



Under the Home

First-Second Grade Reading and Writing

McGuffey's First Eclectic Reader Copywork, Narration, and Dictation

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Lesson 1

dog

the

ran

The dog.

The dog ran.

Lesson 2

cat

mat

is

on

The cat. The mat.

The cat on the mat.

Lesson 3

it

his

pen

hand

in

has

man

The man. A pen.

The man has a pen.

It is in his hand.

Lesson 4

hen

fat

rat

box

big

run

from

can

The father is on the box.

The rat ran from the box.

Lesson 5

Rob _____

Ann _____

hat _____

catch _____

see _____

See Rob! See Ann!

Rob has the hat.

Can Ann catch Rob?

Lesson 6

she

pot

too

now

let

me

Ann can catch Rab.

She has the hat.

Now Ann can pat Rab.

Let me pat Rab, too.

Lesson 7

ck _____

black _____

hen _____

the _____

nest _____

She is a black hen.

See the eggs in the nest.

Will the men let Ned get

them?

Lesson 8

head _____

he _____

Not _____

come _____

with _____

and _____

Let me get the black hat.

Now Ned has it on his

head, and he is a big man.

Lesson 9

pat

catch

eggs

left

fed

can

black

The cat ran.

Ann ran.

The man has a hat.

Lesson 10

Neil

noon

yes

you

I

Do you see Neil?

Yes, she has a pan with

some eggs in it.

Will you run, too?

Lesson 11

whip

Ben

up

still

sit

if

stand

jip

O Ben! let me get in, will

you?

Stand still, Jip, and let Ann

get in.

Lesson 12

code

then

song

pet

put

not

Kitty has a nice pet. It can
sing a sweet song.

She has just fed it.

Lesson 13

top

Kitty's

book

look

good at

doll

think

Look at Tom and his dog.

The dog has a black spot
on his back.

Lesson 14

sun

we

now

pond

stop

for

swim

go

her

hot

duck

us

The sun is up. The man has

fed the black hen and the

fat duck.

Lesson 15

John

set

rock

jump

must

fun

skip

may

under

but

touch

Let us run and jump.

See the duck on the pond!

Lesson 16 Review

The sun has set and the
pond is still.

Kitty's doll is on the rock.

Nell has put her pet in the
cage.

It will sing a sweet song.

Lesson 17

are ink

moss

this

upset

tub

Is this a good pen?

The pen and ink are on the
stand.

The moss is on the rock.

The duck can swim.

Ben upset the tub.

Lesson 18

nut _____ did _____

shut _____ fox _____

shall _____

lost _____ mud _____

men _____ met _____

step _____

into _____

hunt _____

Will the dog hunt a fox?

Did you jump in the mud?

Shall I shut the box?

I have a nut. I met the man.

Lesson 19

Kate

old

no

grass

likes

be

deer

cow

drink

out

gives

O Kate! the old cow is in

the pond. see her drink!

She gives us milk.

Lesson 20

mamma

os

papa

large

arms

ride

far

barn

both

trot

your

D
Dada will you let me ride on

prince?

S
See, mamma! How large he

is!

Lesson 21

of that

toss fall

well

Fanny

ball wall

was what

pretty

done

O Fanny what a pretty ball!

Toss it to the top of the
wall.

Lesson 22

had _____ went _____

call _____ flag _____

might _____

near _____ sworn _____

swing _____

Did you call us?

The fat duck swam to the
bank, and we fed her.

May we go to the swing,
now, mamma?

Lesson 23

here went

hear play

horse

they pass

where

front

fine hope

comes

Here comes the band! Shall

we call mamma and Fanny

to see it?

Let us hear the men.

I hope they will stop here
and play for us.

Look at the horse.

Lesson 24

Dess

make

happy

cart

tent

woods

very

bed

little

Robert

gone

draw

D
Bess and Robert are very

happy; papa and mamma

have gone to the woods.

Robert has a big tent and a
flag, and Bess has a little
bed for her doll.

Lesson 25

Mary made

James

sang lay

sport my

lap dig

spade

doll's

sand said

Kate, will you play with me?

said James. We will dig in

the sand with this little

spade.

Not now James' said Kate,

for I must make my doll's

bed. Get Mary to play with

you.

Lesson 26

its oil

shade

glad by

brook

picks

stones

glad soft

James digs in the soft sand
with his spade, and Mary
picks up little stones.

Kate will help them pick up

stones and dig, by the little

brook.

Lesson 27 Review

What shall we do? said

Fanny to John. Shall we

hunt for eggs in the barn?

No' said John, I like to play
on the grass. Will not papa
let us go to the big woods?

Lesson 28

peep

wet

white

take

on

sleep

tuck

safe

chick

feet

wing

can't

Peep, peep! Where have

you gone, little chick? Are

you lost? Can't you get

back to the hen?

Oh, here you are! I will take
you back. Here, hen, take
this little chick under your
wing.

Lesson 29

wind

why

there

kite

day

fence

high

eyes

bright

flies

shines

This is a fine day. The sun
shines bright. There is a
good wind, and my kite flies
high.

Why, here comes my dog!

He was under the cart. Did

you see him there?

Blank handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed middle line.

Lesson 30

wish _____ tie _____

float _____

I know _____ try _____

shore _____

give _____ pole _____

push _____ drag _____

won't _____ oar _____

funny _____

Kate, I wish we had a boat

to put the dolls in. Don't

you?

We can get the little tub.

Well you get the tub, and I

will get a pole and a rope.

We will put both dolls in the
tub.

Lesson 31

Rose

got

bound

called

drown

found

prove

came

Ponto

jumped

mouth

around

brought

water

Here, Pontol! Here, Pontol!

Kate called to her dog.

Come, and get the dolls

out of the pond.

Ponto came with a bound,

and jumped into the pond.

He brought Bess to the

shore.

Lesson 32

June

air

Lucy's

kind

soys

trees

singing

blue

when

pure

sky

picnic

Lucy and her mamma are
in the woods. They have
found a nice spot, where
there is some grass.

Lucy's kind mamma says that
they will have a picnic when
her papa can get a tent.

Lesson 33 Review

James and Robert have

gone into the shade of a

high wall to play ball.

Now the ball is lost. They all

look for it under the trees

and in the grass.

Lesson 34

boy our

spot

hurrah

own coil

noise

fourth

such

join

thank

about

hoist

pay

July

playing

Papa, may we have the big
flag? said James. We are
playing Fourth of July.

Take it, then, and take the
coil of rope with it.

Hurray for the flag!

Lesson 35

Kitty, my pretty, white kitty.

Why do you scamper
away?

I've finished my work and my
lesson.

And now I am ready for
play.

Lesson 36

care

now

always

line

Frank

been

keeps

home

Frank has a pretty boat. It
is white, with a black line
near the water.

Frank keeps it in the pond.

He has been at work in the

garden, and will now row a

whale.

Lesson 37

much

one

yet

hungry

seen

grandma

corn

would

'What is that?' said Lucy

as she came out on the

steps. 'Oh, it is a little boat!'

I will give it to you when it

is finished," said John, kindly.

"Would you like it?"

Lesson 38

market

bread

basket

bought

meat

tea

trying

tell

which

James has been to market

with his mamma. She has

bought some bread.

James is trying to tell his
mamma what he has seen in
the market.

Lesson 39

needs

wears

please

could

hair

so

fast

love

easy

gray

who

chair

glasses

See my dear grandma in

her easy-chair! She wears

glasses when she reads.

She is always kind, and takes
such good care of me that
I like to do what she tells
me.

Lesson 40

does _____ bee _____

wonder _____

mother _____

other _____

honey _____

listen _____

flower _____

Come here, Lucy, and

listen! What is in this

flower?

O mother! it is a bee.

It went into the flower for
some honey, and it went to
sleep. Then the flower shut
it in.

Lesson 41

best

boy

nitched

their

should

riding

live

holds

driving

tight

early

Frank is riding a horse, and

James is driving one hitched

to a cart. They are out

very early.

The boys should be kind to

their horses. They will give

the horses some hay or

corn.

Lesson 42

looking

thought

picking

heard

chirp

were

told

birds

search

dearly

young

girl

loved

children

besides

A little girl went in search

of flowers for her mother.

Little birds were singing

around her.

Then picking some flowers,
she went home, and told her
mother what she had seen
and heard.

Lesson 43

eight

ask

an

after

town

post

ticket

right

half

two

train

ding

lightning

Mamma, will you go to

town?

Is this the fast train?

Yes, this is the lightning

train.

Lesson 44

school

even

three

room

small

book

teacher

noon

rude

reading

poor

What a big room for such
a small school!

Mary is the teacher. They
all have books in their
hands, and Fanny is reading.

Lesson 45

apple

new

tease

crocker

down

new

silly

asleep

wants

coils

knew

friends

upon

flow

Polly

Lucy has a new pet. Do you

know what kind of bird it is?

Lucy calls her Polly.

Polly can say, Poor Polly!

Polly wants a cracker, and

she can mew like a cat.

Lesson 46 Review

Well, children, did you have

a nice time in the woods?

Oh yes, mother, such a
good time! See what sweet
flowers we found, and what
soft moss.

Rob was such a good dog,
mother. We left him under
the big tree by the brook,
to take care of the dolls.

Lesson 47

beach

shells

these

sea

waves

going

ever

sea

watch

evening

lazy

side

These boys and girls live

near the sea. They have

been to the beach. They

are now going home.

The children are not far
from home. In a little while
the sun will set, and it will be
bedtime.

Lesson 48

log

quiet

proud

pulled

fish

stump

river

father

One evening Frank's father

said to him, Frank, would

you like to go with me to

catch some fish?

They are on the bank of a

river. Frank has pulled a

fish out of the water. How

proud he feels!

Lesson 49

rain

outside

often

pitter

soy

window

sound

patter

drops

sometimes

only

music

I wish, Mamma you would tell
me where the rain comes
from. Does it come from
the sky?

And when the little drops

pitter-patter on the window

do you think they are

playing with me?

I can not work or read for

I love to listen to them. I

think their sound is pretty

music.

Lesson 50

sled

throw

winter

hurt

ice

cover

Henry

next

skate

ground

merry

snow

sister

laughing

pair

I like winter, when snow and
ice cover the ground. What
fun it is to throw snowballs
and skate!

See the boys and girls! How
merry they are! Henry has
his sled, and draws his little
sister.

Lesson 51

pow

polite

means

isn't

speck

sir

snake

Fido

tricks

teach

dinner

then

bow-wow

Ellen, do look at Fido! He

sits up in a chair, with my

hat on. He looks like a little

boy.

See him shake hands. Give
me your paw, Fido. How do
you do, sir? Speak! Fido
says, 'Bow-wow!'

Lesson 52

puSS

shed

pain

woy

stote

sow

hid

eat

Hattie

suffer

sorry

something

caught

tried

Nero

O Hattie! I just saw a large
rat in the shed; and old
Nero tried to catch it.

Did he catch it, Frank?

No; Nero did not; but the
old cat did.

Lesson 53

roll

build

grandpa

hard

foam

ships

houses

long

soil

break

wooden

blow

Mary and Lucy come down
to the beach with their
grandpa. They live in a town
near the sea.

Their grandpa likes to sit on
the large rock, and watch
the big ships as they sail on
the sea.

Lesson 54

asked

wanted

four

Willie's

night

rabbits

had

carried

cents

telling

my

master

One day, Willie's father saw
a boy at the market with
four little white rabbits in a
basket.

Willie's father bought them,

and carried them home. He

keeps them safe in a pen.

Lesson 55

bush

cunning

place

show

find

broken

over

bring

again

fasten

'Come here, Rose. Look
down into this bush.'

O Wilt! a bird's nest!

What cunning, little egg!

May we take it, and show it

to mother?

What would the old bird
do, Rose, if she should
come back and not find her
nest?

Lesson 56

strong

round

dry

bill

worked

sends

clows

fit

God

spring

How does the bird make

the nest so strong, Willie?

The mother bird has her bill

and her claws to work with.

Do you see what it is made

of?

Yes, Willie, I see horse-

hairs and dry grass. The

bird worked hard to make

a nice, round nest.

Lesson 57

feathers

go

fly

worm

crumb

feeding

ugly

off

feed

brown

guess

things

Willie, when I was feeding
the birds just now, a little
bird flew away with a crumb
in its bill.

Why, Willie, what ugly little
things! What big mouths
they have, and no feathers!

Lesson 58

falling

counts

woes

nigh

begun

griefs

stars

tear

morning

Lord

each

joys

When the stars do set of

sun

Watch you from on high

When the morning has
begun

Think the Lord is nigh

Lesson 59

whistle

pocket

willow

note

filled

dead

sick

work

every

blew

lane

lane

taking

cone

took

When Mary was taking a
walk down the lane, trying to
sing her doll to sleep, she
met Frank.

Frank was a poor, little,

lame boy. His dear, old

grandma took care of him.

Lesson 60

turned

face

cried

low

almost

soon

more

told

cry

once

because

doll

whistle

dear

little

thing

said

There! cried Frank, I told
you the way to put a doll to
sleep, is to whistle!

'So it is,' said Mary. 'Dear,

little thing; it must be put in

its bed now.'

Lesson 61

stood

him

self

flopping

first

twelve

flopped

walked

flip

obey

better

chippy

food

stone

before

chickens

kept

There was once a big, white

hen that had twelve little

chickens. The hen took care

of them.

This hen took her chickens

to a small brook. She

thought the air would do

them good.

There was a stone in the
brook: she thought it would
be easy for them to jump
to that stone.

Lesson 62

chirped

never

indeed

slowly

readily

brood

begon

didn't

use

coils

bite

piece

chickens

litter

mother

jump

think

We can't jump so far,
mother. Indeed we can't, we
can't! chirped the little
chickens.

I think mother asked too

much of us, said one little

chicken to the others.

Lesson 63

lost

states

write

waste

neat

taken

clean

learn

reader

parents

second

move

come

book

finished

first

lessons

paper

We have come to the last
lesson in this book. We have
finished the First Reader

You can now read all the

lessons in it, and can write

them on your paper.