

Graphemes: a-e, ai, ay, a

Sounds: /eɪ/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

a-e says /eɪ/

1	appreciate	I appreciate your kind help.
2	brake	He squeezed the brake to stop his bike.
3	communicate	Bees communicate by dancing.
4	exaggerate	Do not exaggerate the size.
5	grate	Please grate the cheese.
6	male	A buck is a male deer.
7	mane	The lion shook its great mane .
8	misbehave	It is wrong to misbehave in class.
9	persuade	I tried to persuade her.
10	plane	The plane flew above the clouds.
11	replace	We must replace the cup.
12	space	There is space for one more.
13	undertake	We will undertake a project.

ai says /eɪ/

1	campaign	They led a litter campaign .
2	daily	We have a daily reading time.
3	mail	The mail arrived early today.
4	main	The main road was very busy.
5	mainly	The weather was mainly dry.
6	plain	The cake was plain .
7	straight	Draw a straight line.

ay says /eɪ/

1	always	I always brush my teeth before bed.
2	anyway	It rained, but we went outside anyway .

a says /eɪ/

1	paper	She drew on a sheet of paper .
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Graphemes: al, au, augh, aw, air, are

Sounds: /ɑ:/, /ɔ:/, /eə/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

al says /ɑ:/

1	almond	I ate an almond nut.
2	balm	She put balm on burns.
3	calm	The sea was flat and calm .
4	palm	He held the coin in his palm .

au says /ɔ:/

1	autograph	The footballer signed my autograph book.
2	automatic	The door opened by automatic sensors.
3	autumn	The leaves turn golden in autumn .
4	cautious	The cautious cat crept slowly.

augh says /ɔ:/

1	caught	She caught the ball.
2	naughty	The naughty puppy chewed shoes.

aw says /ɔ:/

1	awkward	There was an awkward silence.
2	bawl	The baby began to bawl .

air says /eə/

1	affair	It was a happy affair .
2	fairly	Share the toys fairly between you.

are says /eə/

1	carefully	He carefully carried the full glass.
2	fare	We paid the bus fare .
3	prepare	Let us prepare the picnic.

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Grapheme: ar

Sounds: /ɑ:/, /ɔ:/, /eə/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

ar says /ɑ:/

1	architect	The architect drew the plans.
2	artificial	These flowers are artificial .
3	bargain	It was a great bargain .
4	farther	The beach is farther than the park.
5	gardener	The gardener watered the plants.
6	guard	A soldier stood on guard .
7	hardly	I could hardly wait.
8	largely	The day was largely sunny.
9	marvellous	We had a marvellous day.
10	parliament	Laws are made in parliament .
11	partial	There was a partial rainbow.
12	scenario	Imagine a strange scenario .
13	starlight	We walked home by starlight .
14	supermarket	We bought fruit at the supermarket .
15	superstar	The singer was a superstar .

ar says /ɔ:/

1	quarter	I ate a pizza quarter .
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ar says /eə/

1	wary	Be wary of strangers.
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Graphemes: ee, ea, e-e, eer, ere, et

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Sounds: /i:/, /ɪə/, /eə/, /eɪ/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

ee says /i:/

1	agree	I agree with your idea.
2	disagree	We sometimes disagree .
3	guarantee	The toy had a guarantee .
4	heel	She hurt the heel of her foot.
5	proceed	Please proceed to the hall.
6	referee	The referee blew the whistle.
7	screen	We watched the film on a big screen .
8	succeed	Practice helps you succeed .

ea says /i:/

1	appeal	The poster had great appeal .
2	breathe	Fish cannot breathe in air.
3	creature	A strange creature lived nearby.
4	decrease	Turn it to decrease flow.
5	feature	The waterfall was the best feature of the park.
6	heal	The cut will soon heal .
7	increase	Eating well can increase energy.
8	league	Our team leads the league .
9	peace	We sat in peace by the lake.
10	scream	She gave a happy scream on the ride.

Graphemes: ee, ea, e-e, eer, ere, et

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Sounds: /i:/, /ɪə/, /eə/, /eɪ/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

e-e says /i:/

 1 **extreme** The desert has **extreme** heat.

 2 **scheme** We made a clever **scheme**.

eer says /ɪə/

 1 **reindeer** A **reindeer** pulled the sleigh.

ere says /eə/

 1 **anywhere** I cannot find it **anywhere**.

 2 **elsewhere** We looked for it **elsewhere**.

 3 **everywhere** We looked **everywhere** for the cat.

 4 **therefore** It rained; **therefore**, we stayed.

ere says /ɪə/

 1 **interfere** Do not **interfere** with work.

 2 **merely** He was **merely** teasing you.

 3 **sincere** She gave a **sincere** apology.

et says /eɪ/

 1 **chalet** We stayed in a **chalet**.

Graphemes: ei, eigh, ey

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Sounds: /i:/, /eɪ/, /aɪ/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

ei says /i:/

1	ceiling	A spider crossed the ceiling .
2	conceive	I cannot conceive such numbers.
3	deceive	He tried to deceive us.
4	inconceivable	Such a journey seemed inconceivable .
5	perceive	We perceive colours with eyes.
6	protein	Eggs are full of protein .
7	receipt	Keep the shop receipt .
8	receive	She will receive a prize.
9	receiving	She was receiving a prize.

ei says /eɪ/

1	reign	The queen's reign was long.
2	rein	She pulled the horse's rein .
3	reindeer	A reindeer pulled the sleigh.
4	vein	Blood flows through a vein .
5	veins	Blood flows through your veins .

eigh says /eɪ/

1	eight	She is eight years old.
2	eighth	August is the eighth month.
3	lightweight	The bag was lightweight .
4	neighbour	Our neighbour waters our plants.
5	neighbourhood	We have a friendly neighbourhood .

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Sounds: /i:/, /eɪ/, /aɪ/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

eigh (continued)

6	weigh	We weigh the flour for the cake.
7	weight	She lifted the heavy weight .
8	weightless	Astronauts feel weightless in space.

eigh says /aɪ/

1	height	We measured the tree's height .
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ey says /eɪ/

1	disobeyed	The dog disobeyed and ran.
2	obey	We must obey the rules.
3	prey	The owl hunts its prey .
4	survey	We did a fruit survey .

Grapheme: ear

Sounds: /ɪə/, /ɜ:/, /ɑ:/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

ear says /ɪə/

1	appear	Stars appear at night.
2	appearance	She has a tidy appearance .
3	clear	The water in the stream was clear .
4	clearly	Please speak clearly and slowly.
5	disappear	The magician made coins disappear .
6	nearly	It is nearly bedtime.
7	reappear	The sun will reappear soon.
8	unclear	The smudged note was unclear .
9	weary	I felt weary and sleepy.

ear says /ɜ:/

1	early	We woke up very early .
2	earth	Earth travels around the sun.
3	heard	I heard a loud bang.
4	learn	We learn something new daily.
5	research	We did whale research .

ear says /ɑ:/

1	heart	My heart beat fast.
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Grapheme: er

Sounds: /ɜ:/, /ɪə/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

er says /ɜ:/

1	certain	I am certain it works.
2	determined	She was determined to win.
3	herd	A herd of cows grazed.
4	imperfect	The vase looked slightly imperfect .
5	nervous	I felt nervous before racing.
6	prefer	I prefer apples to pears.
7	submerge	The crab will submerge underwater.
8	transfer	She will transfer classes.
9	version	She sang her own version .

er says /ɪə/

1	cereal	I had a bowl of cereal for breakfast.
2	experience	It was a wonderful experience .
3	material	The soft material felt cosy.
4	serial	I watch a TV serial .
5	series	We read a book series .
6	serious	He had a serious look on his face.

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Graphemes: i-e, ie, igh, ir

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Sounds: /aɪ/, /i:/, /ɜ:/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

i-e says /aɪ/

1	arrive	We will arrive at noon.
2	decide	It is hard to decide .
3	describe	Can you describe it?
4	guide	Our guide showed the castle.
5	knife	We use a knife and fork to eat.
6	recognise	I did not recognise him.
7	surprise	We planned a surprise party.
8	widely	The news spread widely .

ie says /i:/

1	achieve	Work hard to achieve goals.
2	belief	It is my firm belief .
3	believe	I believe you can win.
4	brief	He gave a brief talk.
5	movie	We watched a funny movie .
6	piece	She ate a piece of cake.
7	priest	The priest spoke kindly.
8	relief	It was a great relief .
9	shield	The knight held up his shield .
10	shriek	She gave a delighted shriek .
11	yield	The field will yield crops.

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Sounds: /aɪ/, /i:/, /ɜ:/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

ie says /aɪ/

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|---|----------------|---|
| 1 | fried | We had fried eggs for breakfast. |
| 2 | variety | The garden had a variety . |

igh says /aɪ/

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| 1 | fight | We had a friendly pillow fight . |
| 2 | highly | The film was highly enjoyable. |
| 3 | lightning | Lightning lit the sky. |
| 4 | sigh | She gave a happy sigh . |
| 5 | sight | The sea was a lovely sight . |
| 6 | slightly | The room was slightly warm. |
| 7 | tonight | We will see the stars tonight . |

ir says /ɜ:/

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| 1 | circle | We sat in a circle . |
| 2 | firstly | Firstly , wash your hands. |

Graphemes: o, o-e, oa, oe, oo, or, ore

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Sounds: /ʌ/, /ʊ/, /əʊ/, /ɔ:/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

o says /ʌ/

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| 1 | accompany | A teacher will accompany us. |
| 2 | comfortable | The armchair was very comfortable . |
| 3 | government | The government built hospitals. |
| 4 | stomach | My stomach rumbled before lunch. |
| 5 | tongue | She stuck out her tongue . |
| 6 | worry | Do not worry about the test. |

o says /ʊ/

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| 1 | woman | The kind woman helped us. |
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o-e says /əʊ/

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| 1 | closely | She watched the chick hatch closely . |
| 2 | decode | We tried to decode it. |
| 3 | oppose | We do not oppose it. |
| 4 | suppose | I suppose we should go. |

o-e says /ʌ/

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| 1 | lovely | It was a lovely morning. |
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oa says /əʊ/

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| 1 | approach | We watched the train approach . |
| 2 | groan | He gave a groan when he saw the chores. |

Graphemes: o, o-e, oa, oe, oo, or, ore

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Sounds: /ʌ/, /ʊ/, /əʊ/, /ɔ:/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

oe says /əʊ/

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| 1 | echoes | The hall echoes loudly. |
| 2 | potatoes | We peeled the potatoes . |

oo says /ʊ/

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| 1 | neighbourhood | We have a friendly neighbourhood . |
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or says /ɔ:/

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| 1 | afford | We cannot afford that toy. |
| 2 | chord | He played a loud chord . |
| 3 | disorder | The room was in disorder . |
| 4 | enormous | The whale was absolutely enormous . |
| 5 | forty | Forty children filled the hall. |
| 6 | forward | Take one step forward , please. |
| 7 | forwards | The car rolled slowly forwards . |
| 8 | important | It is important to listen. |
| 9 | reform | They wanted to reform rules. |
| 10 | support | Walls support the heavy roof. |
| 11 | transport | A bus is transport . |

ore says /ɔ:/

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| 1 | therefore | It rained; therefore , we stayed. |
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Grapheme: ou

Sounds: /aʊ/, /ʌ/, /əʊ/, /u:/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

ou says /aʊ/

1	account	He gave a full account .
2	aloud	She read the poem aloud to the class.
3	announce	They will announce the winner.
4	announced	She announced the happy news.
5	denounced	The king denounced the law.
6	discount	We got a sale discount .
7	doubt	There is no doubt now.
8	mountainous	The land was mountainous .
9	outrageous	His wig was outrageous .
10	surround	Tall trees surround the house.
11	throughout	It rained throughout the day.

ou says /ʌ/

1	country	France is a country .
2	double	He ate a double scoop of ice cream.
3	touch	Do not touch the oven.
4	trouble	The kitten got into trouble .
5	young	The young puppy slept.

ou says /əʊ/

1	shoulder	He hurt his shoulder .
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ou says /u:/

1	group	A group of children played.
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Graphemes: ow, oi, oy

Sounds: /əʊ/, /aʊ/, /ɔɪ/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

ow says /əʊ/

1	borrow	May I borrow your pencil, please?
2	co-own	The sisters co-own the shop.
3	fellow	He is a friendly fellow .
4	follow	Please follow me to the hall.
5	grown	The puppy has grown so big.
6	narrow	The path was very narrow .
7	slowly	She walked slowly up the hill.
8	tomorrow	We will go swimming tomorrow .
9	yellow	The sunflower was bright yellow .

ow says /aʊ/

1	allow	Please allow the tired dog to rest.
2	allowed	We are not allowed to run by the pool.
3	however	It rained; however , we played.
4	vowel	The letter a is a vowel .

oi says /ɔɪ/

1	appoint	We will appoint a monitor.
2	appointment	I have a dentist appointment .
3	disappoint	I did not want to disappoint my team.
4	disappointed	I felt very disappointed .
5	poisonous	Some berries are poisonous , so we leave them alone.

oy says /ɔɪ/

1	annoying	The dripping tap made an annoying sound.
2	boys'	The boys' coats hung up.
3	enjoyable	We had an enjoyable trip.

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Grapheme: ough

Sounds: /ɔ:/, /ʌf/, /əʊ/, /u:/, /aʊ/, /ə/, /ɒf/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

ough says /ɔ:/

1	bought	She bought a new umbrella in the sale.
2	brought	She brought a cake to the party.
3	fought	The two teams fought hard for the win.
4	nought	Ten minus ten is nought .
5	ought	You ought to wear coats.
6	thought	He thought carefully.
7	thoughtful	His card was very thoughtful .
8	thoughtless	Leaving gates open is thoughtless .

ough says /ʌf/

1	enough	There was just enough cake.
2	rough	The sea was very rough .
3	tough	The old boots were very tough .
4	toughest	That was the toughest puzzle.

ough says /əʊ/

1	dough	She kneaded the bread dough .
2	though	She smiled, though tired.

ough says /u:/

1	through	We walked through the gate.
2	throughout	It rained throughout the day.

ough says /aʊ/

1	bough	Birds rest on the bough .
2	plough	The farmer used a plough .

ough says /ə/

1	borough	Our borough has a park.
2	thorough	She gave a thorough clean.

ough says /ɒf/

1	cough	The dust made him cough .
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Graphemes: u, u-e, ue, ui, ur, ew, iew

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Sounds: /ʊ/, /u:/, /ɜ:/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

u says /ʊ/

1	bull	The bull grazed in the green field.
2	fully	The bottle was fully filled.
3	pudding	We had sticky pudding for dessert.
4	pulley	We used a strong pulley .

u says /u:/

1	unique	Every snowflake is unique .
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u-e says /u:/

1	accuse	Do not accuse me unfairly.
2	assume	Do not assume too quickly.
3	attitude	He has a cheerful attitude to learning.
4	substitute	A substitute joined the team.

ue says /u:/

1	continue	We continue after lunch.
2	issue	We discussed the issue calmly.
3	queue	We joined the long queue .
4	tissue	She wiped her nose with a tissue .

ui says /u:/

1	bruise	He got a purple bruise .
2	fruit	An apple is a fruit .
3	nuisance	The fly was a nuisance .

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Sounds: /ʊ/, /u:/, /ɜ:/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

ur says /ɜ:/

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|---|------------------|--|
| 1 | furniture | We moved the furniture to clean. |
| 2 | occur | Storms often occur in winter. |
| 3 | purpose | The trip had a purpose . |
| 4 | return | We will return the books on time. |

ew says /u:/

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|---|--------------|---|
| 1 | knew | She knew the way to school. |
| 2 | renew | We must renew the library books. |
| 3 | screw | He turned the screw with care. |

iew says /u:/

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|---|------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 | interview | She had a job interview . |
| 2 | review | She wrote a book review . |

Grapheme: y, ey

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Sounds: /i/, /ɪ/, /aɪ/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

y says /i/

1	accompany	A teacher will accompany us.
2	agency	Mum used a travel agency .
3	anybody	Did anybody see my missing glove?
4	anyone	Can anyone help me carry this box?
5	anything	Is there anything left to eat?
6	autobiography	She wrote her own autobiography .
7	berry	She picked a ripe red berry .
8	bury	The dog likes to bury its bone.
9	carry	Can you carry this heavy bag?
10	category	Choose the adventure category .
11	cemetery	We passed the old cemetery .
12	century	We studied the last century .
13	community	Our community held an event.
14	controversy	The rule caused some controversy .
15	copy	Please copy the words into your book.
16	country	France is a country .
17	curiosity	Her curiosity opened the box.
18	currency	The pound is British currency .
19	decency	He showed great decency .
20	dictionary	I used a dictionary .
21	difficulty	She solved the puzzle with no difficulty .
22	everything	She packed everything in her bag.

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Sounds: /i/, /ɪ/, /aɪ/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

y (continued)

23	fancy	He wore a fancy hat.
24	February	The coldest month is February .
25	forty	Forty children filled the hall.
26	frequency	Buses come with great frequency .
27	history	We learn history at school.
28	identity	The spy hid his identity .
29	library	I borrowed library books.
30	marry	They will marry in the spring.
31	mystery	We solved the mystery of the missing cat.
32	naughty	The naughty puppy chewed shoes.
33	necessary	A coat is necessary today.
34	opportunity	This is a great opportunity .
35	ordinary	It was an ordinary day.
36	penny	She found a shiny penny .
37	possibility	Snow is a possibility today.
38	prophecy	The prophecy came true.
39	puppy	The puppy chased its tail.
40	secretary	The school secretary answered.
41	society	We live in a society .
42	sorry	She said sorry for the spill.
43	stationary	The car stood stationary .
44	stationery	I bought new stationery .

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Sounds: /i/, /ɪ/, /aɪ/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

y (continued)

45 trolley We pushed the shopping **trolley**.

y says /ɪ/

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| 1 bicycle | He rode his bicycle home. |
| 2 crystal | The cave had sparkling crystal . |
| 3 Egypt | The pyramids are in Egypt . |
| 4 gym | We do exercises in the gym . |
| 5 lyrics | We learned the song lyrics . |
| 6 mystery | We solved the mystery of the missing cat. |
| 7 myth | We read a Greek myth . |
| 8 physical | Running is good physical exercise. |
| 9 pyramid | We saw a giant pyramid . |
| 10 rhythm | We clapped to the rhythm . |
| 11 symbol | This sign is a symbol . |
| 12 sympathetic | She gave a sympathetic smile. |
| 13 sympathy | She showed great sympathy . |
| 14 symptom | A cough is a symptom . |
| 15 syrup | He poured sweet syrup . |
| 16 system | We follow a tidy system . |
| 17 systematic | We made a systematic plan. |
| 18 typical | It was a typical day. |
| 19 typically | We typically eat at six. |

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Sounds: /i/, /ɪ/, /aɪ/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

y says /aɪ/

1	apply	Apply for a library card.
2	rely	You can rely on friends.
3	supply	We have a paper supply .

Grapheme: c

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Sounds: /s/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

c says /s/

1	absence	We noted his absence .
2	accident	He had a small accident .
3	advice	She gave good advice .
4	agency	Mum used a travel agency .
5	announce	They will announce the winner.
6	audience	The audience clapped at the end of the play.
7	balance	Balance on one foot.
8	ceiling	A spider crossed the ceiling .
9	cemetery	We passed the old cemetery .
10	centre	We stood in the centre .
11	century	We studied the last century .
12	cereal	I had a bowl of cereal for breakfast.
13	certain	I am certain it works.
14	chance	There is a good chance .
15	circle	We sat in a circle .
16	criticise	Do not criticise others.
17	currency	The pound is British currency .
18	decide	It is hard to decide .
19	device	Phones are a clever device .
20	distance	We ran a long distance .
21	evidence	Muddy paws were the evidence .
22	excellent	She did excellent work.

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Grapheme: c

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Sounds: /s/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

c (continued)

23	except	Everyone came except Tom.
24	exercise	We exercise to stay healthy.
25	fancy	He wore a fancy hat.
26	glance	She gave a quick glance .
27	innocent	The puppy gave an innocent look.
28	licence	Dad has a fishing licence .
29	license	They license the new shop.
30	medicine	The doctor gave medicine .
31	necessary	A coat is necessary today.
32	notice	Did you notice the sign?
33	nuisance	The fly was a nuisance .
34	office	Mum works in a busy office .
35	patience	It takes patience to fish.
36	peace	We sat in peace by the lake.
37	practice	We have football practice on Friday.
38	prejudice	Treat everyone without prejudice .
39	principal	The principal reason was the rain.
40	principle	Honesty is a good principle .
41	process	Baking bread is a process .
42	recent	We saw a recent film.
43	sacrifice	The hero made a sacrifice .
44	sentence	Write a full sentence .

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Grapheme: c

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Sounds: /s/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

c (continued)

45	silence	There was silence in the hall.
46	sincere	She gave a sincere apology.
47	society	We live in a society .
48	space	There is space for one more.
49	success	The fair was a success .

Grapheme: sc

Sounds: /s/, /sk/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

SC says /s/

1	ascent	The ascent was very steep.
2	crescent	The moon was a crescent .
3	descendant	She is a royal descendant .
4	descent	We began our descent .
5	discipline	Good discipline helps learning.
6	fascinate	Dinosaurs really fascinate me.
7	fascinating	The fossil display was fascinating .
8	muscle	He pulled a leg muscle .
9	scenario	Imagine a strange scenario .
10	scene	It was a sad scene .
11	scenic	We took the scenic route.
12	science	We did a science experiment.
13	scientific	We did a scientific experiment.
14	scientist	The scientist studied the stars.

SC says /sk/

1	scrap	He saved a scrap of paper.
2	scratchy	The woollen jumper felt scratchy .
3	scrunch	She heard the leaves scrunch underfoot.

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Grapheme: ch

Sounds: /k/, /ʃ/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

ch says /k/

1	anchor	Sailors dropped the heavy anchor .
2	architect	The architect drew the plans.
3	chaos	The burst balloons caused chaos .
4	character	My favourite character is brave.
5	characteristic	Kindness is her best characteristic .
6	chemical	Water is a simple chemical .
7	chemist	I queued at the chemist .
8	chord	He played a loud chord .
9	chorus	Everyone sang the chorus .
10	chronic	A chronic illness lasts long.
11	echo	Our voices made an echo .
12	headache	The loud noise gave me a headache .
13	mechanic	The mechanic fixed the car.
14	mechanism	The clock has a mechanism .
15	monarch	The monarch wore a crown.
16	scheme	We made a clever scheme .
17	stomach	My stomach rumbled before lunch.
18	technical	The robot had technical faults.
19	technique	She used a painting technique .
20	technology	We use technology in lessons.

ch says /ʃ/

1	brochure	We read a zoo brochure .
2	chalet	We stayed in a chalet .
3	chef	The chef cooked dinner.
4	machine	The washing machine ran.
5	machines	The factory had busy machines .

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Grapheme: g

Sounds: /dʒ/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

g says /dʒ/

1	arrange	Let us arrange the chairs.
2	average	Seven was the class average .
3	challenge	The puzzle was a challenge .
4	college	My sister studies at college .
5	courageous	The courageous girl saved it.
6	dangerous	It is dangerous to play near the road.
7	generous	She was generous and kind.
8	gently	Stroke the cat gently .
9	gym	We do exercises in the gym .
10	imagine	Imagine a sandy beach.
11	intelligence	Dolphins show great intelligence .
12	language	French is a beautiful language .
13	legible	Her neat writing was legible .
14	magician	The magician pulled a rabbit from a hat.
15	marriage	Their marriage was happy.
16	message	She left a kind message on the card.
17	passenger	The passenger showed her ticket.
18	privilege	It was a great privilege .
19	religious	The festival is religious .
20	strange	We heard a strange noise.
21	vegetable	A carrot is a vegetable .

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Graphemes: ph, th, -que, -gue

Sounds: /f/, /θ/ or /ð/, /k/, /g/ or /ŋ/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

ph says /f/

1	autobiography	She wrote her own autobiography .
2	autograph	The footballer signed my autograph book.
3	physical	Running is good physical exercise.
4	prophecy	The prophecy came true.
5	prophecy	Wizards prophecy the future.

th says /θ/ or /ð/

1	breath	Take a deep breath .
2	length	We measured the rope length .
3	strength	It took great strength .
4	twelfth	December is the twelfth month.
5	with	She went with her friend.

-que says /k/

1	antique	Grandma keeps an antique clock.
2	plaque	A shiny plaque hung up.
3	technique	She used a painting technique .
4	unique	Every snowflake is unique .

-gue says /g/ or /ŋ/

1	colleague	She thanked her helpful colleague .
2	dialogue	The play had funny dialogue .
3	league	Our team leads the league .
4	tongue	She stuck out her tongue .
5	vague	He gave a vague answer.

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Graphemes: -tion, -ation

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Sounds: /ʃən/, /eɪʃən/, /tʃən/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

-tion says /ʃən/

1	action	The film was full of exciting action .
2	addition	We learned addition with the number line.
3	assumption	That was a wrong assumption .
4	attention	Please pay attention now.
5	caution	Cross the road with caution .
6	collection	He has a stamp collection .
7	competition	She won the spelling competition .
8	completion	We cheered the puzzle's completion .
9	condition	Keep it in good condition .
10	connection	There is a clear connection .
11	construction	The tower's construction took hours.
12	contribution	Her contribution helped the team.
13	convention	It is a polite convention .
14	definition	We read the word's definition .
15	description	She wrote a vivid description .
16	direction	We walked in the direction of the sea.
17	election	The school held an election .
18	emotion	The sad film stirred up emotion .
19	exception	There was no exception .
20	exhibition	We saw an art exhibition .
21	function	The button has one function .
22	injection	The nurse gave an injection .

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Graphemes: -tion, -ation

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Sounds: /ʃən/, /eɪʃən/, /tʃən/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

-tion (continued)

23	institution	A library is an institution .
24	instruction	Follow each instruction carefully.
25	intention	Her intention was to help.
26	interaction	There was friendly interaction .
27	introduction	The book had an introduction .
28	invention	The wheel was an invention .
29	mention	Did she mention the party?
30	notion	She had a clever notion .
31	opposition	The team faced strong opposition .
32	option	Walking was the best option .
33	position	She found a new position .
34	production	The school production was great.
35	proportion	A large proportion likes art.
36	protection	The umbrella gave protection .
37	reaction	Her reaction was a gasp.
38	reduction	There was a price reduction .
39	resolution	Her resolution was reading more.
40	selection	There was a cake selection .
41	solution	We found a clever solution .
42	tradition	Singing carols is a tradition .

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Graphemes: -tion, -ation

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Sounds: /ʃən/, /eɪʃən/, /tʃən/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

-ation says /eɪʃən/

1	accommodation	The campsite offered cheap accommodation .
2	administration	The office handles administration .
3	admiration	We gazed with great admiration .
4	adoration	Fans cheered with adoration .
5	alteration	The tailor made an alteration .
6	application	Mum filled in the application .
7	association	He joined a football association .
8	combination	I forgot the lock combination .
9	communication	A letter is communication .
10	concentration	The puzzle needs great concentration .
11	consideration	Give the idea careful consideration .
12	conversation	We had a long conversation .
13	creation	The sandcastle was her creation .
14	education	A good education helps you learn.
15	examination	The doctor gave an examination .
16	expectation	There was great expectation .
17	explanation	The teacher gave an explanation .
18	formation	The geese flew in formation .
19	hesitation	She jumped without hesitation .
20	implication	The implication was to hurry.
21	information	The leaflet had useful information .
22	interpretation	Her poem interpretation was clever.

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Graphemes: -tion, -ation

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Sounds: /ʃən/, /eɪʃən/, /tʃən/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

-ation (continued)

23	investigation	The detective began an investigation .
24	limitation	Tiredness was his main limitation .
25	location	The map showed the location of the treasure.
26	nation	The whole nation watched.
27	navigation	The captain used star navigation .
28	negotiation	After negotiation , they shared toys.
29	obligation	He felt a strong obligation .
30	observation	She made a careful observation .
31	operation	The doctor performed an operation .
32	organisation	The charity is an organisation .
33	population	The town has a population .
34	preparation	We did some preparation .
35	presentation	He gave a clear presentation .
36	pronunciation	The teacher checked my pronunciation .
37	publication	The newsletter is a publication .
38	recommendation	The book had a recommendation .
39	registration	We answered at registration .
40	regulation	There is a safety regulation .
41	relation	He is a close relation .
42	representation	The map is a representation .
43	reputation	The bakery has a reputation .
44	sensation	The water gave a sensation .

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Graphemes: -tion, -ation

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Sounds: /ʃən/, /eɪʃən/, /tʃən/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

-ation (continued)

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|----|-------------------|---|
| 45 | situation | It was a tricky situation . |
| 46 | toleration | The teacher praised our toleration . |
| 47 | variation | There is a slight variation . |

-tion says /tʃən/

- | | | |
|---|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | question | She asked a clever question . |
| 2 | suggestion | Thank you for the suggestion . |

Graphemes: -sion, -ssion, -cian

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Sounds: /ʒən/, /ʃən/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

-sion says /ʒən/

1	collision	The trains had a collision .
2	conclusion	The story had a conclusion .
3	confusion	There was some confusion .
4	decision	It was a hard decision .
5	division	We solved a division sum.
6	explosion	The volcano made an explosion .
7	invasion	Slugs caused a garden invasion .
8	occasion	It was a special occasion .
9	persuasion	After much persuasion , he agreed.
10	provision	There was a snack provision .
11	vision	The owl has good vision .

-sion says /ʃən/

1	comprehension	We answered the comprehension questions.
2	expansion	The school planned an expansion .
3	extension	They built a house extension .
4	tension	There was tension before play.
5	version	She sang her own version .

-ssion says /ʃən/

1	admission	Museum admission was free today.
2	confession	He made a full confession .
3	discussion	We had a lively discussion .

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Graphemes: -sion, -ssion, -cian

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Sounds: /ʒən/, /ʃən/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

-ssion (continued)

4	expression	He had a puzzled expression .
5	impression	The painting made an impression .
6	mission	Their mission was finding treasure.
7	passion	She has a painting passion .
8	percussion	Drums belong to percussion .
9	permission	Ask permission before you leave.
10	possession	It was his favourite possession .
11	profession	Teaching is a rewarding profession .
12	session	We had a swimming session .

-cian says /ʃən/

1	electrician	The electrician fixed the light.
2	magician	The magician pulled a rabbit from a hat.
3	mathematician	The mathematician solved the puzzle.
4	musician	The musician tuned her guitar.
5	optician	The optician tested my eyes.
6	politician	The politician gave a speech.

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Graphemes: -cious, -tious, -cial, -tial

Sounds: /ʃəs/, /ʃəl/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

-cious says /ʃəs/

1	conscious	She was fully conscious .
2	delicious	The cake was warm and delicious .
3	malicious	The trick was malicious .
4	precious	The ring was very precious .
5	suspicious	The dog became suspicious .
6	vicious	The vicious storm tore tents.

-tious says /ʃəs/

1	ambitious	He is an ambitious boy.
2	cautious	The cautious cat crept slowly.
3	fictitious	The land was fictitious .
4	infectious	Her laughter was infectious .
5	nutritious	Vegetables are nutritious foods.

-cial says /ʃəl/

1	antisocial	Dropping litter is antisocial .
2	artificial	These flowers are artificial .
3	commercial	We saw a commercial on television.
4	facial	He made a facial expression.
5	financial	We made a financial plan.
6	official	The official blew the whistle.
7	social	Bees are social insects.
8	special	Today is a special birthday.

-tial says /ʃəl/

1	confidential	The letter was confidential .
2	essential	Water is essential for plants.
3	initial	Write your name initial .
4	partial	There was a partial rainbow.
5	potential	The player has great potential .
6	residential	It is a residential street.
7	substantial	He ate a substantial breakfast.

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Graphemes: -ture, -sure, -ssure

Sounds: /tʃə/, /ʒə/, /ʃə/ or /ʃʊə/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

-ture says /tʃə/

1	adventure	We had an exciting adventure .
2	capture	They tried to capture the runaway hamster.
3	creature	A strange creature lived nearby.
4	culture	We learned about Japanese culture .
5	feature	The waterfall was the best feature of the park.
6	furniture	We moved the furniture to clean.
7	future	I will fly in future .
8	literature	We read classic literature .
9	manufacture	The factory will manufacture toys.
10	mixture	She stirred the cake mixture .
11	nature	We went on a nature walk.
12	picture	She painted a picture of the sea.
13	puncture	A nail caused a puncture .
14	signature	Please add your signature .
15	structure	The bridge is a structure .
16	temperature	The temperature dropped below freezing.
17	texture	The bark had rough texture .

-sure says /ʒə/

1	enclosure	The lions paced their enclosure .
2	leisure	We read in leisure time.
3	measure	Use a ruler to measure .
4	pleasure	It was a real pleasure .

-sure says /ʃə/ or /ʃʊə/

1	ensure	Ensure the door is locked.
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-ssure says /ʃə/ or /ʃʊə/

1	pressure	He pressed with gentle pressure .
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Graphemes: -le, -el, -al

Sounds: /əl/

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

-le says /əl/

1	battle	We learned about a famous battle in history.
2	bicycle	He rode his bicycle home.
3	bridle	The horse wore a bridle .
4	circle	We sat in a circle .
5	double	He ate a double scoop of ice cream.
6	knuckle	He tapped the door with his knuckle .
7	puddle	He splashed in the muddy puddle .
8	settle	Please settle down and listen.
9	struggle	He began to struggle .
10	trouble	The kitten got into trouble .
11	vehicle	A bus is a vehicle .

-el says /əl/

1	channel	We watched a wildlife channel on television.
2	vowel	The letter a is a vowel .

-al says /əl/

1	actual	What is the actual size?
2	annual	We enjoy the annual fair.
3	bridal	She wore a bridal gown.
4	chemical	Water is a simple chemical .
5	crystal	The cave had sparkling crystal .
6	illegal	Dropping litter is illegal .
7	medal	He won a medal at sports day.
8	natural	Honey is a natural sweetener.

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Double consonants: ss

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two of the same letter together

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

ss double s

1	access	We have library access .
2	across	We swam across the wide river.
3	address	Write your address here, please.
4	aggressive	The scared dog grew aggressive .
5	assent	The king gave his assent .
6	assess	The teacher will assess us.
7	assessment	We had a spelling assessment .
8	associate	We associate summer with sun.
9	assure	I assure you the dog is friendly.
10	boss	The boss thanked the team for their work.
11	brass	The band played brass trumpets.
12	business	Mum runs a baking business .
13	classic	It is a classic story.
14	cross	Look both ways before you cross .
15	dessert	We had ice cream for dessert .
16	discuss	Let us discuss the plan.
17	dissent	He voiced his dissent .
18	dress	She wore a spotty summer dress .
19	embarrass	Do not embarrass your friend.
20	express	She wanted to express thanks.
21	freshness	The mint added a freshness to the drink.
22	fuss	Try not to make a fuss over a small problem.

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Double consonants: ss

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two of the same letter together

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

ss (continued)

23	glass	He drank a glass of milk.
24	guess	Can you guess my favourite colour?
25	guessed	She guessed the right number.
26	harass	Do not harass other people.
27	hiss	We heard the snake hiss in the grass.
28	kiss	She gave the baby a kiss .
29	less	There is less milk than yesterday.
30	lesson	We had a maths lesson .
31	loss	The team felt the loss of the game.
32	mass	A mass of people filled the square.
33	mess	Please clear up the mess in your room.
34	missed	She missed her bus by a minute.
35	misspell	Try not to misspell words.
36	nevertheless	It rained; nevertheless , we played.
37	passage	We read a short passage .
38	passed	She passed the spelling test.
39	possess	He does not possess sweets.
40	press	Press the button to start.
41	professional	She is a professional dancer.
42	professor	The professor gave a talk.
43	progress	He made good progress .
44	stress	Breathe deeply to ease stress .

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two of the same letter together

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

ss (continued)

- | | | |
|----|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| 45 | successful | She had a successful day. |
| 46 | toss | Toss the ball to me! |
| 47 | unless | We play unless it rains. |
| 48 | witness | She was a witness . |

Double consonants: ll

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two of the same letter together

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

ll double l

1	bell	The school bell rang for the end of break.
2	bill	Dad paid the bill at the cafe.
3	billion	There are a billion stars.
4	called	He called his dog back to the path.
5	calling	I could hear my mum calling me.
6	chill	There was a chill in the autumn air.
7	collect	We collect shells on the beach.
8	doll	The little girl hugged her favourite doll .
9	dollar	The toy cost one dollar in America.
10	dull	The sky was grey and dull all day.
11	fall	Take care not to fall on the ice.
12	fell	He slipped and fell on the icy path.
13	following	We left the following morning.
14	grill	We will grill the vegetables.
15	grilling	Dad is grilling the corn.
16	gull	A noisy gull swooped down for the chips.
17	hall	We sang in the school hall .
18	he'll	He'll be here soon.
19	hell	In the old myth, the hero travelled down to hell and back.
20	hill	We rolled down the grassy hill .
21	ill	He stayed home because he felt ill .
22	illustrate	She will illustrate the storybook.

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Double consonants: ll

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two of the same letter together

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

ll (continued)

23	install	They will install a sink.
24	mill	The old mill ground the wheat into flour.
25	misspell	Try not to misspell words.
26	overall	Overall , it was happy.
27	poll	We held a class poll .
28	recall	Can you recall the story?
29	roll	He ate a warm bread roll .
30	sell	They sell apples at the shop.
31	shall	Shall we go outside?
32	shell	She found a pink shell on the beach.
33	skill	Juggling is a tricky skill .
34	small	A mouse is a small animal.
35	smell	I love the smell of fresh bread.
36	still	Please keep still for the photo.
37	tall	The giraffe is very tall .
38	tell	Please tell me the time.
39	thrill	The ride gave us a thrill .
40	till	We waited till noon.
41	wall	A cat sat on the wall .
42	wallet	He kept his cards in a wallet .
43	will	I will help you tidy up.
44	windmill	The windmill turned in the breeze.

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Double consonants: ll

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two of the same letter together

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

ll (continued)

45 yell

Please do not **yell** indoors.

Double consonants: ff

two of the same letter together

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

ff double f

1	affect	Rain will affect the game.
2	cliff	We looked out at the sea from the top of the cliff .
3	coffee	Mum made a cup of coffee .
4	cuff	He buttoned the cuff of his shirt.
5	differ	Our opinions differ greatly.
6	differed	Their answers differed slightly.
7	different	Each twin wore different colours.
8	difficult	The question was very difficult .
9	effect	The medicine had an effect .
10	effective	Brushing is an effective method.
11	effort	He put in great effort .
12	huff	He gave a cross huff and folded his arms.
13	offer	May I offer a drink?
14	offered	He offered to help.
15	offering	They were offering free apples.
16	officer	The police officer waved us across.
17	puff	He gave a big puff to blow out the candles.
18	sniff	The dog gave the bone a sniff .
19	staff	The school staff were kind.
20	stuff	She packed her stuff in a bag.
21	suffer	Plants suffer without water.
22	suffered	The plants suffered in summer.
23	sufficient	We had sufficient food.
24	traffic	The traffic was busy at noon.

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Double consonants: rr

two of the same letter together

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

rr double r

1	arrangement	The flower arrangement was beautiful.
2	arrest	Police came to arrest him.
3	correct	She gave the correct answer.
4	correspond	The friends correspond by letter.
5	corresponding	Match each corresponding pot.
6	current	The strong current pulled us.
7	embarrass	Do not embarrass your friend.
8	error	He made one small error in his sum.
9	incorrect	That answer is incorrect .
10	interrelated	The two problems were interrelated .
11	interrupt	Do not interrupt people.
12	irregular	The path was irregular .
13	irrelevant	His comment was irrelevant .
14	preferred	She preferred the blue coat.
15	preferring	He kept preferring the window seat.
16	referral	The doctor gave a referral .
17	referred	He referred to the map.
18	referring	She kept referring to maps.
19	transferred	He transferred the water.
20	transferring	He is transferring the photos.

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Double consonants: tt

two of the same letter together

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

tt double t

1	attach	Please attach the photo to your letter.
2	attached	She attached a photo.
3	attempt	She made a brave attempt .
4	attend	We will attend the concert.
5	attract	Bright flowers attract busy bees.
6	attractive	The garden looked very attractive .
7	bottom	The coin sank to the bottom of the pond.
8	butter	She spread butter on the warm toast.
9	committee	The committee planned the fair.
10	forgetting	I keep forgetting my password.
11	forgotten	She had forgotten her umbrella.
12	getting	It is getting dark outside.
13	kitten	The kitten chased the ball of wool.
14	knitting	Grandma is knitting a scarf.
15	latter	She chose the latter cake.
16	matter	What is the matter ?
17	pattern	The scarf had a stripy pattern .
18	settlement	The old settlement had walls.

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Double consonants: mm, nn

two of the same letter together

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

mm double m

1	accommodate	The hall can accommodate hundreds.
2	command	The dog obeyed the command .
3	comment	She wrote a kind comment .
4	commit	I commit to practising daily.
5	commitment	A pet is a commitment .
6	committee	The committee planned the fair.
7	grammar	We learn grammar in lessons.
8	hammer	He used a hammer to fix the shelf.
9	immature	The green fruit was immature .
10	immediate	The teacher gave immediate help.
11	immortal	The myth hero was immortal .
12	mummy	The little boy hugged his mummy .
13	programme	We watched a sea programme .
14	recommend	I recommend this book.

nn double n

1	banned	Phones are banned here.
2	banner	They hung a banner above the stage.
3	beginner	As a beginner , she practised every day.
4	beginning	The beginning of the book was exciting.
5	connect	Connect the wire here.
6	dinner	We had pasta for dinner .
7	manner	She asked in a polite manner .
8	runny	She had a runny nose with her cold.
9	sunny	It was a bright, sunny day.
10	tennis	We played tennis outside.
11	winner	The winner got a gold medal.

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Double consonants: pp, dd, cc, gg, zz, bb

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two of the same letter together

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

pp double p

1	apparent	His sadness was apparent .
2	applied	He applied glue to it.
3	appropriate	Wear appropriate clothes today.
4	approve	My parents approve of him.
5	equipped	The ship was equipped well.
6	happen	What will happen next in the story?
7	opposite	Up is opposite to down.
8	snapping	The dog was snapping at flies.
9	supper	We had soup for supper .
10	supplier	The supplier delivered the books.
11	upper	She bumped her upper arm.

dd double d

1	add	Please add two more spoons of flour.
2	additional	She asked for additional peas.
3	address	Write your address here, please.
4	daddy	The little girl hugged her daddy .
5	ladder	He climbed the ladder to the roof.
6	meddle	Do not meddle in this.
7	odd	An odd number cannot be halved evenly.
8	sudden	There was a sudden gust of wind.

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Double consonants: pp, dd, cc, gg, zz, bb

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two of the same letter together

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

cc double c

1	accept	Please accept this gift with a smile.
2	access	We have library access .
3	accommodate	The hall can accommodate hundreds.
4	accord	The teams reached an accord .
5	occupy	Toys occupy the children.
6	successful	She had a successful day.

gg double g

1	aggressive	The scared dog grew aggressive .
2	bigger	A lion is bigger than a cat.
3	egg	She boiled an egg for breakfast.
4	suggest	Can you suggest a film?

zz double z

1	fizz	The lemonade began to fizz .
2	fuzz	Soft fuzz covered the new peach.
3	jazz	The band played lively jazz .

bb double b

1	ribbon	She tied her hair with a ribbon .
2	robber	The robber crept away in the dark.

Letter-string: -ly

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-ly, -ally, -ily

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

-ally

1	accidentally	I accidentally dropped it.
2	actually	It was actually quite easy.
3	basically	It is basically just flour.
4	comically	The clown tripped comically .
5	dramatically	The sky darkened dramatically .
6	equally	Share the sweets equally .
7	especially	I love fruit, especially strawberries.
8	eventually	Eventually , the rain stopped.
9	finally	Finally , the sun came out.
10	frantically	She searched frantically for keys.
11	generally	I generally walk to school.
12	normally	I normally walk to school.
13	occasionally	We occasionally eat out.
14	originally	The castle was originally built.
15	really	It was really good fun.
16	specifically	This is specifically for children.
17	totally	The room was totally quiet.
18	usually	I usually walk to school.

-ily

1	angrily	He stamped his feet angrily .
2	easily	She finished the puzzle easily .

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Letter-string: -ly

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-ly, -ally, -ily

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

-ily (continued)

3	happily	The children played happily .
4	merrily	The stream bubbled merrily along.
5	necessarily	Big is not necessarily strong.
6	primarily	We go primarily to learn.
7	steadily	The snow fell steadily .

-ly

1	absolutely	I am absolutely certain.
2	apparently	Apparently , the shop is closed.
3	approximately	It takes approximately one hour.
4	badly	He played badly and lost the game.
5	certainly	I will certainly help.
6	completely	The cup was completely empty.
7	confidently	She spoke confidently and clearly.
8	curiously	The puppy sniffed curiously .
9	currently	We are currently learning.
10	definitely	I will definitely come.
11	directly	Go directly home after school.
12	duly	She was duly rewarded.
13	effectively	She solved the problem effectively .
14	entirely	The cup was entirely full.
15	exactly	The clock showed exactly three.

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Letter-string: -ly

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-ly, -ally, -ily

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

-ly (continued)

16	extremely	The soup was extremely hot.
17	faithfully	The old dog waited faithfully .
18	ferociously	The lion roared ferociously .
19	frequently	It rains frequently in winter.
20	friendly	The dog gave a friendly wag.
21	humbly	He humbly thanked the crowd.
22	immediately	Stop the game immediately .
23	imply	A nod can imply agreement.
24	increasingly	It became increasingly cold.
25	likely	It is likely to snow.
26	lolly	She licked an ice lolly .
27	mostly	The cake was mostly eaten.
28	nobly	The knight behaved very nobly .
29	obviously	She was obviously delighted.
30	particularly	The cake was particularly tasty.
31	previously	We had met previously .
32	properly	Tie your laces properly .
33	quickly	Run quickly to the gate.
34	recently	We recently moved house.
35	relatively	The test was relatively easy.
36	reluctantly	He reluctantly tidied up.
37	respectively	Dogs barked, cats meowed respectively .

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-ly, -ally, -ily

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

-ly (continued)

38	sadly	Sadly , the picnic was rained off.
39	secondly	Firstly stir, secondly bake.
40	seriously	She took the task seriously .
41	significantly	The team improved significantly .
42	simply	Simply add water and stir.
43	sincerely	He thanked us sincerely .
44	smelly	The old socks were smelly .
45	strongly	The wind blew strongly .
46	suddenly	Suddenly , the lights went out.
47	surely	Surely it will stop raining soon.
48	truly	She was truly happy.
49	unfortunately	Unfortunately , it began to rain.
50	wholly	The story was wholly true.

Letter-strings: -ant, -ance, -ancy, -ent, -ence, -ency

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-ant, -ance, -ancy, -ent, -ence, -ency

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

-ance

1	advance	The soldiers began to advance .
2	assistance	She gave me kind assistance .
3	circumstance	It was a tricky circumstance .
4	dance	We learned a new dance in class.
5	enhance	A frame can enhance art.
6	finance	Dad manages the family finance .
7	hindrance	The bag was a hindrance .
8	importance	We learned the importance of sleep.
9	instance	Give me one instance .
10	observance	The observance of rules helped.
11	performance	The band gave a performance .
12	reluctance	With reluctance , she returned it.
13	substance	Glue is a sticky substance .
14	tolerance	We show tolerance to others.

-ancy

1	hesitancy	There was some hesitancy .
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-ant

1	assistant	The shop assistant helped us.
2	brilliant	The fireworks were brilliant .
3	currant	The bun had one currant .
4	elegant	She wore an elegant dress.

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-ant, -ance, -ancy, -ent, -ence, -ency

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

-ant (continued)

5	expectant	The expectant crowd waited.
6	hesitant	He was hesitant to jump.
7	observant	An observant child spotted it.
8	tolerant	Be tolerant of younger children.

-ence

1	confidence	She spoke with great confidence .
2	conscience	His conscience troubled him.
3	consequence	Being late had a consequence .
4	convenience	The shop opens for convenience .
5	defence	The castle had strong defence .
6	difference	Can you spot the difference ?
7	existence	Dinosaurs came into existence .
8	hence	It rained; hence we stayed.
9	independence	She showed great independence .
10	influence	Friends can influence our choices.
11	innocence	Her innocence was clear.
12	obedience	The dog showed great obedience .
13	preference	My preference is apple juice.
14	presence	Her calm presence settled us.
15	reference	He used a reference book.
16	sequence	Put pictures in sequence .

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Letter-strings: -ant, -ance, -ancy, -ent, -ence, -ency**Page 3 of 3**

-ant, -ance, -ancy, -ent, -ence, -ency

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

-ence (continued)**17 transference** Heat **transference** warmed the room.**18 violence** The king avoided all **violence**.**-ent****1 confident** He felt **confident** and calm.**2 decent** We had a **decent** meal.**3 disagreement** The friends had a **disagreement**.**4 frequent** We are **frequent** visitors to the library.**5 independent** He is an **independent** reader.**6 obedient** The puppy was **obedient**.

Letter-strings: -able, -ably, -ible, -ibly

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-able, -ably, -ible, -ibly

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

-able

1	able	I am able to swim.
2	adorable	The puppy was small and absolutely adorable .
3	affordable	The cheap toy was affordable .
4	applicable	The rule is applicable here.
5	available	No seats were available .
6	changeable	Spring weather is very changeable .
7	considerable	It was a considerable size.
8	dependable	She is a dependable helper.
9	enable	Wheels enable carts to move.
10	memorable	It was a memorable day.
11	noticeable	The stain was hardly noticeable .
12	portable	We took a portable radio.
13	probable	A win seems probable .
14	reasonable	It was a reasonable price.
15	reliable	She is a reliable friend.
16	stable	The horse entered its stable .
17	suitable	These boots are suitable .
18	tolerable	The cold was just tolerable .
19	unable	He was unable to reach.
20	understandable	Her neat writing was understandable .
21	undrinkable	The sea water was undrinkable .
22	variable	The weather was variable .

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Letter-strings: -able, -ably, -ible, -ibly

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-able, -ably, -ible, -ibly

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

-able (continued)

23 washable The paint is **washable**.

-ably

1 adorably The kitten yawned **adorably**.

2 considerably The path grew **considerably** steeper.

3 probably We will **probably** go swimming.

4 tolerably She did **tolerably** well.

-ible

1 forcible He gave a **forcible** push.

2 horrible The medicine had a **horrible** taste.

3 illegible His handwriting was **illegible**.

4 impossible Counting stars is **impossible**.

5 incredible We saw an **incredible** display.

6 invisible The spy felt almost **invisible**.

7 irresponsible Leaving taps running is **irresponsible**.

8 possible It is **possible** to climb.

9 responsible She is a **responsible** monitor.

10 sensible She gave a **sensible** answer.

11 terrible The weather was **terrible** all day.

12 visible The stars were clearly **visible**.

Letter-strings: -able, -ably, -ible, -ibly

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-able, -ably, -ible, -ibly

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

-ibly

1	horribly	The clown sang horribly .
2	incredibly	The puppy was incredibly cute.
3	possibly	We could possibly go tomorrow.
4	sensibly	She sensibly wore boots.
5	terribly	She was terribly sorry.
6	visibly	He was visibly pleased.

Letter-strings: -ous, -ious, -eous

-ous, -ious, -eous

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

-eous

1	courteous	He was polite and courteous .
2	hideous	The mask was hideous .
3	spontaneous	We took a spontaneous trip.

-ious

1	curious	The curious kitten peeked into the box.
2	glorious	We had a glorious day.
3	obvious	His tiredness was obvious .
4	previous	We met the previous day.
5	various	The shop sold various sweets.

-ous

1	adventurous	The adventurous girl climbed trees.
2	disastrous	The burnt cake was disastrous .
3	famous	The famous singer waved.
4	glamorous	The actress looked glamorous .
5	hazardous	The icy path was hazardous .
6	humorous	The book was very humorous .
7	jealous	He felt jealous of it.
8	mischievous	The mischievous kitten misbehaved.
9	ridiculous	He told a ridiculous joke.
10	tremendous	The fireworks were tremendous .
11	vigorous	She gave a vigorous shake.

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Endings and apostrophes

-ing, -ed, -ied, -er, -ment, apostrophes

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

-ing

1	containing	A jar containing buttons fell.
2	gardening	Gran loves gardening in spring.
3	limiting	The small space was limiting .

-ed

1	limited	We had limited play time.
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-ied

1	denied	He denied breaking the window.
2	spied	She spied a robin in the hedge.

-er

1	consider	Please consider my idea carefully.
2	remember	Remember to bring your coat.
3	soldier	The brave soldier marched.
4	teacher	Our teacher is very kind.

-ment

1	agreement	The teams reached an agreement .
2	compliment	He paid me a compliment .
3	environment	We must protect our environment .
4	experiment	We did a science experiment .

apostrophe for possession

1	babies'	The babies' toys were everywhere.
2	children's	The children's playground was busy.
3	girls'	The girls' team won.
4	men's	The men's coats hung in the hall.
5	mice's	The mice's nest was hidden in the wall.

apostrophe for a missing letter

1	who's	Who's coming to the party?
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Prefixes

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letters added to the start of a word

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

anti-

- | | | |
|---|-------------------|---|
| 1 | antiseptic | The nurse used antiseptic cream. |
|---|-------------------|---|

dis-

- | | | |
|---|-------------------|---|
| 1 | disobey | It is wrong to disobey the safety rules. |
| 2 | disrespect | Showing disrespect is rude. |

im-

- | | | |
|---|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | impatient | He grew impatient waiting. |
|---|------------------|-----------------------------------|

in-

- | | | |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | inactive | The volcano stayed inactive . |
| 2 | individual | Each individual got a pencil. |
| 3 | inspiring | She told an inspiring story. |

inter-

- | | | |
|---|----------------------|---|
| 1 | interact | The children interact well together. |
| 2 | intercity | We took the intercity train. |
| 3 | interest | She shows interest in space. |
| 4 | international | It was an international match. |

mis-

- | | | |
|---|-------------------|---|
| 1 | misconduct | He was punished for misconduct . |
| 2 | mislead | Do not mislead people. |
| 3 | misplaced | I misplaced my keys. |

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Prefixes

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letters added to the start of a word

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

pre-

1 **predict** Can you **predict** the weather?

2 **prevent** A hat can **prevent** sunburn.

re-

1 **redecorate** We will **redecorate** the bedroom.

2 **redo** She had to **redo** it.

3 **refresh** A drink will **refresh** you.

4 **replacing** Dad is **replacing** the window.

5 **researcher** The **researcher** studied the stars.

sub-

1 **subdivide** We **subdivide** the cake.

2 **subheading** Each part has a **subheading**.

3 **submarine** The **submarine** dived deep.

super-

1 **superman** The hero was a **superman**.

under-

1 **underlie** Strong roots **underlie** oaks.

2 **understand** Do you **understand** the question?

Prefixes

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letters added to the start of a word

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

un-

- | | | |
|---|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | unlike | Unlike others, he loves peas. |
| 2 | unlock | Use keys to unlock doors. |

uni-

- | | | |
|---|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | union | The clubs formed a union . |
|---|--------------|-----------------------------------|

co- (with a hyphen)

- | | | |
|---|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | co-operate | The team must co-operate . |
| 2 | co-ordinate | We will co-ordinate our plans. |

Silent letters

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letters you write but do not hear

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

kn silent k

1	knew	She knew the way to school.
2	knife	We use a knife and fork to eat.
3	knit	Gran likes to knit socks.
4	knob	He turned the knob to open the door.
5	knot	She tied a knot in the rope.
6	knowledge	Books gave him knowledge .
7	knuckle	He tapped the door with his knuckle .

gn silent g

1	campaign	They led a litter campaign .
2	design	He drew a kite design .
3	foreign	We learned foreign words.
4	gnash	The dragon began to gnash .
5	reign	The queen's reign was long.
6	resign	The captain chose to resign .
7	sign	Read the road sign .

wr silent w

1	wreck	The ship was a wreck .
2	wren	A tiny wren sang.
3	wrench	He used a metal wrench .
4	wretched	The wretched weather spoiled it.

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letters you write but do not hear

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

mb silent b

1	comb	He used a comb to tidy his hair.
2	crumb	A tiny bread crumb fell.
3	dumb	She was struck dumb with amazement.
4	lamb	The little lamb followed mother.
5	limb	A squirrel climbed the limb .
6	numb	My fingers went numb .
7	thumb	He pricked his thumb .

mn silent n

1	autumn	The leaves turn golden in autumn .
2	column	The numbers formed a column .
3	solemn	The choir sang solemn hymns.

bt silent b

1	debt	He paid off his debt .
2	doubt	There is no doubt now.

gh silent gh

1	fight	We had a friendly pillow fight .
2	frightening	The storm was a little frightening .
3	lights	The Christmas lights twinkled.
4	might	It might rain later.
5	sight	The sea was a lovely sight .

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Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

gh (continued)

6	tight	The lid was screwed on tight .
7	tonight	We will see the stars tonight .

rh silent h

1	rhyme	Cat and hat rhyme .
2	rhythm	We clapped to the rhythm .

wh silent w

1	whom	To whom did you speak?
2	whose	Whose coat is this?

h silent h

1	honour	It was an honour .
2	oh	Oh , I have left my coat at home.

al, ol silent l

1	almond	I ate an almond nut.
2	balm	She put balm on burns.
3	beanstalk	Jack climbed the giant beanstalk .
4	calf	The cow licked her newborn calf .
5	calm	The sea was flat and calm .
6	folk	We sang a folk song.
7	palm	He held the coin in his palm .

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letters you write but do not hear

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

st, ft silent t

1	bristle	Each brush bristle was stiff.
2	bustle	There was a market bustle .
3	castle	We explored the ruined castle .
4	glisten	The dewdrops glisten brightly.
5	jostle	Do not jostle in queues.
6	listen	Please listen to the story.
7	often	It often rains in April.
8	rustle	We heard the leaves rustle .
9	thistle	A prickly thistle grew.
10	whistle	The referee blew the whistle .

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1	aisle	She walked down the aisle of the shop.
2	island	We sailed to an island .
3	isle	We sailed to the isle .

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1	answer	She knew the right answer .
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Homophones and near-homophones

words that sound the same (or nearly) but are spelt differently. Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

1	advise	Doctors advise us to rest.
2	altar	She knelt at the altar .
3	alter	I must alter my plans.
4	build	We will build a den.
5	desert	Camels live in the desert .
6	devise	Let us devise a plan.
7	draft	I wrote a first draft .
8	draught	A cold draught blew in.
9	guest	We had a guest for dinner.
10	in	The cat slept in its basket.
11	lead	Please lead the way to the hall.
12	led	She led the team to victory.
13	mist	A thin mist hung over the field.
14	mourning	The town was in mourning .
15	not	It is not raining today.
16	practise	I practise the piano daily.
17	profit	The shop made a profit .
18	seen	I have seen that film before.
19	steal	It is wrong to steal .
20	steel	Steel is a strong metal.
21	weather	The weather was sunny all day.

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Tricky words

words to learn as whole words

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

1	ago	We moved house years ago .
2	also	I like apples and also pears.
3	amateur	He is an amateur photographer.
4	ancient	We saw an ancient ruin.
5	calendar	I marked the calendar .
6	can	I can swim across the pool.
7	definite	We have a definite plan.
8	desperate	He felt utterly desperate .
9	develop	Plants develop from tiny seeds.
10	equip	We will equip the team.
11	familiar	Her face looked familiar .
12	favourite	Blue is my favourite colour.
13	help	Please help me carry this.
14	kept	She kept the secret safe.
15	minute	Please wait one minute .
16	particular	He likes one particular toy.
17	peculiar	The soup tasted peculiar .
18	perhaps	Perhaps we will go swimming.
19	popular	Football is a popular sport.
20	promise	I promise to tidy up.
21	regular	We have a regular test.
22	relevant	Please keep your answer relevant .
23	restaurant	We ate at a restaurant .
24	separate	Keep red socks separate .
25	women	Three women sang together.
26	yacht	The white yacht sailed.

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