

My Phonics Dictionary



and writing Pizzazz words



Name _____

Short a: /a/ sounds

apple



alligator

ab: cab, dab, gab, jab, lab, nab, tab, blab, drab, scab, crab**ad**: bad, dad, gad, had, lad, mad, pad, rad, sad, tad, Brad**ag**: bag, gag, hag, jag, lag, nag, rag, sag, tag, zag, slag, brag, drag, stag**al**: gal, pal, Al, Cal, Hal, Sal, Val**am**: am, bam, dam, ham, jam, ram, yam, Pam, Sam, wham**at**: bat, cat, fat, hat, mat, pat, rat, sat, Nat, Pat, chat**as**: as, has, gas, grass**ap**: cap, gap, lap, map, nap, pap, rap, sap, tap, zap, chap**an**: ban, can fan, man, pan, ran, tan, van, Dan, Jan, Nan**ack**: back, hack, lack, pack, rack, sack, tack, yack, Jack, Mack, Zack, backpack, whack, clack, slack, crack, track**ang**: bang, fang, gang, hang, rang, sang, tang, clang, sprang**ank**: bank, dank, lank, rank, sank, tank, yank, thank, blank, clank, crank, drank, spank, shrank**ash**: bash, cash, dash, gash, hash, lash, mash, rash, stash**atch**: batch, catch, hatch, latch, match, patch, Satch, thatch, scratch,**ath**: bath, hath, lath, math, path**act**: fact, pact, tract**aft**: raft, shaft, craft, draft, graft, after**amp**: camp, damp, lamp, ramp, tamp, vamp, champ, clamp, cramp, scamp, stamp, tramp**and**: band, hand, land, sand, bland, brand, grand, stand**ant**: pant, rant, chant, grant, plant, slant**ask**: bask, cask, mask, task, flask**ast**: cast, fast, last, mast, vast, blast**Use your senses (hearing, sight, smell, taste, touch)**

appetizing	moldy	tangy
bitter	mouth-watering	tart
bland	nasty	tasty
burnt	perfume	yummy
buttery	plain	
delicious	rotten	
dry	salty	
fishy	savory	
floral	spicy	
fragrant	spoiled	
fresh	stinky	
gross	strong	
hot	sugary	
juicy	syrupey	

Feeling Words

affectionate	embarrassed	petrified
afraid	energetic	restless
air-sick	excellent	rotten
amazed	excited	sad
angry	furious	scared
annoyed	grief	sea-sick
apprehensive	heartbroken	sensitive
beautiful	honest	shocked
beloved	horrible	sneaky
bewildered	hungry	special
blessed	hurt	superior
bloated	hyper	tricked
bored	idiotic	tired (exhausted)
confident	important	ugly
confused	loved	weak
crazy	lovely	
cuddly	mad	
depressed	miserable	
disappointed	nauseous (sick)	
disgusted	old	
dizzy		

Character Traits

able	fearful	overweight
adventurous	ferocious	patriotic
ambitious	fighter	pitiful
blowhard	friendly	plain
bold	fun-loving	pleasing
bossy	funny	poor
brave	generous	popular
bright	gentle	pretty
brutish	gullible	prim
busy	handsome	proper
calm	happy	proud
carefree	hard-working	quiet
caring	honest	repulsive
cheerful	humble	reserved
civilized	humorous	resourceful
clever	imaginative	respectful
clumsy	immobile	responsible
compassionate	impulsive	rich
conceited	independent	rude
confused	innovative	scrawny
considerate	intelligent	scruffy
cooperative	inventive	self-confident
courageous	jovial	selfish
creative	joyful	serious
curious	keen	shy
dainty	lazy	simple-minded
daring	leader	smart
dark	lean	strong
demanding	light	strong-willed
determined	light-hearted	stubborn
disagreeable	lovable	studious
dreamer	loyal	successful
dull	mannerly	thoughtful
energetic	mean	thrilling
enthusiastic	messy	timid
excited	mischievous	uncoordinated
expert	neat	violent
fancy	obedient	wild wittv

Short e: /e/ sound



egg



elephant

ed: bed, web, led, red, wed, Ed, Ted, bled, bred, fled, sled, Fred, shred, sped

en: den, hen, men, pen, ten, yen, Zen, Ben, Ken, glen

ep: step, strep, pep, yep

em: gem, hem, them

et: bet, get, jet, let, met, net, pet, set, vet, wet, yet

eft: left, theft

elt: belt, felt, melt, pelt, smelt, dwelt, knelt

elf: elf, self, shelf

end: end, bend, fend, lend, mend, send, tend, vend, blend, spend, trend

ent: bent, can't, dent, gent, lent, rent, sent, tent, went, spent,

est: best, jest, nest, pest, rest, test, vest, west, zest, chest, guest, quest

eth: Beth, Seth

ench: drench, French, trench

etch: fetch, ketch, retch, sketch, stretch,

ess: bless, cress, dress, press, stress

eck: fleck, speck, check

ell: smell, spell, dwell, swell, quell

ess: less, mess, Bess, Jess. Tess, chess, guess

Short i: /i/ sound



insect



igloo

ib: bib, fib, jib, nib, rib, crib,**id:** bid, did, hid, kid, lid, mid, rid, Sid, slid**ig:** big, dig, fig, gig, jig, pig, wig, twig, swig**im:** dim, him, rim, Jim, Kim, Tim, swim, slim, trim**in:** bin, din, fin, gin, kin, pin, sin, win, thin**ip:** dip, hip, lip, rip, sip, tip, grip, skip, strip**is:** is, his, sis, Swiss,**it:** it, fit, hit, kit, lit, pit, sit, wit, flit, slit, grit, skit**ix:** fix, Kix, mix, nix, six**ift:** gift, lift, rift, sift, shift, drift, swift, thrift**ilk:** milk, silk**ilt:** built, guilt, hilt, kilt, quilt**imp:** limp, chimp, blimp, crimp, shrimp**inch:** cinch, finch, pinch, winch**int:** dint, hint, lint, mint, quint, flint, print, splint, sprint**isk:** disk, risk, wisk, whisk, brisk**ist:** list, mist**ick:** kick, lick, nick, pick, sick, Dick, Rick**ill:** bill, dill, fill, gill, hill, kill, pill, will, Bill, Jill, grill, spill, thrill, twill,**ing:** ding, king, ping, ring, sing, wing, swing, sling**ink:** fink, mink, pink, sink, wink, think**ish:** disk, fish, wish, swish,**itch:** itch, ditch, hitch, pitch, Mitch, switch, twitch

Action Words – Verbs

active	drift	race
bolt	dive	revolve
bury	dove	rotate
capture	drive	rise
caress	embrace	roll
chew	gallop	rush
chop	grasp	scurry
clamp	hoist	seize
clasp	launch	shimmer
crack	leap	shoot
crumble	maneuver	smack
crumple	pitch	sparkle
dart	pounce	speak
dash	punch	spin
devour	quiver	sprint

Words to move the writing along:

about	during
after	earlier
afterward	finally
also	first of all
although	first
another example	for instance
another reason	however
another time	immediately
as a result of	later
as soon as	next
at last	second
because	soon
before	suddenly
different than	today
due to	tomorrow
	yesterday



Short o: /o/ sound

ob: cob, job, rob, sob, Bob, blob, snob**od:** cod, mod, nod, pod, rod, sod, trod, plod**og:** bog, cog, dog, fog, hog, jog, clog, smog**om:** mom, Tom, prom,**on:** con, Don, Jon, Ron**op:** bop, cop, hop, top, prop, slop, stop**ot:** cot, dot, got, hot, lot, not, pot, rot, tot, plot, trot**ox:** box, fox, pox, Cox, Sox**ock:** dock, hock, jock, lock, mock, rock, sock, tock,
clock, block, flock, crock, frock, stock, shock,
knock**odd:** Todd**oss:** boss, loss, toss, Ross**ong:** bong, dong, gong, long, song, Kong**onk:** bonk, conk, honk**osh:** gosh, josh, posh**otch:** blotch, scotch, splotch**oth:** cloth, sloth, froth**ond:** bond, fond, pond, blonde



Short u: /u/ umbrella

ub: cub, hub, pub, rub, sub, tub, club, snub

ud: bud, cud, dud, mud, suds, spud, thud

ug: bug, dug, hug, jug, mug, pug, rug, plug, snug, chug

um: bum, gum, hum, mum, sum, slum

un: bun, fun, gun, pun, run, sun, stun, shun

up: cup, pup, sup

us: bus, Gus, plus, thus

uss: cuss, fuss, muss, Russ

ut: but, cut, gut, jut, nut, shut

uck: buck, duck, luck, puck, suck, tuck, stuck, truck

uff: buff, cuff, huff, muff, puff, ruff, fluff

ull: dull, gull, hull, skull,

ung: hung, lung, rung, sung, strung, slung

unk: bunk, dunk, hunk, junk, sunk, flunk, chunk, shrunk

ush: gush, hush, mush, rush

unch: bunch, hunch, lunch, munch, punch

unt: bunt, hunt, runt, shunt

ulk: bulk, hulk, sulk

ust: bust, dust, gust, just, must, rust,

ump: bump, dump, hump, jump, lump, pump, rump, chump

usk: dusk, husk, musk, tusk

Sad - dejected, depressed, downhearted, forlorn, miserable, pitiful

Nice - agreeable, amusing, cordial, courteous, enjoyable, friendly, helpful, kind, lovely, pleasant, pleasing, polite, pleasant, pleasurable, satisfying

Went - ambled, bustled, crept, crawled, darted, dashed, edged, hurried, meandered, roamed, rushed, scampered, scurried, scuttled, strolled, traveled, trotted, wondered

Look - gaze, glance, glimpse, peek, peep, peer, stare, g

Eat - bite, chew, chomp, crunch, devour, gobble, gorge, gnaw, nibble, munch, snack, swallow, crunch, gobble, wolf

Pretty - appealing, attractive, beautiful, enchanting, fair, gorgeous, lovely, stunning

Got - accomplished, acquired, earned, gained, gathered, obtained, received, retrieved

Fun - enjoyable, entertaining, exciting, fantastic, festive, incredible, joyous, splendid

like - admire, adore, appreciate, cherish, enjoy, favor, idolize, love, prefer, treasure

Said - announced, bellowed, believed, blubbered, called, cried, declared, exclaimed, gabbed, gossiped, hissed, hollered, howled, screamed, screeched, shrieked, shouted, yelped, wailed, weeped, whispered

Good - amazing, astonishing, awesome, delightful, excellent, exceptional, extraordinary, fabulous, fantastic, glorious, grand, great, magnificent, marvelous, nice, pleasant, phenomenal, splendid, super, superb, superior, terrific, unique, well-behaved,

Big - colossal, enormous, giant, gigantic, great, huge, immense, large, mammoth, massive, spacious, titantic, towering, tremendous, whopping, vast

Small - compact, little, miniature, microscopic, petite, puny, teeny, tiny, undersized

Laugh - cackle, chortle, chuckle, crow, giggle, grin, guffaw, hoot, snicker

funny - amusing, comical, hilarious, humorous, hysterical, sidesplitting, silly, witty

Slow - amble, meander, shuffle, sluggish, stroll, sounter, swagger

Happy - blissful, delighted, elated, ecstatic, jovial, jubilant, lighthearted, tickled, overjoyed

Very - awfully, dreadfully, exceptionally, extraordinarily, fantastically, marvelously, wonderfully

The Long A sound is regularly spelled:
a-e, ai, ay, ea, eigh

a-e ace

cape	bake	face	make
lake	name	rate	tape
blame	glade	shape	place
state	trade	frame	grape

ai rain

grain	wait	gain	sail
tail	mail	chain	again
stain	snail	daisy	drain
afraid	dainty	sprain	explain
aid	aim	bait	fail

ay day

pay	day	may	hay
play	stay	sway	tray
away	pray	stray	relay
today	display	crayon	decay

ea break

break	great	steak
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eigh eight

eight	neighbor	weigh	weight
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other Long A

vein	able	April	acorn
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aigh

straight

The long "E" sound is regularly spelled:
e, ea, ee, e, ei, ie, ey, y

ea eat

sea	tea	bead	flea
beach	least	read	clean
cheap	really	mean	heat
each	steal	please	leak
easy	reach	east	teach
lead	season	meat	dream
meal	speak	leaf	leaves

ee bee

fee	tree	agree	beef
beetle	creek	cheese	cheer
cheek	degree	feed	feet
free	pedigree	needle	seen
sweep	sweet	teeth	weed
succeed	sneeze	weed	peep
teen	keep	reef	seem
knee	flee	geese	queen

ei ceiling

receive	neither	receipt	weird
either	protein		

Hook the reader with your beginning...

- **Start with a time and a setting lead ...**
who, when, where, what... (One delightfully warm summer day...)
- **Give a startling fact**
(Surprise the reader with a true fact.)
- **Describe the setting**
(Use details to describe where the story takes place.)
- **Use a sound**
(Hoo.. hoo...)
- **Begin with dialogue**
("I'm not going with you, " I shouted.)
- **Start with a question**
(Have you ever been to a place where you could...

... and let the reader go with a smooth ending.

- **Advise the Reader**
(Offer the reader advice related to the story.)
- **Reword the beginning**
(Tell the reader the important information that was also in the beginning.)
- **End with a quote**
(Quote an important character in the story or another person who gave good advice.)
- **End with a Feeling**
(Tell or show the reader how the main character feels.)
- **End with a Question**
(Ask the reader to think about a question.)

air as in hair

fair	hair	stairs	despair
dairy	repair	chair	millionaire
pair			

ear as in ear

dear	year	gear	fear
clear	hear		

The Long "E" sound is regularly spelled:
e, ea, ee, ei, ie, ey, y.

e he

he	she	we
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ie chief

brief	fierce	piece	niece
grief	priest	thief	field
believe	alien	mischief	

y puppy

penny	happy	merry	Mary
funny	tiny	daddy	mommy
copy	sorry	lady	sticky
tidy	shiny	baby	ugly
body	carry	cherry	bony
windy	worry	dizzy	belly

ey key

alley	hockey	kidney	honey
money	turkey	chimney	monkey
donkey	valley	kidney	

i taxi

chili	mini	ski	spaghetti
bikini	confetti	variation	

i-e as in ice or bike

ice	bike	bite	dice
dime	dine	dive	file
fine	fire	five	hide
kite	lice	life	like
mine	live	mice	mike
mile	mine	nice	pike
pile	pine	pipe	rice
ride	side	size	tile
time	wide	wipe	wire
bribe	alive	bride	chime
crime	drive	knife	price
pride	prize	smile	spike
while	white	write	advice
polite	decide	recite	invite

ie as in die

die	lie	pie	tie
dried	fried	tried	

ye as in bye

bye	dye	rye	good-bye
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ind as in find

find	kind	mind	pint
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ar star

car	far	farm	mark
sharp	yard	smart	carpet
market	hard	carton	spark
alarm	charge	partner	army
party	park	scarf	large
yarn	part	start	garden
partner	cargo	arm	

or fork

for	or	horn	horse
organ	support	north	stork
actor	error	labor	favor
author	major	terror	doctor
glory	story	gory	airport
tractor	acorn	carport	adorable

yr syrup

er butter

germ	her	jerk	nerve
expert	person	permit	alert
serve	clerk	per	herd
perk	fern	stern	

ir stir

birch	bird	birth	chirp
dirt	first	flirt	girl
shirt	sir	skirt	smirk
squirt	swirl	third	thirst
circus	thirty		

ur turtle

burn	blur	church	spur
hurt	fur	purr	surf
turn	purple	nurse	purse

y as in cry

by	my	cry	fly
fry	deny	July	pry
rely	shy	sky	sly
spy	try		

ight as in light

high	sigh	fight	light
night	might	right	sight
thigh	tight	bright	flight
fright	height	knight	mighty
slight	tights	delight	insight
nightie	tonight	uptight	daylight
lightning	midnight	twilight	

o-e as in bone

ode	bone	code	cope
dose	doze	hole	home
hope	hose	joke	lone
mole	over	poke	robe
rode	rose	woke	zone
alone	awoke	broke	chose
drove	froze	globe	motel
ocean	phone	poker	smoke
stoke	stone	stove	those
token	wrote	whole	closed
moment	remote	stroke	throne
explode	proceed	telephone	

ow as in row

bow	mow	owe	own
row	tow	blow	bowl
crow	flow	glow	grow
know	show	slow	snow
arrow	below	elbow	throw
borrow	burrow	fellow	follow
meadow	pillow	window	yellow
rainbow	sparrow	swallow	

au as in August

aunt	Austin	author	because
fault	haul	Paul	sauce
sausage	auto	Autumn	autograph
automobile	pause	haunt	because

aw as in jaw

awful	claw	crawl	draw
jaw	law	lawn	paw
dawn	raw	yawn	

al as in also

almost	already	also	always
chalk	walk	talk	salt
malt	stalk	false	bald

all as in mall

squall	hall	fall	mall
small	tall	wall	waterfall
ball	call	stall	wallet
baseball	hallway		

oi as in coins

boil	oil	soil	spoil
voice	joint	moist	noise
avoid	poison	rejoice	

oy as in boy

joy	toy	loyal	royal
enjoy	employ	voyage	employee

ou as in our ("ouch")

our	around	found	about
sound	pound	out	hour
without	loud	mouth	mouse
count	south	pouch	thousand

ow as in pow ("ouch")

pow	sow	bow	growl
town	towel	powder	meow
how	now	vowel	down
howl	frown	prowl	shower
cow	crown		

o as in go

go	no	so	tomato
potato	banjo	piano	

oa as in boat

oak	oat	boat	coal
coat	foal	foam	goal
goat	hoax	load	loaf
loan	moat	oath	road
roam	soap	toad	boast
cloak	coast	cocoa	croak
float	groan	roach	roast
toast	throat	loaves	approach
coaster			

oe as in toe

doe	hoe	foe	toe
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ough as in although

although	dough	though
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oo as in Boo!

boo	coo	too	zoo
boom	boot	cool	doom
food	hoop	fool	loop
loot	mood	poop	roof
soon	tool	zoom	bloom
boost	booth	igloo	goose
moose	scoot	spoon	tooth
vroom	choose	doodle	cuckoo
balloon	boom	boost	cartoon
choose	noodle	food	mood
noon	scooter	shoot	smooth
raccoon	cartoon	bedroom	scooter
shampoo	kangaroo		

oe as in shoe

shoe	canoe
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u-e as in use or cube

use	cube	cute	dude
duke	fuse	huge	June
mule	rude	tube	tune
abuse	crude	flume	prune
ruler	super	truce	minute
excuse	student	fortune	computer

ew as in screw

blew	chew	crew	curfew
dew	drew	few	flew
grew	knew	mildew	nephew
new	news	sewer	stew
threw	view	crew	jewel

ue as in glue

blue	cue	Sue	sue
fuel	true	clue	cruel
Tuesday			

u as in ruby

brutal	truth	fluid	truly
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o, oo, ou as in you

to	too	two	who
do	undo	you	through
flu			