

# A PHONICS GUIDE FOR PARENTS

#	Phonogram	Anchor Word(s)	Definition to Say
1	a	at, ate, talk	/a/ /A/ /aw/
2	c	car, city	/k/ /s/
3	d	did	/d/
4	f	fun	/f/
5	g	get, giant	/g/ /j/
6	o	not, no, to	/o/ /O/ /oo/
7	s	sit, has	/s/ /z/
8	qu	quit	/kw/
9	b	big	/b/
10	e	met, me	/e/ /E/
11	h	his	/h/
12	i	it, fine, machine	/i/ /I/ /E/
13	j	jump	/j/
14	k	kite	/k/
15	l	let	/l/
16	m	met	/m/
17	n	no	/n/
18	p	pet	/p/
19	r	run	/r/
20	t	tell	/t/
21	u	up, cute, blue, put	/u/ [ /U/ /oo/ ] /OO/
22	v	very	/v/
23	w	wet	/w/
24	x	fox	/ks/
25	y	yes, gym, my, baby	/y/ /i/ /I/ /E/
26	z	zoo	/z/
27	er	paper	/er/ the /er/ of her
28	ur	burn	/er/ the /er/ of hurt
29	ir	thirst	/er/ the /er/ of bird
30	wor	world	/er/ the /er/ of worms
31	ear	learn	/er/ the /er/ of early

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32	sh	shut, fish, relationship	/sh/ used at the beginning of a word, at the end of a syllable, but not at the beginning of syllables after the first one, except for the ending -ship
33	ee	see	E, double E always says /E/
34	th	think, that	/th/ /TH/
35	ay	say	/A/ 2-letter /A/ that we do use at the end of English words
36	ai	wait	/A/ 2-letter /A/ that we do not use at the end of English words. Why not? English words do not end with I.
37	ow	cow, snow	/ow/ /O/
38	ou	out, soul, soup, touch	/ow/ /O/ /oo/ /u/
39	aw	saw	/aw/ that we do use at the end of English words
40	au	sauce	/aw/ that we do not use at the end of English words. Why not? English words do not end with U.
41	ew	new, few	/oo/ /U/ that we do use at the end of English words
42	eu	neutral, feud	/oo/ /U/ that we do not use at the end of English words. Why not? English words do not end with U.
43	oy	boy	/oy/ that we do use at the end of English words
44	oi	boil	/oy/ that we do not use at the end of English words. Why not? English words do not end with I.
45	oo	fool, foot	/oo/ /OO/
46	ch	child, school, chef	/ch/ /k/ /sh/
47	ng	hung	/ng/
48	ea	eat, bread, great	/E/ /e/ /A/
49	ar	far	/ar/
50	ck	pack, peck, pick, lock, puck	/k/, 2-letter /k/, used only after a single vowel that says /a/ /e/ /i/ /o/ /u/
51	ed	waited, warmed, baked	/ed/ /d/ /t/ past tense ending
52	or	for	/or/
53	wh	where	/hw/
54	ui	fruit	/oo/
55	oa	coat	/O/ the /O/ of boat
56	ey	they, key	/A/ /E/ that we do use at the end of English words
57	ei	veil, ceiling	/A/ /E/ that we do not use at the end of English words. Why not? English words do not end with I.
58	eigh	weight	/A/ 4-letter /A/
59	igh	fight	/I/ 3-letter /I/
60	ie	thief, pie	/E/ /I/, we say /E/ /I/ but we write I-E
61	kn	know	/n/ 2-letter /n/ used only at the beginning of a base word
62	gn	gnaw, sign	/n/ 2-letter /n/ used both at the beginning and end of a base word
63	wr	wrong	/r/ 2-letter /r/
64	ph	graph	/f/, 2-letter /f/ or /f/, Greek /f/

#	Phonogram	Anchor Word(s)	Definition to Say
65	dge	badge, edge, fridge, lodge, judge	/j/, 3-letter /j/, used only after a single vowel that says /a/ /e/ /i/ /o/ /u/
66	oe	hoe	/O/ the/O/ of toe
67	tch	hatch, etch, stitch, blotch, clutch	/ch/, 3-letter /ch/ used after a single vowel that says /a/ /e/ /i/ /o/ /u/
68	ti	nation	/sh/ tall letter /sh/ used at the beginning of syllables after the first one
69	si	mission, vision	/sh/ /zh/ used at the beginning of syllables after the first one
70	ci	glacier	/sh/ short letter /sh/ used at the beginning of syllables after the first one
71	ough	though, through, tough, cough, thought, bough	/O/ /oo/ /uff/ /off/ /aw/ /ow/
72	gu	guess	/g/, 2-letter /g/, always followed by another vowel