



## Here's the skinny on phonograms:

- Most phonics studies seem to agree that there are 44 phonic sounds that make up the English Language.
- Children need to be able to spell these sounds so that they can make words so that they can learn to read.
- These groups of letters are known as phonograms.
- When a word has the same phonogram it is called a family. ie, oy: boy, joy, toy are all in the same family.
- Because they sound alike, these words are referred to as rhyming words as well.
- Phonograms can appear at the beginning, middle or at the end of a word.
- I found a few discrepancies when I started making a list of common phonograms. I searched websites, grammar books, and asked teachers. I came up with a list of 74.
- Some of them make more than one sound.
- I think that's why learning letter sounds is sometimes difficult for some students.
- If you see a number after a phonogram it denotes how many sounds that letter can make.
- There is some argument whether an a makes 4 or 5 sounds. I'll leave that up to you. It's pretty hard to hear the difference between want and walk. If a teacher has a problem, I doubt a child can tell the difference so for argument's sake we'll agree to disagree. I put down 4 sounds.



Alphabet Phoneme Examples; The boxes denote more than one sound.

A

cat  
hate  
car  
walk

G

go  
giraffe

N

nest

U

put  
up  
unite  
turn

O

on  
open

H

Horse

V

vulture

B

Ball

I

ice cream  
Indian

P

pig

W

wagon

C

camp  
circle

Qu

queen

J

Jump

X

x-ray  
fox  
xylophone

D

doll

K

kite

R

ring

E

egg  
easy

L

lion

S

sun  
days

Y

yellow  
army  
fly

F

fun

M

mom

T

tree

Z

zoo

## Phonogram Check List

## Single Phonograms

a/4	b	c/2	d
e/2	f	g/2	h
i/2	j	k	l
m	n	o/4	p
r	s/2	t	u/3
v	w	x/2	y/3
z			

# Phonogram Check List

## Multiple Phonograms

ai	ar/2	ay	au/2
augh	aw	ci	ch/3
ck	ea/3	ear	ed/3
ee	ei/2	eigh	er
eu	ew/2	ey/2	gh
gn	gu	ie/2	igh
ir	kn	ng	oa
oe	oi	oo/2	ou/4
ow/2	oy	qu	sc/2
sh	si	tch	th/2
ti	ui/2	ur	wh
wr			

Phonogram  
Examples:

ai  
pail

ar  
art  
care

ay  
hay

au  
author

augh  
taught

aw  
saw

ci  
special

ck  
check

dge  
bridge

ea  
eat  
head  
break

ear  
tear

ee  
feet

ed  
red  
feed  
watered

ei  
either  
veil  
eigh  
eight

er  
her

eu  
eulogy

ew  
few  
grew

ey  
they  
eye

gh  
ghost

gn  
sign  
gu

ie  
pie  
field

igh  
high

ir  
first

kn

knee

ou

out

four

sh

sheep

ur

nurse

ng

ring

you

country

si

vision

wh

white

oa

boat

ow

cow

row

tch

itch

wr

write

oe

toe

oy

boy

th

the

with

oi

soil

qu

queen

ti

nation

oo

school

floor

sc

science

scum

ui

fruit

guilt

Alphabet Phoneme Assessment: The boxes denote more than one sound.

A

H

O

V

B

I

P

W

C

J

Qu

X

D

K

R

Y

E

L

S

Z

F

M

T

G

N

U