

1st/2nd Grade Parents Saxon Phonics Resource Booklet

Q. What is in this booklet?

A. In regards to
phonics/spelling:
keys to coding, rules, sight
words, and helpful hints.

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Coding Key

Breve: a breve is a small curved line that is placed above a vowel to signify the short vowel sound.

Example: bat b ă t

Macron: a macron is a small straight line that is placed above a vowel to signify the long vowel sound.

Example: me m ē

Suffixes: Suffixes are boxed in and are not otherwise coded.

Examples: -s Plural; meaning more than one.

-ing Meaning: happening now. -ed Meaning: already happened

Backslashes: Usually means the letter is silent. Example: hope h \ o p e

K-Back: Since the letter c has no sound of its own, it must "borrow" its sound from other letters. If the c has a /k/ sound, a line is placed down the back of the c

|c The "k-backed" c. cat |c at

Coding Key

Vowel Digraphs

When two vowels are beside each other, the first vowel is long and the second vowel is silent.

ee /sheep s h ee p/

Note: All digraphs are underlined.

Consonant Digraphs

Consonant digraph: Two consonants come together to form one sound. Example: th thimble.

The th digraph in the word thimble is silent or unvoiced and is coded with only a line underneath. The ~~th~~

digraph in the word fea~~th~~er is voiced and is coded with both a line under it and a line through the middle: ~~th~~

Other examples of consonant digraphs are as follows:

duck

ring

thimble

Note: All digraphs or letter(s) that are voiced are coded with a line through the middle of the letter(s).

Rules

Vowel Rules:

Vowel Rule 1 ěc

A vowel followed by a consonant is short; code it with a breve.

căt lög sĭt tŭg wĕt

Vowel Rule 2 \bar{v} ' →

An open, accented vowel is long; code it with a macron.

mē' tā'[ble spī' | der

Vowel Rule 3 \bar{v} -e

A vowel followed by a consonant and silent e is long; code the vowel with a macron, and cross out the silent e.

~~hōpe~~ ~~nāme~~ ~~rŭle~~ ~~thēme~~

Vowel Rule 4

Open, unaccented vowels usually have the following sounds: a is schwa; e, o, and u are long; and i is short.

ə ə ə
a bā | năn' | a v → ē o ū
i dĭ | vĭde' hō | t ě l' J ū | ly'

K & C Spelling Rules

k before e, i, or y

keg kid milky

c before a, o, u, or any consonant

cat cot pacct

Final /k/ Spelling

ck after a short vowel

black duckk lockk

k after a consonant or a vowel digraph

(di-means two, and graph means letter)

bookk milkk weekk

ke after a long vowel

broke like make

c at the end of a word with two or more syllables

Atlantc garlic picnic

Floss Rule

When a one-syllable root word has a short vowel sound followed by the sound /f/, /l/, or /s/, it is usually spelled ff, ll, or ss.

ff

ll

ss

cff

doll

boss

staff

hill

miss

stiff

well

pass

Final /v/ Spelling Rule

When a word has the final sound /v/, it is spelled ve.

have

live

hive

leave

solve

wave

Final /s/ Spelling Rules

ss after a short vowel.

boss

dress

fuss

ce after a long vowel.

ice

space

truce

se after anything else.

false

house

loose

Adding a Consonant Suffix

To spell a word with a consonant suffix, just add the suffix to the end of the root word.

cake + s = cakes

red + s = reds

care + ful = careful close + ly = closely

Adding a Vowel Suffix

Dropping Rule

When a word ends with a silent e, drop the e before adding a vowel suffix.

make + ing = making rule + er = ruler

Doubling Rule

When a final syllable of a word is accented and ends with one vowel and one consonant, double the final consonant before adding a vowel suffix.

hit' + ing = hitting run' + er = runner

J & G Spelling Rules

j before a, o, or u

jam

joke

jug

g before e, ii, or y

German

giant

stingy

Final /ch/ Spelling Rules

tch after a short vowel.

crtch etch stitch

ch after anything else.

lunch ouch pooch

Final /j/ Spelling Rules

dge after a short vowel.

briddge eddge juddge

ge after anything else.

cage lunge stooge

Changing Rule

If a root word ends with a y after a consonant, change the y to i before adding a suffix (except for suffixes beginning with i).

silly + ness = silliness



play + ed = played



How to Divide and Label a Word

vc | cv
napkin
v v

napkin
vccv

nap kin |
vc | cv

nap' kin
vc | cv

nap' kin ~ | ~
vc | cv

2nd Grade Sight Words

Sight words are words that do not follow normal language rules or patterns. These words need to be memorized by sight; hence the name "sight" words. Use this area as a check off list for your child.

again	against	America	animal
answer	any	beautiful	become
been	both	bought	brought
build	built	bush	busy
buy	caught	certain	change
climb	clothes	could	country
course	danger	daughter	does
done	don't	door	early
earth	enough	every	eye
father	finally	floor	fought
friend	full	give	goes
gone	government	guess	heard
heart	hour	island	laugh
learn	listen	live	many
measure	mountain	move	none
ocean	often	once	only
people	poor	pull	push
put	question	rough	says
science	several	should	something
special	strange	stranger	sure
talk	their	there	thought
through	touch	tough	trouble

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usually

very

walk

want

were

whose

woman

women

won't

would

young

your

Irregular Spelling Words

This year your student will learn rules to spell many sounds in the English language. However, not all words follow these spelling rules. The next few pages will include some of the irregular spellings that your student will learn.

/ā/ Sound

The /ā/ sound is regularly spelled: a-e, a ll ay

Here are some ways the /ā/ sound is irregularly spelled:

/ā i/ Spelling

aim grain paidrain air hail pail

snail brain hair pain Spain drain hairy

paint tail fail mail pair trail faint

main plain train fair nail rail waist

faith _____

/ēā/ Spelling

break

great

steak

yea

Irregular Spelling Words

/ā/ Sound

The /ā/ sound is regularly spelled: a-e, a ll ay

Here are some ways the /ā/ sound is irregularly spelled:

/ei/ Spelling

reindeer

veil

vein

/eigh/ Spelling

eight

eighth

neighbor

weigh eighteen

eighty

sleigh

weight

Irregular Spelling Words

/ē/ Sound

The /ē/ sound is regularly spelled: ee, e ll ee, y
Here are some ways the /ē/ sound is irregularly spelled:

/ēæ/ Spelling

beach eat least read cheap fear leave
real clean heal meal really dear hear
mean season dream heat meat speak each
lead near steal ear leaf please teach
east leak reach year easy _____

/ē-ē/ Spelling

athlete eve here these concrete _____

/ēi/ Spelling

ceiling neither receipt weird
protein receive either _____

Irregular Spelling Words

/ē/ Sound

The /ē/ sound is regularly spelled: ee, e ll ee, y
Here are some ways the /ē/ sound is irregularly spelled:

/ēy/ Spelling

alley
baloney
chimney
donkey

hockey
honey
key

kidney
money
monkey

parsley
turkey
valley

/īē/ Spelling

brief
chief
field

fierce
grief
niece

piece
priest
shield

shriek
thief
yield

Irregular Spelling Words

/ĕ/ Sound

The /ĕ/ sound is regularly spelled: e

Here are some ways the /ĕ/ sound is irregularly spelled:

/ĕə/ Spelling

ahead	breath	meant	thread
bear*	deaf	read	wealth
bread	head	spread	wear*
breakfast	health	sweat	_____

* The final r slightly changes the /ĕ/ sound in these words.

/i/ Sound

The /i/ sound is regularly spelled: i-e, ill y

Here are some ways the /i/ sound is irregularly spelled:

/iē/ Spelling

lie pie tie

/igh/ Spelling

bright highnight slight fight light right
thigh flight might sight tight fright _____

Irregular Spelling Words

/ɔ̃/ Sound

The / ɔ̃ / sound is regularly spelled: o

Here are some ways the / ɔ̃ / sound is irregularly spelled:

a After w Spelling

walk

wallet

wasp

watch

a After qu Spelling

quad

quality

squash

squat

a Before l Spelling

all chalk

mall stall

bald fall malt

tall ball false

salt wall baseball

hall small

wallet

call hallway

au Spelling

August

cause

haul laundry

Austin

faucet

haunt

sauce

author

fault

launch

saucer

auto

aw Spelling

claw jaw

raw squawk

crawl

law

saw

straw

draw

lawn seesaw

thaw

drawn

lawyer

hawk

paw slaw

Irregular Spelling Words

/ō/ Sound

The /ō/ sound is regularly spelled: o-e, o ll ow
Here are some ways the /ō/ sound is irregularly spelled:

/ōæ/ Spelling

boat float moan soak coach foam oak
soap coalgoat oar soar coast groan
oatsthroat coat loaf road toad cocoa
loan roast toast _____

/ōe/ Spelling

doe hoe toe _____

/ū/ or /ōō/ Sound

The /ū/ or /ōō/ sound is regularly spelled: u-e, u ll ue
Here are some ways the / u/ sound is irregularly spelled:

eW Spelling

blew drew mew review chew few mildew
sewer crew flew nephew stew curfew grew
new threw dew knew news _____

OU Spelling

group touryou youth soup wound your

Irregular Spelling Words

/ü/ Sound

The / ü / sound is regularly spelled: u, a

Here are some ways the / ü / sound is irregularly spelled:

Scribal o Spelling

color done mother son come front oven ton
comfort govern recover won compass London shovel
wonder cover Monday some wonderful discover
month _____

/ow/ Sound

The /ow/ sound is regularly spelled: ou ll ow

Here are some ways the / ow/ sound is irregularly spelled:

OW Spelling

brown down howl scowl clown flower owl
shower crowd fowl powder town crown frown
power vowel _____

OU Spelling

group tour you youth soup wound your

Irregular Spelling Words

/er/ Sound

The / er/ sound is regularly spelled: er

Here are some ways the / ɜ / sound is irregularly spelled:

ar Spelling

beggar custard hangar nectar buzzard dollar
mustard standard collar _____

ir Spelling

birch first skirt swirl birdflirt squirm
third birth girl squirrel thirst chirp shirt
squirt thirteendirt sir stir twirl firm

or Spelling

actor error labor splendor author favor major
terror doctor harbor odor tractor donor horror
pastor tutor _____

WOR Spelling

word world worse worth work worm

ur Spelling

blurburst fur spur blurt church hurt
turnburn curb murmur turnip burner curl

Irregular Spelling Words

/f/ Sound

The /f/ sound is regularly spelled: f || ff

Here are some ways the / f/ sound is irregularly spelled:

ph Spelling

digraph gopher phonics diphthong graph photo
dolphin phase phrase earphone phone telephone

/k/ Sound

The /k/ sound is regularly spelled with c before a, o, u or any consonant.

Here are some ways the /k/ sound is irregularly spelled:

kangaroo skate skunk Kansas _____

Cedilla C

The soft sound of c is irregular in the initial position. Here are some words that have the soft sound of c in either the irregular initial position or the medial position:

cedar center citizen cedilla centipede city
ceiling century cycle celery cereal cyclone cell
certain December cellar cider except cement circle
excite cent circus fancy _____

Irregular Spelling Words

/shəs/ Sound

Final, stable syllables [cious and [tious are irregular for spelling:

[cious

delicious
suspicious

spacious

vicious

ferocious

[tious

ambitious
infectious

fictitious

nutritious

cautious

repetitious

/shən/ Sound

The /shən/ sound is regularly spelled : [tion

Here is a way the shən/ sound is irregularly spelled:

sion Spelling

admission

impression

profession

confession

permission

progression

discussion

possession

session

expression

Ghost Letter Digraphs

Ghost letter digraphs gn, kn, and wr are irregular for spelling. Here are some words that are spelled with ghost letter digraphs:

gn

campaign gnat gnaw sign design

kn

knee knight knock know kneel knit knot
knuckle knife knob

wr

wrap wren wrinkle written wrapper wrestle wrist
wrong wreath wring write wrote wreck

Final, Stable Syllables

Here are some words with final, stable syllables that have irregular spellings:

beetle needle people purple castle

Floss Words

According to Spelling Rule 3, when a one-syllable root word has a short vowel sound followed by /f/, /l/, or /s/, it is usually spelled *ff*, *ll*, or *ss*.

Here are some words with irregular spellings in the final position:

bus gas laugh plus cough

Irregular Spelling Words

"Wild Colt" Words

"Wild Colt" words are irregular for spelling. Here are some "Wild Colt" words:

blind goldmost scold both grind old sold
child holdpint told cold kindpoll toll
colt mildpost troll findmind rind wild
foldmold roll wind

a	apple	a short
a	acorn	a, a-e
b	balloon	b
c	cat	c (k-back)
c	circle	c cedilla
d	dog	d, II d, ed
e	elephant	e short
e	equals	e, <u>ee</u>, II <u>ee</u>
f	fish	f
g	goat	g
g	giraffe	g (j sound)
h	hat	h
i	inch	i short
i	icicle	i, i-e
j	jar	j
k	kite	k, c II ck, k, ke, c
l	lion	l
m	monkey	m
n	nest	n
o	octopus	o
o	overalls	o
p	pig	p
q	quilt	q
r	rabbit	r
s	sun	s
s	ro<u>s</u>e	s (sounds like z)
t	tent	t, II t, ed
u	umbrella	u short
u	unicorn	u, u-e
v	vest	v
w	wagon	w
x	fo<u>x</u>	x (sounds like ks)
y	yarn	y
y	cr<u>y</u>	y (sounds like i)
y	can<u>d</u>y	y (sounds like e)
z	zebra	z