THE PURITAN GRAMMAR PRIMER

For attaining the true reading of English

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Dedicated to the Puritans of New England, who labored to establish a shining city upon a hill, and who have left us such a glorious legacy to build upon through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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The Puritans’ Home School Curriculum

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LESSON 1

Learn the names of each of the letters of the alphabet, both ‘small’ (un-capitalized) and ‘great’ (capitalized), and learn to be able to say by memory the alphabet:

abcdeefghij
klmnopqrst
uvwxyz.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

KLmnopqrstuvwxyz
LESSON 2

Learn which letters are called ‘vowels’ and which letters are called ‘consonants’:

Vowels.

a e i o u (y).

Consonants.

b c d f g h j k l m n p q r s t v w x (y) z.
LESSON 3

Learn the short vowel sounds and the sounds of all the consonant letters:

Vowels.
a e i o u (y).

Consonants.
b c d f g h j k l m n p q r s t v w x (y) z.
Lesson 4

Practice the sound of each letter, and then listen as I read them in these Bible verses:

A Wise son maketh a glad father, but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.

BEetter is a little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure & trouble therewith.

COne unto Christ all ye that labor and are heavy laden and he will give you rest.

DO not the abominable thing which I hate saith the Lord.

EXcept a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

GODLINESS is profitable unto all things, having the promise of the life that now is, and that which is to come.

HOLINESS becomes GOD's house for ever.

IT is good for me to draw near unto GOD.

KEEP thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life.

LIARS shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone.

MANY are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivereth them out of them all.

NOW is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation.

OUT of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

PRAY to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which sees in secret shall reward thee openly.

QUIT you like men, be strong, stand fast in the faith.

REMEMBER thy Creator in the days of thy youth.

SEest thou a man wise in his own conceit, there is more hope of a fool than of him.

TRUST in God at all times, ye people, pour out your hearts before him.

UPON the wicked, God shall rain an horrible tempest.

WO to the wicked, it shall be ill with him, for the reward of his hands shall be given him.

EXHORT one another daily while it is called to day, lest any of you be hardened thro' the deceitfulness of sin.

YOUNG men ye have overcome the wicked one.

ZEal hath consumed me, because thy enemies have forgotten the word of God.
LESSON 5

Practice the sound of each letter some more, and then listen as I read a word with the letter in these poetic sentences which contain Bible truths. Do you know what this poem means?

A  In ADAM'S Fall
    We sinned all.
B  Heaven to find;
    The Bible Mind.
C  Christ crucified
    For sinners died.
D  The Deluge drowned
    The Earth around.
E  ELIJAH hid
    By Ravens fed.
F  The judgment made
    FELIX afraid.
G  As runs the Glass,
    Our Life does pass.
H  My Book and Heart
    Must never part.
J  JOB feels the Rod,--
    Yet blesses GOD.
K  Proud Korah's troop
    Was swallowed up
L  LOT fled to Zoar,
    Saw fiery Shower
    On Sodom pour.
M  MOSES was he
    Who Israel's Host
    Led through the Sea
N  NOAH did view
    The old world & new.
O  Young OBADIAS,
    DAVID, JOSIAS,
    All were pious.
P  PETER denied
    His Lord and cried.
Q  Queen ESTHER sues
    And saves the Jews.
R  Young pious RUTH,
    Left all for Truth.
S  Young SAMUEL dear,
    The Lord did fear.
T  Young TIMOTHY
    Learnt sin to fly.
V  VASHTI for Pride
    Was set aside.
W  Whales in the Sea,
    GOD's Voice obey.
X  XERXES did die,
    And so must I.
Y  While youth do cheer
    Death may be near.
Z  ZACCHEUS he
    Did climb the Tree
    Our Lord to see.
Lesson 6

Learn how to combine one vowel sound with one consonant sound to make a word:

a t at
i f if
i t it
i t it
o x ox
a x ax
a s as
u s us
a m am
i s is
i d id
Learn how to combine one vowel sound with 2 consonant sounds to make a word:

- Cat: c a t
- Sit: s i t
- Bit: b i t
- Pit: p i t
- Fit: f i t
- Fix: f i x
- Mit: m i t
- Pat: p a t
- Fat: f a t
- Lad: l a d
- Sad: s a d
- Red: r e d
- Led: l e d
- Run: r u n
- Rum: r u m
- Cud: c u d
- Bad: b a d
- Ran: r a n
- Bud: b u d
LESSON 8

Learn how to recognize proper names, by the first letter capitalized:

Pat
Ted
Tom
Sal
Jed
Jud
Pam
Cal
Sam
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Learn how to read a sentence ending in a period with 2 words:

Pat sat.
Sal ran.
Jon sits.
Tom bit.
Bud ran.
Jud led.
Cal runs.
Ted sat.
LESSON 10

Learn how to read a sentence ending in a period with 3 words:

Tom is sad.
Ted is red.
Sal is fit.
Tom hit Cal.
Jud led us.
Pam ran it.
Lesson 11

Learn the sounds of these consonant digraphs:

- ph as in Phil
- sh as in shot
- th as in thin
- th as in the
- ch as in chin
- wh as in when
Practice saying these sentences:

Tim ran fast.
The cat is sad.
When Sal sat.
The desk is red.
The pen is in the den.
The cat is in a hat.
Ted is thin.
Phil must rest.
Tim fell in when Tom ran up.
Let us chat.
The shack is big.
Lesson 13

Learn the sounds of these letter combinations and pronounce the words that include them:

ck - rack, lack, Jack
st - stop, stack, start
ng - sang, ring, song
nk - flunk, plunk, stunk
tr - truck, trim, trunk
cl - clip, clap, clasp
sm - smell, smack, smart
fr - frank, Fran, frill
tch - catch, latch, match
nd - bend, land, stand
qu - quack, quill, quick
mp - stamp, mumps, lump
ld - held, meld, told
tw - twin, twit, twins
lk - talk, walk, stalk
lp - scalp, help, yelp
gr - grill, grin, grit
er - butter, smarter, better
bl - blink, blast, bland
br - brand, bran, brick
dr - drink, drill, drunk
sl - slip, slit, slurp
sp - spell, spill, spurn
LESSON 14

Learn the possessive:

‘s’ - Tom’s bed is big.
’s’ - Les’ chin is red.

Practice saying these sentences:

The rat ran past the cat.

Sam will not quit.

Pam lit a match.

Ted slept in the bed.

Tom’s cat is fat.

Ted’s cat is smarter than Les’ pet rat.
LESSON 15

Learn the long vowel sounds:

Vowels.

\( \text{aA eE iI oO uU} \)

(yY).

Listen to the long vowel sound in these sentences:

\( \text{aA - Abel’s offering was accepted by God.} \)

\( \text{eE - Eden was man’s first home.} \)

\( \text{iI - I love and fear God.} \)

\( \text{oO - Oh, how love I thy law.} \)

\( \text{uU - Uriah the Hittite was a faithful soldier.} \)

\( \text{(yY) - My yolk is easy and my burden is light.} \)
LESSON 16

Practice sentences when the long vowel sounds are used:

**aA**

Jane can bake a cake.
Sam can stay.
Do not stair in the air.

**eE**

Stan will eat the meat at his seat.
Pete will sit here.
Jesus is God the Son.
His feet can walk on the street.

**iI**

Mike likes the kite.
It is not right to fight in the night.

**oO**

The stone is alone.
The oak is a tree.

**uU**

June will soon be here.
The juice is red.

**yY**

It is better to be busy than lazy.
Learn and practice saying these words of one syllable:

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Learn and practice saying these words of three syllables:

A-bu-sing  a-mend-ing  ar-gu-ment
Bar-ba-rous  be-ne-fit  beg-gar-ly
Cal-cu-late  can-dle-stick  con-foun-ded
Dam-ni-fy  dif-fi-cult  drow-si-ness
Ea-ger-ly  em-ploy-ing  evi-dence
Fa-cul-ty  fa-mi-ly  fu-ne-ral
Gar-de-ner  glo-ri-ous  gra-ti-tude
Hap-pi-ness  har-mo-ny  ho-li-ness
Lesson 20

Learn and practice saying these words of four syllables:

A-bi-li-ty       ac-com-pa-ny       af-fec-ti-on
Be-ne-fi-ted    be-a-ti-tude      be-ne-vo-lent
Ca-la-mi-ty     ca-pa-ci-ty       ce-re-mo-ny
De-li-ca-cy     di-li-gent-ly     du-ti-ful-ly
E-di-fy-ing     e-ver-last-ing    e-vi-dent-ly
Fe-bru-a-ry     fi-de-li-ty       for-mi-da-bly
Ge-ne-ral-ly    glo-ri-fy-ing     gra-ci-ous-ly
Lesson 21

Learn and practice saying these words of five syllables:

A-bo-mi-na-ble ad-mi-ra-ti-on
Be-ne-dic-ti-on be-ne-fi-ci-al
Ce-le-bra-ti-on con-so-la-ti-on
De-cla-ra-ti-on de-di-ca-ti-on
E-du-ca-ti-on ex-hor-ta-ti-on
For-ni-ca-ti-on fer-men-ta-ti-on
Ge-ne-ra-ti-on ge-ne-ro-si-ty
LESSON 22

Learn and practice saying these words of six syllables:

A-bo-mi-na-ti-on   Gra-ti-fi-ca-ti-on
Be-ne-fi-ci-al-ly  Hu-mi-li-a-ti-on
Con-ti-nu-a-ti-on   I-ma-gi-na-ti-on
De-ter-mi-na-ti-on  Mor-ti-fi-ca-ti-on
E-di-fi-ca-ti-on    Pu-ri-fi-ca-ti-on
Fa-mi-li-a-rity     Qua-li-fi-ca-ti-on
LESSON 23

Practice reading these sentences:

Pray to God.
Love God.
Fear God.
Serve God.
Take not God's Name in vain.
Keep the Lord's Day holy.
Do not Swear.
Do not Steal.
Cheat not in your play.
Play not with bad boys.
Call no ill names.
Use no ill words.
Tell no lies.
Hate Lies.
Speak the Truth.
Spend your Time well.
Love your School.
Mind your Book.
Strive to learn.
Be not a Dunce.
Practice reading the poem for each letter. What does this poem mean?

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We sinned all.

B
Heaven to find;
The Bible Mind.

C
Christ crucified
For sinners died.

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The Deluge drowned
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By Ravens fed.

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The judgment made
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Proud Korah's troop
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