

English Sounds and their Multiple Spellings, With Examples of Words Using Each Spelling

Single consonant sound	Short vowels	Long Vowels	Diphthongs	R-controlled vowels (Bossy R)	Digraphs	Final syllable consonant -le	Consonant Blends/Clusters
(t) t,-ed, -bt, pt (p) p (n) n, kn-, gn (s) s, -ss, ce, ci, cy sc, ps (z) s, z, - zz (d) d, -ed (h) h (k) c, k, - ck, ch (b) b (r) r, wr, rh (m) m, - mb, -mn (y) y (l) l, -ll (f) f,-ff, ph, -gh (g) g, gh (j) j,ge,gi,gy,- dge (w) w, wh (v) v (ks) x (kw) qu	(ī) i, y, ui (ă) a (ĕ) e, ea (ö) o, a (ū) u, a, ou Endings: (ng): -ing, - ang, -ong, - ung (nk): -ink, - ank, -onk, - unk	(ī) i, - i_e, -y, igh, ie (ā) a, - a_e, ay, ai, ea, ei, eigh, ey (ē) e, -y, ee, ea, ie, ei, ey (ō) o, - o_e, oa, ow, oe (ū) u, - u_e, ue, ew Long vowels in "Wild, Old Words" (ī) -ind, - ild (ō) -oll, - old, -olt, -ost	(ōo)- "school" u, -u_e, oo, ue, ew, ou, ui (ōo)- "book" oo, u (ow)- "house" ow, ou (aw)- "saw" au, aw, a ough, augh (oy)- "toy" oi, oy	(âr)-"car" ar (êr)- "her" er, ir, ur, ear, our, or, ar, - ure, wor (or)- "more" -ore, or, our, oar, war, quar (īr)-"fire" -ire (ār)- "care" -are, ear, air, (ēr)- "here" -ere, ear, eer	(th)(blow)"three" th (th)(buzz) -"this" th (sh) - "she" sh, ch - "chef" s - "sugar" ci - "delicious" ti - "action" xi - "anxious" (sh'n)-"tension" (-sion) (ch)-"chair" ch, -tch (zh'n)- "television" (-sion)	-ble -dle -fle -gle -ple -tle -zle -kle -cle	Beginning: r: br, cr, dr, fr, gr, pr, tr, thr, shr, str, scr, spr l: bl, cl, fl, gl, pl, sl, spl w: sw, tw, dw s: sc, sk, sm, sn, sp, st, squ Ending: -t: -nt, -st, -ft, -lt, -pt, -ct, -xt -l-: -lf, -lp, -lk, -ld -nd, -mp, -sk, - sp, -nch

Single consonant sound	Short vowels
(t) t, -ed, -bt, pt ten, kicked, doubt, receipt	(ɪ) i, y, ui in, synergy, build,
(p) p pin	(ă) a hat
(n) n, kn-, gn nose, know, sign	(ē) e, ea pet, bread
(s) s, -ss, ce, ci, cy, sc, ps snake, kiss, race, science, cycle, scan, psychology	(ō) o, a pot, father
(z) s, z, -zz nose, zoo, buzz	(ū) u, a, ou nut, animal, double
(d) d, -ed dad, played	Endings:
(h) h hot	(ng): -ing, -ang, -ong, -ung telling, rang, song, hung
(k) c, k, -ck, ch cat, kite, check, school	(nk): -ink, -ank, -onk, -unk sink, sank, honk, bunk
(b) b boy	
(r) r, wr, rh rose, write, rhyme	
(m) m, -mb, -mn Mom, dumb, column	
(y) y yes	
(l) l, -ll like, ball	
(f) f, -ff, ph, -gh fall, off, phone, laugh	
(g) g, gh great, ghost	
(j) j, ge, gi, gy, -dge jam, gentle, giraffe, gypsy, bridge	
(w) w, wh was, when	
(v) v vote	
(ks) x cks kicks	
(kw) qu	

quit	
Long Vowels	Diphthongs
<p>(ī) i, -i_e, -y, igh, ie I, kite, supply, sigh, tie</p> <p>(ā) a, -a_e, ay, ai, ea, ei, eigh, ey able, late, say, rain, swear, beige, weigh, they</p> <p>(ē) e, -y, ee, ea, ie, ei, ey before, Pete, lovely, see, each, relief, neither, key</p> <p>(ō) o, -o_e, oa, ow, oe toll, role, coat, blow, toe</p> <p>(ū) u, -u_e, ue, ew unit, cute or tune, clue, new</p> <p>Long vowels in "Wild, Old Words"</p> <p>(ī) -ind, -ild find, wild</p> <p>(ō) -oll, -old, -olt, -ost toll, told, colt, post</p>	<p>(ōo)- "school" u, -u_e, oo, ue, ew, ou, ui super, tune, school, glue, new, you, fruit</p> <p>(ōo)- "book" oo, u book, sugar</p> <p>(ow)- "house" ow, ou cow, house</p> <p>(aw)- "saw" au, aw, a, ough, augh because, saw, call, thought, caught</p> <p>(oy)- "toy" oi, oy toilet, toy</p>

R-controlled vowels (Bossy R)	Digraphs
<p>(âr)- "car" ar car</p> <p>(êr)- "her" er, ir, ur, ear, our, or, ar, -ure, wor her, fir, fur, learn, colour, doctor, collar, future, worry</p> <p>(or)- "more" -ore, or, our, oar, war, quar more, for, your, soar, wart, quarter</p> <p>(īr)- "fire" -ire fire</p> <p>(ār)- "care" -are, ear, air care, wear, fair</p> <p>(ēr)- "here" -ere, ear, eer here, fear, seer</p>	<p>(th)(blow)"three" Th three</p> <p>(th)(buzz) -"this" Th this</p> <p>(sh) - "she" sh, she ch - "chef" s - "sugar" ci - "delicious" ti - "action" xi - "anxious" (sh'n)-"tension" (-sion)</p> <p>(ch)- "chair" ch, -tch chair, catch</p> <p>(zh'n)-"television" (-sion)</p>

Final syllable consonant -le	Consonant Blends/Clusters
-ble able -dle cradle -fle shuffle -gle angle -ple apple -tle kettle -zle sizzle -kle ankle -cle uncle	<p>Beginning:</p> <p>r: br, cr, dr, fr, gr, pr, tr, brunch, crunch, drab, from, green, prune, tram,</p> <p>thr, shr, str, scr, spr thread, shred, street, screen sprint</p> <p>l: bl, cl, fl, gl, pl, sl, spl blond, clear, floor, gleam, please, sleep, spleen</p> <p>w: sw, tw, dw swing, twinkle, dwarf</p> <p>s: sc, sk, sm, sn, sp, st, squ scan, skim, smear, snap, spot, star, square</p> <p>Ending:</p> <p>-t: -nt, -st, -ft, -lt, -pt, -ct, -xt bent, cast, lift, belt, apt, act, text</p> <p>-l-: -lf, -lp, -lk, -ld half, help, milk, bald</p> <p>-nd, -mp, -sk, -sp, -nch send, camp, ask, wasp, lunch</p>