

Progressive Phonics

Stages 5 - 9

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Progressive Phonics

Stage 5 (Year 2)

Set 1: Long 'a' sound

snake

make

rake

lake

cake

made

sale

pale

shape

same

gave

rain

hail

chain

snail

rain

pain

brain

paid

paint

plain

faint

grain

pray

play

clay

day

stay

hay

today

tray

way

sway

crayon

lady

lazy

crazy

shady

baby

wavy

gravy

navy

Set 2: long 'e' sound

tree

sheep

feed

see

feet

deep

keep

meet

sleep

green

sweep

feel

sea

teach

read

leaf

clean

bean

cream

eat

meat

speak

beach

key

monkey

donkey

chimney

money

honey

valley

turkey

pony

sunny

funny

runny

kindly

silly

poppy

happy

Set 3: Long 'i' sound

five

line

fine

ride

like

bike

hike

smile

shine

kite

bite

pie

die

lie

tie

fly

try

dry

fry

shy

sky

by

cry

light

right

fight

might

tight

sight

light

spider

tiger

timer

glider

Set 4: long 'o'

nose

rose

hose

close

chose

note

vote

pole

home

bone

stone

phone

boat

goat

float

soap

loaf

road

snow

throw

bow

tow

Set 11: long 'u' sound

cube

tube

flute

rule

tune

rude

Other letter combinations that sound like long 'u':

spoon

moon

soon

pool

stool

tool

room

choose

noon

glue

blue

true

due

chew

blew

grew

drew

threw

screw

few

new

knew

Set 6: 'air' sound

chair

pair

fair

fairy

hair

stairs

air

Other letter combinations that sound like 'air':

bear

wear

tear

pear

square

share

dare

bare

stare

scare

glare

flare

Set 7: 'ar' sound

car

star

bar

far

farm

yard

park

dark

cart

barn

chart

Other letter combinations that sound like 'ar':

glass

fast

last

past

mast

blast

father

banana

grass

pass

after

Set 8: ear sound

ear

hear

fear

tear

near

dear

clear

gear

deer (sounds like 'ear' but made with 'eer')

steer

cheer

here

Set 9: 'er' sound

fern

her

verb

herb

term

herd

person

germ

serve

stern

permit

Other letter combinations that sound like 'er':

bird

shirt

skirt

girl

birthday

stir

squirt

church

turn

burn

purse

curl

fur

hurt

world

worm

word

work

Set 10: 'oi'

coin

oil

coil

boil

soil

point

toilet

poison

spoil

Other letter combinations that sound like 'oi':

toy

boy

joy

enjoy

Set 10: short 'oo' sound

book

cook

look

took

wood

stood

foot

Other letter combinations that sound like short 'oo':

bull

pull

full

put

push

pussy

would

could

should

wouldn't

couldn't

Set 12: 'or' sound

fork

pork

corn

cork

cord

more

Other letter combinations that sound like 'or':

door

poor

floor

ball

call

wall

hall

tall

saw

law

lawn

crawl

claw

yawn

walk

talk

chalk

stalk

warm

dwarf

wharf

oar

roar

board

boar

soar

coarse

course

Set 13: 'ow' sound

cow

bow

how

now

town

flower

tower

towel

Other letter combinations that sound like 'ow':

house

mouse

shout

loud

cloud

found

sound

round

flour

sour

proud

mouth

Progressive Phonics

Stage 6 (Year 3)

Set 1: Long 'a'

snake

flake

brave

chase

pace

tale

crate

plate

blade

became

plane

trace

place

rain

chain

sailing

sailor

trail

train

praise

raise

railway

plain

saint

raid

Make sure that the students are using the Progressive Phonics picture chart which gives key words, (the words in bold), e.g. 'snake' goes with 'plate'.

pray

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

away

holiday

lady

basin

apron

bacon

April

Set 2: Long 'e'

tree

between

thirteen

fourteen

fifteen

sixteen

seventeen

eighteen

nineteen

sleepy

feelers

street

steel

sea

please

easy

year

spear

leaves

hear

reached

teacher

nearly

clear

speak

dear

ice-cream

key

money

honey

pony

only

ugly

tidy

family

any

carry

hurry

many

every

very

Set 3: Long 'I'

five

white

write

quite

beside

outside

inside

life

prize

twice

slice

ice-cream

tired

pile

pie

cried

dried

fried

lied

tried

fly

spy

shy

sty

dying

frying

spying

light

high

sigh

fight

might

right

flight

sight

tight

Set 4: Long 'o'

nose

awoke

stroke

close

chose

those

stole

whole

stove

toe

hoe

snow

know

bowl

elbow

own

shadow

showed

pillow

grown

sown

below

follow

boat

throat

coast

coach

load

toad

croak

toast

roast

oats

soak

goal

Set 5: Long 'u'

cube

flute

huge

fuse

cure

fumes

glue

true

blue

These sound like long 'u' but are not made with 'u'

spoon

shoot

goose

school

stool

hoof

broom

smooth

troop

rooster

chew

knew

crew

screw

newspaper

news

stew

slew

chewing

nephew

These also sound like long 'u'

shoe

fruit

suit

Set 6: 'air' in 'chair':

chair

airy

lair

armchair

stairs

upstairs

downstairs

Set 7: 'ar' in 'car':

car

party

army

chart

carpet

market

harvest

spark

sharp

charge

large

These sound like 'ar'

glass ('a' sounds like 'ar')

basket

class

faster

fasten

banana

half

calf

calm

palm

mask

Set 8: 'ear' in 'ear'

ear

year

hearing

fearful

fearless

nearly

dearly

dearest

clearly

These sound like 'ear':

deer

queer

sheer

Set 9: 'er' in 'fern':

fern

winter

better

butter

dinner

letter

under

farmer

summer

river

mother

father

sister

brother

teacher

tower

flower

These sound like 'er'

bird

dirty

thirsty

circus

firm

fir tree

circle

sir

squirt

These also sound like 'er'

church

burden

Thursday

Saturday

purple

burnt

turkey

purse

nurse

curve

spur

These also sound like 'er'

world

worst

worldly

worthy

Set 10: 'oi' in 'coin':

coin

boiler

joint

jointed

pointed

foil

noise

noisy

Set 11: 'oo' in 'book':

book

hood

wooden

nook

crook

shook

brook

stood

soot

hook

rook

These sound like 'oo':

bull

bush

sugar

cushion

These also sound like 'oo'

would

wouldn't

couldn't

shouldn't

Set 12: 'or' in 'fork':

fork

forty

horse

short

torn

worn

thorn

forget

forgot

before

These sound like 'or':

saw

scrawl

shawl

drawl

yawn

dawn

drawn

Set 13: 'ow' in cow

cow

flower

tower

shower

frown

gown

crown

crowd

towel

These sound like 'ow'

house

ground

pound

hour

around

couch

scout

thousand

houses

south

about

without

count

outside

aloud

sour

Progressive Phonics

Stage 7 (Year 4)

Set 1: Long 'a' sound:

snake

male

female

able

table

cable

stable

change

whale

strange

stranger

awake

later

gaze

waste

taste

rain

aid

afraid

maintain

aim

claim

fainting

daisy

dainty

failed

daily

strain

raising

grain

mermaid

pray

birthday

anyway

spraying

always

haystack

saying

stray

stayed

staying

crayon

lady

ladies

babies

cradle

famous

razor

laser

Use the picture
chart for the
'key words'.

Set 2: long 'e' sound

tree

agreed

indeed

needle

geese

asleep

sleeping

speech

screech

fleet

sleet

creek

sleeve

deer

knee

kneel

sea

tease

east

beaten

screamed

weak

beast

squeal

steal

squeak

meal

season

eagle

reason

leave

fear

Easter

key

valley

trolley

volley

pony

silly

empty

berry

cherry

happily

plenty

lovely

angry

muddy

marry

Set 3: long 'i' sound

five

knife

knives

strife

while

awhile

surprise

alive

lives

arrive

divide

size

spike

fly

type

multiply

apply

reply

supply

light

high

right

fight

might

tight

sight

flight

Set 4: long 'o'

note

alone

throne

phone

dome

broken

suppose

clothes

vote

open

globe

noble

closer

over

boat

boast

moan

loan

loaves

toadstool

cloak

foam

coal

foal

snow

sparrow

swallow

slowly
blown
followed
tomorrow
barrow
arrow
owner
burrow
hollow
narrow
rainbow

Set 5: long 'u'

cube
useful
useless
amuse
perfume
sure
surely
pure
figure
picture
duet
cruel
mule
value
excuse
prune

These sound like long 'u' but made with 'oo'

spoon
choose
loose
droop
stoop
cocoon
kangaroo
brood
ooze
bamboo

glue
glued
gluing
blue

Set 6: 'air' in 'air'

chair
dairy
affairs
dairy
dairies
fairly
repair

pear
wear
bear

dare

fare

bare

Set 7: 'ar in 'car'

car

heart

artist

started

collar

charm

scarlet

startle

shark

cardboard

pardon

These sound like 'ar' but made with 'a'

glass

rather

afternoon

nasty

flask

path

bath

koala

calves

halves

master

Set 8: 'ear' in 'ear'

ear

fearful

earwig

spear

unclear

deer (sounds like 'ear' but made with 'eer')

eerie

career

meerkat

jeer

Set 9: 'er' in 'fern'

fern

over

never

clever

driver

hotter

corner

order

finger

remember

together

ladder

timber

Easter

person

yesterday

tiger

bird (sounds like 'er' but made with 'ir')

twirl

whirl

birth

circled

circling

circumference

church (sounds like 'er' but made with 'ur')

curtain

further

murmur

murder

curd

return

returned

hurl

pearl ('ear' sounds like 'er' in these)

learn

earn

Set 10: 'oi' in 'coin'

coin

avoid

choice

voice

moist

topsoil

rejoice

Set 11: 'oo' on 'book'

book

wool

woolen

woolly

booked

cooked

booking

cooking

good-bye

crooked

Set 12: 'or' in 'fork'

fork

storm

morning

sport

port

porch

sort

torch

north

corner

fortnight

score

These sound like 'or' but made with 'aw'

saw

law

fawn

sawing

bawl

squawk

thaw

sprawl

drawer

strawberry

Set 13: 'ow' in 'cow'

cow

power

powerful

trowel

owl

powder

fowl

drown

howl

These sound like 'ow' but made with 'ou'

house

bound

mound

trousers

fountain

bounce

pounce

mountain

pouch

mount

amount

wound

spout

counted

Progressive Phonics

Stage 8 (Year 5)

Set 1: Long 'a' sound:

snake

related

lately

range

haste

paste

stage

wage

brakes

behave

bravely

bathe

necklace

grace

parade

safely

escape

rain

faithful

faithfully

daisies

remain

rainbow

waist

container

container

quaint

vain

faintly

dainty

pray

prayed

hooray

display

array

relay

wayside

playful

lady

apricot

fatal

radio

radiator

tasty

tastier

lazier

potato

Set 2: Long 'e' sound:

tree

freeze

squeeze

sneeze

breeze

free

coffee

toffee

queer

screen

cheeky

greet

greetings

Greece

keeper

screeching

reef

sea

underneath

easily

appear

breathe

yeast

least

creatures

hearing

eager

cheat

weave

really

treat

crease

weary

nearest

grease

key

alley

kidney

pony

beauty

worry

surely

lily

clumsy

every

lonely

enemy

lately

heavily

nobody

safety

kindly

Set 3: long 'i' sound:

five

guide

collide

vine

mine

sunrise

umpire

provide

entire

polite

invite

decide

dislike

require

divide

fly

plywood

signify

nylon

amplify

satisfy

Set 4: long 'o' sound:

note

zone

lonely

wrote

October

November

frozen

doze

chosen

closest

grocer

hotel

moment

boat

approach

coastguard

roam

cocoa

coax

coaxed

gloat

download

cockroach

snow

swallowed

thrown

owe

unknown

owing

shallow

meadow

gown

pillow

Set 4: long 'u' sound:**cube**

abuse

confuse

refuse

accuse

include

manure

secure

duel

fuel

rescue

volume

costume

fortune

produce

continue

avenue

statue

spoon

lagoon

cartoon

choosing

roost

mood

gloomy

smoothie

loop

looming

Set 7: 'ar' in 'car':

car

sugar

cargo

article

depart

leopard

remark

regular

farther

popular

departure

guard

particular

glass

afterwards

craft

glasses

cast

blast-off

passed

pastime

brass

task

podcast

Set 8: 'eer' in 'deer':**deer**

volunteer

pioneer

meerkat

puppeteer

Set 9: 'er' in 'fern':

fern

underneath

whisper

leather

later

litter

answer

matter

wonder

ginger

feather

cover

closer

shelter

different

pattern

quarter

church

burst

surprise

surprised

survey

nursery

murmured

furnish

gurgle

hamburger

cheeseburger

Set 10: 'oi' in 'coin':

coin

appoint

appointed

invoice

moist

ointment

loiter

Set 11: 'oo' in 'book':

book

looked

woodenly

hooked

crookedly

hooded

goodness

woof

cookie

Set 12: 'or' in 'fork':

fork

sword

doctor

forge

stories

cork

stork

scorch

order

ordinary

factory

motor

anchor

orchard

chord

saw

awe

outlaw

In-law

awful

awkward

hawthorn

strawberries

drawer

Set 13: 'ow' in 'cow':

cow

growl

growled

drowned

vowel

township

coward

crowded

house

ourselves

devour

bough

plough

account

bounced

slouch

lounge

trout

counted

Progressive Phonics

Stage 9 (Year 6)

Set 1: Long 'a' sound:

snake

disgrace

disgraceful

debate

investigate

decorate

decorated

fortunate

separate

hurricane

graceful

amazed

amazement

operate

appreciate

facilitate

regulate

rain

painfully

failure

traitor

praiseworthy

avail

refrain

entertain

acquaint

acquaintance

available

complaint

campaign

pray

dismay

dismayed

arrayed

payment

delay

displayed

always

lady

incinerator

alligator

activator

administrator

applicator

communicator

duplicator

educator

generator

violator

Set 2: Long '2' sound:

tree

agree

agreeable

absentee

referee

volunteer

freedom

cheerful

engineer

mountaineer

canteen

committee

pioneer

guarantee

exceed

degree

employee

sea

meanwhile

increased

ideal

measles

appeal

retreat

treaty

decrease

conceal

cease

peaceful

feature

revealed

dreary

reasonable

key

storey (*two storey house*)

journey

pony

usually

tertiary

exactly

poultry

fantasy

nursery

gradually

fortunately

apparently

ordinary

thoroughly

securely

extremely

industry

completely

quantity

battery

finally
boundary
secondary
property
laundry
guilty

Set 3: Long 'i' sound:

five

inscribe
describe
provided
advise
advice
desire
organize
apologize
specialize
siren
magnetize
mobile
required
sterilize
fertilize
missile

fly

magnify
clarify

beautify
electrify
modify

Set 4: Long 'o' sound:

note

compose
composer
telescope
purpose
telephone
Europe
tomatoes
innocent
microphone

'oa' in boat

coast
roast
toast
throat
cockroach
approach
encroach
reproach

snow

bungalow

minnow

furrow

mellow

sideshow

overgrowth

Long 'u' sound:**cube**

measure

moisture

furniture

molecule

fortune

misfortune

injured

temperature

conclude

puncture

refuse

departure

securely

introduce

future

globule

spoon

igloo

cuckoo

oozing

loosening

trooper

moose

groove

schooner

schooling

'ar' in 'car':**car**

standard

remarkable

circular

vinegar

separate

marvelous

apartment

submarine

solar

carnival

guard

similar

familiar

bargain

'eer' in 'deer':

deer

veneer

auctioneer

orienteer

charioteer

'er' in 'fern':

fern

nerves

nervous

perfect

modern

northern

shepherd

several

properly

camera

butcher

whether

miserable

alter

dessert

observe

deserve

church

furniture

excursion

surgery

surgeon

urgent

absurd

pursue

purpose

purchase

surround

'ear' in pearl

Earth

Dearth

Heard

Search

Yearn

Earnest

research

'oi' in 'coin':

coin

adjoin

android

exploit

thyroid

recoil

boisterous

Set 12: 'or' in 'fork':

fork

enormous

porpoise

restore

major

author

uniform

order

organize

dormitory

importance

portion

comfortable

according

orphanage

forgive

explore

Set 13: 'ou' in 'house':

house

boundary

boundaries

pronounce

foundation

arouse

foundry

announce

announcement

encounter

flounder