

## PHONICS

**Phonics** – the understanding that letters make sounds and these letters can be put together to make words.

**Phonograms** – the letters or groups of letters & the order of the sounds they make.

*It is important to know the order of the sounds for each phonogram and the clues that go with the word. This helps in the decoding process and helps your child read fluently.*

Below is the list of the 70 phonograms that can be used to make up English words.

a- as in apple,  
play, Paw

b- as in boat

c- as in cent and  
cat

d- as in dog

e- as in elephant  
and tea

f- as in frog

g- as in goat and  
George

h- as in hot

i- as in India and  
ice

j- as in Jump

k- as in Kick

l- as in Lemon

m- as in monkey

n- as in newt

o- as in Opera,  
pope, and tool

p- as in pop

qu- as in quiet

r- as in rabbit

s- as in snake and  
mouse ("sss" or  
"zzz")

t- as in tiger

u- as in music, put,  
and up

v- as in violin

x- as in excited  
("ks")

y – as in yet, gym,  
my

z – as in zest

sh – as in dish

ee – as in see

th – as in thin, this

ow – as in how, low

ou – as in round,  
soul, you, country

oo – as in boot,  
foot

ch – as in much,  
school, chef

ar – as in far

ay – as in day

ai – as in paint

oy – as in boy

oi – as in point

er – as in her

ir – as in first

ur – as in nurse

wor – as in work

ear – as in early

ng – as in rang

ea – as in eat,  
head, break

aw – as in law

au – as in author

or – as in for

oa – as in boat

oe – as in toe

wr – as in wrap.  
Two letters, comes

at the beginning of  
a syllable.

ie – as in field, pie,  
lilies

gn – as in sign. Two  
letters used at the  
base of a word.

ph – as in phone

ed – as in graded,  
loved wrecked

ck – as in neck.  
Two letters only  
used after a single  
vowel that says it's  
first sound.

dge – as in bridge.  
Three letters, used  
after a short vowel  
sound

wh – as in when

ti – as in nation.  
Clue is tall because  
the t is a tall letter.

ci – as in facial.  
Clue is short  
because the c is a  
short letter.

si – as in session,  
vision

igh – as in sigh

ui – as in fruit. Clue  
is “not used”  
because English  
words don't end in  
i.

ey – as in they, key

ew – as in grew,  
few. Usually used  
at the end of a  
word.

eigh – as in weigh.  
Clue is four letters.

eigh – as in weigh.  
Clue is four letters.

ei – as in conceit,  
veil, forfeit

kn – as in knot.  
Clue is two letters  
used at the  
beginning.

ough – as in  
though, through,  
rough, cough,  
thought, drought