**Word Power Sail Clues**

In Level 2-3, starting in Unit 1, Cycle 2, students will have Word Power lessons to help increase their word recognition and fluency. Starting in Lesson 2, students will focus on specific skills to help them read new words. The Word Power objective for each cycle is related to at least one vocabulary word, except for contractions, which is connected to words found in the text. The Word Power skills practiced in the Reading Edge 2nd Edition are:

- base word and ending
- chunking
- compound words
- consonant blends
- contractions
- prefix and base word

Word Power makes use of Word Treasure clues to help students remember the skills they’ve learned. Teachers can display these visual clues to teach students how to decode words. As students become familiar with the clues, they will remember the skills they have acquired, and they will be able to more easily decode new words. The Word Treasure Clues are:

Students gain experience in using these skills during Team Talk, where the last question is a Word Power skill practice item, indicated with “word power” in parentheses. Students are also assessed in their use of the skill during the Cycle Test. Correct Random Reporter responses earn 100 points for the individual student and 1 team celebration point for the team. The Word Power rubric used in levels 4–8 does not apply the Word Power activities used in Level 2-3.