## Key Points Lesson 12

Below is a list of strong groupsigns that are letter combinations you often see in print.
$\vdots$ gh
: ing
$!$ OW
:: er
$\therefore$ ar
:: ou

The contraction for "ing" can't be used at the beginning of words, only in the middle or the end of words.

Below is a list of lower groupsigns that are letter combinations you often see in print.
$\because$ : en
$\because \quad$ in
: ea
:: be

- The contraction "ea" can only be used in the middle of words, not at the beginning or end.
- The contraction "be" is only used at the beginning of words when the letters b-e say the word "be".
- When you have a choice between "ea" and "ar" always use the "ar" contraction.
- When you have the choice between "in" and "ing" always use the "ing" contraction.

Some of these groupsigns can also be used as whole word contractions. These include:
: $:$ be
$\therefore$ ow
$\because \quad$ in
:: enough (when this contraction stands alone it is the word
"enough")
:: out (when this contraction stands alone it is the word "out")

There are a group of short form words that combines the "be" with a letter of the alphabet to make a word.

| $::$ because | $:::$ beneath |
| :--- | :--- |
| $::$ before | $::$ beside |
| $:::$ behind | $::$ between |
| $::$ below | $::$ beyond |

Examples:


Mary can row a red and green boat beyond the end of the dock without tiring.


Martin put four pears, a meat plate, and a cup of tea on the table.


Please put peas and carrots beside the chicken.


Because it is late, be very quiet as you go in the king's castle.

## Reading 12




## Reading 12 Answer Key

Beneath the sea lives a king and queen. They have a mermaid with pink scales on her tail. Because she lives below the sea, she does not scare people. She is happy all day playing with the fish below the ocean's surface. The fish swim between all the rocks, going in and out of many hiding places. The mermaid laughs as she swims lower and lower below the surface with the green, yellow, red, brown, and so many other color fish. Sharon wishes she could be a mermaid too!

## Writing 12

1. My beloved friend Erin Powers wears denim jeans when she goes out for dinner with Carl.
2. Because Martha is behind with work, I will give her eight or nine more days for this job.
3. Night falls very slowly for Charles, so before it is dark he walks beside the ocean on the beach with the fresh scent of salt water in the air and the gulls overhead.
4. Tina sings loudly, "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" as the children laugh merrily and tell her that is enough singing for now.
5. Below a hard exterior is a caring man who loves blind children and learning braille.
6. Between you and your friends I have enough help, yet I am so touched with the offer of more.

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