



# PHONICS TEST: Reading

Students should be able to read and spell the following graphemes by the end of Year 3.

Note: This is not all the graphemes but includes those that are the most common.

a	w	r	m	i	f	u
h	c	y	t	z	b	k
o	j	e	g	d	x	
v	q	l	n	p	s	

ch <sup>(3*)</sup>	i-e	aw	wr
sh	ow <sup>(2*)</sup>	ew	ph
ee	ea <sup>(2*)</sup>	e-e	au
ar <sup>(2*)</sup>	ai	air	o** <sup>(2)</sup>
ng	oy	ear <sup>(2*)</sup>	ti <small>(What sound does the 'ti' make in the middle of words when followed by a vowel?)</small>
ir	ou <sup>(2*)</sup>	a** <sup>(4*)</sup>	ci <sup>(2*)</sup> <small>(What sound does the 'ci' make in the middle of words when followed by a vowel? What sound does it make when followed by a consonant?)</small>
a-e	ur	u** <sup>(2)</sup>	si <small>(What sound does the 'si' make in the middle of words when followed by a vowel?)</small>
o-e	or <sup>(2*)</sup>	ce <small>(What sound does the 'c' most commonly make? What sound does it make when followed by 'e'?)</small>	gi <small>(What sound does the 'g' most commonly make? What sound does it make when followed by 'i'?)</small>
th	er	ge <small>(What sound does the 'g' most commonly make? What sound does it make when followed by 'e'?)</small>	gy <small>(What sound does the 'g' most commonly make? What sound does it make when followed by 'y'?)</small>
ck	oi	ue	cy <small>(What sound does the 'c' most commonly make? What sound does it make when followed by 'y'?)</small>
oo <sup>(2*)</sup>	wh	ie <sup>(2*)</sup>	gh
ay	qu	ere <sup>(2*)</sup>	ui
all	u-e	are	i+vowel <sup>(2*)</sup>
oa	y <sup>(4*)</sup>	kn	eer

\* Ask: "How else could you read these letters?" Note any additional phonemes the student identifies (e.g., ou = /or/ thought, /ue/ soup, /oa/ dough, /o/ soul).

\*\* First ask student the name of the letter and its common sound. Then ask about the sounds. For example: 'a' – name=/ay/, common sound=/a/, also makes /ar/ bath, a-along, /o/ watch.



# PHONICS TEST: Answers

a (apple)	w (water)	r (robot)	m (monkey)	i (Indian)	f (frog)	u (umbrella)
h (hat)	c (cat)	y (yellow)	t (teapot)	z (zebra)	b (ball)	k (king)
o (orange)	j (jellybean)	e (egg)	g (goat)	d (doll)	x (box)	
v (vase)	q (queen)	l (lolly)	n (nanna)	p (pink)	s (snake)	

ch (3)	/ch/ chick /sh/ machine /k/ choir	i-e	/ie/ kite	aw	/or/ paw	wr	/r/ write
sh	/sh/ ship	ow (2)	/ow/cow /oa/bow	ew	/ue/ chew	ph	/f/ phone
ee	/ee/ tree	ea (2)	/ee/ leaf /e/ head	e-e	/ee/ Pete	au	/or/ sauce
ar	/ar/ car /or/ wart	ai	/ay/ rain	air	/air/ chair	O (2)	/o/ orange /u/ love
ng	/ng/ song	oy	/oy/ boy	ear (2)	/eer/ spear /air/ bear	ti	/sh/ invitation
ir	/er/ girl	ou (2)	/ow/house /u/country	a (4)	/a/apple /o/ watch /ar/ bath /u/ along	ci (2)	/s/ circus /sh/ musician
a-e	/ay/ cake	ur	/er/church	u (2)	/u/umbrella /oo/bush	si	/sh/ division
o-e	/oa/ bone	or	/or/ fork /er/ worm	ce	/s/ ice	gi	/j/ giant
th	/th/ three	er	/er/ flower	ge	/j/ orange	gy	/j/ gypsy
ck	/k/ duck	oi	/oy/ coin	ue	/ue/ glue	cy	/s/ cycle
oo (2)	/ue/ moon /oo/ book	wh	/w/ whale	ie (2)	/ie/ pie /ee/ chief	gh	/f/ laugh
ay	/ay/ tray	qu	/q/ queen	ere (2)	/eer/ here /air/ there	ui	/ue/ suit
all	/orl/ ball	u-e	/ue/ flute	are	/air/square	i+vowel	/ee/ piano /ie/ lion
oa	/oa/ boat	y (4)	/y/ yellow /ee/sunny /i/pyramid /ie/ sky	kn	/n/ knife	eer	/ear/ beer