

English Alphabetic Code Chart

This chart is not exhaustive, and some of the letter-sound correspondences have hardly any words that use them. Nevertheless it is helpful to see how the alphabetic code works.

Care should be taken with <qu> and <x>. Initially, young children find it easier to think of these spellings as single sounds, but they are really two sounds blended together: <qu> is /kw/ and <x> is /ks/. It is also worth noting that words like *fear*, *here* and *beer* can be blended as /f-ea-r/, /h-ee-r/ and /b-ee-r/ and still be recognised before the /ier/ sound has been taught.

/s/	/a/	/t/	/i/	/p/	/n/
sun fuss cent cinema cycle bounce house castle psalm answer science	ant	ten mitten hopped debt waste cassette thyme pterodactyl two	ink pyramid biscuit minute sausage women bargain seive	pet happy shepherd	net funny know gnat gone pneumonia mnemonic
/c k/	/e/	/h/	/r/	/m/	/d/
cat kitten duck chemist conquer unique occur Iraq khaki	edge head heifer leopard said says friend any bury	hat who	rat carrot write rhino	man hammer lamb hymn come gramme	dog teddy cleaned jodhpurs
/g/	/o/	/u/	/l/	/f/	/b/
gap foggy ghost guide vague	odd was sausage knowledge cough	under love country blood does	leg bell gazelle	fun off photo tough giraffe	bat rabbit
/ai/	/j/	/oa/	/ie/	/ee/	/or/
aim lake play vein weigh they apron ballet great sundae straight	jam gentle giant gym large adjust bridge	oak hope slow go toe dough plateau soul sew oh mauve	pie time night sky find eider aisle bye buy height eye ayah	bee sunny theme dream chief key we receive radio larvae people	order talk haul saw shore bought warm soar four door caught water dinosaur

/z/	/w/	/ng/	/v/	/oo/	/oo/
zoo buzz is rouse snooze scissors Wednesday xylophone	web whistle penguin	sing wink	van sleeve of savvy	book push could woman	moon blue rude drew flu do fruit soup through sleuth shoe manoeuvre lieu
/y/	/x/	/ch/	/sh/	/th/	/th/
yes onion	fox hooks lakes ducks excellent accept	chop hatch nature	ship machine musician station tension tissue sugar crèche appreciate permission fashion schwa	this soothe	thin
/qu/	/ou/	/oi/	/ue/	/er/	/ar/
queen	out owl bough pilau	oil boy buoy	rescue cube few unicorn feud beautiful nuisance	herb bird hurt learn word colour metre were grammar pressure zephyr purr chauffeur	arm heart father calm aunt sergeant are
/air/	/zh/	/ool/	/ier/	schwa /uh/	
chair stare pear where aerobic their mayor prayer parent	vision treasure courgette seizure collage	apple local label pencil cymbol tearful	fierce near cheer sincere hero	the America possibly today minus anxious sugar	actor odour litre future martyr lemur Michael