

Pronunciation & Spelling = Very Old- Fashioned Nine-Page Summary with Answer Key

So you *admit* it! Sometimes you wish for the “good old days,” when basic language-instruction material could be condensed, presented, and practiced in a very *low-tech*, duplicated set of pages to refer to and distribute.

Though intimidating to many teachers and learners, especially those that *didn't* “have to learn to read through phonetic decoding,” the sound-symbol correspondences of American English are *not* that difficult to organize and work from. And when *explanations, visuals, mastery checks, and even answers* are summarized in a compact set of readable pages—even one that looks as *primitive* as the attached, the result can be surprisingly pleasant and helpful.

The following viewable, printable, and easily duplicated nine pages, entitled “Review of Pronunciation & Spelling” were created and used for decades at high beginning to intermediate levels of an intensive, academic English Language Institute. The first three pages cover “short” and “long” vowels (now known as *simple or lax vowels vs. complex or tense vowels or diphthongs*). The simplest mouth diagrams illustrate the pronunciation of fourteen of the most common vowels (all except those before *-r*), represented by American-English dictionary sound-symbols. To their right are sample words illustrating nearly *all* possible spellings for those sounds, ranging from the most to the least common—plus a few exceptions. Next come at least three kinds of compressed but complete exercises to practice and demonstrate mastery of the targeted phonics content.

The next four pages present and practice the eight voiced vs. voiceless pairs plus eight other consonants that can appear in initial and/or final syllable position. Finally, there's a two-page summary of significant info about vowel and consonant spellings in multi-syllable words.

A nine-page duplicate of the same handout—with answers filled in—completes the package.

Please enjoy the attached 18-page handout as you would any glorious antique—and write us your reactions and comments.

And for *much* more modern (but still low-tech) *Phonics & Spelling* activities and games, [click here](#).

REVIEW OF PRONUNCIATION AND SPELLING

VOWELS

SOUNDS

LETTERS

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SHORT VOWEL SOUNDS		most common	← →	*least common	*exceptions
	ā:	hat			laugh, aunt, plaid
	ē:	bed		head	says, said, friend
	ī:	fish		gym	build, been, sieve
	ō:	pot			calm, palm, swap, yacht
	ū:	rug		won, some, touch	what, was, does, blood, flood

Pronounce the words. Circle the words in each group that rhyme with the underlined word.

mad: had sad bed lid rod bad sad
* dead plaid said fad bled Dad

bed: led red glad lid fed mud
* bread said read plaid kid

top: hip stop mop cap cup drop
* swap clap clip flop

sun: bun fun can Ron run men
* done one been ton stun Don

buzz: * fuzz does says jazz was his

Write the missing vowel letters in the groups of rhyming words.

plant p__nt c__n't * __nt (relative) __nt (insect)
red b__d f__d * br__d sh__d d__d h__d s__d bl__d
tin th__n sk__n * f__n b__n (container) b__n (from be)
Mom T__m * b__mb c__lm p__lm
mud b__d * c__d bl__d fl__d

Write the missing ^{short} vowel letters in the words in the categories.

body parts: l__g h__nd n__ck ch__n l__ps b__ck ch__st
* l__ngs r__bs h__d
clothing: h__t b__lt p__nts s__cks r__ng dr__ss
* gl__ve

LONG VOWEL SOUNDS		most common	← →	*least common	*exceptions
	ā:	game wait pay break eight veil			they gauge straight bass where there ski key chic
	ē:	sweet leaf Pete brief we			
	ī:	mine pie mild sky style right			I hi eye buy guy height
	ō:	home road fold slow toe soul			door floor though dough owe sew

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ū:

most common	←————→	*least common	*exceptions
moon	cute	suit	prove
blue	feud	new	shoe
			truth
			Ruth
			route
			through

Pronounce the words. Circle the words in each group that rhyme with the underlined word.

- wait: date late bait seat bite rate
 * great straight fright treat
 * freight crate plate weight
- play: see stay gray tie tray lay
 * sleigh they thigh tree way
- leaf: beef wife loaf roof
 * waif thief grief brief
- see: tree tray pie bee sea flea
 * sky weigh grey key ski be he
- kite: white bite late seat boat
 * right slate slight height
- hole: Gail goal coal role seal pole
 * file tool bowl soul stroll
- no: * tea toe sew owe go shoe do
- boot: cute date flute toot coat
 * great route goat shoot suit
- too: * show hoe rye glue you doe so
 * do sigh dough through few sue

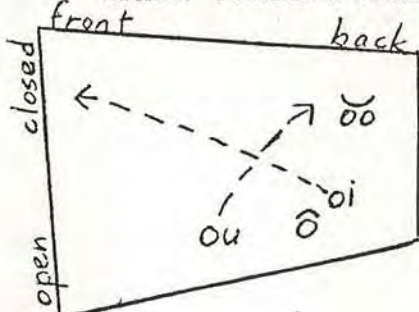
Write the missing vowel letters in the groups of rhyming words.

- cake b_k_l_k * br_k w_k
- pay at__ pl__ pr__ * th__ w__ (put on a scale) sl__
- see tr__ s__ (ocean) * h__ fl__ (run away) sk__ k__
- grease p__ce (not war) cr__se * p__ce (slice) n__ce
- dime t__m__ cr__m__ * rh__m__ cl__mb
- bite k_t__ * br__t f__t h__t t__t n__t
- hole p_l__ st_l__ g_l__ c_l__ * t_ll s_l__ b_l__ str_ll
- go * t__ (foot) J__ th__ thr__ bl__ s__ (with thread)
- goose m__se l__se * j__ce tr__c__
- too t__ (direction) tw__ (number) thr__ n__ tr__ sh__

Write the missing long vowel letters in the words in the categories.

- people: m__d qu__n br__d Sw__d P__t__ w__f__ gr__m
 * th__f n__ce ch__ld J__ R__th y__th St__v__
- verbs: p__ sl__p dr__m k__p fl__t sh__t pr__ cl__n
 * gr__ve l__ve sp__k cl__mb f__t fr__ b__t
 * p__r f__ld l__se pr__ve t__p__ fl__ sk__

OTHER VOWEL SOUNDS



	most common	←————→	*least common	*exceptions
oo:	book	push	should	wolf
o:	dog	ball	lawn	fault
			caught	bought
ou:	cloud	crown		cough
				gone
oi:	boil	toy		broad

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Pronounce the words. Circle the word in each group that rhymes with the underlined word.

good: wood stood loud * could broad

dog: log smog frog hog fog

lawn: dawn down town fawn yawn *gone

out: shout foot trout *ought caught

boy: toy cow saw now draw soy

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Write the missing letters in the groups of rhyming words.

good w__d st__d *c__ld sh__ld w__ld hook: b__k l__k

bull p__ll w__l f__ll push: b__sh

log d__g f__g sm__g fr__g boss cr__ss t__ss m__ss

tall h__ll sm__ll b__ll *cr__l br__l h__l (pull)

ouch c__ch cr__ch gr__ch round p__nd s__nd

crown br__n t__n fr__n brow c__ h__ n__

SUMMARY OF VOWEL SOUNDS AND SPELLINGS

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hate - sweet - white - out sit ~ wait - plate - boot -

ball tell small fill bull soil shall all

tub cube mob robe sub cub rub cab bib

mile smell while steal whale tall full

good food road mad kid seed wood hood

mean ten green bean seen Gene pain mine

* bed need read dead lead lied load said

* caught pot bought shout suit flat height

* new throw through though shoe dough blue

* push bush rush splash wash mush fish

Write the vowel letters in the groups of words. All the words in each group have the same vowel sound.

ā: h__t m__d *l__gh __nt pl__d gl__d

ā: m__t m__d g__m st__ ch__s w__t p__
* __t (number) th__ v__l br__k str__

ē: r__d sh__d *d__d h__d br__d s__d

ē: t__m St__v__ n__d gr__n scr__m t__
*th__f k__ sk__ ch__c w__ pr__st n__

ī: h__m k__d k__ll *J__m g__m m__th b__l

ī: p__ b__k t__m *m__ld sk__ r__t g__

ō: sp__t j__g l__t *c__lm sw__p

ō: h__m fl__t st__v__ *m__st b__l t__s__l

ū: t__b r__g *wh__t d__s bl__d w__n s__m

ū: r__m t__n f__d fl__t *s__t y__th
*t__mb gr__ pr__ve tr__ r__t thr__

oo: b__k w__d p__t b__sh *sh__ld w__lf

ô: d__g h__ll l__n p__ *v__lt t__t c__gt

ou: pr__d h__ br__n s__nd l__d br__

or: b__l sp__l t__ b__s v__d

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"STOPS":	voiced	voiceless		most common ←	→ *least common	*exceptions
two lips	✓		b:	bear cub		
		✓	p:	pear cup		
tongue to alveolar ridge	✓		d:	do lid		add odd
		✓	t:	to lit		
back of mouth			g:	girl ¹ bag	guide	egg
			k:	curl ³ bake ³	key ² back ⁴ choir ache plaque	

Pronounce the words. Write p after the people, f after the foods, th after the things, v after the verbs, a after the animals.

pear ___ bear ___ robe ___ rope ___
 dent ___ tent ___ had ___ hat ___
 goat ___ coat ___ pig ___ pick ___
 die ___ tie ___ pie ___ *guy ___
 bun ___ *pun ___ gun ___ *ton ___
 cab ___ cap ___ cat ___ *cad ___
 lip ___ lid ___ lit ___ lick ___

Write the missing consonant letters ("stops") in the words in categories:

food: ___ ear ___ each ___ eans ___ ake ___ orn ___ oast ___ ie
 animals: ___ ear ___ ig ___ uck ___ oat ___ og ___ at ___ ird
 ___ eer ___ ow * ___ alf
 clothing: ___ ie ___ oat ___ elt ___ louse ___ oots ___ ap
 ___ ants ___ loves ___ ress
 colors: ___ reen ___ lack ___ rown ___ ray ___ lue ___ ink
 people: ___ irl ___ oy * ___ rook ___ est ___ ide ___ oir ___ ard
 things: ___ ite (toy) ___ ey * ___ rome

Write the missing letters ("stops") in the groups of rhyming words.

cab ta ___ sta ___ cra ___ rod go ___ *o ___
 lip hi ___ tri ___ shi ___ bad gla ___ ha ___ *a ___ (math)
 dot ho ___ spo ___ sho ___ peg le ___ be ___ *e ___ (food)
 bake ca ___ e fa ___ e *a ___ e tack ba ___ sa ___ *pla ___

¹ before back vowels (a, o, u)

² before front vowels (e, i, y)

³ after long vowels

⁴ after short vowels

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"NASALS":	<u>voiced</u>		<u>most common</u>	<u>*least common</u>	<u>*exceptions</u>
two lips		m:	map him		
tongue to alveolar ridge		n:	nap pin		
back of mouth		ng:	— ring		
"LIQUIDS":	<u>voiced</u>				
tongue to alveolar ridge, lips spread		l:	lamp ³ coal ³ hill ⁴		
tongue in back of mouth, lips round		r:	ramp four		pal gal purr err
"SEMICONSONANTS":	<u>voiced</u>				
lips spread		y:	year		
lips round		w:	wear		
		hw:	white		

Pronounce the words. Write *v* after the nouns, *w* after the verbs, and *adj* after the adjectives.

- mail ___ nail ___ dime ___ dine ___ ring ___
- lead ___ read ___ fair ___ fail ___
- year ___ wear ___ grow ___ glow ___
- nest ___ vest ___ west ___ rest ___ yeast ___
- late ___ rate ___ mate ___ wait ___ white ___
- ham ___ hand ___ hang ___ hall ___ hair ___
- gun ___ gum ___ girl ___ song ___ long ___

Write the missing consonant letters ("nasals," "liquids," and "semiconsonants") in the words in the categories.

- verbs: make ___ eed ___ ead ___ ake ___ ear * ___ awn ___ eigh
 ___ each ___ ike ___ ix ___ ant ru ___ pu ___ co ___ b
 ca ___ tea ___ fi ___ d co ___ e hu ___ t si ___ bri ___
- things: rug ___ ail ___ all ___ amp ___ ap ___ atch * ___ arn
 ca ___ ri ___ ba ___ sta ___ pi ___ t ___ uck p ___ ant
- places: road ___ orth ___ ard ___ orld ___ ake st ___ eet
 pa ___ k hi ___ sho ___ e poo ___ ere?
- time words: ___ onth ___ eek ___ ear ___ ile ___ en?
- adjectives: ___ ice ___ ad ___ ight ___ ong ___ ite ___ oung
 s ___ ow p ___ oud b ___ ue c ___ ean g ___ een
 fu ___ lo ___ coo ___ poo ___ you ___ fi ___ e

³ after long vowels ⁴ after short vowels and \bar{o}

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"FRICATIVES":	voiced	voiceless		most common	*least common	*exceptions
tongue between teeth	✓		th:	<u>this</u> ³ <u>bathe</u> ³		
		✓	th:	<u>thin</u> ⁴ <u>bath</u>		
lip behind teeth	✓		v:	<u>van</u> ^{3,4} <u>save</u> ^{3,4}		<u>of</u>
		✓	f:	<u>fan</u> ³ <u>safe</u> ³	<u>stiff</u> ⁴	<u>phone</u> <u>graph</u>
flat tongue, spread lips	✓		z:	<u>zoo</u> ³ <u>nose</u> ³	<u>doze</u> ³	<u>jazz</u> ⁴
		✓	s:	<u>sue</u> ³ <u>rice</u> ³	<u>rise</u> ³	<u>cent</u> ⁴ <u>pass</u> ⁴
grooved tongue, round lips	✓		zh:	<u>rouge</u>		
		✓	sh:	<u>sheep</u> <u>wish</u>		<u>chef</u>
two sounds together: d+zh t+sh	✓		j:	<u>jar</u> ^{1,2} <u>page</u> ³	<u>bridge</u> ⁴	<u>gem</u> ²
		✓	ch:	<u>chair</u> ³ <u>beach</u>	<u>catch</u> ⁴	
no parts touching		✓	h:	<u>hair</u>		
TWO SOUNDS TOGETHER		✓	kw:	<u>queen</u>		
			ks	<u>tax</u>		

¹before back vowels (a, o, u) ²before front vowels (e, i, y) ³after long vowels ⁴after short vowels

SOUNDS

Pronounce the words. Circle the words in each group that begin with the same sound as the underlined word.

this (those) thin dime there zone the
thick thumb thrill ten then think
 sing ship thrift *thief

van vote vase fan bill vest they
fine fill vain fear pen fix vine
 peal phone phrase

see zone send then sick shall zeal cell
ship cheat sat hat short shoot hop
 shop chop *chef chaise

jar chip jail job got gem jet get
 gym Jim gain germ geese *gyp
queen quit kick quiet crawl quack

Circle the words in each line that rhyme with each other.

math bath bathe bat path
 death breathe breath bread
 five dive wife live drive
 stiff if life cliff
 staff laugh have graph *calf
 cuff stuff stove tough of
 nose rose close froze
 jazz has pass place gaze
 miss is kiss this fizz
 rice ice nice size
 freeze please cheese peace
 page rage badge stage *beige
 fudge much huge judge *rouge
 witch rich pitch which peach

LETTERS

Write the missing letters in the groups of words. All the words in each group begin with the same sound.

th: this _at _ese _eir th: _ing _ick _in
 v: van _ase _ote f: _un _ish _one _rase
 z: zoo _one _ip s: _ee _ad _end (verb) _ent (ϕ)
 sh: sheep _ip _all *_ef
 j: jar _eep _ail _em _im _ym _oke _erm
 ch: chair _eap _ild h: _air _eat _is
 kw: queen _ick _it ks: ta__ bo__ fo__

Write the missing letters in the groups of rhyming words.

breathe tee__ see__ path ma__ ba__
save bra__ ga__ love do__ glo__ o__
scoff o__ cou__ bluff cu__ tou__ rou__
staff lau__ gra__ rose no__ fro__ clo__ *do__
dress le__ pre__ ye__ us bu__ plu__ *fu__
geese Gree__ grea__ pea__ *crea__ pie__ nie__
choose oo__ u__ *snoo__ lo__
wish fi__ di__ wage pa__ sa__ sta__
smudge fu__ ju__ peach rea__ prea__ tea__
pitch wi__ sti__ whi__ ri__
mix fi__ pi__

Consonants in multi-syllable words are pronounced and spelled the same as in one-syllable words.
Vowels in multi-syllable words are pronounced and spelled the same as in one-syllable words in ACCENTED SYLLABLES only.

IN ADDITION, these spellings occur in multi-syllable words:

VOWELS:

	most common ←	→ least common	exceptions
e:			again against any many leopard
i:			pretty English women busy
o:			father garage drama
a:	paper bouquet matinee saute		
e:	receive ⁵ medium gasoline body money		people
i:			aisle kayak
o:			cocca although thorough plateau bureau chauffeur
u:	tuna		canoe lieutenant beauty vacuum
<u>CONSONANTS:</u>			
gz:		exam	
gw:	language		
k:	twinkle ⁶	toxic ⁷	
s:		listen ⁸	

Write the missing letters in the groups of words. The missing letters in each group spell the same sound.

a: shadow magic captain e: dentist lemon heavy jealous agagainst any leopard
 i: ribbon silver simbol prietty inglish wimen bisy
 o: model modern fother droma u: public ogly color stomach cople contry
 a: raisin dasy craon maor escape eras obasurva pronatomato education
 bouqua balla matina fianca cafa favor talor parada maonnaise
 e: eastern agre compete beleve equal ide receve medeum magazene babe
 monke peple nether repete caffene vile mosqueto extreme lesure medeum
 i: minus quiet nilon isle kiak inviti silent appli tiny satisfi exercisi

⁵especially after c

⁶before le

⁷at the end of a word

⁸before le and en

ō: approach prop_s_s_cial p_et sh_llder pill_coc_alth_plat_ch_ffeur
 m_ment l_n_ly foll_s_ldier contr_l_cean gr_nup pian_s_fa_bur_

ū: noodle perf_m_purs_t_s_venir man_ver appr_v_j_el_val_can_l_tenant
 b_ty vac_m_t_na_cr_el_ball_n_st_pid st_ardess h_mor men_j_nior shamp_

oo: wooden w_len p_dding s_gar ô: o_ffice_lways_ning_thor_l_yer f_cet

ou: coward am_nt f_ntain p_der oi: loyal t_let r_al t_let

gz: exam e_otic gw: lan_age k: twin_le spar_le pani_havo_

s: listen gli_en ha_en ca_le wre_le

After one short vowel letter, most consonants are spelled with double letters before l, r, e, or y.
 After one short vowel letter, these consonants are sometimes spelled with double letters before
a or o. There are many exceptions to these rules.

Write the missing consonant letters in the groups of words. The missing letters in each group spell
 the same sound.

b: rabbit ba_y ro_in ni_le ca_age ca_in d: paddle we_ing mi_le mu_y mo_ern
 l: jelly ye_ow sa_ad pi_ow ba_ance co_ar n: dinner su_y ma_er fi_ish bo_us
 t: better pre_y ho_el li_le ci_y ca_le m: summer da_age le_on ce_ent hu_or
 p: puppy slo_y sli_er pa_er s: messy le_on oppo_ite me_age li_en ca_le

ANSWER KEY

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	a:	hat			laugh, aunt, plaid
	e:	bed		head	says, said, friend
	i:	fish		gym	build, been, sieve
	o:	pot			calm, palm, swap, yacht
	u:	rug		won, some, touch	what, was, does, blood, flood

Pronounce the words. Circle the words in each group that rhyme with the underlined word.

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* dead plaid said fad bled Dad

bed: led red glad lid fed mud
* bread said read plaid kid

top: hip stop mop cap cup drop
* swap clap clip flop

sun: bun fun can Ron run men
* done one been ton stun Don

buzz: * fuzz does says jazz was his

Write the missing vowel letters in the groups of rhyming words.

plant pant can't * aunt (relative) ant (insect)
red bed fed * bread shed dead head said bled
tin thin skin * fin bin (container) been (from be)
Mom Tom * bomb calm palm
mud bud * cud blood flood

Write the missing ^{short} vowel letters in the words in the categories.

body parts: leg hand neck chin lips back chest
* lungs ribs head
clothing: hat belt pants socks ring dress
* glove

LONG VOWEL SOUNDS		most common	← →	*least common	*exceptions
	ā:	game wait pay break eight veil			they gauge straight bass where there ski key chic
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	ī:	mine pie mild sky style right			I hi eye buy guy height
	ō:	home road fold slow toe soul			door floor though dough owe sew

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	most common ←	→ *least common	*exceptions
ū:	moon	cute suit prove blue feud new	shoe truth Ruth route through

Pronounce the words. Circle the words in each group that rhyme with the underlined word.

- wait: date late bait seat bite rate
 * great straight fright treat
 * freight crate plate weight
- play: see stay gray tie tray lay
 * sleigh they thigh tree way
- leaf: beef wife loaf roof
 * waif thief grief brief
- see: tree tray pie bee sea flea
 * sky weigh grey key ski be he
- kite: white bite late seat boat
 * right slate slight height
- hole: Gail goal coal role seal pole
 * file tool bowl soul stroll
- no: * tea toe sew owe go shoe do
- boot: cute date flute toot coat
 * great route goat shoot suit
- too: * show hoe rye glue you doe so
 * do sigh dough through few sue

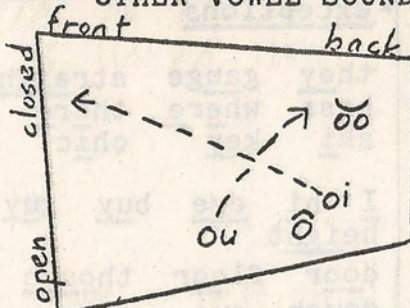
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 pay stay play pray * they weigh (put on a scale) sleigh
 see tree sea (ocean) * he flee (run away) ski key
 grease peace (not war) crease * piece (slice) niece
 dime time crime * rhyme climb
 bite kite * bright fight height tight night
 hole pole stole goal coal * toll soul bowl stroll
 go * toe (foot) Joe though throw blow sew (with thread)
 goose moose loose * juice truce
 too to (direction) two (number) through new true shoe

Write the missing long vowel letters in the words in the categories.

- people: maid queen bride Swede Pete wife groom
 * thief niece child Joe Ruth youth Steve
- verbs: pay sleep dream keep float shoot pray clean
 * grieve love speak climb fight fray bite
 * pour fold lose prove type fly ski

OTHER VOWEL SOUNDS



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good: wood stood loud *could broad

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lawn: dawn down town fawn yawn *gone

out: shout foot trout *ought caught

boy: toy cow saw now draw soy

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Write the missing letters in the groups of rhyming words.

good wood stood *could should would hook: book look

bull pull wool full push: bush

log dog fog smog frog boss cross toss moss

tall hall small ball *crawl brawl haul (pull)

ouch couch crouch grouch round pound sound

crown brown town frown brow cow how now

SUMMARY OF VOWEL SOUNDS AND SPELLINGS

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hate - sweet - white - out sit - wait - plate - boot -

ball tell - small fill - bull soil shall - all

tub cube - mob - robe - sub cub rub cab - bib -

mile smell - while steal - whale - tall full

good food - road - mad - kid - seed - wood hood

mean ten - green bean seen Gene pain - mine -

*bed need - read dead lead lied - load - said

*caught pot - bought shout suit - flat - height -

*new throw - through though - shoe dough - blue

*push bush rush - splash - wash mush - fish -

Write the vowel letters in the groups of words. All the words in each group have the same vowel sound.

ă: hat mad *laugh aunt plaid glad

ā: mate maid game stay chase wait pays
*eight (number) they veil break straight

ē: red shed *dead head bread said

ē: team Steve need green scream tea
*thief key ski chic we priest niece

ī: him kid kill *Jim gym myth build

ī: pie bike time *mild sky right my

ō: spot jog lot *calm swap

ō: home float stove *most bow toe soul

ū: tub rug *what does blood won some

ū: room tune food flute *suit youth
*to mb grew prove true route through

oo: book wood put bush *should wolf

ô: dog hall lawn paw *vault taught cough

ou: proud how brown sound loud brow

oi: boil spoil toy boys void

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SOUNDS

LETTERS

"STOPS":	voiced	voiceless		most common ←	→ *least common	*exceptions
two lips	✓		b:	bear cub		
		✓	p:	pear cup		
tongue to alveolar ridge	✓		d:	do lid		add odd
		✓	t:	to lit		
back of mouth			g:	girl	guide	
			k:	bag curl ¹ bake ³	key ² back ⁴ choir ache plaque	egg

Pronounce the words. Write p after the people, f after the foods, th after the things, v after the verbs, a after the animals.

pear f bear a robe th rope th
 dent th tent th had v hat th
 goat a coat th pig a pick v
 die th tie th pie th *guy p
 bun th *pun th gun th *ton th
 cab th cap th cat a *cad p
 lip th lid th lit v lick v

Write the missing consonant letters ("stops") in the words in categories:

food: pear peach beans cake corn toast pie
 animals: bear pig duck goat dog bat bird
deer cow *calf
 clothing: tie coat belt blouse boots cap
pants gloves dress
 colors: green black brown gray blue pink *beige
 people: girl boy *crook pest guide choir guard
 things: tite (toy) key *chrome

Write the missing letters ("stops") in the groups of rhyming words.

cab tab stab crab rod god *odd
 lip hip trip ship bad glad had *add (math)
 dot hot spot shot peg leg beg *egg (food)
 bake cake fake *ache tack back sake *plaque (sign)

¹before back vowels (a, o, u)

²before front vowels (e, i, y)

³after long vowels

⁴after short vowels

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"NASALS":	<u>voiced</u>		<u>most common</u>	<u>*least common</u>	<u>*exceptions</u>
two lips		m:	map him		
tongue to alveolar ridge		n:	nap pin		
back of mouth		ng:	— ring		
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"LIQUIDS":	<u>voiced</u>				
tongue to alveolar ridge, lips spread		l:	lamp coal ³ — hill ⁴		
tongue in back of mouth, lips round		r:	ramp four		pal gal purr err
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"SEMICONSONANTS":	<u>voiced</u>				
lips spread		y:	year		
lips round		w:	wear		
		hw:	white		

Pronounce the words. Write *n* after the nouns, *v* after the verbs, and *adj* after the adjectives.

mail *n* nail *n* dime *n* dine *v* ring *n*
 lead *v* read *v* fair *adj* fail *v*
 year *n* wear *v* grow *v* glow *v*
 nest *n* vest *n* west *adj* rest *v* yeast *n*
 late *adj* rate *n* mate *n* wait *v* white *adj*
 ham *n* hand *n* hang *v* hall *n* hair *n*
 gun *n* gum *n* girl *n* song *n* long *adj*

Write the missing consonant letters ("nasals," "liquids," and "semiconsonants") in the words in the categories.

verbs: make need read wake wear *yawn weigh
 reach like mix want run pull comb
 call tear find come hunt sing bring
things: rug nail wall lamp nap match *yarn
 car ring ball star pillow truck plant
places: road north yard world lake street
 park hill shore pool where?
time words: month week year while when?
adjectives: nice mad light long white young
 slow proud blue clean green
 full long cool poor young fine

³ after long vowels ⁴ after short vowels and *o*

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"FRICATIVES":	voiced	voiceless		most common	* least common	* exceptions
tongue between teeth	✓		th:	<u>this</u> ³ <u>bathe</u> ³		
		✓	th:	<u>thin</u> ⁴ <u>bath</u> ⁴		
lip behind teeth	✓		v:	<u>van</u> ^{3,4} <u>save</u> ^{3,4}		<u>of</u>
		✓	f:	<u>fan</u> ³ <u>safe</u> ³	<u>stiff</u> ⁴	<u>phone</u> <u>graph</u>
flat tongue, spread lips	✓		z:	<u>zoo</u> ³ <u>nose</u> ³	<u>doze</u> ³ <u>jazz</u> ⁴	<u>if</u> <u>chef</u> , <u>laugh</u> <u>tough</u> <u>rough</u> ^{cough}
		✓	s:	<u>sue</u> ³ <u>rice</u> ³	<u>base</u> ³ <u>cent</u> ⁴ <u>pass</u> ⁴	<u>as</u> <u>has</u> <u>is</u> <u>was</u> <u>quiz</u>
grooved tongue, round lips	✓		zh:	<u>rouge</u>		<u>gas</u> <u>yes</u> <u>this</u> <u>us</u> <u>bus</u>
		✓	sh:	<u>sheep</u> <u>wish</u>		<u>chef</u>
two sounds d+zh together:	✓		j:	<u>jar</u> ^{1,2} <u>page</u> ³	<u>bridge</u> ⁴ <u>gem</u> ²	
t+sh		✓	ch:	<u>chair</u> ³ <u>beach</u> ³	<u>catch</u> ⁴	<u>much</u> <u>such</u> <u>which</u> <u>ric</u>
no parts touching		✓	h:	<u>hair</u>		
TWO SOUNDS TOGETHER		✓	kw:	<u>queen</u>		
			ks	<u>tax</u>		

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Pronounce the words. Circle the words in each group that begin with the same sound as the underlined word.

this those thin dime there zone the
thick thumb thrill ten then think
sing ship thrift *thief

van vote vase fan bill vest they
fine fill vain fear pen fix vine
peal phone phrase

see zone send then sick shall zeal cell
ship cheat sat hat short shoot hop
shop chop *chef chaise

jar chip jail job got gem jet get
gym Jim gain germ geese *gyp
queen quit kick quiet crawl quack

Circle the words in each line that rhyme with each other.

math bath bathe bat path
death breathe breath bread
five dive wife live drive
stiff if life cliff
staff laugh have graph *calf
cuff stuff stove tough of
nose rose close froze
jazz has pass place gaze
miss is kiss this fizz
rice ice nice size
freeze please cheese peace
page rage badge stage *beige
fudge much huge judge *rouge
witch rich pitch which peach
how how so so

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Write the missing letters in the groups of words. All the words in each group begin with the same sound.

th: this that these their th: thing thick thin
v: van vase vote f: fun fish phone phrase
z: zoo zone zip s: see sad send (verb) sent (¢)
sh: sheep ship shall *shef
j: jar jeep jail gem Jim gym joke germ
ch: chair cheap child h: hair heat his
kw: queen quick quit ks: tax box fox

Write the missing letters in the groups of rhyming words.

breathe tee the see the path math bath
save brave gave love dove glove of
scoff off cough bluff cuff tough rough
staff laugh graph rose nose froze close *doze
dress less presse yes us bus plus *fuss
geese Greece grease peace *crease piece niece
choose ooze use *snooze lose
wish fish dish wage page sage stage
smudge fudge judge peach reach preach teach
pitch with stich which rich
mix fix pich

Consonants in multi-syllable words are pronounced and spelled the same as in one-syllable words.

Vowels in multi-syllable words are pronounced and spelled the same as in one-syllable words in ACCENTED SYLLABLES only.

IN ADDITION, these spellings occur in multi-syllable words:

VOWELS:

	most common ←	→ least common	exceptions
e:			again against any many leopard
i:			pretty English women busy
o:			father garage drama
ā:	paper bouquet matinee saute		
ē:	receive ⁵ medium gasoline body money		people
ī:			aisle kayak
ō:			cocoa although thorough plateau bureau chauffeur
ū:	tuna		canoe lieutenant beauty vacuum
<u>CONSONANTS:</u>			
gz:		exam	
gw:	language		
k:	twinkle ⁶	toxic ⁷	
s:		listen ⁸	

Write the missing letters in the groups of words. The missing letters in each group spell the same sound.

- e: shadow magic captain ē: dentist lemon heavy jealous again any leopard
 i: ribbon silver symbol pretty English women busy
 o: model modern father drama ū: public ugly color stomach couple country
 ā: raisin daisy crayon mayor escape erase obey survey apron tomato education
 bouquet ballet matinee fiancé café flavor tailor parade mayonnaise
 ē: eastern agree compete believe equal idea receive medium magazine baby
 monkey people neither repeat caffeine evil mosquito extreme leisure medium
 ī: minus quiet nylon aisle kayak invite silent apply tiny satisfy exercise

⁵especially after c

⁶before le

⁷at the end of a word

⁸before le and en

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ɔ: approach propose social poet shoulder pillow cocoa although plateau chauffeur
moment lonely follow soldier control ocean grounup piano sofa bureau
 ū: noodle perfume pursuit souvenir manuver approve jewel value canoe lieutenant
bandy vacuum tuna cruel balcon stupid stewardess humor men junior shampoo
 oo: wooden woolen pudding sugar ô: office always owning author lawyer faucet
 ou: coward amount fountain powder oi: loyal toilet royal toilet
 gz: exam exotic gw: lanquage k: twinkle sparkle panic havoc
 s: listen glisten hasten castle wrestle

After one short vowel letter, most consonants are spelled with double letters before l, r, e, or y.
 After one short vowel letter, these consonants are sometimes spelled with double letters before
a or o. There are many exceptions to these rules.

Write the missing consonant letters in the groups of words. The missing letters in each group spell
 the same sound.

b: rabbit baby robin nibble cabbage cabin d: paddle weddling middle muddly modern
 l: jelly yellow salad pillow balance collar n: dinner sunny manner finish bonus
 t: better pretty hotel little city cattle m: summer damage lemon cement humor
 p: puppy sloppy slipper paper s: messy lesson opposite message listen castle