



Teaching Phonics in the Foundation Stage

Letters and Sounds (phonic sounds in order of teaching)

PHASE TWO

- s a t p
- i n m d
- g o c k
- ck e u r

PHASE THREE

- j v w x
- y z,zz qu

Consonant digraphs and vowel digraphs

PHASE THREE

Consonant digraphs:-

- ch sh th ng

Vowel digraphs

- ai ee igh oa oo

- ar or ur ow (in 'cow') oi ear air ure

- er (in 'hammer')

Phase 5a Some alternative spellings for sounds previously taught.

ay (in 'day'), ou (in 'out'), ie (in 'pie')
ea (in 'sea'), oy (in 'boy'), ir (in 'girl')
aw (in 'saw'), wh (in 'when' and also in
'who'), ph (in 'phonics'), ew (in 'blew' and
also in 'few'), oe (in 'toe'), au (in 'launch')
ey (in 'money'),

Also split vowel digraphs:-

a_e (in 'made'), e_e (in 'these') i_e in ('like')
o_e (in 'bone'), u_e (in 'rude' and 'huge')

Common Exception Words

PHASE TWO

- I the to no go

PHASE THREE

- he she we me be

- was no go my you they her all are

Sound Buttons

c	a	t		
.	.	.		
c	a	sh		
.	.	—		
p	r	e	ss	
.	.	.	—	
m	ar	ch		
.	—	—		



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How many phonemes are there in these words?

- wish
- stork
- church
- singing
- sellotape

Answers:-

- ow i sh (3)
- os t or k (4)
- och ur ch (3)
- os i ng i ng (5)
- os e ll o t a_e p (7)