

English Alphabetic Code Chart

simple code		complex code 'graphemes' or 'spelling alternatives'										
/s/	s	-ss	-ce	-se	ce	ci	cy	sc	-st-	ps		
/a/	a											
/t/	t	-tt	-ed									
/i/	i	*-y	-y								* sound between /i/ and /ee/	
/p/	p	-pp										unit 1
/n/	n	-nn	-ne	kn	gn	-ine						unit 2
/k/	c	k	-ck	ch	qu	que						unit 3
/e/	e	ea	ai									unit 4
/h/	h	wh										unit 5
/r/	r	-rr	wr	rh								
/m/	m	-mm	-me	-mb	-mn							
/d/	d	-dd	-ed									unit 6
/g/	g	-gg	gu	gh	-gue							unit 7
/o/	o	wa	qua	alt								unit 8
/u/	u	o	-ou	ough								unit 9
/l/	l	-ll										unit 10
/ul/		-le	-il	-al	-el							unit 11
/f/	f	-ff	ph	-gh								unit 12
/b/	b	-bb	bu									
/j/	j	-ge	ge	gi	gy	-dge						
/y/	y											
/ai/	ai	ay	a	ae	a-e	-ey	eigh	-ea	-aigh			
/w/	w	wh										
/oa/	oa	ow	o	oe	o-e	ough	eau					
/igh/	-igh	-ie	i	-y	i-e	ei						
/ee/	ee	ea	e	*-y	e-e	*-ey	-ie	-ine				
/or/	or	aw	au	al	oar	oor	ore	our	war	augh	ough	
/z/	z	-zz	-s	-se	-ze						/or/	quar
/ng/	-ng	-n										
/ng+k/	-nk	-nc										
/v/	v	-ve										
short /oo/	oo	oul	u									
long /oo/	oo	-ue	u-e	-ew	-ui	-ou	-o	ough				
/ks/	-x	-ks	-cks	-kes				/gz/	-x	-gs	-ggs	
/ch/	ch	-tch						/chu/	-ture			
/sh/	sh	ch	-ti	-ci	-ssi							
/th/	th											
voiced /th/	th											
/kw/	qu											
/ou/	ou	ow	ough									
/oi/	oi	oy										
/yoo/	u	-ue	u-e	ew	eu							
/er/+schwa	er	ir	ur	ear	wor	-our	-re					
/ar/	ar	alm	alf	alv	a							
/air/	air	are	ear	ere								
/eer/	eer	ear	ere	ier								
/zh/	-si	-s	-z	-g	-ge							

Hollow letters alert the reader to various possible pronunciations. Modify the chart as necessary for regional accents.

1) one sound can be represented by one, two, three or four letters:
e.g. z, sh, igh, ough

2) one sound can be represented by different spellings: e.g. /oa/ can be: o, oa, ow, oe, o-e, ough, eau

3) one spelling can represent multiple sounds:
e.g. 'ough' can be code for: /oa/ in though, /u/ in thorough, long /oo/ in through, /ou/ in bough, /or/ in thought

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