

# 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

a c <u>a</u> t	e l <u>e</u> g	i s <u>i</u> t	o t <u>o</u> p	u r <u>u</u> b
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p p <u>e</u> t	b b <u>e</u> t	t t <u>i</u> p	d d <u>i</u> p	k c k <u>i</u> t c <u>a</u> p	g g <u>a</u> p
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f f <u>a</u> n	v v <u>a</u> n	m m <u>e</u> t	n n <u>e</u> t	s s <u>u</u> e	z z <u>o</u> o
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w w <u>e</u> t	r r <u>a</u> t	l l <u>e</u> g	y y <u>a</u> k	h h <u>a</u> t	j J <u>a</u> ne
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x bo <u>x</u>	qu qu <u>i</u> t
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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
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## *Consonant digraphs (basic)*

sh ship	ch chain	th thin	th this	ck kit cap	ng sing
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## *Doublets (occurs at end of syllable)*

ff puff	ll will	ss hiss	zz jazz
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# Intermediate graphemes

## **Magic E**

a\_e  
made

e\_e  
Pete

i\_e  
site

o\_e  
cope

u\_e  
cube

## **Long Vowel Digraphs (intermediate)**

ay  
tray

ea y  
beat  
happy

ie y  
pie  
why

oe  
toe

ue  
cue

ar  
car

er ir ur  
her bird  
hurt

or  
cork

ow ou  
cow  
out

oy oi  
boy void

eer ear  
deer  
near

air ere  
hair  
there

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.