

Phonics - How to say the different phonemes

This is a list of the phonemes in the order that they are taught.

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- s Weave hand in an s shape, like a snake, and say ssssss
- a Wiggle fingers above elbow as if ants crawling on you and say a, a, a.
- t Turn head from side to side as if watching tennis and say t, t, t.
- i Pretend to be a mouse by wriggling fingers at end of nose and squeak i, i, i.
- p Pretend to puff out candles using your finger and say p, p, p.
- n Make a noise, as if you are a plane - hold arms out and say nnnnnn.
- m Rub tummy as if seeing tasty food and say mmmmmm.
- d Beat thumbs up and down as if playing a drum and say d, d, d.
- g Spiral hand down, as if water going down the drain, and say g, g, g.
- o Pretend to turn light switch on and off and say o, o; o, o
- ck Raise hands and snap fingers as if playing castanets and say ck, ck, ck.
- r Pretend to be a puppy holding a piece of rag, shaking head from side to side, and say rrrrrr.
- e Pretend to tap an egg on the side of a pan and crack it into the pan, saying eh, eh, eh.
- h Hold hand in front of mouth panting as if you are out of breath and say h, h, h.
- b Pretend to hit a ball with a bat and say b, b, b.
- f Let hands gently come together as if toy fish deflating, and say f f f f f.
- l Pretend to lick a lollipop and say l l l l l.
- j Pretend to wobble on a plate and say j, j, j.
- v Pretend to be holding the steering wheel of a van and say vvvvvv.
- w Blow on to open hand, as if you are the wind, and say wh, wh, wh.
- x Cross your arms in front of you and say ks, ks, ks.
- y Pretend to be eating a yogurt and say y, y, y.
- z Put arms out at sides and pretend to be a bee, saying zzzzzz.
- ch Move arms at sides as if you are a train and say ch, ch, ch.

- sh Place index finger over lips and say shshsh.
- thth Pretend to be naughty clowns and stick out tongue a little for the th, and further for the th sound (this and thumb).
- qu Make a duck's beak with your hands and say qu, qu, qu.
- ar Open mouth wide and say ah. Put finger on tongue as if a doctor looking into a mouth, and say ar, ar, ar.
- ng Imagine you are a weightlifter, and pretend to lift a heavy weight above your head, saying ng...
- ay Build blocks with your fists saying 'ay, ay may I play?'
- oooo Move head back and forth as if it is the cuckoo in a cuckoo clock, saying u, oo; u, oo. (Little and long oo.)
- oa Bring Hand over mouth as if you have done something wrong and say oh!
- ee -
} Put hands on head as if ears on a donkey and say eey ore, eey ore.
- or -
- er Roll hands over each other like a mixer and say ererer.
- ow Put hands on side of your head like cow ears and say 'ow, ow, How now brown cow.'
- nk Hold your nose and say 'nk, nk, I think I stink'
- oy Pretend to push a toy car and say 'oy, oy, a toy for a boy'