

Progressive Phonics

Sentences and rhymes for reading or dictation.

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Long 'a' sound



snake



rain

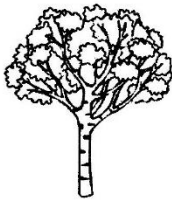


pray



lady

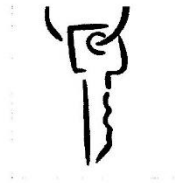
Long 'e' sound



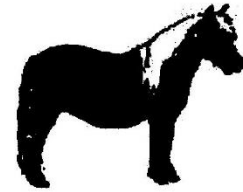
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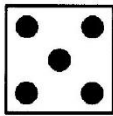


key



pony

Long 'i' sound



five



pie



fly



light

Long 'o' sound



nose



note

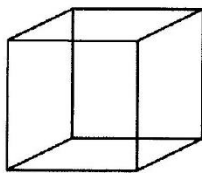


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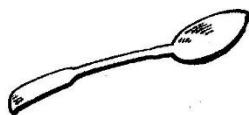


snow

Long 'u' sound



cube



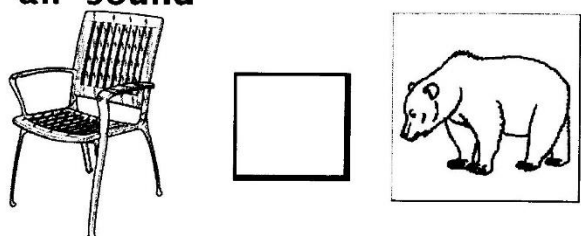


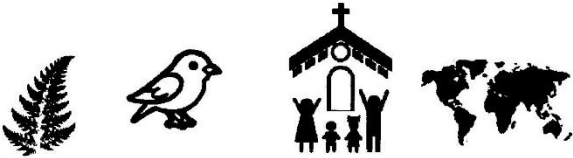
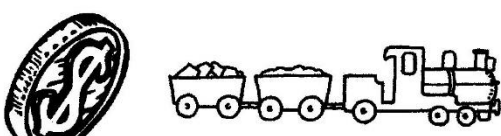
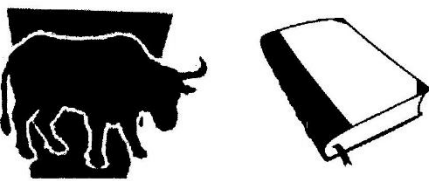
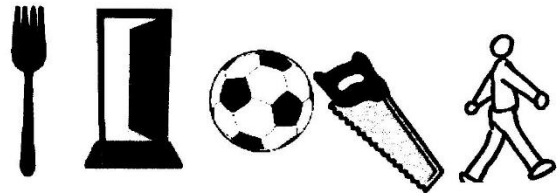

spoon



glue



chew

<p>'air' sound</p>  <p>chair square bear</p>	<p>'ar' sound</p>  <p>car glass</p>
<p>'ear' sound</p>  <p>ear deer</p>	<p>'er' sound</p>  <p>fern bird church world</p>
<p>'oi' sound</p>  <p>coin toy</p>	<p>short 'u' and 'oo' sound</p>  <p>bull book</p>
<p>'or' sound</p>  <p>fork door ball saw walk</p>	<p>'ow' sound</p>  <p>cow house</p>

Long 'a'



I will bake a cake.

You must not pick up a snake.

The rain came down the chain.

Rain, rain, go away. Come again another day.

The children played a game.

The baby made a mess.

The lady is going to miss the train today.

A baby ant saw a snail and some tape on a tray.

Rhymes for the long 'a' sound:

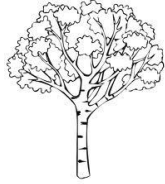
Highlight, or underline in colour, the long 'a's:

If you ever, ever, ever meet a whale
You must never, never, never touch its tail
If you ever, ever, ever touch its tail
You will never, never meet another whale.

Rain, rain, go away
Come again another day.

Tomorrow is my birthday,
I can hardly wait.
All my friends are coming,
And Mum will bake a cake.

Long 'e'



I need a key to the shed so I can feed the pony.

Dad grows green beans.

Can you see me?

I have seen three sheep.

I will eat some meat at the beach.

Come with me to see the donkey.

Some paper money is green.

I have been to the sea where there are monkeys in the trees.

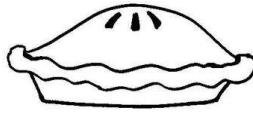
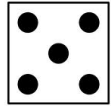
Rhymes for the long 'e' sound:

Highlight or underline the long 'e's:

Bee bee, bumble bee
Buzzing in the blossom tree.

Our puppy has four little feet
One little mouth with which to eat
One little nose with which to smell
And two little ears as well.
Two little eyes with which to see,
Two bright eyes watch you and me.

Long 'i'



I might get it right.

I got a fright when I took a bite.

We will fly high in the sky.

Would you buy a pie for a tiger?

The boy cried when he saw a spider.

I can't find the right sign.

I will try to make the kite go up high.

I can make a fine line.

The light is very bright.

In the sky there is a fly going by.

Rhymes for the long 'i' sound: Listen for the long 'i's:

Here is the beehive. Where are the bees?

Hiding away where nobody sees.

Look! Now they're coming out of the hive.

One, two, three, four, five.

One, two, three four five,

Once I caught a fish alive

Six, seven, eight nine ten

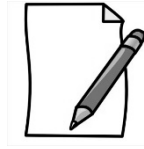
Then I let it go again.

Why did you let it go?

Because it bit my finger so.

Which finger did it bite? This little finger on my right.

Long 'o'



The goat was lost in the snow.

Roses will not grow in frozen snow.

Go home and get a note to show me.

The toad was on the road.

Let's go on the slow boat.

Do not throw stones.

She spoke for a long time on the phone.

He stopped to blow his nose.

He wrote on a stone.

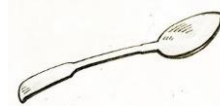
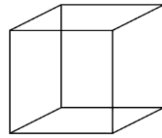
Rhymes for the long 'o' sound:

Highlight or underline the long 'o's:

There was an old lady from Tarrow
Who went to sleep in a barrow.
When she awoke, she said, "What a joke!
I think I'll sleep here tomorrow."

Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold
Peas porridge in the pot nine days old.
Some like it hot, some like it cold
Some like it in the pot, nine days old.

Long 'u' sound:



The dog tried to chew the new blue glue.

She lost a tooth in her food.

The school made a rule to sing the new tune.

Dad has a new suit.

The cow jumped over the moon.

The girl threw the pen into some blue glue.

Rhymes for the long 'u' sound:

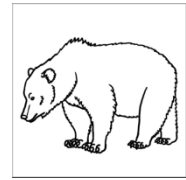
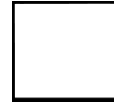
Highlight or underline all the words that sound like the long 'u':

There was a man who sang a tune
About three men who went to the moon.
The men had to wear space suits
As well as moon boots.

Hey diddle diddle, the cat and the fiddle,
The cow jumped over the moon.
The little dog laughed to see such fun
And the dish ran away with the spoon.

There was a young man from Crew
Who found a large mouse in his stew.
Said the waiter, "Don't shout and wave it about,
Or the rest will be wanting one too.

'air' sound:



and letter combinations that sound like 'air' - 'are'; 'ear'

My teddy bear has brown hair.

My lunch box is square.

Here is a bear with hair.

In Australia there are fairy penguins.

Rhymes for the long 'air' sound,

Highlight or underline the letters that make the 'air' sound. Remember that they do not have to be written as 'air':

Fuzzy Wuzzy was a bear.
Fuzzy Wuzzy had no hair.
Fuzzy really wasn't fuzzy was he?

Where is the mouse?
Is it here or there?
There it is,
Under the chair.
Go and find it if you dare.
It gave my Mum a scare!

'ar' sound:



and the 'a' sound that sounds like 'ar':

I ate a banana in the car.

After the sun sets you will see stars in the sky.

The car can park at the farm.

The dog is barking.

Rhymes for the 'ar' / 'a' sound:

Twinkle, twinkle little star
How I wonder what you are
Up above the world so high
Like a diamond in the sky
Twinkle, twinkle little star
How I wonder what you are.

After a bath I try, try, try
To wipe myself till I'm dry.
Hands and arms, legs and toes,
Face and hair as well as my nose.
Just think how much less time I'd take
If I were a dog and could shake, shake, shake.

'ear' sound



and 'eer' that sounds like 'ear'

I hear with my ears.

Dad will steer the car to miss the deer.

The pond is clear today.

Here is the sports gear.

Rhymes for the 'ear' / 'eer' / 'ere' sound

Highlight or underline the letters that make the 'ear' sound. Remember that they do not have to be written as 'ear':

The Deer

In the forest you might see a deer
Drinking from the river clear.
Mother keeps her baby near
If it walks away, she says "Come here."

Here is the bee hive, here are the bees
Hidden away where nobody sees
Here they come creeping out of the hive
One, two, three, four, five.
I hope they don't come near,
Bees give many people fear.

'ir' sound



and letter combinations that sound like 'ir': 'er'; 'ur'; 'or'

The early bird gets the worm.

God made the world.

We must always say kind words.

I will stir the pot so it does not burn.

The teddy has lost its fur.

In the world there are lots of ferns.

We saw the girl with a pink skirt.

I got a shirt for my birthday.

Under the fern was a worm.

Rhymes for the 'er' sound

Highlight or underline the letters that make the 'er' sound. Remember that they do not have to be written as 'er':

Big shirts, little shirts, on the clothes line.

Some of them are Dad's, and some of them are mine.

The tiny ones are our baby's. Altogether there are nine.

Stir the pot

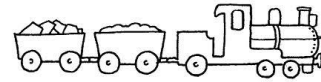
While it's hot.

Try not to let it burn.

Mum asks us to help her

To stir, stir, stir.

'oi' sound:
and 'oy' that sounds like 'oi'



The boy had two coins.

The children enjoy playing with toys.

We dig in the soil.

The car ran out of oil.

short 'oo' sound
and the short 'u' that sounds like 'oo'



I should put the book on the shelf.

The bull stood next to the wood.

He couldn't pull his foot out of the mud.

Rhyme for the short 'oo' / 'u' sound:

Going fishing you need a hook

A fishing line and a book.

Throw your line in and take a look.

Soon you'll have a fish to cook.

'or' sound:



and letter combinations that sound like 'or' – 'oor'; 'a'; 'aw'; 'alk'

I want more pork and some corn please.

I want some sauce with my pork.

I saw a small animal crawl across the lawn.

I wore my sports clothes and tore them at the tennis court.

Inside the door I saw a poor boy.

A boar is a wild pig.

A lion can roar.

You play golf on a golf course.

When you are sure, you can say, "Of course".

Rhymes for the 'or' sound

There once was a man from Bengal,
Who went to a fancy-dress ball.
He went just for fun, dressed up as a bun,
But a dog ate him up in the hall.

One snail, two snails had a little talk.
Three snails, four snails had a little walk.
Five snails, six snails climbed a pile of bricks
Then a big black bird flew down and gobbled up all six.

I like to eat spaghetti, long and round
I slurp the sauce with a slurping sound.
I take my fork and roll it around, then into my mouth and gobble it down

'ow' sound:

and 'ou' that sounds like 'ow'



The mouse in our house made a little sound.

I don't know how to milk a cow.

When he found gold, he shouted out loud.

Pound the drum, then take a bow.

A cow lived in a house with a mouse and an owl.

Rhymes for the 'ow' / 'ou' sound:

Highlight or underline the letters that make the 'ow' sound. Remember that they do not have to be written as 'ow':

Incy Wincy Spider, climbed the water spout.
Down came the rain and washed poor Incy out.
Out came the sun, and dried up all the rain,
So Incy Wincy Spider, climbed the spout again.

Two little eyes to look around,
Two little ears to hear each sound,
One little mouth that likes to eat,
One little nose to smell what's sweet.

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear turn around
Teddy Bear, Teddy bear, touch the ground
Teddy bear, Teddy Bear, if you meet a cow
Don't forget to take a bow.