

Below are the sounds introduced in each phonics phase together with examples of words containing those sounds.

Key:

Grapheme: the letter or letters used to represent a sound

Phoneme: the sound made by the letter or letters

Digraph: a sound made using 2 letters together

Trigraph: a sound made using 3 letters together

CVC: words made up of **C**onsonant/**V**owel/**C**onsonant

Phase 2: Introducing simple graphemes for phonemes

Sets 1, 2: s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d

letters 's' 'a' 't' 'p'	sat at pat as
'i'	sit is it pip tip
'n'	nip in an pan pin tin nap
'm'	man am map mat
'd'	dad did sad dim din dip

Set 3: g, o, c, k

'g'	pig dig gap gas
'o'	dog on got not pop pot top
'c'	cat cot cap can cod
'k'	kid kit

Set 4: ck, e, u, r

digraph 'ck'	kick back pack pick sack tick sick
'e'	ten den peg pet get pen neck
'u' (South England)	cup up cut mud mug mum nut sun duck
'r'	ran rat red rip run rug ram

Set 5: h, b, f, ff, l, ll, ss

'h'	hen him his hat had hid hit hot hug has
'b'	bed big back bud bad bag but bin bit bun bus
'f'	fan of if fed fog fun fat
digraph 'ff'	puff off cuff huff
'l'	leg lid lip log lot lap let lock luck
digraph 'll'	bell ill doll fell fill hill tell
digraph 'ss'	kiss hiss boss less loss mess fuss miss
compound words	padlock catnap fusspot backpack cannot sunset
2 syllables	rabbit habit napkin begun

Phase 3: The remaining phonemes, with graphemes

Set 6: j, v, w, x

'j'	jam job jug jet jog
'v'	van vet visit vivid
'w'	web wag will win cobweb
'x'	wax box fix fox mix six exit

Set 7: y, z, zz, qu

'y'	yell yet yes yap
'z' & 'zz'	zip fizz buzz zigzag
'qu'	quick quack quit quiz liquid

Consonant digraphs ch, sh, th, ng

'ch'	chin chat much rich such chip check chop
'sh'	ship shop shall shell fish wish cash shock
'th' as in then	then them with that this
'ng'	bang ring rang sing song wing long king along
'th' as in thin	thin thud thick moth

Vowel digraphs ai, ee etc.

'ai'	rain wait nail paid aim tail sail main
'ee'	feet been feel see need seen week meet teeth
'oa'	boat coat foam loaf road soap load coach
'oo' as in boot	boot too zoo cool food moon pool soon rooftop
'oo' as in book	book cook foot good hood hook look took wood
'ar'	car dark farm hard park bar bark jar farmyard
'or'	fork short for sort corn torn worn born
'ur'	fur burn hurt turn curl church turnip
'ow'	cow how now down town bow owl
'oi'	boil oil soil join foil coil
'er'	hammer summer bigger better hotter mixer never

Vowel trigraphs igh, ear, air, ure

'igh'	night sigh light might high right tight thigh
'ear' as in ear	ear dear fear gear hear near rear beard
'air'	fair air hair pair chair unfair airless
'ure'	pure cure secure mature

Combining phase 3 graphemes

including 'ch'	coach chain torch porch church march chair
including 'sh'	shark harsh shook short shoal sheet shoot
including 'ai' 'ar'	march chain sharp shark raining raincoat
including 'ee' 'er'	sheep thicker sheet sharper teeth singer queen
including 'oa' 'or'	short shoal thorn coach north
including 'oo' 'ow'	shoot smooth flower shook powder tooth foolish
including 'igh' 'ng'	lightning charming higher singing thing chopping

Phase 4: Adjacent consonants

Simple CVCC words

'..ft'	left lift loft soft tuft
'..ld' '..lf'	cold bold old fold gold held told elf
'..lk' '..lp'	milk hulk bulk sulk gulp help yelp
'..lt'	belt felt kilt melt pelt
'..mp'	bump camp damp jump lamp limp lump
'..nd'	band bend fond hand mend pond sand send
'..nk'	tank bunk dunk honk pink sink bank wink
'..nt'	tent dent hunt mint pant sent bent went
'..sk'	desk dusk husk risk rusk tusk
'..st'	fist cost best just mist nest rest
'..ct' '..pt' '..xt'	text kept wept next fact

More CVCC words

CVCC using 'ch' 'sh'	chimp chest bench punch chink shift shelf
CVCC using 'th' 'qu'	quilt thank theft thump think tenth
CVCC using 'ai' 'oa' etc	toast paint roost roast point moist burnt
polysyllabic CVCC 1	shampoo children restless sandpit selfish windmill shelter
polysyllabic CVCC 2	pumpkin lunchbox softest sandwich helper dustbin handbag
polysyllabic CVCC 3	munching chimpanzee melting seventh toaster weekend

Simple CCVC words

'bl..' 'br..'	blob blot brag brim black brick
'cl..' 'cr..'	clap clog club crab crop click clock
'dr..'	drum drip drop drag dress
'fl..' 'fr..'	flag flap flat flop frog from
'gl..' 'gr..'	glad glum gran grin grip grub
'pl..' 'pr..'	plum plan plus press prod
'sc..' 'sk..'	skip scan scum skid skim skin scab
'sm..' 'sn..'	snap snag smug snip snub snug smut
'sp..'	spin spit spud spot
'st..' 'sw..'	step stop swam swig
'tr..' 'tw..'	twig trip trot trim twin

More CCVC words

CCVC using 'ow'	brown growl crowd clown frown prowl
CCVC using 'ai' 'oa'	train brain trail groan float
CCVC using 'ee'	green creep speed steep bleed sweet sleep
CCVC using 'oo' 'or'	spoon sport droop stood snoop
CCVC using 'sh' 'th'	brush crash three shred fresh shrug thrill throb
polysyllabic CCVC	paintbrush floating freshness treetop

CCVCC words

'bl...' 'br...'	blink blend blank blunt brand brisk
'cl...' 'cr...'	clamp clump cramp crisp crust
'dr...' 'fr...'	drink drift frost frond
'gl...' 'gr...'	glint grand grunt
'pl...' 'pr...'	plank plump prank print
'sc...' 'sl...' etc.	scalp slept spend stand stunt swank swept
'tr...' 'tw...'	tramp trunk trust twist

CCVCC words further practice

'spr...' 'str...'	spring sprang sprint string strong
'shr...' '...nch'	shrink shrimp trench drench crunch
polysyllabic CCVCC	handstand kitchen driftwood printer twisting

Phase 5: Introducing more graphemes

More vowel graphemes

'ay' as in play	play may day say way stay tray spray crayon
'ou' as in cloud	cloud out count found ground mouth round sound mountain
'ie' as in pie	pie lie die tie cries dried fried tries
'ea' as in heat	heat beak meal seat team beach beast steam teacher leaflet
'oy' as in boy	boy toy joy enjoy royal loyal
'ir' as in bird	bird girl birth first shirt skirt third thirteen thirst
'ue' as in blue	blue clue glue true untrue
'ue' as in statue	statue value argue rescue avenue pursue due continue
'aw' as in saw	saw drawn jaw law lawn paw raw claws crawl shawl
'ew' as in blew	blew chew crew flew grew screw threw
'ew' as in dew	dew few knew new newt stew
'oe' as in toe	toe hoe foe woe goes dominoes cargoes
'au' as in haunt	haunt launch taunt taut

'ey' as in donkey donkey valley chimney turkey

More consonant graphemes

'wh' as in wheel wheel when which whip whisper whiskers

'ph' as in dolphin dolphin orphan elephant prophet alphabet

Split digraphs

split digraph 'a - e' game made make take came same late name flame

split digraph 'e - e' swede theme these complete delete

split digraph 'i - e' bike time like slide five white line quite dislike inside

split digraph 'o - e' rose woke home chose phone spoke stone stroke
those envelope

split digraph 'u - e' as in rule rule rude brute crude June prune

grapheme 'u - e' as in tune tune tube huge cube use perfume

Phase 5: Alternative pronunciations

Other sounds of a, e, i, o, u

'a' as in acorn acorn April apron

'a' as in bath (S. England) bath last fast class glass branch grass after father
afternoon

'a' as in wash wash what want was wander quarrel squash wasp

'e' as in demon demon me she we be he

'i' as in child child mild wild blind find mind kind remind grind
behind

'o' as in sofa sofa so go don't won't mobile no total

'u' as in music music pupil human future stupid uniform unicorn

'u' as in bull bull put full pull push bush

Other sounds of ow, ie, ea, er, ou

'ow' as in tow tow low slow grow flow show known growth window
tomorrow

'ie' as in thief thief chief brief field grief shield shriek relief diesel
mischief

'ea' as in head head dead bread sweat breath breathless health
healthier wealth weather

'er' as in fern fern herb her kerb term stern person perfect fertile

'ou' as in soup soup you group

'ou' as in shoulder shoulder poultry mould

Other sounds of y, ch, c, g, ey

'y' as in fly	fly my cry dry by fry sky try why reply
'y' as in crystal	crystal pyramid symptom syrup typical
'y' as in puppy	puppy sulky telly badly funny happy rubbing lucky greedy family
'ch' as in school	school scheme echo chemist chorus character
'ch' as in chef	chef parachute
'c' as in city	city cinder central cell accept success December ceremony
'g' as in giant	giant ginger gym agent cage huge larger magic stingy surgery
'ey' as in they	grey they prey survey

Phase 5: Alternative spellings

/ch/ /j/ /m/ /n/ /r/ /s/ /z/

/ch/ as in picture	picture adventure future nature capture mixture signature departure creature
/ch/ as catch	catch hutch witch match pitch scratch stretch switch watch kitchen
/j/ as in badge	badge bridge edge fridge hedge judge smudge hedgehog
/m/ as in lamb	lamb comb limb numb climb crumb thumb
/n/ as in gnash	gnash gnat sign gnome gnaw design
/n/ as in knob	knob knit knew knife knight knee knock knot knitted unknown
/r/ as in wrap	wrap wreck wren wrench wring wrist write written wrong wretched
/s/ as in castle	castle glisten listen rustle whistle wrestle Christmas
/s/ as in house	house horse mouse loose purse geese immense increase promise
/z/ as in cheese	cheese tease please choose noise because pause disease

/u/ /i/ /ear/ /ar/ /air/ /or/

/u/ as in son	son come you some done mother wonder brother nothing
/i/ as in happy	happy funny gym lucky family crystal syrup symptom pyramid typical
/i/ as in donkey	donkey money chimney valley hockey honey
/ear/ as in here	here severe sincere interfere
/ear/ as in deer	deer jeer cheer beer steer cheerful

/ar/ as in father	father fast grass gasp glass branch class bathroom afternoon
/ar/ as in calf	calf half calm palm
/air/ as in there	there where nowhere anywhere
/air/ as in bear	bear pear swear tear wear
/air/ as in bare	bare care dare rare share spare stare compare square
/or/ as in ball	ball all call fall small always talk walking tallest snowball
/or/ as in four	four court fourteen fourth your pour downpour yours course
/or/ as in caught	caught daughter naughty taught

/ur/ /oo/ /ai/ /ee/ /igh/

/ur/ as in earth	earth heard year earn pearl search early learn learning
/ur/ as in worm	worm work worker world word worse worship worth worst
/oo/ as in could	could should would
/oo/ as in bull	bull full pull push bush armful skilful
/ai/ as in play	play may day say way stay tray delay spray crayon
/ai/ as in game	game made make take came same late name flame
/ee/ as in seat	seat beak meal heat team beach beast steam teacher leaflet
/ee/ as in swede	swede theme these complete delete
/ee/ as in thief	thief chief brief field grief shield shriek relief diesel belief
/igh/ as in pie	pie lie die tie cries dried fried tries replied denied
/igh/ as in fly	fly my cry dry by fry sky try why reply
/igh/ as in bike	bike time like slide five white line quite dislike inside

/oa/ /(y)oo/ /oo/ /sh/ /zh/

/oa/ as in tow	tow low slow grow flow show known growth window tomorrow
/oa/ as in hoe	hoe toe foe woe goes
/oa/ as in rose	rose woke home chose phone spoke stone stroke those envelope
/(y)oo/ as in statue	statue value argue rescue avenue pursue due continue
/(y)oo/ as in tune	tune tube huge cube use perfume
/(y)oo/ as in dew	dew few knew new newt renew stew
/oo/ as in blue	blue clue glue true untrue
/oo/ as in rule	rule rude brute crude June prune
/oo/ as in blew	blew chew crew flew grew screw threw jewel
/sh/ as in official	official crucial artificial social special

/sh/ as in station	station solution relation nation patience emotion
/sh/ as in sugar	sugar sure
/sh/ as in permission	permission passion discussion
/sh/ as in chef	chef parachute
new phoneme /zh/	treasure measure pleasure leisure collision decision division television usual casual

100 high frequency words

Phase 2

decodable an to is	an as at if in is
decodable it to dad	it of off on can dad
decodable had to him	had back and get big him
decodable his to but	his not got up mum but
tricky words the to into	the to no go into

Phase 3

decodable will to with	will that this then them with
decodable see to too	see for now down look too
tricky words he to was	he she we me be was
tricky words you to her	you they all are my her

Phase 4

decodable went to help	went it's from children just help
tricky words said to come	said have like so do some come
tricky words were to what	were there little one when out what

Phase 5

decodable don't to your	don't old I'm by time house about your
decodable day to put	day made came make here saw very put
tricky words their to could	their people looked called asked could

Tops and Tails

Tails (2-letter endings)

'ad' as in dad	dad sad lad
'ag' as in bag	bag rag wag
'am' as in jam	jam ram
'an' as in pan	pan man fan
'ap' as in tap	tap nap gap
'at' as in cat	cat hat rat
'ed' as in bed	bed red fed

'eg' as in leg	leg peg
'en' as in hen	hen pen ten
'et' as in net	net pet
'ig' as in pig	pig dig
'in' as in pin	pin bin tin
'ip' as in rip	rip lip pip
'it' as in sit	sit hit bit
'ob' as in sob	sob job
'og' as in dog	dog fog log
'ot' as in cot	cot dot pot
'ud' as in bud	bud mud
'ug' as in mug	mug rug jug
'um' as in mum	mum sum
'un' as in bun	bun sun run

Tops (single-letter starts)

'b..' as in bag	bag bun bed
'c..' as in cat	cat cup cot
'd..' as in dog	dog dad den
'f..' as in fox	fox fun fan
'g..' as in gap	gap get
'h..' as in hat	hat hen hug
'j..' as in jam	jam jet jug
'l..' as in leg	leg log lip
'm..' as in man	man mat mum
'n..' as in nut	nut nap net
'p..' as in pig	pig pet pen
'r..' as in rat	rat rag red
's..' as in sad	sad six sun
't..' as in tap	tap ten tin
'w..' as in web	web win wag

Tails (3-letter endings)

'and' as in hand	hand band sand
'amp' as in lamp	lamp stamp camp
'ang' as in bang	bang sang rang
'elt' as in belt	belt melt
'end' as in bend	bend mend
'ent' as in tent	tent dent bent
'est' as in nest	nest rest

'ilk' as in milk	milk silk
'ing' as in ring	ring wing king
'ink' as in sink	sink drink wink
'int' as in mint	mint print
'ist' as in fist	fist mist list
'ond' as in pond	pond fond
'ump' as in bump	bump lump jump
'unk' as in bunk	bunk trunk dunk
'usk' as in rusk	rusk dusk tusk

Tops (2-letter starts)

'dr..' as in drum	drum drop drink
'bl..' as in blot	blot blink blob
'br..' as in brick	brick bring brim
'cl..' as in clap	clap cling club
'cr..' as in crab	crab crust crisp
'fl..' as in flag	flag flap
'fr..' as in frog	frog frost
'gl..' as in glum	glum glad
'pl..' as in plum	plum plank
'sk..' as in skip	skip skid skin
'sl..' as in slug	slug slip sling
'sm..' as in smock	smock smug
'sp..' as in spud	spud spot
'st..' as in step	step sting stand
'sw..' as in swing	swing swim
'tr..' as in trunk	trunk truck trot
'ch..' as in chimp	chimp check chin
'sh..' as in ship	ship shop shell
'th..' as in thin	thin thing thick