

Phonics Alignment

This document is a quick reference for matching poems from *The Phonics Handbook Poetry Collection* with various phonics curriculums. In each section, the **bolded poem** was intentionally written to highlight a specific phonic pattern. Additional poems are listed that include two or more words with the same phonic pattern. Although the suggested additional poems were originally written to target other patterns, they work well for reviewing previously taught sound–letter relationships. This review helps reinforce learning and supports students’ progress toward fluent word recognition. When using these poems, encourage students to act as phonics “detectives” by identifying words that contain the targeted patterns. Rimes indicated with parentheses () refer to poems that allow review of patterns. These poems were intentionally written to target other phonic patterns but can cross over into rime pattern review. This allows review of all thirty-seven high frequency phonograms identified by Wylie and Durrell (1970).

THE CONSONANT SOUNDS

Grapheme/Phoneme	Poem
b	Basket of Bs Black and Blue A Bath
c	I Can C The Cookie Why I Like Cows
d	Hooray for D Dancing Pig
f	Foxy F Fraidy Cat Frank At Four O’clock
g	Gummy G Sweet Old Nag
h	Hungry H Dancing Pig How Hot is It?
j	Jelly J Dashing

k	King K I Can C (hard sound of c - /k/)
l	Leaping L
m	Muddy M Mustn't Be Late Temptation
n	Nutty N
p	Pollywog P Plink
q	Queen Q Nutty N
r	Running R
s	Soggy S Sop, Sop, Sop Skunk Wash
t	Tacky T
v	Veggie V
w	Wet W Puppy Love
x	Expert X
y	Yellow Y
z	Zippy Z Whoop it Up!

THE VOWEL SOUNDS

Grapheme/Phoneme	Poem
Short a	Sweet Old Nag Banana Cream Pie The Bug Like My Dad I Can C Foxy F Soggy S Snack Attack Need a Bigger Tank The Ant The Bat Skunk Wash In the Well
Short e	Hen Pen My Pet, Chet Ten Wet W Zippy Z Having Fun With E-L-L The Roadrunner In the Well
Short i	Dancing Pig Family Tree Sailing the Ocean In Trouble Soggy S A Basket of Bs King K Soggy S Peachy Skunk Wash Puppy Love The Sad Case of the Pink Mink My Sister In the Well
Short o	How Hot is It? Sop, Sop, Sop An Officer's Life Hungry H Dancing L Soggy S Skunk Wash At Four O'clock My Uncle Boiled an Apricot
Short u	Sung in a Rug Coconut

Short u (continued)	<p>The Bus Muddy Pup Gummy G Dreaming Dashing Peachy Skunk Wash Chuck the Stuck Duck The Smug Humbug Leapfrog Why the Chipmunk Lived in a Junkyard In the Well</p>
Long a	<p>Dog Sale The Cookie Ray My Name My Cake Hungry H Pollywog P Bratty Mustn't Be Late</p>
Long e	<p>Why I Like Cows Free Seed Honey Bunny Jelly J Pollywog P Soggy S Shirley the Shark Choosy Whoop it Up! Night Crew</p>
Long i	<p>Jeremy Price A Yummy Ride Fine! The Dry Fly Banana Cream Pie! Veggie V Fly and Flea Night Crew</p>
Long o	<p>Can't Help It! The Thing About Owen Busy Morning Veggie V Yellow Y Sweet Old Nag Sister's Bad Thursday Want to Hear a Joke?</p>
Long u	<p>A Mule Named Duke Don't Bruise the Fruit</p>

CONSONANT BLENDS

Grapheme/Phoneme	Poem
bl	Black and Blue Sister's Bad Thursday
br	Bratty
cl	Clara Skunk Wash At Four O'clock
cr	Crock and Cricket Sailing the Ocean
dr	Dreaming
fl	Fly and Flea Foxy F The Dry Fly
fr	Fraidy Cat Frank Foxy F
gr	Grandmas Sister's Bad Thursday
pl	Plink Sop, Sop, Sop The Cookie Skunk Wash
pr	Happy
sl	Slippery Sop, Sop, Sop Snug in a Rug
sp	Spunky Sparrow
st	When Kings Meet Skunk Wash
tr	Trying Chuck the Stuck Duck

CONSONANT DIAGRAPHS

Grapheme/Phoneme	Poem
th	Sister's Bad Thursday A Bath Tacky T
sh	Shirley the Shark Dashing Muddy Pup The Ant
ch	Choosy Peachy Veggie V The Bus Temptation Puppy Love Keeping Score Chuck the Stuck Duck Why the Chipmunk Lived in a Junkyard
ng	Temptation Dancing L In the Well
nk	Skunk Wash The Sad Case of the Pink Mink Soggy S Plink Why the Chipmunk Lived in a Junkyard
wh	Whoop It Up! Sop, Sop, Sop
ph	Signing
gh	Those Funny <i>gh</i> Sounds Queen Q

RIMES

Grapheme/Phoneme	Poem
ack	Snack Attack Queen Q
(ail)	Sailing the Ocean Shirley the Shark Trying
(ain)	The Cookie
(ake)	My Cake Peachy Fraidy Cat Frank My Sister
(ale)	Dog Sale
(ame)	Pollywog P My Name A Mule Named Duke
(an)	I Can C Banana Cream Pie Want to Hear a Joke? Keeping Score Why the Chipmunk Lived in a Junkyard
ank	Need a Bigger Tank Skunk Wash
(ap)	Soggy S The Bug
ash	The Ant Soggy S
at	The Bat In the Well
ate	Mustn't Be Late The Cookie Plink
(aw)	An Officer's Life Clara Grandmas Shirley the Shark

(ay)	In Trouble How Hot is It? Black and Blue Clara Having Fun With E-L-L Shirley the Shark
(eat)	Why I Like Cows
ell	Having Fun With E-L-L In the Well
est	The Roadrunner
(ice)	Jeremy Price
ick	Puppy Love Crock and Cricket In the Well
(ide)	Sweet Old Nag A Yummy Ride
ight	Night Crew Foxy F Shirley the Shark
(ill)	In Trouble Night Crew
(in)	Family Tree In the Well
(ine)	Fine!
(ing)	King K Dancing L Temptation In the Well
ink	The Sad Case of the Pink Mink Soggy S Skunk Wash
(ip)	Sailing the Ocean
it	My Sister Banana Cream Pie! In Trouble Whoop it Up!
ock	At Four O'clock

oke	Want to Hear a Joke? Pollywog P
(op)	Dancing L Soggy S Sop, Sop, Sop
ore	Keeping Score
ot	My Uncle Boiled an Apricot Hungry H How Hot is It?
uck	Chuck the Stuck Duck Gummy G In the Well
ug	The Smug Humbug Snug in a Rug Free Seed
ump	Leapfrog
unk	Why the Chipmunk Lived in a Junkyard Skunk Wash

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