# A Study of the A Beka K4 Decodable Readers Prepared by Donald l. Potter 

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## This is a four-part study of the A Beka K4

## Intensive Phonics Reading Program.

Part 1 investigates in summary form the entire contents of each reader (Pages 1 to 4)
Part 2 is a running text of all vocabulary in each reader. This allows us to see each word and sentence of running text. Running text is simply the words and sentences as they actually occur in the readers. (Pages 5 to 7)
Part 3 lists the words in ABC order, one time each for each reader. (Pages 8 to 11)
Part 4 presents the word counts for each set of readers and the total word count for the entire program. (Page 12)

Note: There are two sets of readers. The First Set (12 readers) is Little Books to Read and color. The Second Set (8 readers) is Animal Friends.

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## Series 1: Little Books to Read and color

## Little Book 1-to Read \& Color

IĬ inchworm, Oŏ ostrich, Aă apple, Uŭ umbrella, Eĕ elephant, match uppercase and lowercase letters.

## Little Book 2 -to Read \& Color

Review, Ii, Oo, Aa, Uu, Ee, Mm milk, mu, Rr ring, ro, Ss sun, Sa, Sam, Match uppercase \& lowercase letters, Draw lines to match the beginning sounds for mitten, rabbit, and sailboat.

## Little Book 3 - to Read \& Color

Review the sounds: Ii, Oo, Aa, Uu, Ee, Mm, Rr, Ss; $\mathbf{t}$ table, to- (top), Tom, Bb bell, bu (butterfly). bus. Sam met Tom. Match uppercase \& lowercase: M, U, A, T, S, B, I, O, R, E, Draw lines to match beginning sound for bear, sun, turtle.

## Little Book 4 - to Read \& Color

Review the sounds: Mm, Oo, Rr, Ii, Ss, Aa, Tt, Uu, Bb, Ee. Ff fox, fi (fishing), fit, Gg goat, ga (gas), gal. Meg got gum. Match uppercase \& lowercase: G, S, M, T, E, A, B, I, R, F. Draw lines to match the beginning sound for fish, bell, and goat.

## Little Book 5 - to Read \& Color

Review the sounds: $\mathbf{F f}$, Ii, Tt, Uu, Ee, Bb, Aa, Ss, Oo, Gg. Pp pig, pe (pencil), pet, pep, peg; Hh horse, ho, hop, hog, hot; Hit it, Pal Match uppercase and lowercase the letters: H, P, B, E, G, F, T, R, S, M; Draw lines to match the beginning sounds for pig, goat, horse.

## Little Book 6 - to Read \& Color

Review of Sounds: Pp, Ii, Ff, Aa, Hh, Oo, Ee, Bb, Uu, Gg. Ll lamp, lo (lock), log, lot, loss, Cc cat, ca (cast), cap, cat, cab. Fill it up, Cal. Match letters: H, C, G, B, S, L, P, F, T, R. Draw lines to match the beginning sounds for horse, lion, and eat.

## Little Book 7 - to Read \& Color

Review these sounds: Cc, Ll, Ii, Ee, Pp, Hh, Mm, Uu, Oo, Aa. Kk kite, ki (kitten), kit, Kim, kiss, Nn nest, nu (number), nut, nap, not. Can Ken pick it? Match letters: H, P, K, F, C, B, L, G, T, N. Draw lines to match the beginning sounds for kitten, lamp, nest.

## Little Book 8 - to Read \& Color

Review the sounds: Ii, Rr, Ll, Oo, Ce, Aa, Uu, Nn, Ee, Kk. Dd dog, do (doll), dock, dig, den. Jj jar, ja (jacket), jam, Jan, job. Don and Jack fell. Match letters: J, L, D, P, H, N, K, G, C, F. Draw lines to match the beginning sound for jam, dog, nest.

## Little Book 9 - to Read \& Color

Review these sounds: $\mathbf{S s}, \mathbf{J j}, \mathbf{I} \mathbf{i}, \mathbf{N n}, \mathbf{O o}, \mathbf{E e}, \mathbf{A a}, \mathbf{D d}, \mathbf{U u}, \mathbf{K k}$. Yy yarn, ye (yellow), yell, yes, yam, Vv violin, va (vacuum), van, vat vet. Val can not yell. Match letters: Y, J, N, C, H, V, D, P, K, L. Draw lines to match the beginning sounds for yak, jar, vulture.

## Little Book 10 - to Read \& Color

Review the sounds: Ii, Dd, Jj, Yy, Oo, Vv, Aa, Tt, Ee, Uu. Ww wagon, wĕ (well) wet, well, wag. Zz zebra, zi (zig-zag), zip, zig, zag. Bob will zip it up. Match Letters: C, V, K, Y, J, N, W, D, Z, L. Draw lines to match the beginning sounds for walrus, zebra, violin.

## Little Book 11 - to Read \& Color

Review the sounds: $\mathbf{O o}, \mathbf{Y y}, \mathbf{A a}, \mathbf{Z z}, \mathbf{V v}, \mathbf{I}, \mathbf{W w}, \mathbf{E e}, \mathbf{U u} . \mathbf{Q q}$ queen, $\mathbf{X x}$ fox, box, ax, fox, sack, wag, pan, net, yell, leg, sit, him, tick, mop, cot, log. Jack is in the mud. Match letters: Q, Z, Y, X . Draw lines to match the beginning sounds: jet, sock, pan.

## Little Book 12 - to Read \& Color

Review the sounds: Aa, Ww, Qq, $\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{E e}, \mathbf{Z z}, \mathbf{X x}, \mathbf{U u}, \mathbf{O o}$. One vowel rule: When there is one vowel in a word, it usually says its short sound. Mark the vowels. Read the words: wăg, bĕd, jŏg. wet, web. Ben and Peg. Peg has ten eggs. Sit on the eggs, Peg. Rex is a fox. Run, Ben, run. Get the bad fox. Ben got Peg back. Draw lines to match the words: duck, hat, fox.

# A Study of the A Beka K4 Decodable Readers 

## Series 2: Animal Friends

Animal Friends book 1: Tip
got, tag, sit, up, dug, mud, is, nap. Sight Words: $a$, the. Tip got a dog tag. Sit up, Tip. Tip dug in the mud. Tip is sad. Tip had a nap.

ANIMAL FRIENDS BOOK 2: GUS
duck, has, will, log, pick, Web, hack, and, sits, peck. Sight Words: $a$, the. Gus is a duck. Gus has a bill. Gus sits on a log. The $\log$ is in a bog. A bug is on the log. It is a red bug. Pick up the bug, Gus. Peck! Peck! Peck. Gus met Web. Web is a big duck. The sun is up. Gus will get hot. Gus and Web got in the bog. Gus got back on the log. Web is a wet duck.

Animal Friends book 3: Tess and Bess
Bess, pig, big, sis, pot, cup, mix, sip, yum, rock. Sight Words: $a$, the. Bess is a pig. Tess is a pig. Bess is a big sis. Bess has a mug. Fill the mug. The pot is hot. Tess has the cup. The bag is in the cup. Mix it. Sip the cup. Bess will get the jam. It is in the red pot. Bess got a bun. Tess has jam on the bun. Yum! Yum. Tess and Bess sat in the sun. Tess sat on the rock. Bess sat on a log. The sun is hot. Tess got a nap. Bess will pat Tess.

Animal Friends book 4: Matt the Rat
Pack, an, egg, rock, sock, mug, pant, mess, puff, jam. Sight Words: I, $a$, the. I am Matt. I am a pack rat. I am Matt the rat. I pack and pack. I got an egg. I got a fan and a pan. I got a map and a cap. I got a rock and a sock. I got a mug and a rug. I hid the fan in the pan. I hid the map in the cap. I hid the rock in the sock. I hid the mug in the rug. I hid the egg in a pant leg. Yes, I am a pack rat. The den is a mess! The rug will not fit. Puff! Puff! Puff! I will jam it in. I am a pack rat.

Animal Friends book 5: Pet Pete
One-Vowel Rule: When there is one vowel in a word, it usually says its short sound, and you mark it with a smile. Two-Vowel Rule: When there are two vowels in a word, the first vowel says its long sound, and the second vowel is silent. Mark the Vowels. Read the Words. ă apple, $\bar{a}$ acorn: ăt, āte; răn răin; păl pāil; căp capes. Sight Words: a, the. See the lad. His name is Ben. ĕ elephant, $\overline{\mathbf{e}}$ eagle. Mark the vowels. Read the words. běd, bēad, mět, mēat, wěd, wēed, rěd, rēad. Ben got a goat. His goat is Pet Pete. ĭ inchworm, ī ice cream. Mark the Vowel. Read the Words: dim dime, rip ripe, kit kite, fin fine. Ben ran and hid. Can Pet Pete hide? $\check{\mathbf{o}}$ orstrich, $\overline{\mathbf{o}}$ open. Mark the Vowels. Read the Words. hŏp hope, nŏt note, cŏt, coat, gŏt goat. Ben got a rod. Pet Pete went up the road. ŭ umbrella, $\overline{\mathbf{u}}$ uniform. Mark the Vowels. Read the words. cŭb cube, cŭt cute, tŭb, tube, ŭs ūse. Ben can not cut, but Pet Pete is cute.
ă One-Vowel Rule: When there is one vowel in a word, it usually says its short sound; mark it with a smile. à Two-Vowel Rule: When there are two vowels in a word, the first vowel says its long sound, and the second vowel is silent. Mark the Vowels. Read the Words. mat mate, Jan Jane, make wake, Jake. Sight words: $a$, the. Wake up, Jake. Jake is a fat cat. Mark the vowels. Read the Words. sail, Dave, pail, gave, tail, wave. Jake will take a nap. A rat hid in the pail. Will Jake wake up? Yes! Jake made the rat run. Is the Cake Safe? Jane will bake a cake. Mark the Vowels. Read the Words. same, god, name, made, game, rain. Jake can not wait! Dale and Gail can not wait! Mark the vowels. Read the Words. pad, mail, paid, man, laid, came. Jane hid the cake. Jane made the cake safe. Wait! Is the cake safe?

ANIMAL FRIENDS Book 7: DAVE
bake, time, use, loaf, seed, gate, rode, bee, five, mule. Sight Words: a, the. Dave ran and ran. Dave and Ruff ran on the road. aim, feet, cube, bone, tied, take, weak, pie, cute, boat. Dave made it home. Mom will fix a meal. tune, home, like, beam, name, tie, due, joke, keep, sail. Will it rain? Dave will peek and see. see, hive, rope, suit, ride, deep, pail, toe, June, wave. Yes, God did send the rain. Dave got his hat and coat. tube, hoe, sea, made, late, line, hole. See him hop in the rain. Dave will not get wet. Dave had fun in the rain.

ANIMAL Friends book 8: A Pal
meet, Mike, tail, cute, cake, ate, fast, hide, see, joke. Sight Words: $a$, the. Nate has a pal. Meet his pal Mike. Mike has a tail. Mike is cute. Nate will bake a cake. Nate fed Mike. Mike ate cake. Yum! Mike and Nate ran. Will Nate win? Is Mike as fast as Nate? Nate did not win. Mike is fast. It is a game. The game is hide and seek. Will Nate see Mike? Nate did see Mike! It is a joke. It is a joke on Mike. Nate gave Mike a big hug. A pal is fun.

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# A Study of the Running Vocabulary of A Beka K4 Decodable Readers <br> Series 1: Little Books to Read and color 

## Little Book 1-to Read \& Color

No words
Little Book 2 -to Read \& Color - 1 word
Sam
Little Book 3 - to Read \& Color - 5 words
Tom, bus. Sam met Tom.
Little Book 4 - to Read \& Color - 5 words
fit, gal. Meg got gum.
Little Book 5 - to Read \& Color - 9 words
pet, pep, peg; hop, hog, hot; Hit it, Pal
Little Book 6 - to Read \& Color - 10 words
$\log$, lot, loss, cap, cat, cab. Fill it up, Cal
Little Book 7 - to Read \& Color - 6 words
kit, Kim, kiss, nut, nap, not.
Little Book 8 - to Read \& Color - 10 words
dock, dig, den, jam, Jan, job. Don and Jack fell.
Little Book 9 - to Read \& Color - 10 words
yell, yes, yam, van, vat vet. Val can not yell.
Little Book 10 - to Read \& Color - 11 words
wet, well, wag. zip, zig, zag. Bob will zip it up.
Little Book 11 - to Read \& Color - 20 words
box, ax, fox, sack, wag, pan, net, yell, leg, sit, him, tick, mop, cot, log. Jack is in the mud.
Little Book 12 -to Read \& Color - 32 words
wăg, bĕd, jŏg. wet, web. Ben and Peg. Peg has ten eggs. Sit on the eggs, Peg. Rex is a fox. Run, Ben, run. Get the bad fox. Ben got Peg back.

# A Study of the Running Vocabulary of a Beka K4 Decodable Readers 

## SERIES 2: Animal Friends

## Animal Friends book 1: Tip - 30 Words

got, tag, sit, up, dug, mud, is, nap. a, the. Tip got a dog tag. Sit up, Tip. Tip dug in the mud. Tip is sad. Tip had a nap.

## Animal Friends book 2: Gus - 84 words

duck, has, will, log, pick, Web, hack, and, sits, peck. $a$, the. Gus is a duck. Gus has a bill. Gus sits on a log. The log is in a bog. A bug is on the log. It is a red bug. Pick up the bug, Gus. Peck! Peck! Peck. Gus met Web. Web is a big duck. The sun is up. Gus will get hot. Gus and Web got in the bog. Gus got back on the log. Web is a wet duck.

## Animal Friends book 3: Tess and Bess - 103 words

Bess, pig, big, sis, pot, cup, mix, sip, yum, rock. $a$, the. Bess is a pig. Tess is a pig. Bess is a big sis. Bess has a mug. Fill the mug. The pot is hot. Tess has the cup. The bag is in the cup. Mix it. Sip the cup. Bess will get the jam. It is in the red pot. Bess got a bun. Tess has jam on the bun. Yum! Yum. Tess and Bess sat in the sun. Tess sat on the rock. Bess sat on a log. The sun is hot. Tess got a nap. Bess will pat Tess.

## Animal Friends book 4: Matt the Rat - 127 words

Pack, an, egg, rock, sock, mug, pant, mess, puff, jam. I, a, the. I am Matt. I am a pack rat. I am Matt the rat. I pack and pack. I got an egg. I got a fan and a pan. I got a map and a cap. I got a rock and a sock. I got a mug and a rug. I hid the fan in the pan. I hid the map in the cap. I hid the rock in the sock. I hid the mug in the rug. I hid the egg in a pant leg. Yes, I am a pack rat. The den is a mess! The rug will not fit. Puff! Puff! Puff! I will jam it in. I am a pack rat.

Animal Friends book 5: Pet Pete - 85 words
ăt, āte; răn răin; păl pāil; căp cape. $a$, the. See the lad. His name is Ben. běd, bēad, mět, mēat, wěd, wēed, rĕd, rēad. Ben got a goat. His goat is Pet Pete dim dime, rip ripe, kit kite, fin fine. Ben ran and hid. Can Pet Pete hide? hŏp hope, nŏt note, cǒt, coat, gŏt goat. Ben got a rod. Pet Pete went up the road. cŭb cube, cŭt cute, tŭb, tube, ŭs ūse. Ben can not cut, but Pet Pete is cute.

Animal Friends book 6: Jake - 89 words
mat mate, Jan Jane, make wake, Jake. $a$, the. Wake up, Jake. Jake is a fat cat. sail, Dave, pail, gave, tail, wave. Jake will take a nap. A rad hid in the pail. Will Jake wake up? Yes! Jake made the rat run. Is the Cake Safe? Jane will bake a cake. same, God, name, made, game, rain. Jake can not wait! Dale and Gail can not wait! pad, mail, paid, man, laid, came. Jane hid the cake. Jane made the cake safe. Wait! Is the cake safe?

## Animal Friends book 7: Dave- 106 WORdS

bake, time, use, loaf, seed, gate, rode, bee, five, mule. $a$, the. Dave ran and ran. Dave and Ruff ran on the road. aim, feet, cube, bone, tied, take, weak, pie, cute, boat. Dave made it home. Mil will fix a meal. tune, home, like, beam, name, tie, due, joke, keep, sail. Will it rain? Dave will peek and see. see, hive, rope, suit, ride, deep, pail, toe, June, wave. Yes, God did send the rain. Dave got his hat and coat. tube, hoe, sea, made, late, line, hole. See him hop in the rain. Dave will not get wet. Dave had fun in the rain.

Animal Friends book 8: A Pal - 97 words
meet, Mike, tail, cute, cake, ate, fast, hide, see, joke. $a$, the. Nate has a pal. Meet his pal Mike. Mike has a tail. Mike is cute. Nate will bake a cake. Nate fed Mike. Mike ate cake. Yum! Mike and Nate ran. Will Nate win? Is Mike as fast as Nate? Nate did not win. Mike is fast. It is a game. The game is hide and seek. Will Nate see Mike? Nate did see Mike! It is a joke. It is a joke on Mike. Nate gave Mike a big hug. A pal is fun.

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# A Study of the Vocabulary of A Beka K4 Decodable Readers in ABC Order Series 1: Little Books to Read and color 

## Little Book 1-to Read \& Color

No words
Little Book 2-to Read \& Color - 1 word
Sam
Little Book 3-to Read \& Color - 4 words bus met Sam Tom

Little Book 4 - to Read \& Color - 5 words
fit gal got gum Meg
Little Book 5 -to Read \& Color - 9 words
hit hog hop hot it Pal Peg Pep Pet
Little Book 6 - to Read \& Color - 10 words
cab Cal cap cat fill it log loss lot up
Little Book 7 -to Read \& Color - 6 words
Kim kiss kit nap not nut
Little Book 8 - to Read \& Color - 10 words and den dig dock Don fell Jack jam Jan job

Little Book 9 - to Read \& Color - 9 words can not Val van vat vet yam yell yes

Little Book 10 - to Read \& Color - 10 words
Bob it up wag well wet Will zag zig zip
Little Book 11 -to Read \& Color - 20 words
ax box cot fox him in is Jack leg log mop mud net pan sack sit the tick wag yell
Little Book 12 - to Read \& Color - 22 words
a and back bad bed Ben eggs fox get got has is jog on Peg Rex run sit the wag web wet

## 88 Total Words in the ABeka K4 To Read and Color Series

a and ax back bad bed Ben Bob box bus cab Cal can cap cat cot den dig dock Don eggs fell fill fit fox gal get got gum has him hit hog hop hot in is it Jack jam Jan job jog Kim kiss kit leg log loss lot Meg met mop mud nap net not nut on Pal pan Peg Pep Pet Rex run sack Sam sit the tick Tom up Val van vat vet wag web well wet will yam yell yes zag zig zip

Note: This list deletes duplicate words between readers.

## Series 2: Animal Friends

## Animal Friends book 1: TiP - 15 different words

$a$ dog dug got had in is mud nap sad sit tag the Tip up

## Animal Friends book 2: GUS - $\mathbf{3 0}$ DIFFERENT WORDS

$a$ and back big bog bug duck get got Gus hack has hot ill in is it log met on peck pick red sits sun the up Web wet will

## ANIMAL Friends book 3: Tess and Bess - 34 different words

$a$ and bag Bess big bun cup fill get got has hot in is it jam log mix mug nap on pat pig pot red rock sat sip sis sun Tess the will yum

## Animal Friends book 4: Matt the Rat - 33 different words

$a$ am an and cap den egg fan fit got hid $I$ in is it jam leg map Matt mess mug not pack pan pant puff rat rock rug sock the will yes

## Animal Friends book 5: Pet Pete - 59 different words

$a$ and at ate bead bed Ben but can cap cape coat cot cub cube cut cute dim dime fin fine goat got hid hide his hop hope is kit kite lad meat met name not note pail pal Pet Pete rain ran read red rip ripe road rod see the tub tube up us use wed weed went

## Animal Friends book 6: Jake - 48 different words

$a$ and bake cake came can cat Dale Dave fat Gail game gave god hid in is Jake Jan Jane laid made mail make man mat mate name nap not pad paid pail rain rat run safe sail same tail take the up wait wake wave will yes

## Animal Friends book 7: Dane - 78 different words

$a$ aim and bake beam bee boat bone coat cube cute Dave deep did due feet five fix fun gate get God got had hat him his hive hoe hole home hop in it joke June keep late like line loaf made meal Mom mule name not on pail peek pie rain ran ride road rode rope Ruff sail sea see seed send suit take the tie tied time toe tube tune use wave weak wet will yes

## ANimal Friends book 8: A Pal-25 different words

$a$ and as ate bake big cake cute did fast fed fun game gave has hide his hug is it joke meet Mike Nate not on pal ran see seek tail the will win yum

## Total Vocabulary for Animal Friends Books

## 211 Individual Words

$a$ aim am an and as at ate back bag bake bead beam bed bee Ben Bess big boat bog bone bug bun but cake came can cap cape cat coat cot cub cube cup cut cute Dale deep den did dim dime dog duck due dug egg fan fast fat fed feet fill fin fine fit five fix fun Gail game gate gave get goat God got Gus hack had has hat hid hide him his hive hoe hole home hop hope hot hug $I$ ill in is it Jake jam Jan Jane joke June keep kit kite lad laid late leg like line loaf log made mail make man map mat mate Matt meal meat meet mess met Mike mix Mom mud mug mule name nap Nate not note on pack pad paid pail pal pan pant pat peck peek Pet Pete pick pie pig pot puff rain ran rat read red ride rip ripe road rock rod rode rope Ruff rug run sad safe sail same sat sea see seed seek send sip sis sit sits sock suit sun tag tail take Tess the tie tied time Tip toe tub tube tune up us use wait wake wave weak web wed weed went wet will win yes yum

Note: This list deletes duplicate words between readers.

## Final Vocabulary Count

# Total Vocabulary in the A Beka K4 To Read and Color Series 

## 88 Individual Words

a and ax back bad bed Ben Bob box bus cab Cal can cap cat cot den dig dock Don eggs fell fill fit fox gal get got gum has him hit hog hop hot in is it Jack jam Jan job jog Kim kiss kit leg log loss lot Meg met mop mud nap net not nut on Pal pan Peg Pep Pet Rex run sack Sam sit the tick Tom up Val van vat vet wag web well wet will yam yell yes zag zig zip

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## The Following 48 words are in the First Series (to Read and Color) But are NOT repeated the Second Series (Animal Friends)

ax bad Bob box bus cab Cal dig dock Don eggs fell fox gal gum hit hog Jack job jog Kim kiss loss lot Meg mop net nut Pal Peg Pep Rex sack Sam tick Tom Val van vat vet wag well wet yam yell zag zig zip

The total word count for A Beka K4 Series $\mathbf{1}$ and Series $\mathbf{2}$ is $211+48=259$ individual words total for both Series.

Total Sight Words: $a$, I, the
Compared to other reading series for K4, it is clear that the A Beka program teaches beginning reading with dramatically less sight words and dramatically more intensive phonics than any other commercial publisher today. They are to be commended highly for developing and making available this magnificent set of decodable readers. I am proud to be part of a school that teaches the A Beka K4 program.

