The sounds of speech

The chart below can help you in learning the correct sounds of letters. Click here to listen to the pronunciation of each letter sound.

Phoneme	Spelling (Initial Position)	Spelling (Final Position)	Examples
/p/	p	p	pick, hop
/b/	b	b	bid, knob
/t/	t	t, bt, ed	tap, doubt, flipped
/d/	d	d	deck, bad
/k/	c, k, ch	k, ck	can't, kick, crook, lock
/g/	g, gu, gh	gue, gg	give, bag, guitar, plague, ghost, egg
/m/	m	m, mb, mn	map, jam, limb, hymn
/n/	n, kn, gn	n, gn	neck, pen, knick, sign, gnat
/ng/	--	ng	sing
/f/	f, ph	f, ff, ph, gh	fate, leaf, photo, off, graph, enough
/v/	v	ve	vote, give
/th/	th	the	thank, math
/TH/	th	the	this, bathe
/s/	s, c, ps	ce, se, ss, s	sick, mice, center, base, psychology, bliss, bus
/z/	z	se, ze, zz, s, z	zap, please, sneeze, buzz, has, whiz
/sh/	sh, s	sh	shoe, rash, sure
/zh/	si (medial position) s (medial position) z (medial position)	--	vision, treasure, azure
/ch/	ch	ch	chick, batch
/j/	j, g	ge, dge	juice, gauge, giant, dodge
/y/	y	--	yell
/hw/	wh	--	what
/w/	w	--	warm

Phoneme	Spelling		Examples
/h/	h, wh	--	house, who
/l/	l	ll	look, fell
/r/	r, wr	r	rake, far, wrong

Phoneme	Spelling	Examples
/a-/	a_e, ai, ay, ea, ei, ey, eigh	late, bait, say, steak, veil, they, sleigh
/e-/	e, ee, ea, y, ie, e_e, ey, i_e, ei	me, feet, bead, many, field, these, key, machine, receive
/i-/	i_e, y, i, ie, igh, ye	time, try, mild, pie, high, lye
/o-/	o, o_e, oa, ow, oe, ou, ew	so, hope, coat, low, toe, soul, sew
/a/	a, a_e	sat, have
/e/	e, ea, ai, a	pet, head, said, many
/i/	i, y, e, i_e, ee, ui	six, gym, pretty, give, been, build
/o/	o, a	log, watch
/u/	u, o, o_e, ou	but, ton, love, young
/?/	a, e, i, o, u	alone, system, easily, gallop, circus
/ûr/	ur, ir, er, or	turn, girl, her, work
/är/	ar	car
/ôr/	or, our, ar	or, four, war
/aw/	aw, au, a[l], a[ll], ou	saw, cause, walk, ball, cough
/oi/, /oy/	oi, oy	boil, toy
/ou/, /ow/	ou, ow	cloud, now
/o-o-/, (yo-o-)	oo, u, ue, ew, u_e, o, ou	hoot, ruby (cute), blue (fuel), new, tube, do, soup
/o(o(/	oo, u, o, ou	book, put, wolf, would

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