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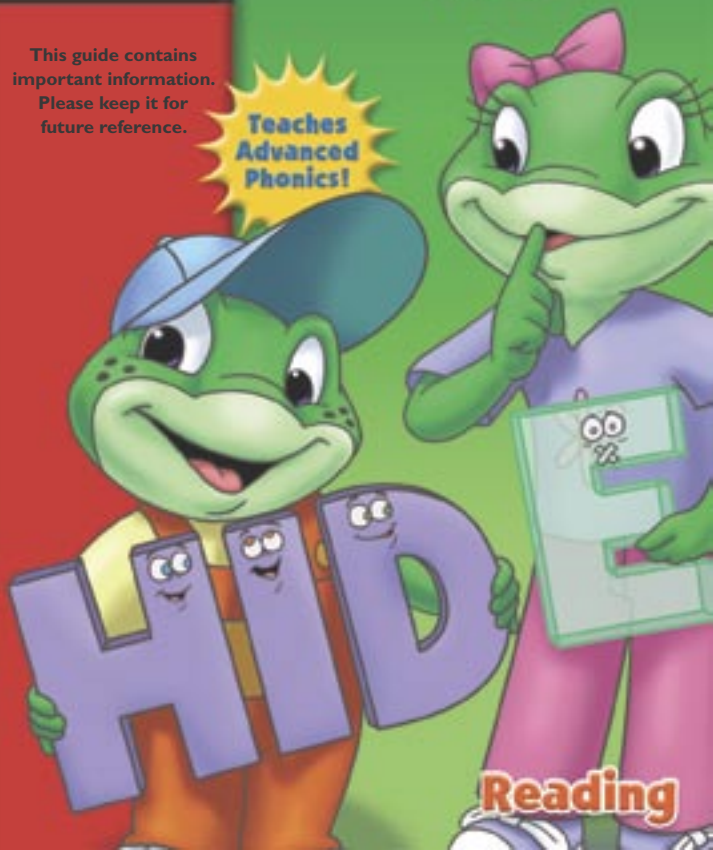
WELCOME TO THE

TALKING WORDS FACTORY™ 2
**CODE WORD
CAPER**
Video

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This guide contains important information. Please keep it for future reference.

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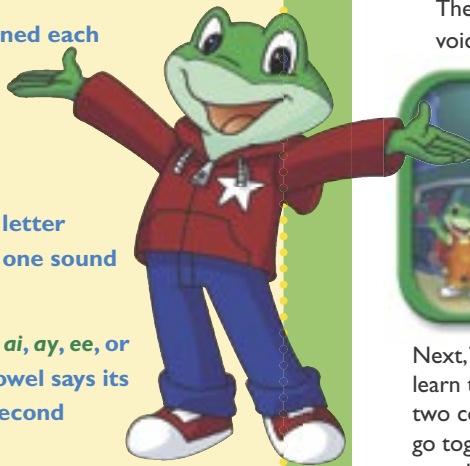
Do You Know How Many Sounds Are in Our Language?

While language experts disagree on the actual number of sounds in the English language, elementary school reading programs teach 44 phonemes, or speech sounds. These sounds are represented by the 26 alphabet letters, separately and in combination.

Once children have learned each letter and the sound it represents, they can move on to letter combinations, such as:

- **Consonant digraphs**, or letter clusters that stand for one sound (*sh, ch* and *th*)
- **Vowel digraphs**, such as *ai, ay, ee, or oa*, in which the first vowel says its long sound while the second vowel is silent
- **Words in which the *silent e*** at the end indicates the long sound for the preceding vowel

Helping your child to understand these new phonemes helps prepare him or her to decode complex words.



Welcome to the Code Word Caper!

Professor Quigley is showing Leap, Lily and Tad how to make words with the Amazing Silent E Machine. But the machine's silencer sucks Mr. Websley into it by accident! The kids must find the code words to get Mr. Websley's voice back!



Professor Quigley pushes a button on the side of the Silent E Machine and the letters T-A-P spill out onto the platform. Once a silent e is placed at the end of a word, it makes the vowel in that word say its own name. TAP becomes TAPE!

Next, Tad, Leap and Lily learn that sometimes two consonant letters go together to make one sound like *ch, sh, th*.

The Walking-Talking Connector 5000 teaches the kids "when the two vowels go walking, the first one does the talking."



Once they've broken the code, and Mr. Websley gets his voice back, he simply has to agree that a book of complex words is an excellent idea. Good work, Tad, Lily and Leap!

Fun ways to get the most from the Code Word Caper video



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First, watch the video with your child. Adapt the viewing to his or her attention span by watching the entire video or watching separate segments for each machine and the skill it teaches.

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Next, pause between each word that is spelled. Using letter cards or magnetic letters, encourage your child to duplicate the spelling and spell one more word in that letter pattern.

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Ask your child to sing along with the professor and Tad as they build words with consonant digraphs. Encourage your child to repeat Professor Quigley's rule for learning the sounds vowel digraphs make.

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Finally, play the video again and again. Repetition is the key to mastery of letters and their sounds—and important spelling rules. Act out the video with family members—take turns playing different parts.

Try this at home!

Silent E

On a sheet of construction paper, draw your own Amazing Silent E Machine. Cut it out and in the middle cut two vertical lines about 1-1/2" long and 2" wide. To the right of those lines write the letter e with a marker. Then, on a one-inch strip of paper placed horizontally write the words: *cap, fat, rat, Sam, can, man and plan*. Thread the strip through the slits so that you can pull it through and make a window for each word that links it to the e to form the words: *cape, fate, rate*, and so on. Ask your child to read each word on the strip and then read each word as it is changed by the silent e.

Consonant Digraphs

Play Penny Toss with your child. On each of 3 paper plates, write the digraphs *sh, ch, or th*. Ask your child to toss a penny to the plate with letters that stand for the initial sound of each word. Then, say a word that starts with that initial sound, such as *shell, cheese, shoe, thump, chair, thimble*, etc.

Vowel Digraphs

Build word families for the letters *ai* and *ay*. Then, use the letters to make silly rhyming couplets. For example: *Is a pail a jail for a snail? On a rainy day, does a bluejay turn gray?* Have your child illustrate pictures to go with the couplets.

TALKING WORDS FACTORY 2

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VIDEO

Teaches consonant blends, silent e, vowel blends and more!



Dear Parent,

We at LeapFrog know that you are your child's most important teacher. Our goal is to help you build an environment for your child that is rich in experiences—one that encourages discovery and fosters learning success.

As children grow, they are ready for more complex challenges. For preschoolers, we have a line of products that develop basic fundamentals to help prepare children to enter the classroom. Cheerful characters and delightful songs enhance the play experience while teaching the alphabet, phonics, vocabulary and word building.

LeapFrog™ learning products are designed to grow alongside your child through each stage of development. All are made with the same playful spirit that promotes a lifelong love of learning. For additional information on how to make learning fun and effective, visit our Web site (www.leapfrog.com), where you'll find tips from parents and educators. We hope you'll join us there.

Sincerely,

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