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sounds + picture prompts	PI simple code Units 1-5	complex code	graphemes (spelling alternatives) which are code for the sounds			
/s/ 	s snake	- ce palace	- se house	ce cents	ci city	cy bicycle
	- ss glass	sc scissors	- st- castle	ps pseudonym		
/a/ 	a apple					
/t/ 	t tent	- tt letter	- ed skipped			
/i/ 	i insect	- y cymbals				
/p/ 	p pan	- pp puppet				
/n/ 	n net	- nn bonnet	kn knot	gn gnome	- ne engine	
/k/ 	k kit	c cat	- ck duck	ch chameleon	qu bouquet	que plaque
/e/ 	e egg	- ea head	- ai said again			
/h/ 	h hat	wh who				
/r/ 	r rat	- rr arrow	wr write	rh rhinoceros		
/m/ 	m map	- mm hammer	- me welcome	- mb thumb	- mn column	

/d/ 	d dig	- dd puddle	- ed rained			
/g/ 	g girl	- gg juggle	gu guitar	gh ghost	- gue catalogue	
/o/ 	o octopus	wa watch	qua qualify	alt salt		
/u/ 	u umbrella	o son	- ou touch	- ough thoroughfare		
/l/ 	l ladder	- ll shell				
/ul/ 	- le kettle	- il pencil	- al hospital	- el camel		
/f/ 	f feathers	- ff cliff	ph photograph		- gh laugh	
/b/ 	b bat	- bb rabbit	bu building			
/j/ 	j jug	- ge cabbage	g@ gerbil	gi giraffe	gy gymnast	- dge fridge
/y/ 	y yawn					
/ai/ 	ai aid	a table	- ae sundae	a-e cakes		
	- ay tray	- ey prey	eigh eight	- ea break	- aigh straight	
/w/ 	w web	wh wheel	- u penguin			
/igh/ 	- igh night	- ie tie	i behind	- y shy	i-e bike	ei eider duck

/oa/ 	oa oak	o yo-yo	-oe oboe	o-e rope		
	ow bow	-ough dough		-eau plateau		
/ee/ 	ee eel	e emu	e-e concrete	-ey key	-ie chief	-ine sardines
	ea eat		/i-ee/ 	-y sunny	-ey monkey	-ie movie
/or/ 	or fork	ore snore	oar oars	-oor door	-our four	war wardrobe
	aw dawn	au sauce	-al chalk	augh caught	ough thought	quar quarter
/z/ 	z zebra	-zz jazz	-s fries	-se cheese	-ze breeze	
/ng/ 	-ng gong	-n jungle		/ngk/ 	-nk ink	-nc uncle
/v/ 	v violin	-ve dove				
short /oo/ 	-oo book	-oul should	-u push			
long /oo/ 	oo moon	u-e flute	-ew crew	-ui fruit	-ou soup	-o move
	-ue blue					
/ks/ 	-x fox	-ks books	-cks ducks	-kes cakes	/gz/ 	-x exam
/ch/ 	ch chairs	-tch patch		/chu/ 	-ture picture	

/sh/ 	sh sheep	ch chef	-ti station	-ci magician	-ssi admission	
unvoiced /th/ 	th thistle		voiced /th/ 	th there		
/kw/ 	qu queen					
/ou/ 	ou ouch	ow owl	-ough plough			
/oi/ 	oi ointment	oy toy				
/yoo/ 	-ue statue	u unicorn	u-e tube	ew new	eu pneumatic drill	
/er/ 	er mermaid	ir birthday	ur nurse	ear earth	wor world	
schwa 'uh' /er/ 	-er mixer	-our humour	-re theatre	-ar collar	-or sailor	
/ar/ 	ar artist	a father	alm palm	alf half	alves calves	
/air/ 	air hair	-are hare	-ear bear	-ere where	Hollow letters alert the reader to various possible pronunciations. Modify the chart for regional accents if necessary. Add further graphemes as discovered.	
/eer/ 	eer deer	ear ears	-ere adhere	-ier cashier		
/zh/ 	-si television	-s treasure	-z azure	g courgette	-ge collage	by Debbie Hepplewhite
The complexities of the English Alphabetic Code:						
1. one sound (phoneme) can be represented by one, two, three or four letters: e.g. /a/ a, /f/ ph, /igh/ igh, /oa/ ough						
2. one sound can be represented by multiple spelling alternatives (graphemes): e.g. /oa/: o, oa, ow, oe, o-e, eau, ough						
3. one grapheme can represent multiple sounds: e.g. 'ough': /oa/ though, /or/ thought, long /oo/ through, /ou/ plough, schwa /u/ thorough						