

Please find all the sounds we have learned so far. Let your child teach you the sounds! We say each sound once during 'speed sounds' as this helps us when we start to read and spell words. Ask your child to teach you the sounds! Please email [j.smith206@durhamlearning.net](mailto:j.smith206@durhamlearning.net) if you have any questions about any of the sounds/ pronunciations/actions etc.



**s** Weave hand in an s shape, like a snake, and say *ssssss*



**a** Wiggle fingers above elbow as if ants crawling on you, saying *a, a, a*.



**t** Turn head from side to side as if watching tennis and say *t, t, t, t*.



**p** Pretend to puff out candles and say *p, p, p*.



**i** Pretend to be a mouse by wiggling fingers at end of noise and squeak *i, i, i, i*.

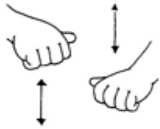
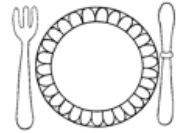


**n** Hold arms out at side, as if a plane, and say *nnnnnnnnnn!*





m Things that make you go ..... mmmmmm.



d Beat hands up and down as if playing a drum and say d, d, d, d.



g Spiral hand down, as if water going down the drain, and say g, g, g.



o Pretend to turn light switch on and off and say o, o, o, o.



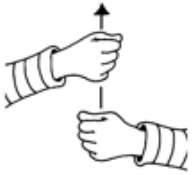
c k Raise hands and snap fingers as if playing castanets and say ck, ck, ck.



***Please practise recognising c , k and ck. They all make the same sound. We have talked about the position of these sounds in words e.g. ck is nearly always at the end of a word.***



**e** Pretend to tap an egg on the side of a pan and crack it into the pan, saying eh, eh, eh.



**u** Pretend to be putting up an umbrella and say u, u, u, u.



**h** Hold hand in front of mouth panting *h, h, h* as if you are out of breath.



**r** Pretend to be a puppy holding a rag, shaking head from side to side and say *rrrrrrrrrrr*.



**l** Pretend to lick a lollipop and say *l, l, l, l*.



**f** Let hands gently come together as if toy fish deflating, and say *fffff*.



**b** Pretend to pop bubbles with a flat hand and say *b, b, b, b*



**j**

Pretend to wobble on a plate and say *j, j, j*.



**y**

Pretend to be eating a yoghurt and say *y, y, y*.



**z**

Put arms out at sides and pretend to be a bee, saying *zzzzzzzzzz*.



**v**

Pretend to be holding the steering wheel of a van and say *vvvvvvvv*.



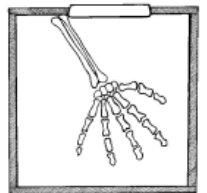
**w**

Blow on to open hand, as if you are the wind, and say *wh, wh, wh*.



**x**

Pretend to take an x-ray with an x-ray camera, saying *ks, ks, ks*.

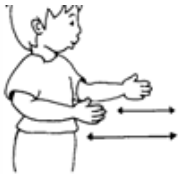


The following sounds have 2 letters but they make 1 sound. "2 letters, 1 sound"  
They have a posh name- they are called 'digraphs'.



qu

Make a duck's beak with your hands and say qu, qu, qu.



ch

Move arms at sides as if you are a train, saying ch, ch, ch.



sh

Place index finger over lips and say sh, sh, sh.



th

Pretend to be cheeky clowns and stick your tongue out. Stick it out a little bit for the short sound **th** (as in bath, moth, path)



th

Stick it out a bit further for the long sound **th** (as in this, that, father)



ng

Imagine you are a weightlifter and pretend to lift a heavy weight above your head saying ng...  
(As in.. **thing**, shopping, sing)



ai

Put your arm over your tummy in pain, ai ai ai  
*Pain, main, raining*

ee

Hold your cheese string and use other hand to string it saying ee, ee, ee.



oa

Bring hand over mouth as if something terrible has happened and say oh!  
*Boat, coat, oak*

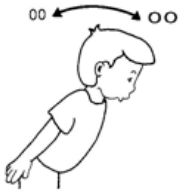


igh

Stand to attention and salute. saying iah .  
*Night, fighting, light*



The igh sound has 3 letters but it makes 1 sound. “3 letters, 1 sound”. It has a posh name- a ‘trigraph’.



oo OO

Move head back and forth as if it is the cuckoo in a cuckoo clock,  
**Short** oo sound – *look, shook, foot,*



ar

!

Open mouth wide and say ah, as if at the doctors (UK English).



Use your finger to press imaginary buttons.  
(As in *cork, fork, corn*)

*Boat, coat, oak*