



# 120 Most Frequent Letter-Sound Correspondences

Grade 2

This Most Frequent list is comprised of the most common English grapheme-phoneme correspondences (as derived from the sources on page 4); however, some alterations have been made to the list's order for pedagogical considerations.

Grapheme:	Phoneme:	Sample Word with Phoneme:
1. t	/t/	tan
2. s	/s/	sat
3. l	/l/	lap
4. n	/n/	nap
5. a	/ă/	add
6. r	/r/	rip
7. m	/m/	man
8. f	/f/	fin
9. d	/d/	dot
10. i	/ĩ/	itch
11. p	/p/	pan
12. c	/k/	cat
13. g	/g/	gap
14. b	/b/	bat
15. o	/ö/	odd
16. v	/v/	van
17. k	/k/	kit

Grapheme:	Phoneme:	Sample Word with Phoneme:
18. h	/h/	hat
19. w	/w/	win
20. e	/ě/	epic
21. j	/j/	jam
22. z	/z/	zap
23. x	/k//s/	box
24. y	/y/	yes
25. u	/ũ/	up
26. qu	/k//w/	quiz
27. ng	/ng/	long
28. sh	/sh/	ship
29. ch	/ch/	chin
30. th	/th/	thin
31. ck	/k/	back
32. s	/z/	is
33. o	/ō/	open
34. a	/ā/	able



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35. i	/ī/	minus
36. e	/ē/	evil
37. u	/y//oo/	unit
38. er	/er/	her
39. ar	/ar/	far
40. or	/or/	for
41. ur	/er/	turn
42. ir	/er/	bird
43. le	/əl/	puddle
44. e	/ə/	problem
45. a	/ə/	along
46. o	/ə/	person
47. i	/ə/	easily
48. y	/ē/	story
49. i	/ē/	piano
50. c	/s/	city
51. g	/j/	page

Grapheme:	Phoneme:	Sample Word with Phoneme:
52. n	/ng/	pink
53. ar	/er/	dollar
54. i_e	/ī/	like
55. a_e	/ā/	name
56. o_e	/ō/	home
57. u_e	/y//oo/	use
58. e_e	/ē/	these
59. ed	/d/	called
60. ed	/t/	jumped
61. ea	/ē/	each
62. ee	/ē/	see
63. ie	/ē/	piece
64. ey	/ē/	key
65. i_e	/ē/	ravine
66. ou	/ow/	out
67. ow	/ow/	now
68. ai	/ā/	rain



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69. ay	/ā/	day
70. oo	/oo/	too
71. u	/oo/	truth
72. a	/ǒ/	father
73. y	/ī/	my
74. ow	/ō/	show
75. oa	/ō/	coat
76. oe	/ō/	toe
77. oo	/ʊ/	look
78. i_e	/ī/	give
79. au	/ǒ/	pause
80. aw	/ǒ/	saw
81. ea	/ě/	head
82. y	/ī/	gym
83. ch	/k/	school
84. oi	/oi/	voice
85. oy	/oi/	toy

Grapheme:	Phoneme:	Sample Word with Phoneme:
86. u	/ʊ/	put
87. tch	/ch/	catch
88. t	/ch/	picture
89. ou	/ə/	nervous
90. a_e	/ə/	climate
91. igh	/ī/	right
92. ie	/ī/	lie
93. y_e	/ī/	type
94. wh	/w/	when
95. th	/th*/	that
96. ph	/f/	phone
97. ew	/oo/	new
98. u_e	/oo/	tube
99. ou	/oo/	you
100. o	/oo/	do
101. ue	/oo/	blue
102. or	/er/	work



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Grapheme:	Phoneme:	Sample Word with Phoneme:
103. air	/ā//r/	hair
104. ore	/or/	more
105. ear	/ē//r/	year
106. ire	/ī//r/	tire
107. ure	/er/	sure
108. are	/ā//r/	share
109. ar	/or/	warning
110. er	/ē//r/	material
111. eer	/ē//r/	cheer

Grapheme:	Phoneme:	Sample Word with Phoneme:
112. s	/zh/	usual
113. i	/y/	onion
114. wr	/r/	write
115. kn	/n/	know
116. c	/sh/	ocean
117. ch	/sh/	machine
118. t	/d/	city
119. t	/sh/	motion
120. s	/sh/	tension

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