Phonics Patterns (Graphemes)

Note that the 44 sounds (phonemes) have multiple spellings (graphemes) and only the most common ones have been provided in this summary.

### Introductory graphemes

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Basic graphemes

Basic vowel digraphs/trigraphs (long vowels, plus short “oo”)

ai  paid
ee  bee
igh high
ow  flow
oo  moon
oo  book

Consonant digraphs (basic)

sh  ship
ch  chain
th  thin
th  this
ck  kit
gap
ng  sing

Doublets (occurs at end of syllable)

ff  puff
ll  will
ss  hiss
zz  jazz
Intermediate graphemes

**Magic E**

- a_e  made
- e_e  Pete
- i_e  site
- o_e  cope
- u_e  cube

**Long Vowel Digraphs (intermediate)**

- a_y  tray
- e_y  beat
- i_y  pie
- o_e  toe
- u_e  cue

- ar  car
- er  her
- or  cork

- ow ou  cow
- oy oi  boy
- eer ear  near
- air ere  hair
- our  tour

**Consonant Digraphs/Trigraphs (intermediate)**

- "zh" si ge s  vision beige treasure
- ch  school
- ch  chute
- wh  when
- tch  witch
- dge  edge

**Double and triple blends**

Initial: e.g. sl-, sk-, tr-, cl-, cr-, str-, spl-
Final: e.g. -lt, nk, sp, -sks

**Introduction to unstressed syllables**

- SCHWA
- trumpet across
- suppose
Advanced graphemes / spelling rules

There are numerous other useful graphemes and spelling rules, but these will not be listed exhaustively. If a grapheme or spelling rule is not listed above, it can be considered more advanced.

See the Literacy Teaching Toolkit for more information.