## The English Alphabetic Code

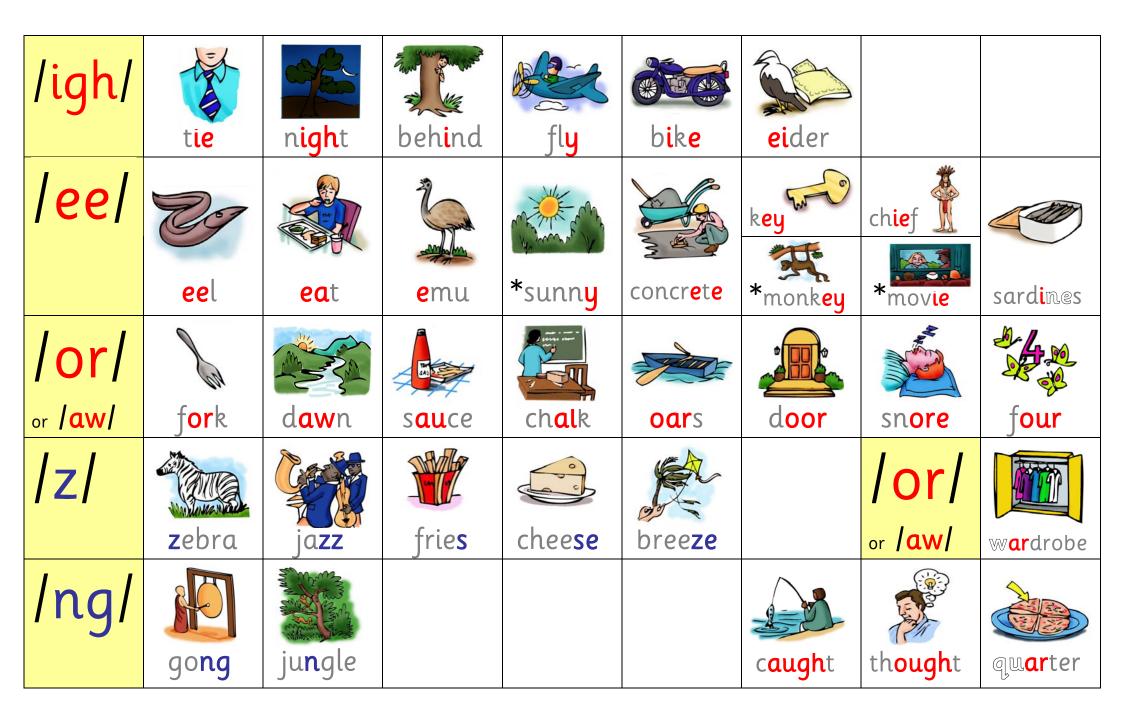
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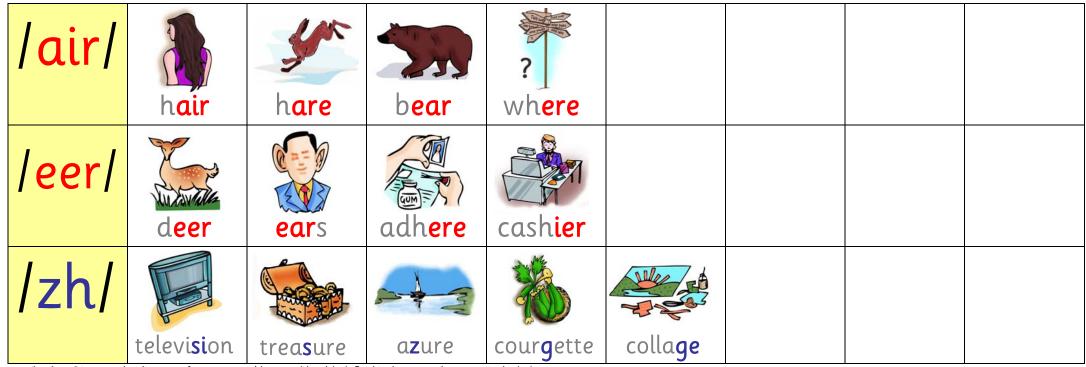
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\*-y, \*-ey, \*-ie as word endings are often pronounced between /i/ and /ee/. On this chart examples appear in the /ee/ row.

## The complexities of the English Alphabetic Code include:

- 1. one sound (phoneme) can be represented by one, two, three or four letters: e.g. k, sh, ng, igh, eigh
- 2. one sound can be represented by different spellings (graphemes): e.g. /oa/ is represented by: o, oa, ow, oe, o-e, eau, ough
- 3. one spelling can represent multiple sounds: e.g. 'ough': /oa/ th**ough**, /or/ th**ough**t, /oo/ thr**ough**, /ou/ pl**ough**, /u/ thor**ough**

## Key to the 12 units of Debbie Hepplewhite's Phonics International online synthetic phonics programme:

units1-5	Mainly simple code with options to extend	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th		
6-12	/air/, /eer/, /zh/, split digraphs, complex code	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
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Debbie's programme introduces a simple code of at least one letter/s-sound correspondence for each of the 44+ sounds of speech of the English language. The programme then expands to teach further spelling and pronunciation variations of the complex Alphabetic Code.