

Spelling Newsletter

for Students and Their Families

Moving Ahead

In Units 7–11 of your child’s level of *Houghton Mifflin Spelling and Vocabulary*, children are introduced to words such as *got*, *let*, *him*, and *sun* that have short vowel sounds. They also learn words such as *ant* and *lamp* that have the consonant cluster *nt* or *mp*.

Word Lists

Your child has been studying the words below and others with similar patterns.

UNIT 7	UNIT 8	UNIT 9	UNIT 10	UNIT 11
on	yes	us	him	ant
got	let	sun	hot	jump
fox	red	but	man	tent
box	ten	fun	men	lamp
pop	bed	bus	top	bump
not	get	run	cut	went

Family Activity

- Make letter cards (or use letter tiles you have at home) for the following letters: *a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, l, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x*.
- Shuffle the cards, and deal twelve to each of two players. Make sure each player has at least one vowel card, trading cards, if necessary, to achieve this goal.
- Set a timer. At “Go!” players race to form spelling words found in Units 7–11 from their letter cards and write them. The letter cards may be used over and over again, as needed.
- The player with the largest number of correctly spelled words when time runs out wins.
- This game may be played with two teams instead of two players.