

# Effective reading: phonics

## Sample sequences

Grapheme/s	Phoneme/s	Suggested words for practising blending for reading and segmentation for spelling
s	/s/ - sun	at
a	/a/ - at	sat
t	/t/ - tap	pat
p	/p/ - pen	tap
		sap
		a
i	/i/ - in	it, sit, sat, pit, tip, pip, sip
n	/n/ - net	an, in, nip, pan, pin, tin, tan, nap
m	/m/ - map	am, man, mam, mat, map, Pam, Tim, Sam
d	/d/ - dog	dad, sad, dim, dip, din, did, Sid, and
g	/g/ - go	gap, gag, gig, nag, sag, gas, pig, dig
o	/o/ - on	got, on, not, pot, top, dog, pop, God, Mog
c	/k/ - cat	can, cot, cop, cap, cat, cod
k	/k/ - kid	kid, kit, Kim, Ken
ck	/k/ - sock	kick, sock, sack, dock, pick, sick, pack, ticket, pocket
e	/e/ - bed	get, pet, ten, net, pen, peg, met, men, neck
u	/u/ - up	up, mum, run, mug, cup, sun, tuck, mud, sunset
r	/r/ - red	rim, rip, ram, rat, rag, rug, rot, rocket, carrot
h	/h/ - hen	had, him, , hot, hut, hop, hum, hit, hat, , hack, hug
b	/b/ - bat	but, big, back, bet, bad, bag, bed, bud, beg, bug, bun, bus, Ben, bat, bit, bucket, beckon, rabbit
f, ff	/f/ - fan	if, off, fit, fin, fun, fig, fog, puff, huff, cuff, fan, fat
l, ll	/l/ - leg	lap, let, leg, lot, lit, bell, fill, doll, tell, sell, Bill, Nell, dull, laptop
ss	/s/ - mess	, less, hiss, mass, mess, boss, fuss, hiss, kiss, Tess, fusspot

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j	/j/ - jet	jam, Jill, jet, jog, Jack, Jen, jet-lag, jacket
v	v/ - van	van, vat, vet, Vic, Ravi, Kevin, visit, velvet
w	/w/ - wig	will, win, wag, web, wig, wax, cobweb, wicked
x	/ks/ - mix	mix, fix, box, tax, six, taxi, vixen, exit
y	/y/ - yes	yap, yes, yet, yell, yum
z, zz	/z/ - zip	zip, Zak, buzz, jazz, zigzag
qu	/kw/ - quilt	quiz, quit, quick, quack, liquid
ch	/ch/ - chip	chop, chin, chug, check, such, chip, chill, much, rich, chicken
sh	/sh/ - shop	ship, shop, shed, shell, fish, shock, cash, bash, hush, rush
th	/th/ - this	them, then, that, this
th	/th/ - thumb	moth, thin, thick, cloth, maths,
ng	/ng/ - ring	ring, rang, hang, song, wing, rung, king, long, sing, ping- pong
ai	/ai/ - rain	wait, Gail, hail, pain, aim, sail, main, tail, rain, bait
ay	/ay/ - say	day, way, may, hay, say, play, tray
a_e	/a_e/- made	came, same, take, safe, snake
ee	/ee/ - feet	see, feel, weep, feet, jeep, seem, meet, week, deep, keep
ea	/ea/ - tea	sea, team, each, meat, dream, read (present tense)
e_e	/e_e/ - these	eve, these, even, delete, complete
i_e	/i_e/	like, ride, bike, slide, white, pride (lie, tie, pie)
igh	/igh/ - night	high, sigh, light, might, night, right, sight, fight, tight, tonight
o_e	/o_e/ - those	home, those, hope, woke, hose (toe, goes)
oa	/oa/ - boat	coat, load, goat, loaf, road, soap, oak, toad, foal, boatman
oo	/oo/ - look	look, foot, cook, good, book, took, wood, wool, hook, hood
oo	/oo/ - boot	too, zoo, boot, zoom, cool, food, root, moon, rooftop
u_e	/u_e/ - June	rule, June, rude, tube, tune (blue, clue, true)

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ew	/ew/ - grew	few, grew, flew, drew, threw
ar	/ar/ - farm	bar, car, bark, card, cart, hard, jar, park, market, farmyard
or	/or/ - for	for, fork, cord, cork, sort, born, worn, fort, torn
ore	/ore/- more	score, before, wore, shore
aw	/aw/- saw	draw, saw, yawn, crawl
ur	/ur/ - hurt	fur, burn, urn, burp, curl, hurt, surf, turn, turnip, curds
ir	/ir/ - bird	girl, bird, shirt, first, third
er	/er/ - her	term, her, verb, person (stressed /er/ sound)
er	/er/ - sister	Better, under, summer, winter ( unstressed schwa sound)
ow	/ow/ - snow	blow, own, grow, show
ow	/ow/ - cow	now, down, owl, cow, how, bow, pow, row, town, towel
ou	/ou/ - out	about, mouth, round, sound, ground
oi	/oi/ - coin	oil, boil, coin, coil, join, soil, toil, poison, foil
oy	/oy/- boy	toy, boy, enjoy, annoy
air	/air/- air	hair, fair, pair, chair
ear	/ear/ - dear	ear, dear, fear, hear, gear, near, tear, year, rear, beard