


# DIRECTIONS FOR USE

1. Create a set of 3x5 cards for the phonograms. On the front of each card (the plain side), write the phonogram large, in the center of the card, using lower-case letters, in the style of handwriting you want the student to emulate. (If you have not thought about handwriting, I recommend [Cursive First](#). Doing an internet search for “Cursive First” will show you an image of the “Alphabet & Numerals” page.) On the back of each card (the lined side), write the phonogram, and then the sounds, and then a single key word for each sound **for your use only**. Write the number in the lower left corner. Choose key words from the chart below, or choose your own. I have also noted letters that are silent in some words – do not teach key words or silent letters during phonics learning, they are only here for reference.

	<p><i>oe</i> <i>ō toe</i> <i>ü does</i> <i>o: shoe</i></p> <p>64</p>
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2. How to use the cards: Each day have the student go through all of the phonogram cards and say the name of the phonogram (just say the letter(s) on the front of the card), and then say the phonogram sounds. **IMPORTANT: Do not teach the key words or the phonetic markings, which are for reference only.** Start with just the first 6-8 cards for non-readers, or the first 26 cards for readers. Add some cards each week. As far as pronunciation goes, say the sounds the way your family says the sounds! Do try to keep the sounds as short as possible; do not let your student say, for example, “**b** buh **c** kuh suh shuh **d** duh”. This part of the lesson should take less than 5 minutes.
3. If your student is writing or learning to write, choose a few words for the student to copy onto a practice pad. If your student is already reading and writing, choose a few words for the student to use in sentences.
4. This should be non-frustrating for the student! Start slow and build up. The entire lesson should take less than 15 minutes.
5. This is a work-in-progress. As you come across phonograms you need to explain to your student, please add them to your list. After the first 26 phonograms there is no magic to the order. I have them in this order for no particular reason; it just works for me this way. Put them in whatever order suits you, remembering to introduce words only after all of the phonograms in the word have been introduced.
6. There is really nothing new here. For a short while I was an intense student of dictionary pronunciation charts and phonics programs as I prepared to teach my first child to read. I have looked at nearly every major phonics based program available. I decided to make my own. Once I had done it, and taught two children to read, I decided to share it with you. I cannot guarantee that it will work for you, but I can tell you that it works for me. I have successfully taught six children to read with this program.
7. \*There are a few systems of phonetic sound marking. Please feel free to shop around and find the one you like the best! My phonetic markings are what was easily available to me on the computers that I had available.

	Name	Sounds and phonetic markings and (silent)	Key words and alternate key words and (silent)
1	a	ă ā ǒ ũ (a)	<b>dad baby walk ago</b> mat ate ball was (artist musically)
2	b	b (b)	<b>bad barn</b> (limb debt)
3	c	k s sh (c)	<b>cab city special</b> cow ice ocean (indict scissors)
4	d	d (d)	<b>dad</b> bad dab dog (hedge Wednesday)
5	e	ě ē ũ (e)	<b>bed be seven</b> pet he silent (silent e is it's own entry, below)
6	f	f v (f)	<b>fed of</b> off fad fish (fifth)
7	g	g j (g)	<b>bag gem</b> gab beg egg (sigh gnat though)
8	h	h (h)	<b>had</b> he home (sigh hour ghost)
9	i	ĩ ī ē ũ (i)	<b>if ice ski pencil</b> did hid dig fig bid I find big (business)
10	j	j	<b>jab</b> jag jig
11	k	k (k)	<b>kid</b> keg kite (knife)
12	l	l (l)	<b>led</b> lad leg lid all ball (calm calf should)
13	m	m (m)	<b>me</b> gem am mad him mill mom (mnemonic)
14	n	n (n)	<b>nab</b> kind hand den can men and fan end in an final giant nine (hymn limb)
15	o	ǒ ō ũ o: w (o)	<b>on go lemon do one</b> mom doll cold no off ago love (people)
16	p	p (p)	<b>pig</b> pond nip pink cap pen peg pan help nap mop open piano (psalm receipt)
17	qu	kw k (q)	<b>quill etiquette</b> quip squash (lacquer)
18	r	r (r)	<b>ran</b> grab drop barn red roar germ (February)
19	s	s z sh zh (s)	<b>smell has tissue vision</b> sat send miss kids slip his as son sugar grass glass dolls as kiss is squid ski skip horses cages wisdom casual (debris aisle island)
20	t	t sh ch (t)	<b>tent nation question</b> quilt ten to not at fast it toss quit sent cent get jet start lotion action cat sit cost question silent ghost tot (castle)
21	u	ũ ū u: o: ĩ ě w (u)	<b>run music put tuna busy bury assuage</b> cut puff unit us pull full tulip fly up until truly business flu busy (biscuit guess)
22	v	v	<b>vanilla</b> river vast vest vent clever
23	w	w (w)	<b>will</b> swim water went wagon we (sword two who wrench)

24	x	ks gz z (x)	<b>fox exit xylophone</b> Xerox fixes box ox oxen six flax exact (faux)
25	y	y ē ī ĭ (y)	<b>yes baby cry syrup</b> city dry gym snowy lyric yellow days yet guy by boys obey my navy sly myth (beyond)
26	z	z s	<b>zoo waltz</b> zigzag buzz zip zebra quartz zero
27	th	th th:	<b>this thin</b> then bath truth the birth worthy think myth
28	ch	ch k sh	<b>chair school machine</b> echo stomach mustache child chilled chilly chili chic catch chin chef chance church latch chorus chivalry chief
29	ck	k	<b>rock</b> kick stick pickle neck back pack pock puck lucky
31	aa	ă ā	<b>aardvark Aaron</b> salaam bazaar
32	ae	āě	<b>aerial</b> maelstrom
33	ay	ā ě ī	<b>hay prayer papaya</b> clay mayor pay
34	ai	ā ě ă	<b>trail said plaid</b> ail stair paid mail
35	au	ǒ	<b>autumn</b> saucer fault cause
36	aw	ǒ oi	<b>draw lawyer</b> yawn
37	sh	sh	<b>worship</b> bush dish shut push she wish shiny
38	ci	sh	<b>gracious</b> artificial musician
39	xi	sh	<b>anxious</b>
40	si	sh zh	<b>session decision</b> tension provision erosion
41	ti	sh ch	<b>action suggestion</b> essential creation nation
42		introduce the silent e here	mane here ride tone tube site rage urine gentle vase blue nurse verse value have horse polite love give ice imagine *exceptions acme café
43	ea	ē ě ā ũ	<b>eat bread break ocean</b> mean breathe head breath heavy great zeal bear steak
44	ee	ē ě ā	<b>tree been matinee</b> sheep queen teen
45	ei	ē ě ā ī ĭ	<b>receive heifer vein neither forfeit</b> ceiling either beige receipt leisure height protein reign sovereign eight heist
46	ey	ē ā ī	<b>key obey eye</b> they money monkey valley
47	eo	ē ě ũ ō	<b>people leopard luncheon yeoman</b>

48	eu	o: ū	<b>neutral feud</b> sleuth
49	ew	o: ū ō	<b>threw few sew</b> blew new knew crew
50	ed	ěd ĭd d t	<b>planted spotted played jumped</b> decided saved baked backed baked warmed seized added called jumped loved hummed
51	dge	j	<b>edge</b> badge fridge lodge judge
52	augh	ăf ǒ	<b>laugh daughter</b> caught taught
53	ough	ō o: ŭf ǒf ǒ au ŭp	<b>though through rough cough bought bough hiccough</b> dough enough caught drought thought
54	eigh	ā	<b>sleigh</b> eight freight weigh
55	igh	ī	<b>high</b> sigh fight light fright
56	ia	ǔ	<b>marriage</b>
57	io	ǔ	<b>nation</b> question action vision session equation gracious noxious fashion
58	ie	ī ē ĭ ě	<b>lie believe mischief friend</b> flies lilies tie field friendship belief piece pie collie
59	ng	ng nj	<b>sing hinge</b> sang song among fringe wing orange ring icing king
60	gn	n	<b>sign</b> gnat reign gnaw foreign
61	kn	n	<b>knee</b> knit knelt knot
63	oa	ō	<b>coat</b> board foal toad throat
64	oe	ō ŭ o:	<b>toe does shoe</b> doe hoe goes
65	oi	oi ŭ	<b>soil porpoise</b> noise toil noisy point boil oil
66	oy	oi ī	<b>joy coyote</b> oyster voyage loyal royal
67	oo	ǔ o: u:	<b>blood boot foot</b> lagoon good brook too tooth
68	ou	au ō ŭ o: ū	<b>sound soul country soup you</b> loud our mouse court you out four yours trouble about famous bouy
69	ow	au ō	<b>cow snow</b> how blow brown town own flow yellow now low know
70	ould	u:d	<b>could</b> should would
71	ph	f	<b>telephone</b> graph nephew elephant
72	ps	ps s	<b>eclipse psyche</b>

73	st	st s	<b>Christ whistle</b> lost apostle listen thistle test worst best
74	ua	wǒ	<b>quarter</b> suave
75	ue	ě u: o:	<b>guess guerilla glue</b>
76	ui	o: ǐ ī wē	<b>fruit build guide suite</b> juice suit
77	uy	ī	<b>buy</b>
78	wh	w h	<b>why whole</b>
79	wr	r	<b>write</b> wrong wreck wrap
80	ar	ěr ōr ār ār	<b>solar war far arid</b>
81	aar	ār ār	<b>aardvark Aaron</b> bazaar
82	ear	ěr ēr ār ār	<b>earth appear heart bear</b> early earn fear learn earnest
83	er	ěr ēr ār	<b>fern here very</b> over error her herd perfect father berry anger
84	eer	ēr ēēr	<b>sneer freer</b> eery decreer
85	eur	ēūr o:r	<b>Europe neurotic</b> eureka
86	ir	ěr ēr īr	<b>dirt spirit fire</b> stir girl bird miracle first
87	or	ěr ōr ār	<b>worms for tomorrow</b> world corn storm works
88	oor	ōr	<b>door</b> floor poor
89	ur	ěr ūr ār	<b>turn urine bury</b> burn hurt curl turtle nurse fury
90	our	ěr ōr our	<b>journal four hour</b> our
91	yr	ěr	<b>martyr satyr</b>