English Sounds and their Multiple Spellings, With Examples of Words Using Each Spelling

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| **Single consonant sound** | **Short vowels** | **Long Vowels** | **Diphthongs** | **R-controlled vowels (Bossy R)** | **Digraphs** | **Final syllable consonant –le** | **Consonant****Blends/Clusters** |
| **(t)** t,-ed, -bt, pt**(p)** p**(n)** n, kn-, gn**(s)** s, -ss, ce, ci, cy sc, ps**(z)** s, z, -zz**(d)** d, -ed**(h)** h**(k)** c, k, -ck, ch**(b)** b**(r)** r, wr, rh**(m)** m, -mb, -mn**(y)** y**(l)** l, -ll**(f)** f,-ff, ph, -gh**(g)** g, gh**(j)** j,ge,gi,gy,-dge**(w)** w, wh**(v)** v**(ks)** x**(kw)** qu | **(ĭ)** i, y, ui  **(ă)** a**(ĕ)** e, ea**(ŏ)** o, a**(ŭ)** u, a, ou**Endings:****(ng):**-ing, -ang,-ong, -ung**(nk):**-ink, -ank,-onk, -unk | **(ī)** i, -i\_e, -y, igh, ie **(ā)** a, -a\_e, ay, ai, ea, ei, eigh, ey **(ē)** e, -y, ee, ea, ie, ei, ey**(ō)** o, -o\_e, oa, ow, oe**(ū)** u, -u\_e, ue, ew**Long vowels in****“Wild, Old Words”****(ī)** –ind, -ild**(ō)** –oll, -old, -olt, -ost | **(oˉo)-“school”** u, -u\_e, oo, ue, ew, ou, ui**(oˇo)- “book”** oo, u**(ow)- “house”** ow, ou(**aw)- “saw”** au, aw, a ough, augh**(oy)- “toy”** oi, oy | **(âr)-“car”** ar**(êr)- “her”**er, ir, ur, ear, our, or, ar, -ure, wor**(or)- “more”**-ore, or, our, oar, war, quar**(īr)-“fire”**-ire**(ār)-“care”**-are, ear, air, **(ēr)-“here”** -ere, ear, eer | **(th)**(blow)**“three”** th**(th)**(buzz) -**“this”** th**(sh) – “she”** sh,  ch - “chef” s – “sugar” ci – “delicious” ti – “action” xi – “anxious”(sh’n)-“tension”(-sion)**(ch)-“chair”** ch, -tch**(zh’n)**–“television” (-sion) | -ble-dle-fle-gle-ple-tle-zle-kle-cle | **Beginning:****r:** br, cr, dr, fr, gr, pr, tr, thr, shr, str, scr, spr**l:** bl, cl, fl, gl, pl, sl, splw: sw, tw, dw**s:** sc, sk, sm, sn, sp, st, squ**Ending:****-t:** -nt, -st, -ft, -lt, -pt, -ct, -xt**-l-:** -lf, -lp, -lk, -ld-nd, -mp, -sk, -sp, -nch |

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| **Single consonant sound** | **Short vowels** |
| (t) t, -ed, -bt, pt ten, kicked, doubt, receipt(p) p pin(n) n, kn-, gn nose, know, sign(s) s, -ss, ce, ci, cy, sc, ps snake, kiss, race, science, cycle, scan, psychology(z) s, z, -zz nose, zoo, buzz(d) d, -ed dad, played(h) h hot(k) c, k, -ck, ch cat, kite, check, school(b) b boy(r) r, wr, rh rose, write, rhyme(m) m, -mb, -mn Mom, dumb, column(y) y yes(l) l, -ll like, ball(f) f, -ff, ph, -gh fall, off, phone, laugh(g) g, gh great, ghost(j) j, ge, gi, gy, -dge jam, gentle, giraffe, gypsy, bridge (w) w, wh was, when(v) v vote(ks) x cks kicks(kw) qu quit  | **(ĭ)** i, y, ui  in, synergy, build,  **(ă)** a hat**(ĕ)** e, ea pet, bread**(ŏ)**  o, a pot, father**(ŭ)** u, a, ou nut, animal, double**Endings:****(ng):** -ing, -ang, -ong, -ungtelling, rang, song, hung**(nk):** -ink, -ank, -onk, -unksink, sank, honk, bunk |
| **Long Vowels** | **Diphthongs** |
| **(ī)** i, -i\_e, -y, igh, ie  I, kite, supply, sigh, tie **(ā)** a, -a\_e, ay, ai, ea, ei, eigh, ey  able, late, say, rain, swear, beige, weigh, they**(ē)** e, -y, ee, ea, ie, ei, eybefore, Pete, lovely, see, each, relief, neither, key **(ō)** o, -o\_e, oa, ow, oe toll, role, coat, blow, toe**(ū)** u, -u\_e, ue, ew unit, cute or tune, clue, new **Long vowels in****“Wild, Old Words”****(ī)** –ind, -ild find, wild**(ō)** –oll, -old, -olt, -ost toll, told, colt, post | **(oˉo)-“school”** u, -u\_e, oo, ue, ew, ou, ui super, tune, school, glue, new, you, fruit**(oˇo)- “book”** oo, u book, sugar**(ow)- “house”** ow, ou cow, house(**aw)- “saw”** au, aw, a, ough, augh because, saw, call, thought, caught**(oy)- “toy”** oi, oy toilet, toy |

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| **R-controlled vowels (Bossy R)** | **Digraphs** |
| **(âr)-“car”** ar car**(êr)- “her”** er, ir, ur, ear, our, or, ar, -ure, worher, fir, fur, learn, colour, doctor, collar, future, worry **(or)- “more”** -ore, or, our, oar, war, quarmore, for, your, soar, wart, quarter**(īr)-“fire”** -irefire **(ār)-“care”**-are, ear, air care, wear, fair**(ēr)-“here”** -ere, ear, eer here, fear, seer | **(th)**(blow)**“three”** Th three**(th)**(buzz) -**“this”** Th this **(sh) – “she”** sh, she ch - “chef” s – “sugar” ci – “delicious” ti – “action” xi – “anxious”(sh’n)-“tension”(-sion)**(ch)-“chair”** ch, -tch chair, catch**(zh’n)**–“television” (-sion) |

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| **Final syllable consonant –le** | **Consonant****Blends/Clusters** |
| -ble able-dle cradle-fle shuffle-gle angle-ple apple-tle kettle-zle sizzle-kle ankle-cle uncle | **Beginning:****r:** br, cr, dr, fr, gr, pr, tr, brunch, crunch, drab, from, green, prune, tram,thr, shr, str, scr, sprthread, shred, street, screen sprint **l:** bl, cl, fl, gl, pl, sl, spl blond, clear, floor, gleam, please, sleep, spleenw: sw, tw, dw swing, twinkle, dwarf**s:** sc, sk, sm, sn, sp, st, squ scan, skim, smear, snap, spot, star, square**Ending:****-t:** -nt, -st, -ft, -lt, -pt, -ct, -xt bent, cast, lift, belt, apt, act, text**-l-:** -lf, -lp, -lk, -ld half, help, milk, bald -nd, -mp, -sk, -sp, -nch send, camp, ask, wasp, lunch |