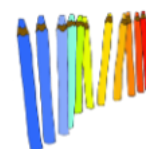


Phonics at Home



In addition to the daily phonics learning at school, here is some additional information and resources that can be used to support your child's learning.

Key terms:

Word	Definition
Tricky words	Words that cannot be decoded easily.
Grapheme	A letter or group of letters representing one sound e.g., a as in astronaut
Phoneme	Smallest single identifiable sound e.g. the letters 'sh' represent just one sound.
GPC (Grapheme-phoneme correspondence)	The relationship between sounds and the letters which represent those sounds.
Digraph	Two letters go together to make one sound.
Trigraph	Three letters go together to make one sound.
Segmenting	To split up a word into its individual phonemes to spell it e.g., the word cat has three phonemes: c-a-t
Blending	To draw individual sounds together to pronounce a word e.g., s-n-a-p, blended reads snap.
Mnemonic	A device for memorising or recalling something, such as snake shaped like the letter 's'.
VC, CVC, CCVC, CVCC, CVCVC	The abbreviations to show the combinations of vowels (v) and consonants (c) which are used to describe the order of letters in words: VC – vowel-consonant e.g. am CVC – consonant-vowel-consonant e.g. ham CCVC – consonant-vowel consonant e.g. stop
Schwa	A vowel sound in an unstressed syllable, where a vowel does not make its long or short vowel sound. It usually sounds like the short /u/ sound, but is softer and weaker. E.g., in 'children' the 'e' makes an 'u' sound.

Tricky words:

These are taught by identifying the 'tricky part' and the sound it makes, then sounding out and blending them as normal. Some tricky words will become decodable as children progress through the programme and learn more GPCs.

Taught in Phase 2

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Taught in Phase 3

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Taught in Phase 4

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little
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said
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so
some
there
today
were
what
when

Sound progression:

Grow the code grapheme mat

Phase 2, 3 and 5

 s ss c se ce st sc	 t tt	 p pp	 n nn kn gn	 m mm mb	 d dd	 g gg	 c k ck cc ch	 r rr wr	 h
 b bb	 f ff ph	 l ll le al	 j g dge ge	 v vv ve	 w wh	 x	 y	 z zz s se ze	 qu
 ch tch ture	 sh ch ti ssi si ci	 th	 ng	 nk	 a	 e ea	 i y	 o a	 u o-e ou

Grow the code grapheme mat

Phase 2, 3 and 5













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 or aw au aur oor al a oar ore	 ur er ir or	 ow ou	 oi oy	 ear ere eer	 air are ere ear	zh su si	







*depending on regional accent










Pronunciation and formation:

Phase 2 grapheme information sheet

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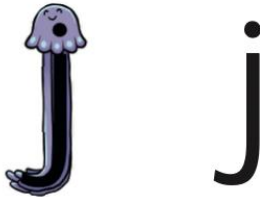











Grapheme and mnemonic	Picture card	Pronunciation phrase	Formation phrase
 s	 snake	Show your teeth and let the s hiss out ssssss ssssss	Down the snake from head to tail.
 a	 astronaut	Open your mouth wide and make the a sound at the back of your mouth aaa	Around the astronaut's helmet and down into space.
 t	 tiger	Open your lips; put the tip of your tongue behind your teeth and press ttt	Down the tiger and across its neck.
 p	 penguin	Bring your lips together, push them open and say ppp	Down the penguin's back, up and around its head.
 i	 iguana	Pull your lips back and make the i sound at the back of your mouth iii	Down the iguana and dot the leaf.
 n	 net	Open your lips a bit, put your tongue behind your teeth and make the nnnnn sound nnnnn	Down, up and over the net.
 m	 mouse	Put your lips together and make the mmmmm sound mmmmm	Down, up and over the mouse's ears.












Grapheme and mnemonic	Picture card	Pronunciation phrase	Formation phrase
 d	 duck	Put your tongue to the top and front of your mouth and make a quick d sound d d d	Round the duck's body, up to its head and down to its feet.
 g	 goat	Give me a big smile that shows your teeth; press the middle of your tongue to the top and back of your mouth; push your tongue down and forward to make the g sound g g g	Round the goat's face and curl under its chin.
 o	 octopus	Make your mouth into round shape and say o o o	All around the octopus.
 c	 cat	Open your mouth into a little smile; make your tongue flat and move it up towards the top of your mouth to say c c c	Curl around the cat.
 k	 kite	Open your mouth into a little smile; make your tongue flat and move it up towards the top of your mouth to say k k k	Down the kite, up to the top corner and down to the bottom corner.
 ck	 sock	Open your mouth into a little smile, make your tongue flat and move it up towards the top of your mouth to say c c c	c Curl around the heel of the sock. k Down the sock, up and back down to the toe. Catchphrase: Rock that sock!
 e	 elephant	Open your mouth wide and say e e e	Around the elephant's eye and curl down its trunk.

Grapheme and mnemonic	Picture card	Pronunciation phrase	Formation phrase
 u	 umbrella	Open your mouth wide and say u u u	Down and around the umbrella, and back to the ground.
 r	 rainbow	Show me your teeth to make a rrrrr sound rrrrr rrrrr	From the cloud to the ground and over the rainbow.
 h	 helicopter	Open your mouth and breathe out sharply h h h	Down, up and over the helicopter.
 b	 bear	Put your lips together and say b as you open them b b b	Down the bear's back, up and round its tummy.
 f	 flamingo	Open your lips a little; put your teeth on your bottom lip and push the air out to make the sound fffff	Down the flamingo to its foot and across its wings.
 l	 lollipop	Open your mouth a little; put your tongue up to the top of your mouth, behind your teeth, and press lllll lllll	Down the lollipop stick.















Phase 2 grapheme information sheet

Autumn 2

Grapheme and mnemonic	Picture card	Pronunciation phrase	Formation phrase
	 jellyfish	Pucker your lips and show your teeth use your tongue as you say j j j	Down the jellyfish and dot its head.
	 volcano	Put your teeth against your bottom lip and make a buzzing v v v v v v v v	Down to the bottom of the volcano and back up to the top.
	 wave	Pucker your lips and keep them small as you say w w w	Down and up and down and up the waves.
	 box	Mouth open, then push the cs/x sound through as you close your mouth cs cs cs (x x x)	From the top, across the box to the bottom. From the top again across the box to the bottom.
	 yo-yo	Smile, tongue to the top of your mouth, say y without opening your mouth yyy	Down, around the yo-yo and curl round the string.
	 zebra	Show me your teeth and buzz the z sound zzzzz zzzzz	Across the top of the zebra's head, zig-zag down its neck and along.







Grapheme and mnemonic	Picture card	Pronunciation phrase	Formation phrase / Catchphrase
 qu qu	 queen	Pucker your mouth, then open it as you say qu qu qu	q Round the queen's face, down her robe and a flick at the end. qu Quick, it's the queen!
 ch ch	 cherries	Pucker your lips and show your teeth; use your tongue as you say ch ch ch	ch Chew the cherries, children.
 sh sh	 shells	Pucker your lips and show your teeth; push the air out shshshshsh shshshshsh	sh Share the shells.
 th th	 thumb	Voiced: Tongue on your teeth, teeth almost closed to make a 'buzzing' th th th Unvoiced: Tongue on your teeth; push the air out th th th	th Thumbs up, we're having fun.
 ng ng	 ring	Open your mouth a bit and then use your tongue at the back of your mouth to say ng ng ng	ng Bling on a ring.
 nk nk	 pink panda	Open your mouth a bit and then use your tongue at the back of your mouth to say ngk ngk ngk	nk I think I am pink.

How to say the Phase 3 sounds





Grapheme	Catchphrase	Pronunciation phrase	Grapheme	Catchphrase	Pronunciation phrase	Grapheme	Catchphrase	Pronunciation phrase	Grapheme	Catchphrase	Pronunciation phrase
ai	 tail in the rain	Open your mouth wide and say ai ai ai	oo	 hook a book	Pucker your lips and keep them small as you say oo oo oo	ur	 curl the fur	Open your mouth in a relaxed way, push your tongue down and say ur ur ur	ear	 get near to hear	Smile with your lips apart, push your tongue to your teeth as you say ear ear ear
ee	 sheep in a jeep	Smile with your lips apart and say ee ee ee	oo	 zoom to the moon	Open your mouth just a bit, put your hand on your tummy, pull your tummy in and say oo oo oo	ow	 wow owl	Open your mouth wide then move your lips together as you say ow ow ow	air	 chair in the air	Open your mouth wide, push your tongue down as you say air air air
igh	 a light in the night	Open your mouth in a relaxed way and say igh igh igh	ar	 march in the dark	Open your mouth wide, push your tongue down and say ar ar ar	oi	 boing boing	Make an 'o' with your mouth then move your lips out as you say oi oi oi	er	 a bigger digger	Open your mouth in a relaxed way, push your tongue down and say ur ur ur
oa	 soap that goat	Make an 'o' with your mouth and say oa oa oa	or	 born with a horn	Make an 'o' with your mouth, push your tongue down and say or or or						




Sounds introduced in Phase 2




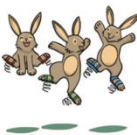
Grapheme and mnemonic	Pronunciation phrase	Phase 5 Graphemes
	Show your teeth and let the s hiss out ssssss ssssss	c se ce st sc
	Open your lips a bit; put your tongue behind your teeth and make the nnnnn sound nnnnn	kn gn
	Put your lips together and make the mmmmm sound mmmmm	mb
	Open your mouth into a little smile; make your tongue flat and move it up towards the top of your mouth to say c c c	ch
	Show me your teeth to make a rrrr sound rrrrr	wr
	Open your lips a little; put your teeth on your bottom lip and push the air out to make the sound fffff fffff	ph
	Open your mouth a little; put your tongue up to the top of your mouth, behind your teeth, and press ttttt ttttt	le al
	Pucker your lips and show your teeth; use your tongue as you say j j j	g dge ge
	Put your teeth against your bottom lip and make a buzzing sound vvvvv vvvvv	ve



Grapheme and mnemonic	Pronunciation phrase	Phase 5 Graphemes
	Pucker your lips and keep them small as you say w w w	wh
	Show me your teeth and buzz the z sound zzzzz zzzzz	se ze
	Pucker your lips and show your teeth; use your tongue as you say ch ch ch	tch ture*
	Show me your teeth and push the air out shshshshshsh	ch ti ssi si ci
	Open your mouth wide and say e e e	ea
	Pull your lips back and make the i sound at the back of your mouth iii	y
	Make your mouth into a round shape and say o o o	a
	Open your mouth wide and say u u u	o-e o ou

Sounds introduced in Phase 3

Grapheme	Catchphrase	Pronunciation phrase	Phase 5 Graphemes
ai	 tail in the rain	Open your mouth wide and say ai ai ai	ay a a-e eigh aigh ey ea
ee	 sheep in a jeep	Smile with your lips apart and say ee ee ee	ea e e-e ie y ey
igh	 a light in the night	Open your mouth in a relaxed way and say igh igh igh	ie i i-e y
oa	 soap that goat	Make an 'o' with your mouth and say oa oa oa	o o-e ou oe ow

Grapheme	Catchphrase	Pronunciation phrase	Phase 5 Graphemes
oo	 zoom to the moon	Open your mouth just a bit, put your hand on your tummy, pull your tummy in and say oo oo oo	ue u-e ew ou ui
yoo		Pucker your lips and keep them small as you say yoo yoo yoo	ue u u-e ew
oo	 hook a book	Open your mouth just a bit, put your hand on your tummy, pull your tummy in and say oo oo oo	u* oul
ar	 march in the dark	Open your mouth wide, push your tongue down and say ar ar	a* ai*

Grapheme	Catchphrase	Pronunciation phrase	Phase 5 Graphemes
or	 born with a horn	Make an 'o' with your mouth, push your tongue down and say or or or	aw au aur oor al a oar ore
ur	 curl the fur	Open your mouth in a relaxed way, push your tongue down and say ur ur ur	er ir or
ow	 wow owl	Open your mouth wide then move your lips together as you say ow ow ow	ou
oi	 boing boing	Make an 'o' with your mouth then move your lips out as you say oi oi oi	oy

Grapheme	Catchphrase	Pronunciation phrase	Phase 5 Graphemes
ear	 get near to hear	Smile with your lips apart, push your tongue to your teeth as you say ear ear ear	ere ear
air	 chair in the air	Open your mouth wide, push your tongue down as you say air air air	are ere ear
zh		Pucker your lips and show your teeth; push the air over your tongue as you say zh zh	su si

Letter	Capital letter formation phrase
A	From the top, diagonally down to the left, up to the top, diagonally down to the right. Lift up and across.
B	From the top, down, back to the top. Round to the middle, round to the bottom.
C	From the top, curl around to the left to sit on the line.
D	From the top, down, back to the top. Curve right, down to the bottom.
E	From the top, down, back to the top. Across, back. Lift up and across the middle. Lift up and across the bottom line.
F	From the top, down, back to the top. Across, back. Lift up and across the middle.
G	From the top, curl around to the line, carry on up, then straight down. Lift up and across.
H	From the top and down. Space. From the top and down. Lift up and join the lines across the middle.
I	From the top to the bottom and stop.
J	From the top, all the way down, then short curl to the left.
K	From the top, down, up to the middle. Diagonally up, back and diagonally down to the line.
L	From the top, down and across the line.
M	From the top, down, back to the top. Diagonally down, diagonally up. Straight down to the line.
N	From the top, down, back to the top. Diagonally down, then straight up to the top.
O	From the top – all around the o.
P	From the top, down then back up. Curve right to halfway down.
Q	From the top – all around the o. Lift off. Short line diagonally down.
R	From the top, down, then back up. Curve right to halfway down. Diagonally down to the line.
S	From the top, under the snake's chin, slide down and round its tail.
T	From the top, down and stop. Lift up and from the left, make a line across the top.
U	From the top, down and curve right, then straight up to the top.
V	From the top diagonally right to the bottom, then diagonally up to the top.
W	From the top diagonally right to the bottom, diagonally up to the top, diagonally down to the line, then diagonally up again.
X	From the top, diagonally right to the bottom. Space. Start at the top, then diagonally left to the bottom.
Y	From the top diagonally right to the middle. Space. From the top diagonally left to the middle. Straight down to the bottom.
Z	From the top go across, diagonally down to the left and across the bottom.

Activities:

- Write the HF or tricky words on lolly sticks. Write 'dynamite' on a couple of the sticks and put them all into a jar or bowl. Pull them out one-by-one and read the word. If you pull 'dynamite', you have to put them all back in the jar.
- You could keep a record of how often you spot specific HF or tricky words within your reading book. Perhaps you could even create a simple bar chart to show which is most and least regularly used?
- Play 'High Frequency/Tricky Word Battle'! Playing with a partner, use two stacks of HF or tricky word cards. Each player flips over a card and whoever reads the word first wins the card. The person with the most cards wins! You could also use the cards to play HF/tricky word snap!
- Play 'Pairs' using two sets of HF or tricky word cards. Take turns to reveal two words at a time and see if you can find a matching pair. If you find two of the same word, you keep the cards. The winner is the person with the most cards at the end.
- Reading and writing words written in a range of different ways is always good practise. Could your child practise writing the words in shaving foam, or in trays of flour, rice or lentils? Maybe they could use a glue stick to write out your HF/tricky word. Cover the page on glitter, tip the excess on to a tray and watch the HF/tricky word appear! The possibilities are endless – get creative!
- Organise a tricky/HF word hunt around the house. Write the words on post-it notes or pieces of paper and hide them. How many can your child find?
- Lego or building blocks can be used in a range of different ways to practise HF and tricky words. Your child could make the words using the pieces or build words using pieces marked with letters.
- Write the tricky or high frequency words using water and a brush then watch them magically disappear as they dry!
- Cut the letters you need out of magazines or newspapers to make ransom-style tricky word posters.
- Create wax-resist activities with the words. Write the words using a white wax crayon or candle. Your child paints over the top of them with watered down paint to magically reveal and read the words.
- Playdough can be used to practise tricky and HF words in lots of different ways! The images below give a few ideas but there are plenty more to try! Easy to follow playdough recipes are available online.

