



TREASURE VALLEY

CLASSICAL ACADEMY

A Phonics Guide For Parents

#	Phonogram	Anchor Word(s)	Definition to Say
1	c	car, city	/k/ /s/
2	o	not, no, to	/o/ /O/ /oo/
3	g	get, giant	/g/ /j/
4	d	did	/d/
5	a	at, ate, talk	/a/ /A/ /aw/
6	s	sit, has	/s/ /z/
7	f	fun	/f/
8	i	it, fine, machine	/i/ /I/ /E/
9	r	run	/r/
10	n	no	/n/
11	m	met	/m/
12	u	up, cute, blue, put	/u/ /U/ /oo/ /OO/
13	y	yes, gym, my, baby	/y/ /i/ /I/ /E/
14	J	jump	/j/
15	p	pet	/p/
16	e	met, me	/e/ /E/
17	z	zoo	/z/
18	l	let	/l/
19	t	tell	/t/
20	b	big	/b/
21	h	his	/h/
22	k	kite	/k/
23	v	very	/v/
24	w	wet	/w/
25	x	fox	/ks/
26	qu	quit	/kw/
27	er	paper	/er/ the /er/ of her
28	ur	burn	/er/ the /er/ of hurt
29	ir	thirst	/er/ the /er/ of bird
30	wor	world	/er/ the /er/ of worms
31	ear	learn	/er/ the /er/ of early
32	ee	see	E, double E, always says /E/

33	th	think, that	/th/ /TH/
34	sh	shut fish relationship	/sh/ used at the beginning of a word, At the end of a syllable, but not at the beginning of syllables after the first one, except for the ending -ship.
35	wh	where	/hw/
36	ow	cow, snow	/ow/ /O/
37	ou	out, soul, soup, touch	/ow/ /O/ /oo/ /u/
38	ar	far	/ar/
39	or	for	/or/
40	oo	fool, foot	/oo/ /OO/
41	ck	pack, peck, pick, lock, luck	/k/, 2-letter /k/, used only after a single vowel that says /a/ /e/ /i/ /o/ /u/
42	oa	coat	/O/ the /O/ of boat
43	oe	hoe	/O/ the /O/ of toe
44	ay	play	/A/ two-letter /A/ that we DO use at the end of English words.
45	ai	wait	/A/ two-letter /A/ that we do NOT use at the end of English words. Why not? English words do not end with I.
46	ea	eat, bread, great	/E/ /e/ /A/
47	ie	thief, pie	/E/ /I/, we say /E/ /I/ but we write I - E
48	aw	saw	/aw/ that we DO use at the end of English words.
49	au	sauce	/aw/ that we do NOT use at the end of English words. Why not? English words do not end with U.
50	ed	waited, warmed, baked	/ed/ /d/ /t/ past tense ending.
51	ch	child, school, chef	/ch/ /k/ /sh/
52	ng	hung	/ng/
53	tch	hatch, etch, stitch, blotch, clutch	/ch/, 3-letter /ch/, used after a single vowel that says /a/ /e/ /i/ /o/ /u/.
54	ui	fruit	/oo/
55	gu	guess	/g/, 2-letter /g/, always followed by a vowel.
56	eigh	weight	/A/ 4-letter /A/
57	ey	they, key	/A/ /E/ that we Do use at the end of English words.
58	ei	veil, ceiling	/A/ /E/ that we do NOT use at the end of English words. Why not? English words do not end with I.
59	igh	fight	/I/ 3-letter /I/
60	ew	new, few	/oo/ /U/ that we DO use at the end of English words.

61	eu	neutral, feud	/oo/ /U/ that we do NOT use at the end of English words. Why not? English words do not end with U.
62	dge	badge, edge, fridge, lodge, judge	/j/, 3-letter /j/, used only after a single vowel that says /a/ /e/ /i/ /o/ /u/.
63	wr	wrong	/r/ 2-letter /r/
64	kn	know	/n/, 2-letter /n/, used only at the beginning of a base word.
65	gn	gnaw, sign	/n/, 2-letter /n/, used both at the beginning and end of a base word.
66	ph	graph	/f/, 2-letter /f/ or /f/, Greek /f/
67	oy	boy	/oy/ that we DO use at the end of English words.
68	oi	boil	/oy/ that we do NOT use at the end of English words. Why not? English words do not end with i.
69	ough	though, through, tough cough, thought, bough	/O/ /oo/ /uff/ /off/ /aw/ /ow/
70	ti	na•tion	/sh/ tall letter /sh/ used at the beginning of syllables after the first one.
71	si	mis•sion vis•sion	/sh/ /zh/ used at the beginning of syllables after the first one.
72	ci	gla•cier	/sh/ short letter /sh/ used at the beginning of syllables after the first one.
*73	rh	rhythm	/r/, Greek /r/
*74	sc	science	/s/, 2-letter /s/
*75	pn	pneumonia	/n/, Greek /n/
*76	qu	mosquito	/k/ (a less often used second sound of the Q-U phonogram in foreign-origin words)

* These four phonograms are not used frequently enough to be included with the 72 most common English spelling patterns. However, they do occur occasionally in vocabulary in texts.