

Appendix ii

Mnemonics and Rhymes to Support ELS

RECEPTION/PRIMARY 1 AUTUMN 1: PHASE 2

- s – snake – **swerve** around the snake
 - a – ant – **around** the head, down the body
 - t – teacher – **down** her body and cross her shoulders
 - p – parrot – **down** his body, around his face
 - i – inventor – **down** her body, spot her idea
 - n – nest – **down** the bird and over her nest
 - m – meerkat – **meerkat**, mound, mound
 - d – duck – **over** his back and around the tail, up his neck and down to his feet
 - g – goat – **start** at his ear, around the face and down the beard
 - o – ostrich – **around** the ostrich's body
 - c – camel – **curl** around the camel's back
 - k – kid – **down** the body, up the arm, down the leg
 - ck – a camel and a kid – **the camel stood by the kid**
 - e – elephant – **around** the head and down the trunk
 - u – umbrella – **under** the umbrella and down to the tip
 - r – runner – **down** her body, up over the arm
 - ss – two snakes – **sunbathing** snakes
 - h – heron – **from** his head to his feet, up and over his back
 - b – bike – **down** the person and around the wheel
 - f – fox – **over** the ear, down to the tail and across the jaw
 - ff – two foxes – **two foxes facing forwards**
 - l – ladder – **down** the long ladder
 - ll – two ladders – **ladders in a line**
- Plus: words with /s/ at the end (sits, fits, cats, bats)

RECEPTION/PRIMARY 1 AUTUMN 2: PHASE 3

j – jellyfish – **swoop down the tentacles and dot the head**

v – viper – **down the tongue, up the tongue**

w – wallaby – **hop to the top, land and hop, land and hop**

x – x x x – **criss-cross the kiss**

y – yacht – **under the hull and down to the anchor**

z – zigzag – **zig and zag**

zz – two zigzags – **a zigzag duet**

qu – quill – **around the feather and down the pen**

ch chew the chunky chips

sh the shabby ship shook

th they were thirsty

ng ping pong

nk oooh! a pink sink

ai wait for the train

ee bee on my knee

igh light up the night

oa float on the moat

Plus: words with /z/ at the end (dogs, beds, bees, zigzags)

Words ending in s and –es