

# The English Alphabetic Code: Consonants

Listen, read and repeat the consonant letter sounds.

A. Graphemes (one letter = one sound)

b	c / k	d	f	g	h	
<u>bat</u> <u>rabbit</u>	<u>cat</u> <u>kick</u>	<u>dog</u> <u>daddy</u>	<u>fish</u> <u>puff</u> <u>elephant</u>	<u>golf</u> <u>bigger</u>	<u>hat</u>	
j	l	m	n	p	r	
<u>jam</u> <u>giraffe</u> <u>orange</u> <u>bridge</u>	<u>leg</u> <u>silly</u>	<u>map</u> <u>mummy</u>	<u>net</u> <u>sunny</u> <u>know</u>	<u>pig</u> <u>happy</u>	<u>rock</u> <u>hurry</u> <u>write</u>	
s	t	v	w	x	y	z
<u>sun</u> <u>dress</u> <u>horse</u> <u>circle</u> <u>peace</u>	<u>top</u> <u>kitty</u>	<u>van</u>	<u>wind</u> <u>when</u>	<u>box</u>	<u>yes</u>	<u>zoo</u> <u>buzz</u> <u>cheese</u> <u>legs</u>

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B. Digraphs (two letters = one sound)

<b>ch</b>	<b>sh</b>	<b>th / th</b>	<b>qu</b>	<b>ng / nk</b>
<u><i>chips</i></u> <u><i>witch</i></u>	<u><i>ship</i></u> <u><i>chef</i></u>	<u><i>that</i></u> / <u><i>three</i></u>	<u><i>queen</i></u>	<u><i>king</i></u> <u><i>think</i></u>

## Notes:

- a) **x** /ks/, **qu** /kw/ and **nk** /ngk/ are not pure phonemes  
 b) the final consonant phoneme 'zh' is the voiced 'sh' sound (vision, measure).  
 Words with this phoneme are taught as **tricky words**.

# The English Alphabetic Code: Vowels

Listen, read and repeat the vowel letter sounds.

A. Graphemes (one letter = one sound)

a	e	i	o	u
<u>a</u> nt	<u>e</u> gg <u>e</u> bread	<u>i</u> n	<u>o</u> n	<u>u</u> p

Listen, read and repeat the vowel letter sounds.

B. Digraphs (two letters = one sound) and trigraphs (three letters = one sound)

ai	ee	ie	oa	ue	oi
rain <u>a</u> y <u>a</u> ke	<u>e</u> e <u>e</u> at scene funny	<u>i</u> e <u>i</u> my light <u>i</u> ne	boat yellow <u>o</u> me	<u>u</u> e <u>u</u> ew <u>u</u> be	<u>o</u> il <u>o</u> y
ou	oo / oo		ar	or	er / /ə/
<u>o</u> use <u>o</u> wn	<u>o</u> ok /	<u>o</u> on blue <u>o</u> le	<u>a</u> rk	<u>o</u> rt talk <u>a</u> wful <u>a</u> utumn	<u>e</u> r <u>e</u> rd nurse <u>e</u> ster

## Notes:

- a) **ue** /yoo/ is not a pure phoneme.  
 b) Words are often **tricky** because the vowel sound doesn't follow a spelling pattern  
 e.g. **done** rhymes with **sun**; **put** rhymes with **foot**; **great** rhymes with **wait** and **late**;  
**you** rhymes with **do** and **too**; and **word** rhymes with **herd** and **bird**.