

Crash Course in PHONICS

Reading Reminders for K-2

Look at a word.
What do you see?

Vowel Sounds a e i o u

Say: "Short Vowels make a sound.
Long Vowels say their name."

Short Vowels

a: cat, apple
e: bed, egg
i: sit, itch
o: box, otter
u: bug, up

Long Vowels

a: apron, cake
e: eagle, Pete
i: ice-cream, pie
o: oval, boat
u: unicorn, suit

★ The alphabet is made up of 26 letters.
There are 5 Vowels (v): a, e, i, o, u
The other letters are called consonants (c).

CVC

CVC words are the 1st words kids learn. They are made up of 3 letters: 2 Consonants & 1 Vowel
The vowel makes the short sound.

cat, dog, pig, big, red, sun, bus, bit,
lid, bug, cut, lot, ...

Sneaky e

(also known as bossy-e or magic-e)

Say: "Sneaky e bops the vowel and makes it say it's name. Sneaky e is quiet because he's playing a game."



rate
Pete
dime
poke
cute
spoke
slide
grade

*Only one consonant between the vowel and sneaky e

Blends

Say: "2 Consonants together and you hear both their sounds."

L Blends: bl, cl, fl, pl... glue, black

S Blends: st, sw, sm, sp... step, skip

R Blends: br, pr, gr, gr... green, brick

-Tricky ones tr sounds like chr- tree, trick
dr sounds like jr- dream, dragon

Triple Blends: spl, scr, str,.. splat, script

Ending Blends: nd, lt, st, lk,.. bend, past

Digraphs

(The Windy Brothers)

Say: "2 Consonants together and they make their own sound."

sh: (finger to mouth) ship, brush

th: (thumb on chin) thumb, with

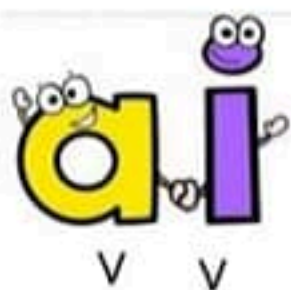
ch: (pull arm down like train whistle)
chin, bunch

wh: (move hand like whale in water)
whip, whale

ph: (use pinky and thumb gesture like holding a phone up to your ear)
phone, graph

Vowel Teams

Say: "When 2 vowels go walking the 1st one does the talking and it says it's name."



ai ay: sail, hay
ea ee: speak, green
ie: pie spies
oa oe: boat, toe
ue: blue, clue

Bossy - r

(R-Controlled Vowels)

Any vowel followed by r changes the sound

ar (a pirate says "arr" OR remember the sight word are) star, park

or (remember the sight word -or-) cork, porch

er, ir, ur (all say "er")

border, dirt, purse



Soft C and G

Say: "C or G followed by e, i, or y makes the soft sound."

cent, circle, cycle
 germ, ginger, gypsy

Words that end in Y

Say: "Ending y says i or e"

1 Syllable words say i like fly
 2 Syllable words say e like bunny

Diphthongs

(some are also known as vowel digraphs)

ow ou say: "ouch" (pinch arm) cow, wound up
ow say: "oh" (hand up to mouth) blow, snow

au aw say: "aww" (a cute baby) caught, claw

ew say: "eww" (make 'icky' face) blew, news
oo say: "eww" (make 'icky' face) soon, balloon
oo say "Look, a book!" book, shook
 (hold hands together like a book)

oi oy say: "doi" (slap forehead) soil, boy

igh says long i sound bright, sight

Sounds of ed

Say: "e d says d, t, ed"

washed, kicked
 smiled, mailed
 added, painted

Endings

If you are having trouble with endings cover them up and try the word again.

s, es, ed, ing