

English Phonemes, Spellings, Example Words, and Meaningful Names

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Phoneme	Spelling(s) and Example Words	Meaningful Names
/A/	a (table), a_e (bake), ai (train), ay (say)	Long A; Fonzie's greeting
/a/	a (flat)	Crying baby; baby lamb; home alone
/b/	b (ball)	Beating heart; drum
/k/	c (cake), k (key), ck (back)	Nutcracker; golf shot; camera
/d/	d (door)	Knocking; dribbling ball
/E/	e (me), ee (feet), ea (leap), y (baby)	Long E; shriek
/e/	e (pet), ea (head)	Rocking chair; creaky door; hard of hearing
/f/	f (fix), ph (phone)	Angry cat; clothes brush; electric fan; soda fizz
/g/	g (gas)	Croaking frog, gulping soda
/h/	h (hot)	Out of breath; warm breath; tired dog
/I/	i (I), i_e (bite), igh (light), y (sky)	Long I
/i/	i (sit)	Crying puppy; icky sticky; baby pig
/j/	j (jet), dge (edge), g[e, i, y] (gem)	Scrub brush; wood rasp; jump rope
/l/	l (lamp)	Flying saucer; mixer
/m/	m (my)	Mmm mmm good; delicious sound
/n/	n (no), kn (knock)	Mosquito; motorboat
/O/	o (okay), o_e (bone), oa (soap), ow (low)	Long O; Oh, I see
/o/	o (hot)	Say ah; doctor sound; cool drink; yawn
/p/	p (pie)	Popcorn; water drip; stone skip; soap bubbles
/kw/	qu (quick)	Coffee pot; typewriter
/r/	r (road), wr (wrong), er (her), ir (sir), ur	Chain saw; angry lion; robot;

	(fur)	growling dog
/s/	s (say), c[e, i, y] (cent)	Flat tire; hair spray; sizzling bacon
/t/	t (time)	Ticking clock; timer; automatic sprinkler
/U/	u (future), u_e (use), ew (few)	Long U
/u/	u (thumb), a (about), e (loaded), o (wagon)	I dunno; mother bear; punch in the stomach; foghorn
/v/	v (voice)	Electric shaver; airplane; vacuum
/w/	w (wash)	Lariat; fly rod; washing machine
/ks/ or /gz/	x (box, exam)	Soda can; grease gun
/y/	y (yes)	Sticky mess
/z/	z (zoo), s (nose)	Buzzing bee; arc welder; zipper
/OO/	oo (boot), u (truth), u_e (rude), ew (chew)	Ghost; howling wolf; owl
/oo/	oo (book), u (put)	Lifting weights; chin-up bar
/oi/	oi (soil), oy (toy)	Seal; squeaky gate; spring
/ou/	ou (out), ow (cow)	It hurts; inoculation; sting
/aw/	aw (saw), au (caught), a[l] (tall)	Poor thing; crow
/ar/	ar (car)	Spinning tire; grinding gears; gargle
/sh/	sh (ship), ti (nation), ci (special)	Be quiet; watering the lawn
/hw/	wh (white)	Blow out the candle
/ch/	ch (chest), tch (catch)	Old train; antique car; chipmunk
/th/ or / <u>th</u> /	th (thick, this)	Peeling tape; angry goose; wet shoes
/ng/	ng (sing), n (think)	Gong; string bass
/zh/	s (measure)	Sawing wood; sander