

a

c

d

f

g

o

Sounds/Sample Words

c

k can
s cent

Instructional Tips

c before e, i, or y says "s" but followed by any other letter says k (rule 2).

Cue

2

Sounds/Sample Words

a

ā at
ā nā vy
ah fā³ th² er

Instructional Tips

a usually says a at the end of a syllable (rule 4).
a may say ah at the end of a syllable.

Cue

1

Sounds/Sample Words

f

f if

Instructional Tips

Gently bit on lower lip and blow (unvoiced).

Cue

4

Sounds/Sample Words

d

d lid

Instructional Tips

Press tip of tongue against upper ridge behind teeth, then voice sound. Keep jaw still.

Cue

3

Sounds/Sample Words

o

ō odd
ō pen
ōō dō³

Instructional Tips

o usually says o at the end of a syllable (rule 4).

o may say o (most) when followed by two consonants (rule 19).

Cue

6

Sounds/Sample Words

g

g bag
j gem

Instructional Tips

g before e, i, or y may say j but followed by any other letter says g (rule 3).

Cue

5

s

qu

b

e

h

i

Sounds/Sample Words

qu

kw quit

Instructional Tips

Raise back of tongue to soft palate and release breath (unvoiced).

q is always followed by u saying the consonant sound w (rule 1).

Cue

8

Sounds/Sample Words

s

s us
z a²s

Instructional Tips

Cue

7

Sounds/Sample Words

e

ɛ end
ē me

Instructional Tips

e usually says e at the end of a syllable (rule 4).

Cue

10

Sounds/Sample Words

b

b rib

Instructional Tips

Close lips to form a line, then voice sound.

Cue

9

Sounds/Sample Words

i

ɪ big
ī s*ī* lent

Instructional Tips

i usually says ī (rule 5).

i may say ī at the end of a syllable (rule 5).

i may say ī (find) when followed by two consonants (rule 19).

Cue

12

Sounds/Sample Words

h

h him

Instructional Tips

Open mouth and release breath (unvoiced).

Cue

11

j

k

l

m

n

p

Sounds/Sample Words

k

k ink

Instructional Tips

Cue

14

Sounds/Sample Words

j

j jam

Instructional Tips

Keep jaw still.

Cue

13

Sounds/Sample Words

m

m ham

Instructional Tips

Cue

16

Sounds/Sample Words

l

l lag

Instructional Tips

Broaden tip of tongue against ridge behind teeth and voice sound.

Cue

15

Sounds/Sample Words

p

p map

Instructional Tips

Close lips to form line, then release breath (unvoiced).

Cue

18

Sounds/Sample Words

n

n win

Instructional Tips

Press tongue against roof of mouth and voice sound.

Cue

17

r

t

u

v

w

x

Sounds/Sample Words

t

t bat

Instructional Tips

Press tongue against roof of mouth and release breath (unvoiced).

Cue

20

Sounds/Sample Words

r

r rat

Instructional Tips

Move back of tongue upward and back at the same time forming contact with upper molars and back edges of tongue. Keep position and voice sound. (r is not pronounced *er*.)

Cue

19

Sounds/Sample Words

v

v viv id

Instructional Tips

Gently bite on lower lip and voice sound (feel vibration). Teach students to hear and feel the difference between *f* and *v*.

Cue

22

Sounds/Sample Words

u

ū up
ū mu sic
ō put

Instructional Tips

u usually says u at the end of a syllable (rule 4).

Cue

21

Sounds/Sample Words

x

ks box

Instructional Tips

x has two sounds blended.

Cue

24

Sounds/Sample Words

w

w wit

Instructional Tips

Round lips, then release breath while voicing sound. Keep jaw still. (w is not pronounced *wh*.)

Cue

23

y

z

sh

ee

th

ow

Sounds/Sample Words

Z

z zest

Instructional Tips

Words beginning with the sound z are *always* spelled with a z, never an s (rule 27).

Cue

26

Sounds/Sample Words

Y

y yet
ÿ gym
ī my

Instructional Tips

The consonant sound y is used *only* at the beginning of a syllable, *usually* the first on. y usually says *i*, but may say *i (my)* at the end of a syllable (rule 5). y, not i, is used at the end of English words (rule 6).

Cue

25

Sounds/Sample Words

ee

ē see

Instructional Tips

Sounds/Sample Words

sh

sh dish

Instructional Tips

sh is used at the beginning or end of a base word, at the end of a syllable, but not at the beginning of a syllable after the first one except for the ending *ship* (rule 13).

Cue

27

Sounds/Sample Words

ow

ow how
ō l²ow

Instructional Tips

Sounds/Sample Words

th

th thin
th t²his

Instructional Tips

Place extreme tip of tongue barely between teeth and release breath (unvoiced).

Place extreme tip of tongue barely between teeth and release breath with voice (feel vibration).

Cue

29

Cue

30

ou

oo

ch

ar

ay

ai

Sounds/Sample Words

oo

ōō boot

ōō fōōt

Instructional Tips

Cue

32

Sounds/Sample Words

ou

ow rōund

ō sōul

ōō yōū

ŭ cōūn try

Instructional Tips

Pronounce 4th sound as in up.

Cue

31

Sounds/Sample Words

ar

ar fār

Instructional Tips

Cue

34

Sounds/Sample Words

ch

ch mch

k schol

sh chef

Instructional Tips

Cue

33

Sounds/Sample Words

ai

ā paint

Instructional Tips

(not used at the end of a word because English words don't end in i)

Cue
not

36

Sounds/Sample Words

ay

ā day

Instructional Tips

ay is often used at the end of a word (rule 19).

Cue

35

oy

oi

er

ir

ur

wor

Sounds/Sample Words

oi

oi point

Instructional Tips

Say quickly with one impulse of voice.

(not used at the end of a word because English words don't end in i)

Cue
not

38

Sounds/Sample Words

oy

oy boy

Instructional Tips

Say quickly with one impulse of voice.

(often used at the end of a word)

Cue

37

Sounds/Sample Words

ir

ir first

Instructional Tips

Cue
first

40

Sounds/Sample Words

er

er her

Instructional Tips

Cue
her

39

Sounds/Sample Words

or

or works

Instructional Tips

or has two phonograms. *or* may say *er* when following "w" (rule 8).

Cue

42

Sounds/Sample Words

ur

ur nurse

Instructional Tips

Cue
nurse

41

ear

ng

ea

aw

au

or

Sounds/Sample Words

ng

ng rang

Instructional Tips

Raise back of tongue as if to say *k*. Keep position, and voice sound through nose (nasal). Do not pronounce a hard “*g*”.

Cue

44

Sounds/Sample Words

ear

er early

Instructional Tips

Cue
Early

43

Sounds/Sample Words

aw

aw law

Instructional Tips

Drop jaw and resonate from vocal cords.

(often used at the end of a word)

Cue

46

Sounds/Sample Words

ea

ē eat
ě head
ā break

Instructional Tips

Cue

45

Sounds/Sample Words

or

or for

Instructional Tips

Cue

48

Sounds/Sample Words

au

au thor

Instructional Tips

Drop jaw and resonate from vocal cords.

(not used at the end of a word because English words don't end in u)

Cue
not

47

ck

wh

ed

ew

ui

oa

Sounds/Sample Words

wh

wh when

Instructional Tips

Blow softly on palm of hand.
Air should be felt when
saying *wh*. (*wh* is not
pronounced *w*.)

Cue

50

Sounds/Sample Words

ck

k neck

Instructional Tips

ck follows a single vowel
that says its 1st sound.

Cue
2 letter

49

Sounds/Sample Words

ew

ō grew
ū few

Instructional Tips

Sound the same as *ui*.
(Often used at the end of a word)

Cue

52

Sounds/Sample Words

ed

ě grad ed
d love²d
t wreck e³d

Instructional Tips

Keep jaw still for 2nd
and 3rd sounds.

Cue

51

Sounds/Sample Words

oa

o boat

Instructional Tips

Cue
boat

54

Sounds/Sample Words

ui

ō fruit
ū sui²t

Instructional Tips

Sound the same as *ew*.

*(not used at the end of a word
because English words don't end
in i)*

Cue
not

53

gu

ph

ough

oe

ey

igh

Sounds/Sample Words

ph

f phone

Instructional Tips

Gently bite on lower lip and blow (unvoiced).

Cue
2 letters

56

Sounds/Sample Words

gu

g guess

Instructional Tips

Cue

55

Sounds/Sample Words

oe

ō toe

Instructional Tips

Cue
toe

58

Sounds/Sample Words

ough

ō though

ōō through

ŭf rough

ōf cough

aw thought

ow drought

Instructional Tips

Cue

57

Sounds/Sample Words

igh

ī sigh

Instructional Tips

Cue
3 letters

60

Sounds/Sample Words

ey

ā they

ē key

ŷ val ley

Instructional Tips

Cue

59

kn

gn

wr

ie

dge

ei

Sounds/Sample Words

gn

n sign

Instructional Tips

Press tongue against roof of mouth and voice sound.

(used at the beginning or end of a base word)

Cue
2 letters

62

Sounds/Sample Words

kn

n knot

Instructional Tips

Press tongue against roof of mouth and voice sound.

(used only at the beginning of a base word)

Cue
2 letters – beginning only

61

Sounds/Sample Words

ie

ē field
ī pie²
ÿ lii ies²

Instructional Tips

Cue

64

Sounds/Sample Words

wr

r wrap

Instructional Tips

Move back of tongue upward and back at the same time forming contact with upper molars and back edges of tongue. Keep position and voice sound.
(r is not pronounced *er*.)

Cue
2 letters

63

Sounds/Sample Words

ei

ē con ceit
ā veil²
ÿ for feit³

Instructional Tips

Cue

66

Sounds/Sample Words

dge

j bridge

Instructional Tips

Keep jaw still.
dge is usually at the end of a word following a single vowel saying its first sound.

Cue
3 letters

65

eigh

ti

si

ci

Sounds/Sample Words

ti

sh nation

Instructional Tips

Cue
tall

68

Sounds/Sample Words

eigh

a weigh

Instructional Tips

Cue
4 letters

67

Sounds/Sample Words

ci

sh facial

Instructional Tips

Cue
short

70

Sounds/Sample Words

si

sh session

zh vision

Instructional Tips

Cue

69

Sounds/Sample Words

Instructional Tips

Cue

Sounds/Sample Words

Instructional Tips

Cue