

# “W” Unit Semivowels

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## Child-Friendly “W” Words

### Initial

one  
wacky  
waddle  
wade  
waffle  
wag  
wagon  
waist  
wait  
waiter  
waitress  
wake-up  
walk  
wall  
wallet  
walnut  
walrus  
wand  
want  
warm  
wash  
washcloth  
washing-  
machine  
waste  
wastebasket  
watch  
water  
waterfall  
watermelon  
wave

wax  
way  
we  
wear  
weather  
web  
weed  
week  
weep  
weigh  
welcome  
well  
went  
were  
wet  
whack  
what  
whatever  
wheat  
wheel  
wheelchair  
when  
where  
which  
whisker  
whisper  
whistle  
white  
why  
wide  
wife

wig  
wiggle  
wild  
will  
win  
wind  
windmill  
window  
wing  
wink  
winter  
wipe  
wire  
wish  
with  
wizard  
wobble  
wolf  
woman  
wonder  
wood  
woof-woof  
wool  
word  
work  
workbench  
world  
worm  
wow!

### Medial

anyone  
away  
awhile  
cartwheel  
everyone  
flower  
owie  
owl  
penguin  
pinwheel  
quack  
quiet  
sandwich  
shower  
sidewalk  
someone  
squirrel  
stopwatch  
swallow  
swan  
sweater  
sweep  
swim  
swing  
towel  
tower

## Kitchen capers

- Fix **waffles** for breakfast and a **sandwich** for lunch.
- Tell Mom or Dad how many you **want**-just **one** or **twelve**?
- Drink plenty of **water with** your meals.
- Be sure to take little bites and **swallow**.
- **Wipe-up** your mess **with** a kitchen **towel**.
- **Sweep** the crumbs off the floor.
- Eat **watermelon** for dessert.
- Put all your trash in the **wastebasket**.

## Each day, every day

- **Wake-up** every morning **with** a smile.
- Look outside your **window**. **What's** the **weather** like?
- Is it hot, **warm** or cold? Is it dry or **wet, windy** or calm?
- Be **quiet** if **someone** is sleeping so you **won't wake** them up.
- **Wave** goodbye to people as they **go away**.
- **Wink** at **someone**.
- Make a **wish**.
- **Whisper** something in **someone's** ear.
- **When someone** says “Thank you,” you say: “You’re **welcome**.”
- **Wait** for people, **wait** in lines, **wait** your turn, and **wait** for things to be ready.
- Tell people **where** you **went** today.

## Activities

- **Wind** up **wind** up toys.
- At the park, **swing way** up high.
- Dig for **worms**.
- **Watch** animals and people in your neighborhood from a **window**.
- **Wash** dirty toys, clothes, dishes and the car **with water**. Everything is **wet**.
- **Whistle while** you **work** and play.
- **Walk** around the house, yard, or neighborhood.
- **Sweep** the **sidewalk**.
- **Where** is \_\_\_? Go and find it.
- Help mom or dad **wax** the car.
- Help mom or dad **work** in the garden. You can pull or **whack** the **weeds**.
- Turn **cartwheels with** your friends outside.
- Build a tall **tower** or **wall** out of blocks or shoeboxes. **Whee! Watch** them fall down.
- Dress-up as a **waiter** or **waitress**. Put an apron around your **waist** and take **everyone's** order.

## Daily Routines

### Moving through the day

- **Walk** here, **walk** there, and **walk** on the **sidewalk**.
- **Walk forward** and **backward**.
- Pretend to be different animals. **Walk** like a **wolf, penguin** and a **squirrel**. **Wiggle** like a **worm, waddle** like a duck, **swim** like a **whale**, crawl like a spider on his **web**, or fly like an **owl**.

### Getting dressed

- **Wash** your face **with** a **washcloth**.
- Remember to **wear** your **sweater when** it's cold outside.
- **Wear** something **white** today.

- Pretend to be a **wizard**. Using a **wand**, turn your friends or family members into **whales, worms, walruses, swans, owls, penguins** or **squirrels**.
- Fill plastic **water** bottles **with** a variety of colorful objects and shake **well**. I hear that!
- Tell all of your stuffed animals and dolls to **wait-wait-wait!**
- Play a **wake** up game **with** family members, stuffed animals and/or dolls. "Shhhhhh..... night-night. **WAKE-UP!**"

## Games and Toys

- Press 'N' Go **Inchworm** by International Playthings
- **Wormy Apples** game by Fundex
- Go **Away** Monster game by Gamewright
- **Whac-A-Mole** game by Hasbro
- Brown Bear, Panda Bear **What** Do You See game by University Games
- My Grandmother **Went** to Market game by Child's Play
- **Where** are the Animals? Game by Mattel
- Uncle **Wiggley** by Milton Bradley

## Songs, Rhymes or Fingerplays

- This is the Way (Adapt for Mrs. Wishy-Washy book)
- Wee Willie Winkie (Wee Sing 2)
- Mary Had a Little Lamb (Wee Sing 2)
- This Little Pig Went to Market (Wee Sing 2)
- Twinkle Twinkle Little Star (Wee Sing 2)
- A-Hunting We Will Go (Wee Sing 3)
- Pop! Goes the Weasel (Wee Sing 3, 5, 9)
- Walking, Walking (Wee Sing 5)
- Fuzzy Wuzzy (Wee Sing 7)
- One Elephant Went out to Play (Wee Sing 7)
- Eentsy, Weentsy Spider (Wee Sing 7, 9)
- Oh, Dear! What Can the Matter Be? (Wee Sing 8)
- Frog Went A-Courtin' (Wee Sing 8)
- Polly Wolly Doodle (Wee Sing 8, 9)

## Book: Mrs. Wishy-Washy

### Written and Illustrated by Joy Cowley

Follow a cow, a pig, and a duck as they wallow in the mud. Along comes Mrs. Wishy-Washy who washes them clean: wishy-washy, wishy-washy. But when Mrs. Wishy-Washy returns to her house, the three animals rush back into the mud. "Oh, lovely mud," they say.

### Building communication with this book

- **Regular past tense verbs** jumped, rolled, paddled, screamed
- **Irregular past tense verbs** went, said, came
- **Auditory memory for repetitive phrases** "In went the cow/pig/duck, wishy-washy, wishy-washy." "Oh lovely mud, said the cow/pig/duck." "Away went the cow/pig/duck."
- **Sequence events and retell a simple story**

## Conversational phrases for this book

- The cow jumped into the mud-**Wheeee!**
- The pig rolled in the mud-**Wheeee!**
- The duck paddled in the mud-**Wheeee!**
- Along came Mrs. **Wishy-Washy**.
- In **went** the cow.
- In **went** the pig.
- In **went** the duck.
- **Wash** all the animals.
- **Wishy-washy, wishy-washy**.
- All the animals are **wet**.
- Dry them **with** a **towel**.
- Tell all the animals to **wait**.
- Mrs. **Wishy-Washy went** into the house.
- **Away went** the cow.
- **Away went** the pig.
- **Away went** the duck.
- Oh, lovely mud, they said. **Wheeee!**
- **Where** did they go?
- All the animals jumped in the mud! **Wow!** I bet they get in trouble.
- Mrs. **Wishy-Washy will** be mad.

## Props for this book

- Plastic toy animals: 1 cow, 1 pig, and 1 duck
- Bowl of water (for the tub)
- Bowl with chocolate pudding covering the bottom (for the mud puddle)-save some to eat later
- Scrubbing brush
- Apron, headscarf, or fuzzy slippers to role-play the part of Mrs. Wishy-Washy
- Towel (for drying the animals)

## Additional Books

- *Mrs. Wishy-Washy's Splishy Sploshy Day* by Joy Cowley
- *Mrs. Wishy-Washy Makes a Splash* by Joy Cowley
- *Mrs. Wishy-Washy's Farm* by Joy Cowley
- *Mr. Wishy-Washy* by Joy Cowley
- *Mrs. Wishy-Washy's Christmas* by Joy Cowley
- *Oh Where, Oh Where Has My Little Dog Gone?* by Iza Trapani
- *Where's Spot?* by Eric Hill
- *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin Jr.
- *Panda Bear, Panda Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin Jr.
- *Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?* by Bill Martin Jr.
- *The Wolf's Chicken Stew* by Keiko Kasza
- *Walking Through the Jungle* by Julie Lacombe

