



The alternative pronunciations and spellings below should be learnt after your child has a good understanding of the 44 phonemes and the usual sounds they make.

Phase 5: Alternative pronunciations

Other sounds of a, e, i, o, u

'a' as in acorn	acorn April apron
'a' as in bath	branch grass after class father fast glass last afternoon
'a' as in wash	wander wash want was squash what quarrel wasp
'e' as in demon	she me he be we demon
'i' as in child	wild blind behind child grind find kind mind mild remind
'o' as in sofa	sofa total no go so won't don't mobile
'u' as in music	stupid pupil human uniform unicorn music future
'u' as in bull	full bull bush pull push put

Other sounds of ow, ie, ea, er, ou

'ow' as in tow	show grow flow slow window tomorrow known low tow growth
'ie' as in thief	mischief diesel thief field grief brief chief shriek shield relief
'ea' as in head	head health breath bread dead sweat weather wealth breathless
'er' as in fern	term stern fertile fern her kerb herb perfect person
'ou' as in soup	you group soup
'ou' as in shoulder	mould shoulder poultry

Other sounds of y, ch, c, g, ey

'y' as in fly	why try reply sky my fly fry cry dry by
'y' as in crystal	pyramid syrup symptom typical crystal
'y' as in puppy	rubbing greedy sulky badly telly funny puppy lucky happy family
'ch' as in school	chemist character scheme school chorus

'ch' as in chef	parachute chef
'c' as in city	ceremony cell central city cinder December accept success
'g' as in giant	agent surgery larger stingy ginger giant gym cage huge magic
'ey' as in they	survey they grey prey

Phase 5: Alternative spellings

/ch/ /j/ /m/ /n/ /r/ /s/ /z/

/ch/ as in picture	capture nature mixture future picture creature adventure
/ch/ as catch	witch watch stretch switch match kitchen pitch scratch
/j/ as in badge	bridge badge edge judge hedgehog fridge hedge smudge
/m/ as in lamb	thumb limb lamb numb crumb climb comb
/n/ as in gnash	design gnome gnash gnat sign gnaw
/n/ as in knob	knot knit knock knitted knob knee knew knife knight
/r/ as in wrap	wreck wrap wrong write wrist wring wren wrench written
/s/ as in castle	wrestle castle whistle listen rustle glisten Christmas
/s/ as in house	purse promise immense house horse loose increase
/z/ as in cheese	choose noise tease please pause because disease

/u/ /i/ /eer/ /ar/ /air/ /or/

<i>/u/ as in son</i>	brother come mother wonder done you some son nothing
<i>/i/ as in happy</i>	crystal typical funny lucky happy pyramid gym family
<i>/i/ as in donkey</i>	chimney honey money hockey valley donkey
<i>/eer/ as in here</i>	severe sincere interfere here
<i>/eer/ as in deer</i>	jeer cheer beer steer deer cheerful
<i>/ar/ as in father</i>	branch grass bathroom afternoon gasp class fast glass
<i>/ar/ as in calf</i>	half palm calf calm
<i>/air/ as in there</i>	where there nowhere anywhere
<i>/air/ as in bear</i>	swear tear wear pear bear
<i>/air/ as in bare</i>	compare care dare rare share spare bare square stare
<i>/or/ as in ball</i>	walking snowball small tallest talk always fall call ball all
<i>/or/ as in four</i>	fourth four fourteen court pour your yours downpour
<i>/or/ as in caught</i>	taught naughty daughter caught

/ur/ /uu/ /ay/ /eel/ /y/

<i>/ur/ as in earth</i>	earth early earn learn learning heard pearl search year
<i>/ur/ as in worm</i>	worker worse worship worth word work world worst
<i>/uu/ as in could</i>	would should could
<i>/oo/ as in bull</i>	bush bull full push pull armful
<i>/ay/ as in game</i>	game flame came late make made name same take
<i>/ee/ as in swede</i>	theme delete these complete swede
<i>/ee/ as in thief</i>	thief field grief belief brief chief relief shriek shield diesel
<i>/y/ as in pie</i>	pie die tie lie

/y/ as in fly reply try why cry dry fry fly by sky my

/oa/ /oo/ /oh/ /sh/ /zh/

/oh/ as in tow known tomorrow slow window flow grow show low

/oh/ as in hoe foe woe hoe toe goes

/oh/ as in rose spoke those stone stroke woke home rose envelope

/sh/ as in official social special artificial crucial official

/sh/ as in station relation solution patience station emotion nation

/sh/ as in sugar sure sugar

/sh/ as in permission permission discussion passion

/sh/ as in chef chef parachute

/zh/ as in treasure pleasure leisure division decision television casual