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PATTERNS OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE SIMPLE TO COMPLEX

1. CVC	2. CVC	3. CVC	4. Long Vowel/ Magic E	5. Long Vowel Combination	6. Other Vowel Sounds	7. Diphthongs	8. Silent Letters	9. Other Irregular Sounds	10. Syllabication & Stress	11. Root Words Suffixes Prefixes	12. Functional Labels
Beginning Sound/Single Consonant	Beginning Sound/Consonant Digraph	Beginning Sound/Consonant Blend	a-e hate e-e Pete i-e kite o-e hole u-s mule	a ai paid ay say eigh neigh ey grey	ai palms el telephons il pill ol doll ul gull	au caught aw saw ew dew oi oil oy boy	b comb c back d badge g gnat gh eight h ghost k kneel	Vowels ea as e tea e breakfast a steak e as a ballet			
Hard/Soft c	Hard/Soft g	Spellings after a short vowel ch = tch		e ea meat	ar arm er error	ou sounds: ou =ow - regular sound couch ou = short oo - could	l could	ei as e caffeine			
k = ck		j = dge		ee seed	ir irregular	ou=long o - soul	n hymn	ei as a deign			
3 Spellings of the Sound of s s/gas ss/hiss ce/oace	S as Z palms			ie field	or order	ou= short u - couple ou=long oo - group	p pneumonia				
				j is tic igh high y by	ur urge er sound: ar collar er taller	ough/ought sounds ought = ew/ea bought ough = short u - enough ough= short o although ough=anf - cough ough = ow tough ough=long oo through	t fasten w who	Consonants ch as "sh" chemias ch as "k" chemistry th as "chr" adventure			
				o o go	ir fir or word			ph as "f" phone			
				oe boat	ur fur			qu as "kw" antique a with e cease s as "z" please			
					oo sound: oo moon oo book			s as "zh" pleasure sc as "sk" scope sc as "s" science sch as "nk" school sch as "sh" schmanzer x as "ks" box x as "z" xylophone x as "gz" exit			

WORD FAMILIES: (46)

at	in	ub	en	uck
ap	ib	ug	eb	ot
an	ig	um	eg	op
ab	im	ud	em	on
ag	ath	ash	ed	ob
am	ith	ish	eth	om
ad	ut	ush	esh	od
id	up	et	ack	osh
it	un	ep	ick	ock
ip				

NOTE: This hierarchy of the English language is taken from the "Alphabetic - Phonetic - Structural - Linguistic Approach to Literacy" by Dr. Charles Shedd. Version 3/02