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Focus Concept: ow
snow plow

glow down

own flowers
rainbow how
rainbows now
show shower
slows wow
window
windows

Previously Taught Skills

Consonant Sounds
all consonants
sh (ship)
ch (chin)
th (this, thin)
wh (whisk)
ck (clock)
tch (catch)
dge (judge)
ff (cliff)
l (will)
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Vowel Sounds
a (ax)
i (hit)
o (ox)
u (up)
e (bed)
ai (ball)
wa (wasp)
a (lake)
i (bike)
o (rode)
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ay (spray)
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Welded Sounds
ang (sang)
ing (ring)
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ung (stung)
ank (bank)
ink (wink)
onk (honk)
unk (trunk)

Affixes
suffix -ed (melted, smelled, winked)
suffixes -s, -es, -ing, -er, -est, -en,
-ish, -ly, -y, -ful, -ness, -less
prefix a- (alike)

Sight Words*
a, are, come, do, has, have, heart, I, into, is, many, of,
one, people, put, said, says, some, someone, something,
the, The, they, there, though, through, to, walk, were,
what, wonder, would, you, your

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You go outside after a rain shower.
The sun shines. You see a glow in the sky.
Wow . . . a rainbow!
You remember the spectrum of the rainbow, of course, from red to purple. But do you understand how rainbows are made?
Long ago, people did not understand what rainbows were. So they invented tales about how rainbows were made. Now we understand and can explain rainbows.
You may think of sunlight as white, but sunlight is made up of many tints. When light passes through something clear, it slows down and bends. Each tint bends in its own way, so we see each one by itself.
Right after a rain shower, many droplets are still in the air. When the sun comes out, its light passes through the rain droplets. The light bends. In the bright sunlight, a rainbow puts on a show in the sky. The “white light” has turned into a rainbow!
You might also see rainbows that are not in the sky. The fine mist from waterfalls and fountains can sometimes make rainbows.
You cannot see a rainbow if you walk right underneath it. The sun must be behind you and the rain droplets must be in front of you.
A prism [PRIZ әm] is a kind of glass that helps light change into a rainbow. Many people like to hang prisms in windows to catch the sunlight and make rainbows.
There are many tales and songs about rainbows. One old tale says that there is a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. No one has found it, though!
Some people paint rainbows. Many people take shots of rainbows with cameras. People plant flowers with the many shades of the rainbow. Rainbows just seem to make people feel good.
Would it surprise you to learn that you can *make* a rainbow? On a sunny day, spray a fine mist through a hose. As the droplets fall, a rainbow will appear.
You can make a rainbow inside, too. Put a large glass container of water in a sunny window. The sunlight will pass through it and bend. You will see the same tints in your homemade rainbow as in a real rainbow. Use a big, white sheet to “catch” the rainbow.
A long time ago someone said,

*My heart leaps up when I behold*

*A rainbow in the sky.*

If you have seen a rainbow, you can understand the wonder this person felt.
**Rainbows**

Focus Concept: **ow**
- snow
- glow
- own
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- rainbows
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- slows
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- how
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**Syllable Patterns**
- open single syllables (so, he, fly)
- closed syllable exceptions
  - (child, cold, find, post, roll)
- twin-consonant syllable division
- non-twin-consonant syllable division
- consonant-le

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