

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Symbol	Pronounced	As in	Voiced or Unvoiced*	Lesson Introduced in Grade K
a	aaa	<u>and</u>	v	1
m	mmm	<u>ram</u>	v	4
s	sss	<u>bus</u>	uv	9
ē	ēēē	<u>eat</u>	v	19
r	rrr	<u>bar</u>	v	23
d	d	<u>mad</u>	v	27
f	fff	<u>stuff</u>	uv	31
i	iii	<u>if</u>	v	34
th	ththth	<u>this</u> and <u>bathe</u> (not thing)	v	38
t	t	<u>cat</u>	uv	41
n	nnn	<u>pan</u>	v	44
c	c	<u>tack</u>	uv	48
o	ooo	<u>ox</u>	v	51
ā	āāā	<u>ate</u>	v	58
h	h	<u>hat</u>	uv	61
u	uuu	<u>under</u>	v	64
g	g	<u>tag</u>	v	68
l	lll	<u>pal</u>	v	72
w	www	<u>wow</u>	v	76
sh	shshsh	<u>wish</u>	uv	80

*Voiced sounds are sounds you make by vibrating your vocal chords. You do not use your vocal chords for unvoiced sounds—you use air only. To feel the difference between voiced and unvoiced sounds, hold your throat lightly and say the sound *vvv*. You will feel your vocal chords vibrating. Then, without pausing, change the sound to *fff*. The vibrations will stop. The only difference between the sounds is that the *vvv* is voiced and the *fff* is not.

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I	(the word I)		v	88
k	k	<u>tack</u>	uv	92
ō	ōōō	<u>over</u>	v	98
v	vvv	<u>love</u>	v	102
p	p	<u>sap</u>	uv	108
ch	ch	<u>touch</u>	uv	113
e	eee	<u>end</u>	v	118
b	b	<u>grab</u>	v	121
ing	iling	<u>sing</u>	v	124
I	īīī	<u>ice</u>	v	127
y	yyy	<u>yard</u>	v	131
er	urrr/errr	<u>brother</u>	v	135
x	ksss	<u>ox</u>	uv	139
oo	oooo	<u>moon</u> (not look)	v	142
J	j	<u>judge</u>	v	145
ȳ	īīī/yyy	<u>my</u>	v	149
wh	www or wh	<u>why</u>	v or uv	152
qu	kwww (or koo)	<u>quick</u>	v	154
Z	zzz	<u>buzz</u>	v	156
ū	ūūū	<u>use</u>	v	158

Sound Combinations, Digraphs, and Diphthongs		
ai (<u>tail</u>)	ew (<u>chew</u>)	qu (<u>quick</u>)
ai (<u>false</u>)	ge (<u>message</u>)	sh (<u>wish</u>)
ar (<u>arm</u>)	gh (<u>high</u>)	shion (<u>fashion</u>)
aw (<u>paw</u>)	ing (<u>sing</u>)	sion (<u>mansion</u>)
ce (<u>cent</u>)	oi (<u>boil</u>)	th (<u>this</u>)
dge (<u>pledge</u>)	oo (<u>moon</u>)	tion (<u>action</u>)
ea (<u>meat</u>)	or (<u>short</u>)	wh (<u>why</u>)
ee (<u>need</u>)	ou (<u>out</u>)	
er (<u>brother</u>)	oy (<u>boy</u>)	