

Phase 5 Phonics Sounds and Words List

As well as new sounds, Phase 5 also teaches alternative pronunciations and spellings for sounds that children already know.

New Graphemes* for Reading	Alternative Pronunciations for Sounds	Alternative Spellings for Sounds
wh, ph, ew, or, au, e, a-e, e-e, i-e, o-e, u-e, 'zh' (treasure), ore	i, o, c, g, u, ow, ie, ea, er, ch, a, y, ou, e, ey	ch, j, n, r, m, s, z, u, ear, ar, ur, air, or, oo, ai, ee, igh, oa, (y)oo, oo, sh

*A 'grapheme' is the way a sound looks written down.

When practising sounds with your child, try and avoid putting an 'uh' on the end of a sound. Instead, focus on helping your child to make the 'pure sound' as this is the way it is heard in a word. For example, 'ssss' instead of 'suh', 't-t-t-t' instead of 'tuh'. It can help to think about 'stretchy' sounds which make a longer sound, such as 'eeee', 'mmmm', 'ffff', and 'bouncy' sounds which make a short sound, such as 'ch-ch-ch-ch', 'b-b-b-b', 'p-p-p-p'.

Children will also be taught new sets of 'tricky' words (words that cannot be read by sounding out and therefore need to be learnt by sight) and 'high-frequency words' (words that can be sounded out but are seen very frequently in text. Learning these words by sight will help children to read more fluently.) In addition, children are taught further words to spell from memory.

Words to Read by Sight	Words to Spell
oh, old, their, people, house, about, Mr, Mrs, don't, by, looked, time, your, called, asked, very, water, where, day, who, because, again, different, thought, any, saw, through, eyes, work, friends, mouse, once, could, put, many, good, away, laughed, want, over, how, did, man	said, so, have, like, some, come, were, there, when, out, made, came, one, make, here, do, what, please, little, oh, how, did, man, their, going, people, would, or, Mr, Mrs, took, home, looked, who, think, called, school, didn't, asked, know, can't, ran, bear, long, things, new, eat, everyone, our, two, has, yes, play, take, will, find, more, I'll, round, tree, magic, shouted, us, other

Not all schools teach phonics according to the Letters and Sounds scheme. All the sounds and words are still taught, but may be in a different order. It's always worth checking with your child's school and attending any information sessions they may hold about early reading and writing.

