

Mnemonics and Rhymes to support Essential Letters and Sounds in Year 1

Alternative pronunciations:

/aɪ/ <a>	apricot on your apron
/aɪ/ <ey>	they chose grey paint
/aɪ/ <ea>	a great break!
/aɪ/ <eigh>	my neighbour has a sleigh
/ɑr/ <a>	follow after my father
/ee/ <e>	she waved to me
/igh/ <i>	tiger in the wild
/igh/ <y>	fly in the sky
/oa/ <o>	let's both host
/o/ <a>	swallows and swans
/ool/ <u>	a bush full of berries
/y/+/ool/ <u>	a unicorn in uniform
/c/ <ch>	the school orchestra
/sh/ <ch>	the chef has a machine
/e/ <ea>	heather in the meadow
/e/ <ie>	a good friend
/ur/ <or>	the worthy artwork
/ur/ <ear>	search for a pearl
/ool/ <ou>	you make the soup
/o/+/l/ <oul>	boulder on his shoulder
/ee/ <ie>	a shield in the field
/v/ <ve>	move and groove
/i/ <y>	a cygnet under the sycamore
/air/ <are>	share the fare
/air/ <ere>	"Where?" "Over there!"
/air/ <ear>	a bear ate the pear
/ch/ <tch>	catch on the latch

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/u/ <o>	the monkey and his mother
/j/ <g>	an energetic giraffe
/j/ <ge>	take charge of the barge
/j/ <dge>	squidge on the bridge
/s/ <st>	listen to the whistle
/s/ <ce>	dance on the fence
/s/ <se>	a mouse in the house!
/n/ <gn>	a gnome with a sign
/n/ <kn>	kneel on your knees
/r/ <wr>	wrap it round your wrist
/m/ <mb>	the lamb climbed up
/z/ <se>	pass the cheese, please
/z/ <ze>	freeze in the breeze!
/ear/ <eer>	peer at the deer
/ear/ <ere>	here is the sphere
/sh/ <ti>	waiting patiently at the station
/ar/ <al>	balm on your palm
/or/ <augh>	she taught her daughter
/sh/ <ss>	permission for the mission
/zh/ <si>	the illusion caused confusion
/sh/+/u/+/s/ <tious>	scrumptious and nutritious
/sh/ <ci>	a special and precious relic