like u in mule.

use	funne	mute	tube
cure	lute	pure	tune
duke	mule	puke	plume
cue	dew	new	slew

due	clew	pow	ewe
hue	few	blew	lieu
bleu	mew	clew	view

Reading lesson.

The sky is blue.	The cat mews.
The mole frisks.	The new road.

In a few weeks I hope to  
read well.

I will make the best use of  
my time.

SECTION XIV.

THE MIDDLE SOUNDS OF THE  
VOWELS AND DIPH-  
THONGS.

Like a in bar.

are	cart	harm	part
art	card	lark	tart
back	bar	large	sharp
dark	hard	star	smart
ba	jaunt	heart	launch
ant	guard	hearth	baunch.

Like o in move.

rose	prove	whom	do
move	who	whose	Rome

coo	noon	broom	shoe
cool	poor	goose	you
too	root	shoot	true
food	room	spoon	fruit
moon	soon	stool	your.

Like u in bull.

bush	full	puss	bull
push	pull	put	
hook	look	good	foot
cook	rook	hood	wood
hook	took	stood	wool

### Reading lesson.

Good fruit.	The full moon.
A fat goose.	The dog barks.
A poor rook,	The bull roars.
A dark room.	Puss purrs.
I hurt my foot.	Put by the stool
I lost my shoe.	Do not push me
Is it true ?	Whose hook is it ?
Who said so ?	I shall soon learn
Look at me.	to spell.

SECTION XV.

THE BROAD SOUNDS OF THE  
VOWELS AND DIPHTHONGS.

Vowels and diphthongs  
like a in all.

ball	tall	warm	scald
ball	wall	wart	small
fall	salt	false	twarm
daub	daw	claw	straw
fault	paw	draw	shawl
gauze	raw	lawn	broad
cow	saw	crawl	George.

Reading lesson.

A soft ball.

A straw hat.

A broad band.

A tall man.

A gauze cap.

A warm shawl.

The rooks *caw*.

The snow falls.

The snails *crawl*.

My ball is lost.

Pass has sharp

Who calls me.

claws.

SECTION XVI.

Proper diphthongs, in which both  
vowels are sounded: oi and  
oy, as in boy; ou and  
ow, as in cow.

oil	joy	thou	ground
boil	toy	cloud	cow
moist	our	found	how
noise	out	house	now
spoil	loud	mouse	owl
voise	shout	pound	growl
boy	sour	round	down
coy	four	sound	gowd.

Reading lesson.

How do you do ?

Sit down. Read to me.

Now leave your books.

Do not make a noise,

Owls fly in the dark.

Moles live in the ground,

SECTION XVII.

A like o short.

~~was~~ wash want

~~what~~ wasp what.

I like u short.

~~bird~~ flirt first bird

~~shirt~~ spirt stir squirt.

I like e short.

~~birth~~ firm girl skirt

mirth gird girt whirl.

O like u short.

come glove some work

done love son worm

dove none word world.

O like a broad.

cord fork born for

lord horse corn nor

cork storm horn short.

E like a long.

there where.

E like i short, and like u short.

yes her.

### Reading lesson

Has Ann done her work ?

Yes she has.

She is a good girl. I love her

I have been ill. Come to me.

Give me some drink.

I love to learn. Where is my

book ?

What shall I read ?

### SECTION XVIII.

WORDS CONTAINING CONSONANTS NOT SOUNDED

Words with silent consonants the vo-

vowel or diphthong having the  
short or the middle  
sounds.

b silent	cock	clock
lamb dumb	duck	knit
limb thumb	knot	knock.
g		i
gnat gnash	calf	half
k	calm	could
back black	should	would.
quack neck		w
pick sick	wrap	wrist
wick quick	wrong.	

### Reading lesson

A fat calf.      The cock crows.

A hard knot.      The gnats bite.

The ducks quack.

Pick up the crumbs.

Who knocks at the door.

Ann should learn to knit and sew.

### SECTION XIX.

Words with silent consonants, the  
vowel or diphthong having  
the long or the  
broad sound.

b silent	g
climb comb.	sign gnaw.



	<b>k.</b>	light	might
knife	know	night	sight
knee	knead.	thigh	eight
	<b>l.</b>	neigh	straight
talk	walk	caught	taught
stalk	yolk	baught	plough
	<b>gh.</b>	dough	though.
high	sigh		<b>w.</b>
bright	fight	write	sword.

Reading lesson.

A new comb	A bright star.
A sharp knife	A light night.

A high wall	The horse neights.
A fine sight	The dogs fight.

The bough of a tree.

The stalk of a rose.

The yolk of an egg.

Dogs gnaw bones

Jane kneads the dough

George ploughs the field

Puss can climb trees.

I know how to read.

I wish I could write.

Come let us walk.

What o'clock is it ?

I thought so.

SECTION XX.

SINGLE CONSONANTS.

c hard like k

cash	crum	clash	scar
crab	curd	cling	scum
cane	cold	creep	count
coll	cool	crawl	crowd

c soft like s.

dance	pence	hence	since
ounce	fence	whence	prince

lace nice cease juice

place price piece voice.

g hard

glad gasp glass grand

grim gust grass grunt.

g soft

gem gin age hedge.

s sharp

sand dress bricks nurse

send gloss tricks purse

seed haste goose seat

side waste straw sweet.

s flat like z

his rags birds beds  
hers ribs doves heads  
keys hares pears please  
tease wares praise croaks

Reading lesson

Jane has made a nice plum tart.

Take a piece of it.

George give me a book.

I am glad I can read it.

I hope I shall not be a dunce.

Bricks are made of clay.

Glass is made of sand.

Wine is the juice of grapes.

SECTION XXI.

DOUBLE CONSONANTS.

th sharp.

thank thick breath cloth

think thin health thing

three throat teeth north

throne throw mouth south.

th flat.

than this that bath

then thus them path

they these thy clothes

thefr those thine smooth.

oh like tch.

Charles chin much rich

charge chich such which

chair cheese coach peach

child choice couch reach.

oh like sh.

loch bench tenth t'rouch

pinch bunch stench chaise.

oh like k.

chart chasm scheme school.

gh and ph like f.

rough cough phiz nymph

tough laugh phrase sofa.

### Reading lesson

Clean your teeth.

Wash your mouths.

Then your breath will be

sweet

Do not throw stones

Come in. Reach a chair

Take some bread and cheese

we

Who gave you these pears?

James gave them to us.

Thank him for them.

I have a fine peach and a  
bunch of grapes

I will give you some of  
them

THE END.

