

GPC chart

These charts show the phonemes (sounds) of English represented by the International Phonetic Alphabet together with their common grapheme (letter/s) representations. All Phase 5 GPCs are included together with other less common grapheme choices needed in Year 2 and above.

Consonant GPCs

Consonant blends											
/b/ bat	/d/ dog	/ð/ mother	/dʒ/ jug	/f/ fish	/g/ goat	/h/ hand	/j/ yawn	/k/ cat	/l/ and /əl/ lamp, bottle	/m/ mouse	/n/ na il
b bb	d dd	th	j g ge dge	f ff ph	g gg ge gue	h	y	c k ck ch q que	l ll l e e l	m m m m b	n n n kn g n p

/ŋ/ wing	/θ/ thumb	/p/ pin	/r/ rain	/s/ sun	/ʃ/ ship	/t/ tap	/tʃ/ chick	/v/ van	/w/ watch	/z/ zip
ng n(k)	th	p	r rr wr	s ss se sc c ce	sh ch ti ci ss(ion, ure) s (ion, ure)	t tt	ch tch t	v ve	w wh u	z zz ze s se x

Note: The letter x in English frequently represents 2 adjacent consonant phonemes /k/ and /s/, for example in the word **box**.

Vowel GPCs

/ɑ:/ arm	/ɒ/ hot	/æ/ cat	/aɪ/ pie	/aʊ/ cow	/ɛ/ hen	/eɪ/ day	/ɛə/ pair	/əʊ/ boat	/ɪ/ pin
ar a	o a	a	igh i-e ie i y	ow ou	e ea	ai ay a-e a aigh ei eigh ey	air ar e ea r	ow oa oe o- e o	i y e

/ɪə/ cheer	/i:/ bean	/ɔ:/ fork	/ɔɪ/ boy	/ʊ/ book	/ʊə/ cure	/u:/ blue	/ʌ/ cup	/ɜ:/ girl
ear eer ere	ea ee e-e ie y ey e ei eo	or oor ore aw au our a al ar	oy oi	oo u oul	ure our	oo u-e ue ew ui ou ough	u o	er ir ur or ear

Note: The symbol /ə/, known as “schwa” represents the unstressed phoneme in many English words. It can be spelt in many different ways, for example **er** as in farmer.

Vowels: a, e, i, o, u

Consonants: all letters other than vowels