

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/

/u/ as in son	brother come mother wonder done you some son nothing
/i/ as in happy	crystal typical funny lucky happy pyramid gym family
/i/ as in donkey	chimney honey money hockey valley donkey
/eer/ as in here	severe sincere interfere here
/eer/ as in deer	jeer cheer beer steer deer cheerful
/ar/ as in father	branch grass bathroom afternoon gasp class fast glass
/ar/ as in calf	half palm calf calm
/air/ as in there	where there nowhere anywhere
/air/ as in bear	swear tear wear pear bear

/air/ as in bare	compare care dare rare share spare bare square stare
/or/ as in ball	walking snowball small tallest talk always fall call ball all
/or/ as in four	fourth four fourteen court pour your yours downpour
/or/ as in caught	taught naughty daughter caught

/ur/ /uu/ /ay/ /ee/ /y/

/ur/ as in wormworker worse worship worth word work world worst/uu/ as in couldwould should could/oo/ as in bullbush bull full push pull armful/ay/ as in gamegame flame came late make made name same take/ee/ as in swedetheme delete these complete swede/ee/ as in thiefbush full grief belief brief chief relief shriek shield diese/y/ as in piepie die tie lie/y/ as in flyreply try why cry dry fry fly by sky my	/ur/ as in earth	earth early earn learn learning heard pearl search year
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/y/ as in pie pie die tie lie	/ee/ as in swede	theme delete these complete swede
	/ee/ as in thief	thief field grief belief brief chief relief shriek shield diesel
/y/ as in fly reply try why cry dry fry fly by sky my	/y/ as in pie	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