

Read Write Inc. Speed Sounds

Speed Sounds Set 1

m - a - s - d - t - i - n - p - g - o - c - k - u - b - f - e - l - h - sh - r - j - v - y - w -
th - z - ch - qu - x - ng - nk

The following sounds should all be stretched slightly. Try to avoid saying uh after each one.: e.g. /mm/ not muh, /ss/ not suh, /ff/ not fuh.

m - mmmmmountain (keep lips pressed together hard)
s - ssssssnake (keep teeth together and hiss - unvoiced)
n - nnnnnnet (keep tongue behind teeth)
f - ffffflower (keep teeth on bottom lip and force air out sharply - unvoiced)
l - llllleg (keep pointed curled tongue behind teeth).
r - rrrrrrobot (say rrr as if you are growling)
v - vvvvvvulture (keep teeth on bottom lip and force air out gently)
z - zzzzzzig zzzzzag (keep teeth together and make a buzzing sound)
th - thhhhank you (stick out tongue and breathe out sharply)
sh - shhhh (make a shhh noise as though you are telling somebody to be quiet!)
ng - thinnnnngg on a strinnnnngg (curl your tongue at the back of your throat)
nk - I think I stink (make a piggy oink noise without the oi! nk nk nk)

These next sounds cannot be stretched. Make the sound as short as possible avoiding uh at the end of the sound:

t- (tick tongue behind the teeth - unvoiced)
p - (make distinctive p with lips - unvoiced)
k - (make sharp click at back of throat)
c - as above
h - (say h as you breathe sharply out - unvoiced)
ch - (make a short sneezing sound)
x - (say a sharp c and add s - unvoiced)

You will find it harder to avoid saying uh at the end of these sounds.

d - (tap tongue behind the teeth).
g - (make soft sound in throat).
b - (make a short, strong b with lips).
j - (push lips forward).
y - (keep edges of tongue against teeth).
w - (keep lips tightly pursed).
qu - (keep lips pursed as you say cw - unvoiced).

The short vowels should be kept short and sharp:

a: a-a-a (open mouth wide as if to take a bite of an apple).

e: e-e-e (release mouth slightly from a position).

i: i-i-i (make a sharp sound at the back of the throat - smile).

o: o-o-o (push out lips, make the mouth into o shape).

u: u-u-u (make a sound in the throat).

Speed Sounds Set 2

ay - ee - igh - ow - oo - oo - ar - or - air - ir - ou - oy

The long vowel sounds are all stretchy sounds

ay: ay may I play

ee: ee what do you see?

igh: fly high

ow: blow the snow

oo: poo at the zoo

oo: look at a book

ar: start the car

or: shut the door

air: that's not fair

ir: whirl and twirl

ou: shout it out

oy: toy for a boy

Speed Sounds Set 3 (alternative graphemes)

Grapheme - A grapheme is a symbol of a phoneme. It is a letter or group of letters representing a sound.

a-e - ea - i-e - o-e - u-e - aw - are - ur - er - ow - ai - oa - ew - ire - ear - ure -
tious - tion

Long vowel sound	Set 2 Speed Sound cards	Set 3 Speed Sound cards (alternative graphemes)	
ay	ay: may I play	a-e: make a cake	ai: snail in the rain
ee	ee: what can you see	ea: cup of tea	e: he me we she be
igh	igh: fly high	i-e: nice smile	
ow	ow: blow the snow	o-e: phone home	oa: goat in a boat
oo	oo: poo at the zoo	u-e: huge brute	ew: chew the stew
oo	oo: look at a book		

ar	ar: start the car		
or	or: shut the door	aw: yawn at dawn	
air	air: that's not fair	are: share and care	
ir	ir: whirl and twirl	ur: nurse for a purse	er: a better letter
ou	ou: shout it out	ow: brown cow	
oy	oy: toy for a boy	oi: spoil the boy	
ire	ire: fire fire!		
ear	ear: hear with your ear		
ure	ure: sure it's pure?		