

Consonant Sounds



CONSONANT SOUNDS

b (bib)	Spells b
d (dog)	Spells d, ed
f (fun)	Spells f, gh, ph
g (get)	Spells g, gu
h (hop)	Spells h
j (jam)	Spells j, g, ge, dge
k (kid)	Spells k, c, ck, qu, ch
l (ham)	Spells l
m (mad)	Spells m, mb
n (nut)	Spells n, gn, kn, pn
p (pop)	Spells p
r (run)	Spells r, wr
s (sad)	Spells s, c, sc
t (ten)	Spells t, ed
v (van)	Spells v
w (win)	Spells w, wh
y (yes)	Spells y
z (zip)	Spells z, s, x
**ks	Spells x
**kw	Spells qu
ch (chip)	Spells ch, tch
sh (ship)	Spells sh, ti, ci, si, ch, s
th (the)	Spells th
th (thing)	Spells th
hw (wheat)	Spells wh
ng (ring)	Spells ng

CONSONANT BLENDS & CLUSTERS

	Consonant diagraphs (silent/double letters)	l-blends	r-blends	s-blends	3 letter blends	Digraph consonant blends	Ending blends
b		bl	br				
c	ch, ck	cl	cr			chr	
d			dr				ld, nd, rd
f	(ff)	fl	fr				
g	gh, (gn)	gl	gr				
h							
j							
k	(kn)						nk, rk, sk
l	(ll)						
m	(mb)						
n	ng						
p	ph, (pn)	pl	pr			phr	lp, mp, sp
q	qu						
r							
s	sh, (ss)	sl		sc, sk, sm, sn, sp, st, sw	scr, spr, str	shr	
t	th		tr			thr	ct, ft, lt, nt, pt, st
v							
w	wh, (wr)						
x							
z							

CONSONANT SOUNDS / SPELLINGS TO TEACH

1) Letters with more than one sound

- c /k/ cat /s/ cell
- g /g/ gum /j/ gym
- s /s/ sun /z/ rose
- x /ks/ box /x/ x-ray /z/ Xerox

2) Sounds with different spelling

- /f/ gh – laugh ph – phone
- /k/ c – candy ck - duck

3) Consonant diagraphs

- ch /ch/ child /k/ Christmas
- sh shine
- th things
- wh white

4) Silent letters

- /m/ mb – thumb
- /n/ gn – gnaw kn – knot pn – pneumonia
- /r/ wr - write

5) Double consonants

- ff stuff
- ll wall
- ss class

6) Sometimes vowel helpers

- gh /a/ sleigh /i/ high /o/ dough
- w /o/ know /u/ blew /au/aw/ claw /ou/ow/ cow
- y /a/ play /a/ they /oi/oy/ boy

7) Special cases

- /kw/ qu – quiet **always go together!
- y /y/ yarn /e/ handy /i/ fly **consonant sound & 2 vowel sounds!