

## **A game to play with Progressive Phonics**

### **The *Riddle Game* for identifying word family groups**

Players work in pairs. One player asks the riddle, keeping their paper hidden from player 2. Player 2 guesses the word, using the key words from the *Progressive Phonics Picture Chart*. (Key words are in italics). Player 2 writes the word or spells it out.

### **Clues for long 'a' sound**

#### **Set 1**

**It is ice coming from the sky. It goes with *rain*.  
(hail)**

**It can go on with a brush. It goes with *rain*.  
(paint)**

**It is slow and slippery. It goes with *rain*. (snail)**

**Bread is made from this. It goes with *rain*.  
(grain)**

**It is wet. It goes with *snake*. (lake)**

**It is sticky. It goes with *snake*. (tape)**

**You can go there to get out of the sun. It goes  
with *snake*. (shade)**

**It goes around a picture. It goes with *snake*.  
(frame)**

**Set 1**

**Answers: (jumbled order)**

**snail**

**lake**

**hail**

**tape**

**paint**

**shade**

**frame**

**grain**

## Set 2

### Clues for long 'a' sound

This is what you were when you were just born. It goes with *lady*. (baby)

This is someone who does not like to work. It goes with *lady*. (lazy)

A pie has this. It goes with *lady*. (pastry)

This is someone who is silly. It goes with *lady*. (crazy)

Cows eat this. It goes with *pray*. (hay)

You like to do this. It goes with *pray*. (play)

There is a new one every time you wake up. It goes with *pray*. (day)

It swims in the sea and it can sting. It goes with *pray*. (ray)

**Set 2**

**Answers (jumbled order)**

**baby**

**pastry**

**ray**

**hay**

**crazy**

**lazy**

**play**

**day**

**Clues for long 'e' sound  
Set 3**

**It is covered with wool and it eats grass. It goes with *tree*. (sheep)**

**You have two of them and you use them for walking. It goes with *tree*. (feet)**

**You do this at night. It goes with *tree*. (sleep)**

**It is the colour you can make from blue and yellow. It goes with *tree*. (green)**

**You eat this. It is from an animal. It goes with *sea*. (meat)**

**You eat this. It is from a cow. It goes with *sea*. (cream)**

**You eat this. It is a green vegetable. It goes with *sea*. (green)**

**This is part of a tree. It goes with *sea*. (leaf)**

**Set 3**  
**Answers (jumbled order)**

**sleep**

**leaf**

**green**

**cream**

**meat**

**sheep**

**feet**

**green**

## Clues for long 'e' sound Set 4

It is an animal in the horse family. It goes with *key*. (donkey)

It is an animal that chatters and swings from trees. It goes with *key*. (monkey)

You need this to buy things. It goes with *key*. (money)

It comes from an insect and is sweet. It goes with *key*. (honey)

You would like to be treated this way. It goes with *pony*. (kindly)

It is not wise to act this way. It goes with *pony*. (silly)

The weather is warm when it is like this. It goes with *pony*. (sunny)

It is a good feeling. It goes with *pony*. (happy)

**Set 4**  
**Answers (jumbled order)**

**money**

**happy**

**silly**

**donkey**

**sunny**

**monkey**

**honey**

**kindly**



## Set 5

### Clues for long 'i' sound

You do this when you are happy. It goes with *five*. (smile)

The sun does this. It goes with *five*. (shine)

You do this on a bike. It goes with *five*. (ride)

This is how the weather is when it's not raining. It goes with *five*. (fine)

It is a member of the cat family. It goes with *spider*. (tiger)

You need one of these to time something. It goes with *spider*. (timer)

You need your eyes for this. It goes with *light*. (sight)

Most people write with this hand. It goes with *light*. (right)

**Set 5**  
**Answers (Jumbled order)**

**fine**

**right**

**tiger**

**smile**

**timer**

**sight**

**shine**

**ride**

## Set 6

### Clues for long 'o' sound

Water flows through this. It goes with *nose*.  
(hose)

A dog would like to eat this. It goes with *note*.  
(bone)

This is where you live. It goes with *note*. (home)

This is something hard that you could find on  
the ground. It goes with *note*. (stone)

You can give someone a message on one of  
these. It goes with *note*. (phone)

You use this to clean yourself. It goes with *boat*.  
(soap)

This is an animal with horns. It goes with *boat*.  
(goat)

You can do this with a ball. It goes with *snow*.  
(throw)

**Set 6**  
**Answers (Jumbled order)**

**goat**

**stone**

**hose**

**bone**

**throw**

**phone**

**soap**

**home**

## Set 7

### Clues for long 'u' sound

A box can be one of these. It goes with *flute*.  
(cube)

You should not break this. It goes with *flute*.  
(rule)

We see it in the night sky. It goes with *spoon*.  
(moon)

You can swim in this. It goes with *spoon*. (pool)

It is a colour. It goes with *glue*. (blue)

The stories of Jesus are not made up. They are  
\_ \_ \_ \_ . It goes with *glue*. (true)

It means that there are not many. It goes with  
*chew*. (few)

You did this to become as big as you are now. It  
goes with *chew*. (grew)

**Set 7**  
**Answers (Jumbled order)**

**blue**

**grew**

**true**

**cube**

**pool**

**rule**

**few**

**moon**

## Other games to play with Progressive Phonics

### Matching game: Word scramble

Play games where children can match up words in the same family

1. Select a key word: e.g. snake
2. Place a number of long 'a' words on the floor – include all the word families that make the long 'a' – train, lady, pray etc
3. Ask children to scramble to find all the long 'a' words with 'e' ending, e.g. game, chase, race, lane

Use an egg timer. See who can get the most words in a minute.

### Matching words and pictures

1. Make an enlarged version of the *Progressive Phonics* picture chart.
2. Make a selection of word cards from the word families linked to the key words on the picture chart.
3. Ask children to match word cards with the key words by placing them in stacks on the key word pictures.

### Throw the box

1. A key word is placed on each face of a small box.
2. Teacher scatters a selection of words on the table. These are words in the family groups of the key words on the box.
3. The child throws the box into the air.
4. When it lands, the child says the key word on the side facing upwards, and then finds another word on the table to go with it. e.g. case goes with *snake*