



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

J

Jump

Qu

queen

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:

ci
special

ed
red
feed
watered

ey
they
eye

ai
pail

ck
check

ei
either
veil

gh
ghost

ar
art
care

dge
bridge

eigh
eight

gn
sign
gu

ay
hay

ea
eat
head
break

er
her

ie
pie
field

au
author

ear
tear

eu
eulogy

igh
high

augh
taught

ee
feet

ew
few
grew

ir
first

aw
saw

kn

knee

ng

ring

oa

boat

oe

toe

oi

soil

oo

school

floor

ou

out

four

you

country

ow

cow

row

oy

boy

qu

queen

sc

science

scum

sh

sheep

si

vision

tch

itch

th

the

with

ti

nation

ui

fruit

guilt

ur

nurse

wh

white

wr

write

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