

Phonics and spelling

(developing phonological awareness)

There are 44 sounds in the English language

44 SOUNDS CHART

CONSONANT SOUNDS

b	bb	d	dd	f	ff	ph	g	gg	h							
j	g	ge	dge	k	c	ck	ch	q	l	ll	m	mm	mb			
n	nn	kn	p	pp	r	rr	wr	s	ss	se	c	ce	t	tt	ge	th
v	ve	w	u	y	z	zz	ze	se	x	x	k-s	c	th			

DIGRAPHS

ch	tch	wh
sh	ti	ch
ge	th	

SHORT VOWELS

a			
e	ea	a	
i	y		
o	ou	a	
u	o	a	ou
oo	u	ou	

LONG VOWELS

a	ai	ay	ey	ea	ei	a_e	eigh	
e	ee	ea	ei	ey	ie	y	e_e	
i	ei	ie	y	i_e	igh			
o	oa	ow	o_e	ough	ou	ow		
u	ue	ew	u_e	oy	oi			
oo	o	u	ui	ew	ou	ue	u_e	ough

'R' CONSONANTS

air	are	
ar	al	o
e	er	
er		
or		
our	al	c

There are 26 letters in the alphabet



5 vowels and 21 consonants

Sometimes shown as:

vowel owls (a e i o u)

and

con-son-ants!



Phoneme - sound

Grapheme - written form of sound

Digraph - 2 letter sound

Trigraph 3 letter sound

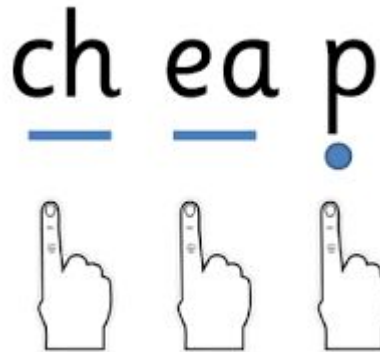
Quadgraph - 4 letter sound



Diacritical marking

Diacritical marking (sometimes called dots & lines or sausage and beans!)

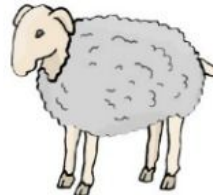
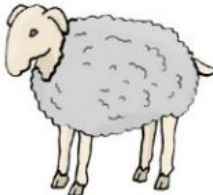
dot = 1 letter sound & line = 2 or 3 or 4 letter sound



Segmenting & elkonin boxes

Segmenting means breaking up / chunking words into sounds

We write each sound into 1 elkonin box:

 <p>s h e e p</p> <p>While sheep has five letters...</p>	 <table border="1"><tbody><tr><td>sh</td><td>ee</td><td>p</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>...it only has three sounds (or phonemes).</p>	sh	ee	p
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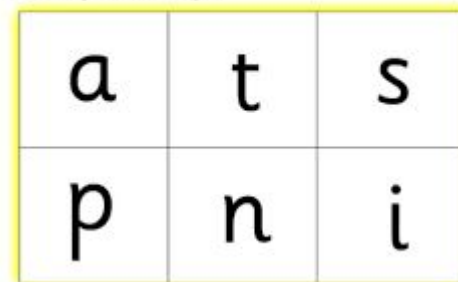
Sounds

We learn graphemes, digraphs, trigraphs and even quadgraphs each year in school.

First we learn our **initial sounds** - single letter sounds

and begin to create and sound out simple words

using the sounds/letter shapes we know

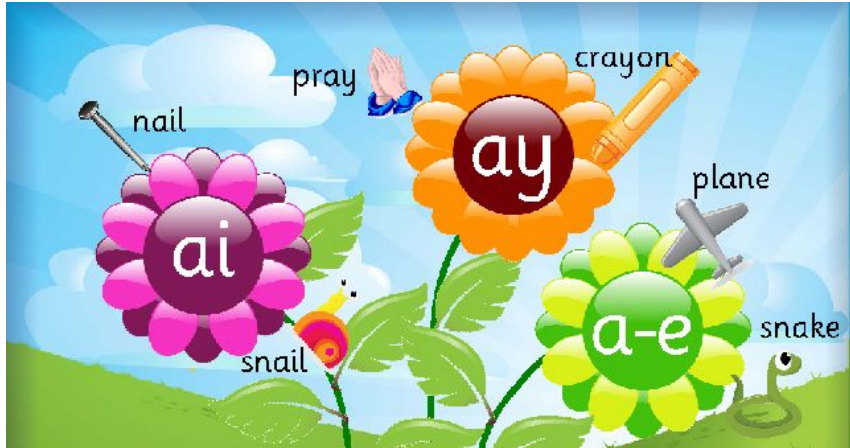


Then we introduce **digraph sounds**



Alternatives

As our knowledge and understanding of sounds develops we are introduced *gradually* to ALTERNATIVE spelling patterns which have the SAME sound:



LONG VOWELS								
snail	tray	take	table	they	break	veil	eight	straight
ai	ay	a_e	a	ey	ea	ei	eigh	aigh

Sound chart

There are many grapheme/sound charts available to buy or download online to support you at home with phonics, sounds and spelling. This is one we use in school

<https://www.smartkids.co.uk/products/44-sounds-desktop>

