Language and Literacy Enrichment Resources for

Sky Country

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Resources and Assessments

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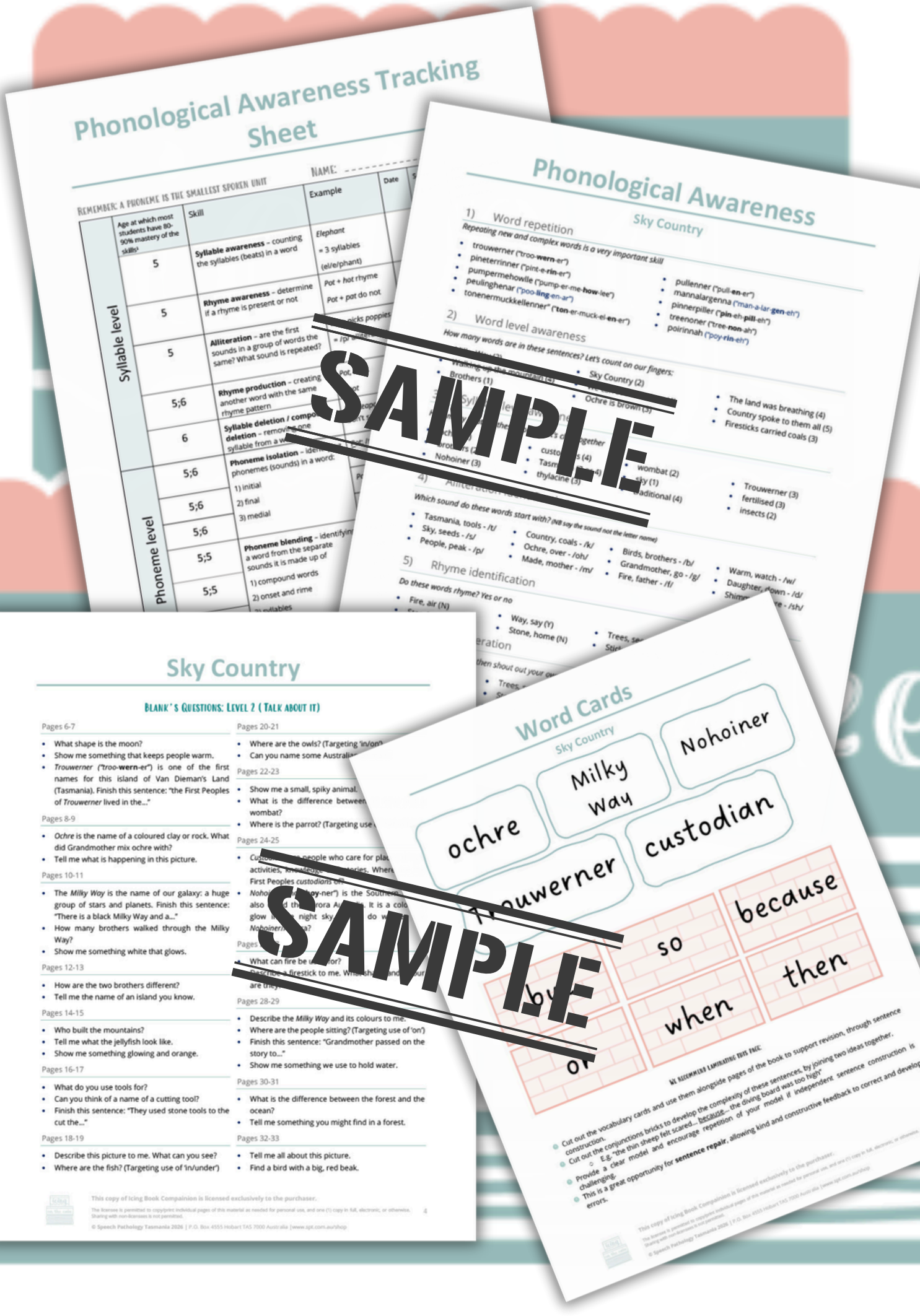
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Phonological Awareness Tracking Sheet

Remember: a phoneme is the smallest spoken unit

Name: _____

	Age at which most students have 80-90% mastery of the skills[1]	Skill	Example	Date
Syllable level	5	**Syllable awareness** – counting the syllables (beats) in a word	Elephant = 3 syllables (el/e/phant)	
	5	**Rhyme awareness** – determine if a rhyme is present or not	Pot + hot rhyme Pot + pat do not	
	5	**Alliteration** – are the first sounds in a group of words the same? What sound is repeated?	...icks poppies = /p/	
	5;6	**Rhyme production** – creating another word with the same rhyme pattern	Pot, ...	
	6	**Syllable deletion / compo... deletion** – remov... one syllable from a w...	...	
Phoneme level	5;6	**Phoneme isolation** – ide... phonemes (sounds) in a word:		
	5;6	1) initial		
	5;6	2) final		
	5;5	3) medial		
	5;5	**Phoneme blending** – identifyin... a word from the separate sounds it is made up of		
	5;5	1) compound words		
		2) onset and rime		
		3) syllables		

Phonological Awareness

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1) Word repetition

Repeating new and complex words is a very important skill

- trouwerner ("troo-**wern**-er")
- pineterrinner ("pint-e-**rin**-er")
- pumpermehowlle ("pump-er-me-**how**-lee")
- peulinghenar ("**poo**-**ling**-en-ar")
- tonenermuckkellenner" ("**ton**-er-muck-el-**en**-er")
- pullenner ("pull-**en**-er")
- mannalargenna ("man-a-lar-**gen**-eh")
- pinnerpiller ("**pin**-eh-**pill**-eh")
- treenoner ("tree-**non**-ah")
- poirinnah ("**poy**-**rin**-eh")

2) Word level awareness

How many words are in these sentences? Let's count on our fingers:

- Brothers (1)
- Sky Country (2)
- Ochre is brown (3)
- The land was breathing (4)
- Country spoke to them all (5)
- Firesticks carried coals (3)

3) Syllable...

- Nohoiner (3)
- thylacine (3)
- wombat (2)
- sky (1)
- traditional (4)
- Trouwerner (3)
- fertilised (3)
- insects (2)

4) Alliteration...

Which sound do these words start with? (NB say the sound not the letter name)

- Tasmania, tools - /t/
- Sky, seeds - /s/
- People, peak - /p/
- Country, coals - /k/
- Ochre, over - /oh/
- Made, mother - /m/
- Birds, brothers - /b/
- Grandmother, go - /g/
- Fire, father - /f/
- Warm, watch - /w/
- Daughter, down - /d/

5) Rhyme identification

Do these words rhyme? Yes or no

- Fire, air (N)
- Way, say (Y)
- Stone, home (N)

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Blank's Questions: Level 2 (Talk about it)

Pages 6-7

- What shape is the moon?
- Show me something that keeps people warm.
- *Trouwerner* ("troo-**wern**-er") is one of the first names for this island of Van Dieman's Land (Tasmania). Finish this sentence: "the First Peoples of *Trouwerner* lived in the..."

Pages 8-9

- *Ochre* is the name of a coloured clay or rock. What did Grandmother mix ochre with?
- Tell me what is happening in this picture.

Pages 10-11

- The *Milky Way* is the name of our galaxy: a huge group of stars and planets. Finish this sentence: "There is a black Milky Way and a..."
- How many brothers walked through the Milky Way?
- Show me something white that glows.

Pages 12-13

- How are the two brothers different?
- Tell me the name of an island you know.

Pages 14-15

- Who built the mountains?
- Tell me what the jellyfish look like.
- Show me something glowing and orange.

Pages 16-17

- What do you use tools for?
- Can you think of a name of a cutting tool?
- Finish this sentence: "They used stone tools to the cut the..."

Pages 18-19

- Describe this picture to me. What can you see?
- Where are the fish? (Targeting use of 'in/under')

Pages 20-21

- Where are the owls? (Targeting 'in/on')
- Can you name some Australi...

Pages 22-23

- Show me a small, spiky animal.
- What is the difference between ... wombat?
- Where is the parrot? (Targeting use ...

Pages 24-25

- *Custo...* people who care for plac... activities, ... stories. Where... First Peoples *custodians* of?
- *Noho...* ...-ner") is the South... also ... the Aurora Au... It is a colo... glow ... night sky ... do w... *Nohoiners*...a?

Pages 26-27

- What can fire be used for?
- Describe a firestick to me. What sh... and ... are they?

Pages 28-29

- Describe the *Milky Way* and its colours to me.
- Where are the people sitting? (Targeting use of 'on')
- Finish this sentence: "Grandmother passed on the story to..."
- Show me something we use to hold water.

Pages 30-31

- What is the difference between the forest and the ocean?
- Tell me something you might find in a forest.

Pages 32-33

- Tell me all about this picture.
- Find a bird with a big, red beak.

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Word Cards

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ochre	Milky Way	Nohoiner
trouwerner	custodian	
but	so	because
or	when	then

We recommend laminating this page.

- Cut out the vocabulary cards and use them alongside pages of the book to support revision, through sentence construction.
- Cut out the conjunctions bricks to develop the complexity of these sentences, by joining two ideas together.
  - E.g. "the thin sheep felt scared... because... the diving board was too high"
- Provide a clear model and encourage repetition of your model if independent sentence construction is challenging.
- This is a great opportunity for **sentence repair**, allowing kind and constructive feedback to correct and develop errors.

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"This very important resource will take children on a journey through the book at their level of understanding. This is a tremendous resource for teacher's to use in the classroom at all levels of Primary education"

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