

**What the Teacher Needs to Know about Feature A:
Initial and Final Consonants
(Description – pp. 114-118, Word Lists – pp. 201-203)**

This feature intensively uses pictures for sorts. The students will listen for the beginning or ending sounds when saying the word, not just look at the first letter. Word cards can be included as a reference for students who are ready to read the words.

Make sure the students can name the picture cards before they are asked to sort them.

It is best to avoid picture sorts where the letters look the same (m/n, b/d) and those that have similar sounds (g/j, c/s/z). These letters should be studied separately before being studied as a group.

Tongue twisters are a fun way to approach the study of initial consonants.

Feature A Sort 1b

bed	man	sun
bug	bus	six
bat	mat	sit
mop		

bed

man

sun

bug

bus

six

bat

mat

sit

mop

Feature A Sort 1b

b

bed

bug

bus

bat

m

man

mat

mop

s

sun

sit

six

Transfer Words: bad, beg, mad, men, sad, sum

Feature A Sort 2b

box	map	saw
rug	rib	sad
six	man	ring
bell		

box
rib
ring

map
sad
bell

saw
six

rug
man

Feature A Sort 2b

b

box

bell

m

map

man

s

saw

sad

six

r

rug

rib

ring

Transfer Words: bud, must, song, red

Feature A Sort 3b

top	net	pig
tag	ten	nut
pen	nest	pan
tub		

top
ten
pan

net
nut
tub

pig
pen

tag
nest

Feature A Sort 3b

t

top

tag

ten

tub

n

net

nut

nest

p

pig

pen

pan

Transfer Words: tan, tap, nap, nod, pet, pad

Feature A Sort 4b

top	net	pot
gas	tent	pin
gum	nut	pig
gun		

top

net

pot

gas

tent

pin

gum

nut

pig

gun

Feature A Sort 4b

t

top
tent

n

net
nut

p

pot
pin
pig

g

gas
gum
gun

Transfer Words: tax, not, peg, get

Feature A Sort 5b

dog	hat	log
leg	ham	desk
hip	lip	dish
hen		

dog
ham
dish

hat
desk
hen

log
hip

leg
lip

Feature A Sort 5b

d

dog
desk
dish

h

hat
hip
hen
ham

l

log
leg
lip

Transfer Words: dad, dug, had, his, lap, let

Feature A Sort 6b

dog	hem	lid
can	dish	cup
hop	leg	car
cat		

dog
dish
car

hem
cup
cat

lid
hop

can
leg

Feature A Sort 6b

d

dog

dish

h

hem

hop

l

lid

leg

c

can

cup

car

cat

Transfer Words: dot, hot, lot, cab

Feature A Sort 7b

fan	web	jet
fox	wig	wing
fat	jar	jug
fish		

fan

web

jet

fox

wig

wing

fat

jar

jug

fish

Feature A Sort 7b

f

fan

fox

fish

fat

w

web

wig

wing

j

jet

jug

jar

Transfer Words: fed, fit, wag, wax, jam, jig

Feature A Sort 8b

fork	wig	jog
king	fan	kite
win	key	jar
kit		

fork

wig

jog

king

fan

kite

win

key

jar

kit

Feature A Sort 8b

f

fork

fan

w

wig

win

j

jog

jar

k

king

kite

key

kit

Transfer Words: fin, won, job, keg

Feature A Sort 9b

yoyo	van	zoo
quilt	queen	zero
vest	zip	yell
yard		

yoyo

van

zoo

quilt

queen

zero

vest

zip

yell

yard

Feature A Sort 9b

y

yoyo

yell

yard

v

van

vest

z

zoo

zero

zip

q

quilt

queen

Transfer Words: yam, vet, zip, quack

Feature A Sort 10b

bib	gum	rib
sub	ham	tub
hem	web	mom
rim		

bib

gum

rib

sub

ham

tub

hem

web

mom

rim

Feature A Sort 10b

final b

bib

rib

sub

tub

web

final m

gum

ham

hem

mom

rim

Transfer Words: rob, bum, dim, fib

Feature A Sort 11b

bat	can	fan
cat	hat	man
pan	jet	nut
pin		

bat
hat
nut

can
man
pin

fan
pan

cat
jet

Feature A Sort 11b

final t

bat

cat

hat

jet

nut

final n

can

fan

man

pan

pin

Transfer Words: sit, hit, can, fun

Feature A Sort 12b

bed	bug	lid
dog	pig	bud
dad	leg	log
pod		

bed

bug

lid

dog

pig

bud

dad

leg

log

pod

Feature A Sort 12b

final d

bed

lid

bud

dad

pod

final g

bug

dog

pig

leg

log

Transfer Words: did, bad, bag, mug

Feature A Sort 13b

cap	net	gum
cup	hip	pot
lip	map	ham
mop		

cap

net

gum

cup

hip

pot

lip

map

ham

mop

Feature A Sort 13b

final p

cap

cup

hip

lip

map

mop

final t

net

pot

final m

gum

ham

Transfer Words: dip, yet, sum, rip

Feature A Sort 14b

bed	web	bat
bus	sub	rib
bell	cab	tub
box		

bed

web

bat

bus

sub

rib

bell

cab

tub

box

Feature A Sort 14b

starts with “b”

bed

bat

bus

bell

box

ends with “b”

web

sub

rib

cab

tub

Transfer Words: bag, bin, sob, cub

Feature A Sort 15b

dot	mud	sad
dog	dig	doll
kid	bed	duck
dad		

dot

mud

sad

dog

dig

doll

kid

bed

duck

dad

Feature A Sort 15b

starts with “d”

dot
dog
dig
doll
duck

ends with “d”

mud
sad
kid
bed

starts & ends with “d”

dad

Transfer Words: dim, den, rid, red

Feature A Sort 16b

gas	bag	gun
tag	frog	rug
gum	gift	leg
gate		

gas
frog
leg

bag
rug
gate

gun
gum

tag
gift

Feature A Sort 16b

starts with “g”

gas

gun

gum

gift

gate

ends with “g”

bag

tag

frog

rug

leg

Transfer Words: go, got, hug, bag

Feature A Sort 17b

top	cut	bat
cat	tub	jet
tag	ten	tent
net		

top
tub
tent

cut
jet
net

bat
tag

cat
ten

Feature A Sort 17b

starts with “t”

top

tub

tag

ten

tent

ends with “t”

cut

bat

cat

jet

net

Transfer Words: tip, tan, let, but

Feature A Sort 18b

map	gum	ham
hem	men	mug
mad	mom	plum
man		

map

gum

ham

hem

men

mug

mad

mom

plum

man

Feature A Sort 18b

starts with “m”

map
men
mug
mad
man

ends with “m”

gum
ham
hem
plum

starts and ends with “m”

mom

Transfer Words: mix, mat, him, bum

Feature A Sort 19b

pig	cup	map
pin	pen	pot
cap	pan	top
hop		

pig
pen
top

cup
pot
hop

map
cap

pin
pan

Feature A Sort 19b

starts with “p”

pig
pin
pen
pot
pan

ends with “p”

cup
map
cap
top
hop

Transfer Words: pat, pit, lap, nap

Feature A Sort 20b

rug	jar	car
star	rat	rib
run	door	four
ring		

rug

jar

car

star

rat

rib

run

door

four

ring

Feature A Sort 20b

starts with “r”

rug

rat

rib

run

ring

ends with “r”

jar

car

star

door

four

Transfer Words: rod, rot, her, bar

Feature A Sort 21b

net	can	nut
fin	man	nest
ten	nine	hen
fan		

net

can

nut

fin

man

nest

ten

nine

hen

fan

Feature A Sort 21b

starts with “n”

net

nut

nest

nine

ends with “n”

can

fin

man

ten

fan

hen

Transfer Words: nag, not, run, pin