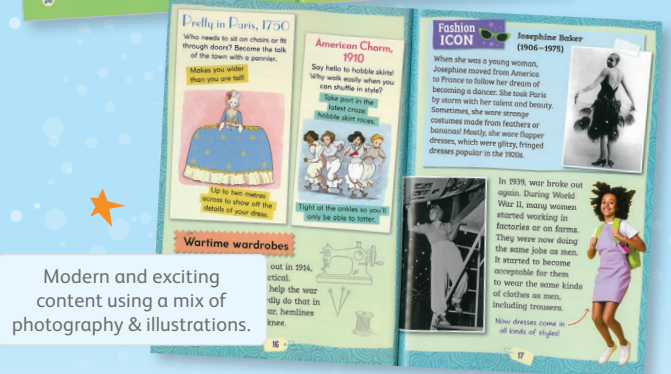


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7-8	6-7	Venus/ Gold	5	5	/oo/ ew, ue, u-e, u, ou, /yoo/ ew, ue, u-e, u, /er/ ir, er, ear, or, /ear/ eer, ere, /air/ are, ear, /or/ aw, our, au, ore, augh, (w) a, al, /j/ ge, dge, /s/ ce, se, /k/ ch, /ch/ tch, /ar/ al, /l/ le	
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