How to say the Phase 5 sounds

At Phase 5, children learn alternative graphemes for sounds introduced in Phases 2 and 3.

Sounds introduced in Phase 2

Grapheme and mnemonic	Pronunciation phrase	Phase 5 Graphemes
	Show your teeth and let the **s** hiss out **ssssss ssssss**	**c se ce st sc**
	Open your lips a bit; put your tongue behind your teeth and make the **nnnnn** sound **nnnnn**	**kn gn**
	Put your lips together and make the **mmmmm** sound **mmmmm**	**mb**
	Open your mouth into a little smile; make your tongue flat and move it up towards the top of your mouth to say **c c c**	**ch**
	Show me your teeth to make a **rrrr** sound **rrrrr**	**wr**
	Open your lips a little; put your teeth on your bottom lip and push the air out to make the sound **fffff fffff**	**ph**
	Open your mouth a little; put your tongue up to the top of your mouth, behind your teeth, and press **lllll lllll**	**le al**
	Pucker your lips and show your teeth; use your tongue as you say **j j j**	**g dge ge**
	Put your teeth against your bottom lip and make a buzzing sound **vvvvv vvvvv**	**ve**

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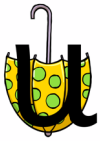
Grapheme and mnemonic	Pronunciation phrase	Phase 5 Graphemes
	Pucker your lips and keep them small as you say **w w w**	**wh**
	Show me your teeth and buzz the **z** sound **zzzzz zzzzz**	**se ze**
	Pucker your lips and show your teeth; use your tongue as you say **ch ch ch**	**tch ture***
	Show me your teeth and push the air out **shshshshshsh**	**ch ti ssi si ci**
	Open your mouth wide and say **e e e**	**ea**
	Pull your lips back and make the **i** sound at the back of your mouth **i i i**	**y**
	Make your mouth into a round shape and say **o o o**	**a**
	Open your mouth wide and say **u u u**	**o–e o ou**

*Note that the pronunciation of 'ture' has a slight schwa sound at the end.

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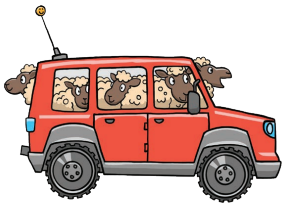
Sounds introduced in Phase 3

Grapheme	Catchphrase	Pronunciation phrase	Phase 5 Graphemes
ai	tail in the rain	Open your mouth wide and say **ai ai ai**	**ay** **a** **a-e** **eigh** **aigh** **ey** **ea**
ee	 sheep in a jeep	Smile with your lips apart and say **ee ee ee**	**ea** **e** **e-e** **ie** **y** **ey**
igh	a light in the night	Open your mouth in a relaxed way and say **igh igh igh**	**ie** **i** **i-e** **y**
oa	soap that goat	Make an 'o' with your mouth and say **oa oa oa**	**o** **o-e** **ou** **oe** **ow**

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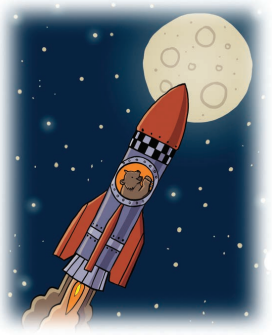
Grapheme	Catchphrase	Pronunciation phrase	Phase 5 Graphemes
oo	 zoom to the moon	Open your mouth just a bit, put your hand on your tummy, pull your tummy in and say **oo oo oo**	**ue** **u-e** **ew** **ou** **ui**
yoo		Pucker your lips and keep them small as you say **yoo yoo yoo**	**ue** **u** **u-e** **ew**
oo	hook a book	Open your mouth just a bit, put your hand on your tummy, pull your tummy in and say **oo oo oo**	**u*** **oul**
ar	march in the dark	Open your mouth wide, push your tongue down and say **ar ar ar**	**a*** **al***

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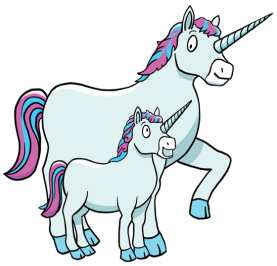
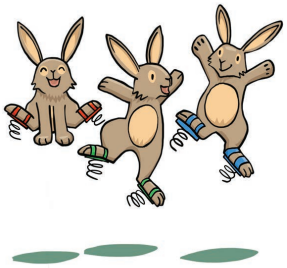
or	 born with a horn	Make an 'o' with your mouth, push your tongue down and say **or or or**	**aw** **au** **aur** **oor** **al** **a** **oar** **ore**
ur	curl the fur	Open your mouth in a relaxed way, push your tongue down and say **ur ur ur**	**er** **ir** **or**
ow	wow owl	Open your mouth wide then move your lips together as you say **ow ow ow**	**ou**
oi	 boing boing	Make an 'o' with your mouth then move your lips out as you say **oi oi oi**	**oy**

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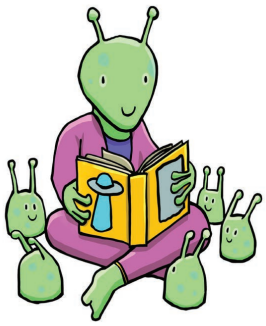
ear	 get near to hear	Smile with your lips apart, push your tongue to your teeth as you say **ear ear ear**	**ere** **ear**
air	chair in the air	Open your mouth wide, push your tongue down as you say **air air air**	**are** **ere** **ear**
zh		Pucker your lips and show your teeth; push the air over your tongue as you say **zh zh**	**su** **si**

*depending on regional accent

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