

# Drill Bits

*Phonics-oriented word lists for teachers*

If you're helping someone learn to read, you're helping them unlock the connection between the printed word and the words we speak — the “sound/symbol” connection.

This book is a compilation of lists of words which follow the predictable associations of letters, syllables and words to the sounds we use in speaking to each other.

This book does not attempt to be a reading program. Recognizing words and patterns in sound/symbol associations is just one part of reading, though a critical one. This book is designed to be used as a reference so that you can:

- Meet individual needs of students from a wide range of ages and backgrounds; VAT and TAX may be more appropriate examples of the short a sound for some students than

CAT and FAN, which they may have memorized without learning the sounds associated with the letters.

- Teach students that exceptions are also predictable, and there are usually many examples of each kind of exception. These are called special categories or special patterns.

## HOW THE LISTS ARE ORGANIZED

Word lists are presented in the order they are taught in many structured, multisensory language programs:

Syllable type 1: Closed syllables — short vowel sounds (TIN, EX, SPLAT)

Syllable type 2: Vowel-consonant-e — long vowel sounds (BAKE, DRIVE, SCRAPE)

Syllable Type 3: Open syllables — long vowel sound (GO, TRI, CU)

Syllable Type 4: r-controlled syllables (HARD, PORCH, PERT)

Syllable Type 5: consonant-l-e words (CANDLE, TABLE, MUZZLE)

Syllable Type 6: Vowel pairs — unique sounds (OUT, PAW), long vowel sounds (MAIN, COACH)

Where syllables are broken down into different vowel sounds, easily confused vowels such as e and i are separated, so that the order of presentation is A-I-O-U-E-Y instead of the alphabetical A-E-I-O-U-Y.

For the first syllable types, there are lists which focus on specific problems students may have, such as syllables with blends or without beginning consonants. (Not every student needs the skills broken down into small steps.)

As the sound patterns advance, the first lists are still

those which do not require the student to have picked up common patterns which have not been taught.

More comprehensive lists follow, which include other syllable patterns and exceptional patterns such as -TION and -TURE. In this way, teachers can choose appropriate words to include in an individual student's program.

Separate lists address some of the common special categories. Instead of telling students that NATION is one of so many words which are exceptions because the t in NATION does not make the sound it makes in TIN, the student can learn there are thousands of words he or she can master by knowing that -TION often is pronounced SHUN. By learning that TI says SH in many other cases (-TIAL,- TIOUS), even more words can be unlocked.

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## Syllable type 1: Closed syllables

### SHORT A — EASY WORDS

Have the student read each word in the word progressions and discover the connection between changing a consonant and changing the sounds in the word.

An important and often overlooked part of this process is having the student figure out and explain in his or her own words what is happening when consonants change. The thought processes that he or she goes through to get beyond intuitively recognizing the effect of the change, to the point of being able to explain it, help lay the foundations for being able to transfer that knowledge successfully.

At first this may be laborious and its worth questionable, especially if the student is accurately reading. And, since at this stage of teaching you're trying to establish trust and

successful habits, use your judgment if the talking-out task is frustrating. However, it's precisely the connections between action and language that unlock the reading code for many struggling readers.

It's especially those bright kids with specific language problems (and especially the impulsively fast responders), who learn isolated skills easily but don't transfer that skill to reading in context who most benefit from taking time to think and talk the process through.

Use the second and third groups of words for the student to apply this knowledge and explain the changes to you. Encourage discovery and review of patterns (that SH makes one sound with two letters, for example), and discussions of meanings of words.

Listen for troublesome

consonants. Are blends much harder than single consonants? Are there some consonants — q, x or y especially — which are less securely known? If so, practice them!

Never assume that a student is picking up on things — ask. Ask what's changing from word to word.

Asking is better than telling, too — just try to ask the right question so your student tells you the right answer. If you tell the student an answer, be sure to ask that question again.

#### SHORT I

INCT is not as hard as it looks; ask the student what INC would sound like (and if there is still hesitation, show INK and then change the k to c), and then add the t at the end. It also rhymes with WINKED.

The hard nonsense syllable

may be too frustrating to introduce at first.

There may be students who need a lot of practice with the two sounds of c and g, so a special list is included. Too often a student has mastered vowel pairs — but still pronounces CENT as KENT.

#### ABOUT THOSE EXCEPTIONS

Consider CHR as in CHRIS as a category to be taught as its own mini-lesson and incorporated into drill and review with the other letter/sound associations.

CH is /k/ in many words of Greek derivation. The longer and more scientific the word, the more likely CH will represent the /k/ sound. CHR is always pronounced /kr/, as in CHRIS, CHRISTINE, CHRISTMAS, CHRYSANTHEMUM and PULCHRITUDE.

Especially with younger

students, it can help to give letters “personalities.” “Bossy Ls that change the vowels” can be easier to remember than “the consonant which tends to change the vowel sound right before it.”

#### SHORT O

There are several groups of o syllables that end in consonants, but have a long vowel sound (-OST, -OLD). These would be considered special categories. For the reasons stated above, they shouldn't be introduced at the same time the student is learning closed syllables with short o sounds.

O is also pronounced differently in different areas of the country.

Students may confuse COM with CALM. If so, point out that CALM starts with the sounds of the word CALL, then adds an m at the end.

Stretch out the l part of CALM (CAL-L-L-L-LM DOWN) and have the student discover the different feeling of the word.

A similar confusion may occur between COW and CAL, which can be addressed in the same way. If the student is a sports fan, he or she may appreciate that Cal Ripken should not be confused with Cow Ripken.

#### SHORT U

The -UL combination is very easily confused with the o sound. (The student may have noticed by now that l tends to change the vowel coming before it. Some personification and discussion of the personalities of letters may help the student remember these patterns painlessly.)

CALLUS is the word for the things that show up on your hands from doing hard work;

CALLOUS is the adjective to describe people with “calluses on their heart.”

students play hangman, the words where y is a vowel may prove very popular for the word givers.

### SHORT E

Note that the /j/ sound in -JECT is always spelled with a j, while in the syllable -GEST it is always spelled with a g (not the word, but again, don't teach that simultaneously to avoid confusion.)

### Y AS A VOWEL

Since words with y as a vowel have the same sound as short i, and are also easily confused with short e, it's tempting to give these short shrift. Don't!

You may want to choose useful words and learn the closed syllables with y in the context of those words. If your

## Word progressions

<u>PROGRESSION 1</u>	<u>PROGRESSION 2</u>	<u>PROGRESSION 3</u>
at	at	ash
cat	sat	hash
sat	spat	mash
sad	splat	trash
had	splash	track
lad	flash	tract
glad	flask	act
lad	ask	fact
lack	mask	fast
quack	mast	fat
sack	last	flat
slack	past	that
stack	pat	splat
smack	at	splash
smash	ax	trash
mash	tax	thrash
ash		
at		

Syllable type: **1**  
closed syllables  
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## Basic syllables

ab	glam	mag	lask
fash	shrap	gand	flam
quap	jab	ag	quag
nax	scrab	prac	plat
grat	val	wax	yak
fract	asm	atch	
grav	alt*	ack	

## Syllables with blends

flam	clam	swag	blab
grat	fraz	graph	brack
sprat	plast	cras	spratch
scram	shrag	smank	glant
thrax	splam	prax	
strag	drast	wrath	
blan	bran	glash	

## Without beginning consonant

ag	ac	ab	aph
apt	ad	asm	act
ank	am	af	alp
ash	amp	ax	
ap	az	atch	
ant	al*	alt*	

## Words and syllables with a different “a” sound

*note the predictable patterns*

call	balt	rang	scald
stall	phalt	sang	chalk
squall	twad	sprang	walk
fall	halt	bang	bald
mall	thank	clang	quaff
stall	flank	squat	calm
small	stank	swat	balm
swall	swank	swab	
salt	crank	swap	
malt	thank	stalk	

Syllable type: **1**  
closed syllables

**SHORT A**

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## Especially challenging syllables

phland

quank

thrant

shrap

slank

stratch

pram

blap

swaft

cath

whamp

stract

clasm

rapt

## Vocabulary enrichment

brash

rant

spasm

grasp

shank

drab

chap

sham

shag

clash

bland

cram

prank

malt

clad

daft

flank

graft

chasm

thrash

slab

cran

dram

asp

hasp

yak

flax

span

clan

ban

dank

swank

yak

shad



## short i word progression

it	sit	yip	quit
fit	sip	quip	risk
hit	lip	quiz	frisk
quit	slip	quick	

## ci, gi words

<u>/s/ SOUND</u>	<u>/j/ SOUND</u>
cip	gic
cinct	gid
cil	gist
cim	gil
cid	
cig	
cif	
cin	
cist	
cism	

Syllable type: **1**  
closed syllables

**SHORT I**

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## Basic syllables

lix	kip	gid	itch
inct	dif	yit	shriv
lib	ipt	gist	fric
twis	shrim	zil	plish
pict	ism	tric	twid
im	chig	splin	
inch	quib	sprit	
jim	vid	kish	

## Syllables with blends

brit	swiv	prish	ing
stim	lisk	thrill	rift
fris	tism	chrit	slim
squin	ilt	blimp	dwin
strict	tinct	ink	
writ	ipt	sprin	
smin	crin	scrib	

## Syllables without a beginning consonant

ism	ink	inge	ish
im	ing	ill	idge
inc	in	ic	ist
it	inct	isp	ilk
ilt	inch	id	il
ipt	itch	ig	ind

## Challenging syllables

nix	tism	flict	blim
glimp	tist	twiz	phlish
driz	chrit	cinct	grinch
stinct	clink	sis	striv
inge	gist	sist	hin
ick	vin	pring	timp

Syllable type: **1**  
closed syllables

**SHORT I**

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## Vocabulary enrichment

sprint

shrill

jig

skill

skimp

shrimp

thrift

grim

strict

kilt

writ

spilt

chrism

flit

script

brink

vim

glitch

strict

nix

glib

shrift

rift

squid

miff

brig

grid

grist

brisk

twinge

shtick

## a, i multisyllable nonsense review

*Includes special category syllables*

salpig	mistflad	valdip	radvil
laprag	twiljam	stanting	stalgram
imcash	danquim	biftril	haspic
rifsam	shigman	dalnaft	
frintap	thrapism	safdis	
blapstag	implist	trimplast	

## a, i basic syllables review

chisp	twim	isk	rav
frag	sprat	ab	glatch
ad	chris*	fash	phic
in	ast	im	shrap
ist	quib	dras	apt
strad	squill	ic	ipt
sist	anch	gic	amp
inct	shat	cig	ict
hap	ish	mand	act
link	asm	brash	id
grat	ang	rift	ad
imp	glam	squip	ish

## Word progressions

### PROGRESSION 1

top

stop

slop

flop

flog

log

lob

slob

slot

lot

pot

plot

plod

prod

pod

rod

cod

shod

shop

shock

stock

sock

mock

mom

mob

### PROGRESSION 2

mob

glob

slop

slob

rob

throb

shop

clop

clod

trod

shod

log

bob

blob

cob

fob

gob

hob

job

lob

mob

sob

dock

frock

shock

### PROGRESSION 3

shock

smock

stock

lock

flock

flog

dog

frog

bog

botch

notch

scotch

scoff

doff

toff

## Basic nonsense

*\*Special category syllables — omit if student has not learned CHR yet*

ob	con	chron*	pont
vom	con	hom	gond
yonk	con	trop	tox
quon	cos	bod	osk
bol	fol	rost	strom
stion	ox	holl	
com*	bot	lob	

## Vocabulary enrichment

frond	blob	bond	romp
throb	clod	Bronx	lob
opt	grog	throng	chock
clot	prod	splotch	broth
blot	doff	cog	smock
bloc	fob	posh	phlox

Syllable type: **1**  
closed syllables

**MIX: A, I, O**

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## a, i, o basic syllables review

*\*Special category syllables — omit if student has not learned CHR yet*

clom	shriv	apt	ash
writ	scot	drom	cim
snag	chris*	twip	cint
oct	chron*	thrax	kom
om	wrath	sprill	mast
ism	strad	dwin	drab
asm	bom	vom	hom
osm	drif	quip	stinct
im	wint	quon	
ad	inc	squin	



## Two-syllable words with a, i, o

consist	tonsil	zigzag	baptist
contact	jonquil	Finland	tinsmith
astonish	agnostic	candid	tactic
admonish	contrast	kidnap	impact
district	abscond	frantic	intact
cosmic	insist	tranquil	aspic
combat	inflict	bandit	
napkin	instinct	transfix	<hr/> WORDS
ostrich	distinct	disband	WITH
contract	indistinct	miscast	DOUBLE
caltrop	district	pilgrim	<hr/> LETTERS
transpond	kingpin	brandish	gossip
constrict	victim	windbag	shopping
optic	misprint	mantis	commit
quondam	pigskin	baptism	bobbin
oblong	anthrax	drastic	soffit
codfish	lambast	fantastic	rabbit
bombastic	flatfish	plastic	tannic
discomfit	napkin	sandwich	
tomtom	dishpan	mishap	
mascot	dishrag	filch	

Syllable type: **1**  
closed syllables  
**SHORT U**

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## Word progressions

up	stub	trust	drug
cup	stump	rust	drum
cut	slump	rut	plum
cub	clump	hut	plump
rub	rump	hug	
shrub	trump	rug	
scrub	truck	shrug	

## Basic syllables

mus	hud	hum	suc
tux	junct	scut	sum
tub	sud	mum	mund
rupt	yup	sput	flus
sug	punct	nun	
sub	rud	pum	
lug	jum	sus	

## Basic blends

blust	fluct	glud	bund
rupt	ump	spud	lunt
trum	flust	splud	stut
clut	shrug	runk	scrub
frug	funct	flut	
guv	truc	grub	
struct	drun	crump	

## Without beginning consonant

un	ust	umb	ux
up	ump	und	ub
ug	ud	us	uct
unc	unct	uck	upt
ush	ut	unk	

## ul words and syllables

full	cul	sulk	dul
dull	cult	mult	ulk
mull	dult	bulb	ul
cull	sult	culc	
gull	hulk	ult	
bull	bulk	vul	

## Two-syllable words with a, i, o, u

*\*Pronounce as ADD-ULT, not UH-DULT*

fungus	pundit	subsist	culprit
tiptop	uncommon	mustang	pulpit
disgust	influx	campus	fulcrum
mistrust	drumlin	abduct	insult
construct	callus	sunlamp	consult
instruct	induct	album	sultan
conduct	unsnap	brushland	bashful
adjust	obstruct		handful
disrupt	cuspid	WITH UL _____	cupful
unzip	updraft	adult *	wilful
adjunct	submit	Istanbul	

## Word progressions

ed	pet	went	strep
red	wet	west	stretch
fred	whet	quest	fetch
bred	fret	quench	fed
bed	set	bench	
bet	sent	stench	
jet	bent	step	

## Basic syllables

fess	wren	cred	em
zed	vent	cem	empt
dren	lect	cess	reft
vex	vest	gel	ef
ject	gest	cept	met
elt	trem	phren	esc
rel	rel	ex	

Syllable type: **1**  
closed syllables

**SHORT E**

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## Syllables with blends

fret  
ench  
rept  
trem  
cred  
est  
clem

brell  
shelt  
dren  
elk  
feld  
temp  
flex

stress  
shred  
squelch  
plent  
splen  
tress  
fled

gresh  
sprent  
blen  
venge  
esh

## c, g practice

cent  
cest  
cem  
cell  
cept

cess  
ence  
edge  
enge  
gest

gent  
gel  
gen  
gem  
gex

## Words without a beginning consonant

ex	elm	em	ev
eb	ef	esk	esh
ent	elk	en	eld
et	ed	ect	elf
est	empt	el	end

## Vocabulary enrichment — single syllable

left	end	mesh	cleft
press	flesh	elk	flex
fleck	shred	drench	yen
mess	clench	crest	dwell
squelch	deft	smelt	vet
heft	wren	quench	

## Vocabulary enrichment — multisyllable words

convent	ingest	extend	shrapnel
magnet	congest	advent	convex
contest	absent	spectrum	inspect
pummel	enchantment	subject	impending
descant	dispel	inject	contend
selfish	splendid	falcon	consent
contest	compel	entrap	connect
conquest	tendrils	impel	comment
suggest	suspect	insect	happen



## Real words

Lynn  
gym  
rhythm  
crypt  
lymph  
gyp  
lynx  
lynch  
hymn  
myth

## y following c or g

gypt  
cym  
cyg  
gyn  
cyl  
cyst

## Nonsense syllables

sys  
cym  
cyg  
dys  
mys  
hys  
crys  
byss  
bysm  
clysm

tyl  
nym  
cryl  
thyst  
lys  
lyst  
lyt  
rysm  
syl  
lypt

cryph  
cyp  
glyph  
typ  
cyl  
phyx  
phys  
sym  
sympt  
sync

byt  
byz  
phyll  
myst  
gypt  
chrys  
nyx  
synth

## y multisyllable words

*Includes other syllable types, such as -TION*

synthetic	lymphatic	onyx
mystical	cynic	catalyst
cylinder	encyclical	polygamy
syncopate	cyclical	myth
chrysanthemum	gypsum	heiroglyphic
lymph	paralysis	syndrome
cygnet	cryptic	chlorophyll
physical	acronym	acrylic
gym	physicist	cystic
analytic	physics	dysfunction
apocalyptic	syllable	dyslexic
anonymity	rhythm	gypsy
aneurysm	idyll	paralytic
anaphylactic	crystal	anonymous
synthesis	cyst	amethyst
mystery	typical	cynical
pygmy	misogynist	Egypt
synchronize	gymnasium	Phyllis
crypt	analysis	Yvonne

## Syllable type 2: vowel-consonant-e

When dictating, avoid words with more than one possible phonetically correct spelling or tell the student how that sound is spelled. For example, tell the student to spell the /f/ sound in PHONE with ph until the word is mastered.

The first list, on Page 29, is used for comparing closed and v-c-e syllables. Some students will need coaching to anticipate the change in sounds from HUG to HUGE.

You may even wish to omit these from your comparison list to avoid confusion — and incorporate practice with the different g and c sounds into your lessons. Some students will need to have the vowel-consonant-e pattern broken into separate vowels and learned individually; some won't. Also watch to see whether some consonants may merit some review. Have the

student listen especially to how you say ESCAPE. Many students say EXCAPE and spell the word accordingly.

Some students pronounce the e at the end of words. This may be a good time for a mini-lesson to introduce words where y at the end makes that long e sound. It's out of sequence, as the y is an open syllable, but it can be treated as a special category (like -TION) would. WHILE and QUITE deserve extra practice.

Quite often, the CUTE and CUSE syllables are spelled with a q; you may wish to devote a lesson to this pattern. Also, i is most often found in a schwa syllable before a u-consonant-e syllable such as -TUDE, -TUTE or -BUTE.

e-consonant-e is fairly unusual. Call attention to this; with other vowels the silent e is one of the most common

ways of spelling the long sound.

Homophones that could be confused for common words such as *METE* and *DISCRETE* are excluded. Keep in mind that spell-checkers will not distinguish these from *MEET* and *DISCREET*.

y-consonant-e is found in many scientific words, since a lot of these are Greek. *THYME* and *-GYLE* (as in *ARGYLE*) are ex-

ceptions to the usual th- and g-before-y sounds, so they are not listed with the syllables.

If *THYME* comes up in reading, you may wish to learn it with *THOMAS* and *THAMES*, which follow the same pattern but are more common.

Many y-consonant-e words are included; teach the ones your student has already run across or is most likely to encounter.

## Introduction list

*Comparing closed and vowel-consonant-e syllables (v-c-e).*

*Some students will need coaching to anticipate the change in sounds, such as from HUG to HUGE and RAG to RAGE.*

*You may wish to omit these from your comparison list to avoid confusion.*

<u>CLOSED WORD</u>	<u>V-C-E WORD</u>
cap	cape
mad	made
scrap	scrape
rag*	rage
bath	bathe
spin	spine
bit	bite
rid	ride
pin	pine
quit	quite
strip	stripe
slim	slime
con	cone
hop	hope
slop	slope
hug*	huge
cub	cube
pet	Pete
bath**	bathe

*\*Note the change in the G sound when E is added to the end.*

*\*\*Note the change in the TH sound when E is added to the end.*

## a-consonant-e words

*closed and v-c-e syllables only*

		<u>TWO-SYLLABLE</u>	<u>THREE-SYLLABLE</u>
name	stale	inhale	concentrate
cake	date	mistake	confiscate
came	frame	escape	infiltrate
maze	shave	octane	compensate
page	ace	translate	commonplace
race	Dave	intake	fabricate
pane	vase	clambake	lemonade
pave	wade	displace	insulate
cave	wage	classmate	obfuscate
take	vade	dictate	
hale	ache	pancake	
ate	bathe	disgrace	
sake	lathe	frustrate	
		update	
		upgrade	
		handshake	
		mandate	
		invade	

## a-consonant-e words

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this list may include other syllable types and special patterns*

make	game	escape	cape
take	shape	refrigerate	calculate
place	race	interstate	centigrade
name	phrase	grade	candidate
same	case	scale	inaugurate
came	lake	wage	inoculate
page	scale	blockade	mandate
state	age	concave	nitrate
date	safe	decade	opaque
late	trade	membrane	accelerate
face	lane	rename	magistrate
waves	save	hibernate	nitrate
space	indicate	earthquake	assassinate
gave	create	hurricane	irrigate
became	locate	insulate	stockade
base	educate	Crusades	tolerate
plane	indicate	phase	

## i-consonant-e words

*closed and v-c-e syllables only*

	<u>TWO-SYLLABLE</u>	<u>THREE-SYLLABLE</u>
bite		
cite	invite	infantile
vite	excite	systemize
dine	combine	magnetize
ride	incline	randomize
bride	bagpipe	stalactite
bride	bedside	stalagmite
smile	baptize	
lime	campsite	
cline	clockwise	
bribe	hostile	
wife	sunshine	
bike	midwife	
stripe	ragtime	
strike	gentile	
dive	franchise	
drive	textile	
while		
quite		
file		



## i-consonant-e words

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*this list may include other syllable types and special patterns*

time	ice	times	reptile
write	ride	divine	bile
while	quite	exile	monoxide
life	smile	strike	oxide
side	surprise	unite	pasteurize
white	rise	circumscribe	blithe
five	provide	derive	decline
decide	mine	maritime	excite
inside	wife	refine	advice
fine	line	compromise	baptize
size	dime	excise	incline
wide	bike	invite	subscribe
beside	alike	survive	unlike
describe	combine	satellite	confine
sometimes	divide	pesticide	arrive
realize	prime	prescribe	

## i-consonant-e words *extensive list*

*Excluding one-syllable words and -IZE words*

<u>A</u>	ascribe	bestride	circumcise
abide	aside	betide	circumscribe
aconite	asinine	bibliophile	clockwise
acquire	astride	bipartite	coincide
advertise	audiophile	bobwhite	collide
advice	awhile	bona fide	colonize
advise		borderline	columbine
aggrandize	<u>B</u>	bovine	combine
agile	backbite	broadside	compile
agonize	backside	bromide	comprise
alike	backslide		compromise
alive	bactericide	<u>C</u>	concise
alkaline	bagpipe	calamine	concupine
allspice	baptize	calcite	confide
anchorite	bauxite	canine	confine
Anglophile	bedside	capsize	connive
anthracite	bedtime	carbide	contractile
anytime	beehive	carbine	contrite
appetite	beeline	carmine	contrive
apprize	begrime	cenobite	cordite
arise	beguile	chastise	cowhide
arrive	beside	chloride	crocodile

## i-consonant-e words *continued*

### D

daytime  
deadline  
decide  
decline  
defile  
define  
demise  
deprive  
deride  
derive  
describe  
despise  
despite  
device  
devise  
diatribe  
dioxide  
disenfranchise  
disguise  
divide  
divine  
docile

dolomite

domicile  
drainpipe  
ductile

### E

elide  
endive  
enshrine  
enterprise  
entice  
entwine  
equine  
erudite  
excise  
excite  
exercise  
exile  
exorcise  
expedite  
extradite

### F

facile  
feline  
finite  
fluoride  
franchise  
fratricide  
fungicide  
futile

### G

genocide  
gentile  
germicide

### H

halite  
halftime  
herbicide  
hermapahrodite  
homicide  
hostile

## i-consonant-e words *continued*

<u>I</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>O</u>	proscribe
ignite	labile	oblige	proselytize
imbecile	larvicide	opine	provide
imbibe	leonine	otherwise	puerile
impolite	lignite	outside	pyrite
imprecise		oxide	
improvise	<u>M</u>		<u>Q</u>
incise	magnetite	<u>P</u>	quinine
incite	maritime	pantomime	
incline	matricide	paradise	<u>R</u>
indite	meanwhile	parasite	rawhide
infanticide	Mennonite	partite	recite
infantile	mercantile	patricide	recline
inscribe	merchandise	peacetime	reconcile
inside	meteorite	peroxide	recondite
intertwine	midwife	pesticide	redefine
invite	monoxide	phillistine	refine
iodine	motile	plebiscite	regicide
iodide	Muscovite	polite	repine
		porcine	reprise
<u>J</u>	<u>N</u>	porcupine	reptile
juvenile	nitrite	precise	requite
	nubile	prehensile	reside
		prescribe	revise
		preside	revile
		profile	revive
		projectile	

## i-consonant-e words *continued*

S

saturnine  
scribe  
senile  
serpentine  
servile  
stalactite  
stalagmite  
strychnine  
sublime  
subscribe

subside  
suffice  
suicide  
sulfide  
sulfanilamide  
supine  
surmise  
surprise  
survive  
sybarite

T

taconite  
tactile  
televise  
tensile  
termite  
textile  
theodolite  
transcribe  
tripartite  
turnpike  
turnstile  
turpentine

## -ize ending

### A

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acclimatize  
actualize  
aggrandize  
agonize  
alphabetize  
aluminize  
amortize  
anesthetize  
anglicize  
annualize  
anodize  
antagonize  
anthologize  
anthropomorphize  
apologize  
apostatize  
apostrophize  
atomize  
authorize  
automatize

### B

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baptize  
barbarize  
bastardize  
botanize  
bowdlerize

brutalize  
burglarize

### C

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canalize  
cannibalize  
canonize  
capitalize  
capsize  
caramelize  
carbonize  
catechize  
categorize  
catholicize  
cauterize  
centralize  
characterize  
civilize  
colonize  
commercialize  
communize  
compartmentalize  
computerize  
conceptualize  
concertize  
conventionalize  
copolymerize  
criticize

cross-fertilize  
crystallize  
customize

### D

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decentralize  
decriminalize  
dehumanize  
demagnetize  
dematerialize  
demilitarize  
democratize  
demonize  
demoralize  
demobilize  
deodorize  
departmentalize  
depressurize  
deputize  
desensitize  
destabilize  
dichotomize  
digitalize  
digitize  
disorganize  
dogmatize  
dramatize

## -ize ending *continued*

### E

economize  
editorialize  
empathize  
emphasize  
energize  
epitomize  
equalize  
etherealize  
etherize  
etymologize  
eulogize  
evangelize  
extemporize  
externalize

### F

familiarize  
fantasize  
federalize  
feminize  
fertilize  
finalize  
focalize  
formalize  
fossilize  
fraternize

### G

galvanize  
gelatinize  
generalize  
glamorize  
gormandize  
gothicize

### H

harmonize  
homogenize  
hospitalize  
humanize  
hybridize  
hypnotize  
hypothesize

### I

idealize  
idolize  
illegalize  
immobilize  
immortalize  
immunize  
individualize  
industrialize  
initialize

institutionalize  
intellectualize  
internalize  
ionize  
italicize  
itemize

### J

jeopardize

### L

legalize  
legitimize  
liberalize  
lionize  
lobotomize  
localize

## -ize ending *continued*

<u>M</u>	<u>N</u>	
macadamize	narcotize	philosophize
magnetize	nasalize	photosynthesize
masculinize	nationalize	plagiarize
materialize	naturalize	plasticize
maximize	nebulize	pluralize
mechanize	neutralize	polarize
melodize	normalize	politicize
memorialize	notarize	polymerize
memorize	novelize	popularize
mercerize		pressurize
mesmerize	<u>O</u>	proletarianize
metabolize	optimize	propagandize
methodize	organize	proselytize
militarize	ostracize	publicize
mineralize	oxidize	pulverize
miniaturize		<u>Q</u>
minimize	<u>P</u>	quantize
mobilize	paganize	
modernize	parasitize	
moisturize	pastuerize	
mongrelize	patronize	
monopolize	pauperize	
monumentalize	pelletize	
moralize	penalize	
motorize	personalize	



## -ize ending *continued*

### R

randomize  
rationalize  
realize  
recognize  
regularize  
rhapsodize  
ritualize  
romanticize  
routinize  
rubberize

### S

sanitize  
satirize  
scandalize  
scrutinize  
secularize  
sensationalize  
sensitize  
sentimentalize  
serialize  
sermonize  
simonize  
singularize  
slenderize  
socialize  
solemnize

soliloquize  
sonnetize  
specialize  
stabilize  
standardize  
sterilize  
stigmatize  
stylize  
subsidize  
summarize  
symbolize  
symmetrize  
sympathize  
synchronize  
syncretize  
synopsise  
synthesise  
systematize  
systemize

### T

tantalize  
temporize  
tenderize  
terrorize  
theorize  
tranquillize  
transistorize

traumatize  
tyrannize

### U

unionize  
unitize  
universalize  
urbanize  
utilize

### V

valorize  
vandalize  
vaporize  
verbalize  
victimize  
visualize  
vitalize  
vocalize  
volatilize  
vulcanize  
vulgarize

### W

westernize  
winterize  
womanize

## -ire words

acquire	empire	ire	sapphire
admire	enquire	Ireland	satire
afire	entire	mire	shire
aspire	esquire	perspire	sire
attire	expire	quagmire	spire
backfire	fire	quire	transpire
conspire	hire	require	umpire
desire	inquire	respire	vampire
dire	inspire	retire	wire

## o-consonant-e words

*Closed and v-c-e syllables only*

wrote	tome	<u>TWO-SYLLABLE</u>	condone
slope	grove	bathrobe	enclose
stove	mole	bulldoze	pinhole
home	drone	dispose	sunstroke
vote	lone	trombone	encode
broke	clone	compote	disclose
pose	rove	console	impose
clothe	stroke	invoke	
mode	grobe	misquote	<u>THREE-SYLLABLE</u>
sole	bone	expose	palindrome
		explode	misanthrope

## o-consonant-e words

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home	zone	tadpole	elope
close	cone	telescope	evoke
those	antelope	transpose	grandiose
whole	antidote	trombone	heatstroke
note	bulldoze	xylophone	horoscope
clothes	chromosome	abode	implode
hope	cyclone	adipose	impose
stone	dispose	alcove	indisposed
hole	electrode	anecdote	interlope
wrote	envelope	atone	invoke
alone	episode	cajole	kaleidoscope
suppose	explode	camisole	maypole
tone	geode	casserole	metronome
bone	glucose	cathode	periscope
pole	grandiose	cellulose	propose
nose	homestead	chaperone	provoke
rose	isotope	commode	repose
rope	limestone	condone	revoke
code	microbe	console	saxophone
phone	mode	corrode	syndrome
revoke	monotone	creole	xenophobe
hose	oppose	depose	
closed	pope	disclose	

## o-consonant-e words *extensive list*

<u>A</u>	bathrobe	compose	diagnose
abode	bellicose	compote	diastole
acetone	bespoke	condone	diode
adipose	bestrode	condole	dipole
aerobe	birthstone	connote	disclose
airdrome	bluenose	console	dispose
alcove	brimstone	convoke	disrobe
alone	bulldoze	cornerstone	dovecote
anecdote	buttonhole	corrode	
anode		cortisone	<u>E</u>
antelope	<u>C</u>	cowpoke	earlobe
antidote	cajole	creole	earphone
antipode	camisole	cubbyhole	electrode
arose	casserole	cyclone	elope
artichoke	cathode		emote
asymptote	cellulose	<u>D</u>	enclose
atone	chaperone	decode	encode
aureole	chromosome	decompose	envelope
awoke	chuckhole	demote	episode
	claustrophobe	denote	erode
<u>B</u>	clingstone	depose	escarole
backstroke	cobblestone	dethrone	evoke
banderole	comatose	devote	explode
baritone	commode	dextrose	expose

## o-consonant-e words *continued*

<u>F</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>O</u>
fluoroscope	implode	mangrove	oppose
footnote	impose	manhole	oscilloscope
foreclose	insole	maypole	otiose
foxhole	interlope	megaphone	outmode
fructose	interpose	metamor-	outvote
	intone	phose	overdose
	invoke	methadone	overtone
<u>G</u>	isotope	metronome	ozone
galactose		microbe	
gallstone		microphone	<u>P</u>
garrote	<u>J</u>	microscope	palindrome
gastronome	jocose	milestone	parole
gemstone	juxtapose	misanthrope	periscope
geode		monopole	petiole
glucose	<u>K</u>	monotone	pheromone
grandiose	kaleidoscope	morose	pigeonhole
gyroscope	keynote		porthole
	kinescope	<u>N</u>	postpone
<u>H</u>		nematode	pothole
hailstone	<u>L</u>		primrose
heatstroke	lachrymose		promote
heliotrope	lactose		propose
hippodrome			provoke
homophone			
hormone			
horoscope			
hygroscope			

## o-consonant-e words *continued*

<u>R</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>W</u>
remote	saxophone	tachistoscope	wardrobe
repose	silicone	tadpole	whetstone
revoke	sinkhole	telephone	
rhinestone	sousaphone	telescope	<u>X</u>
rhizome	spectroscope	transpose	xenophobe
rigmarole	stethoscope	trombone	xylophone
	stroboscope		
	sucrose	<u>V</u>	<u>Z</u>
	superimpose	varicose	zygote
	suppose	verbose	
	syndrome	viscose	
	systole		

## u-consonant-e words

*Closed and v-c-e syllables only*

	<u>TWO-SYLLABLE</u>	<u>THREE-SYLLABLE</u>
lute	include	contribute
flute	accuse	distribute
rude	dispute	substitute
cute*	console	altitude
cuse*	misuse	institute
tude	induce	
tute	costume	
muse	capsule	
Bruce	compute	
truce	conclude	
plume	confuse	
fume	consume	
rube	exclude	
rule	intrude	
spruce	immune	
sume	recluse	
stume	volume	
dune	excuse	

## u-consonant-e words

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use	reduce	fuse	solute
huge	refuse	gratitude	statute
cube	truce	immune	substitute
tube	volume	intrude	truce
rule	absolute	latitude	deduce
June	altitude	longitude	deluge
compute	attitude	magnitude	delude
include	amuse	misfortune	diffuse
produce	assume	multitude	exhume
schedule	attribute	Neptune	hypotenuse
accuse	capsule	opportunity	obtuse
acute	commune	parachute	preclude
amuse	communism	persecute	recluse
conclude	contribute	presume	refute
compute	costume	profuse	ruse
confuse	crude	prosecute	seclude
consume	dilute	rebuke	tribune
introduce	distribute	refute	tribute
molecules	excuse	resume	
perfume	fortune	salute	



## u-consonant-e *extensive list*

<b>A</b>	certitude	dispute	<b>G</b>
absolute	commune	disrepute	globule
abstruse	commute	dissimilitude	granule
accuse	compute	dissolute	gratitude
acute	conclude	distribute	
adduce	confuse		<b>H</b>
allude	confute	<b>E</b>	habitude
altitude	constitute	educate	hirsute
amplitude	consume	effuse	hypotenuse
ampule	contribute	elude	
amuse	contuse	enthuse	<b>I</b>
aptitude	convolute	exactitude	immune
archduke	costume	exclude	importune
assume		excuse	impute
attitude	<b>D</b>	execute	include
attribute	Danube	exhume	induce
attune	decrepitude	extrude	ineptitude
	deduce	exude	infinite
<b>B</b>	defuse		infuse
beatitude	delude	<b>F</b>	institute
bemuse	deluge	ferrule	interlude
	depute	fortitude	introduce
<b>C</b>	destitute	fortune	intrude
capsule	desuetude		involute
cayuse	diffuse		irresolute
centrifuge	dilute		

## u-consonant-e words *continued*

<b>J</b> <hr/>	<b>O</b> <hr/>	prostitute	servitude
jejune	obtrude	protrude	similitude
June	obtuse	pulchritude	solicitude
	occlude	pustule	solitude
<b>L</b> <hr/>	opportune		solute
lassitude	opportunity	<b>Q</b> <hr/>	statute
latitude	ovule	quietude	substitute
legume			subsume
longitude	<b>P</b> <hr/>	<b>R</b> <hr/>	suffuse
	papule	rebuke	
<b>M</b> <hr/>	parachute	recluse	<b>T</b> <hr/>
magnitude	perfume	rectitude	traduce
majuscule	permute	reduce	transfuse
malamute	persecute	refuge	transmute
minuscule	peruse	refuse	tribune
misfortune	picayune	refute	tribute
misrule	platitude	repute	turpitude
misuse	plenitude	resolute	
module	pollute	resume	<b>V</b> <hr/>
molecule	preclude	ridicule	verisimilitude
multitude	prelude		vicissitude
	presume	<b>S</b> <hr/>	virgule
<b>N</b> <hr/>	produce	salute	volume
Neptune	profuse	schedule	volute
nodule	promptitude	seclude	
	prosecute	seduce	

## e-consonant-e words

*Closed and v-c-e syllables only*

	<u>TWO-SYLLABLE</u>	<u>THREE-SYLLABLE</u>
Pete		
Gene	complete	incomplete
theme	extreme	manganese
these	athlete	
Crete	compete	
Swede	concrete	
plebe	gangrene	
scene	stampede	
eke	convene	
scheme	concede	
eve	excrete	
grebe	blaspheme	

## e-consonant-e words

*Note that -ESE means IN THE LANGUAGE OF, so words such as JAPANESE, PORTUGUESE and COMPUTERESE are spelled with this suffix.*

academe	delete	mete	secrete
accede	deplete	millipede	serene
acetylene	diocese	morpheme	spirochete
aesthete	discrete	naphthalene	stampede
archdiocese	effete	obese	supersede
athlete	excrete	obscene	supreme
benzene	exegete	obsolete	theme
blaspheme	extreme	phoneme	these
carotene	gamete	plebe	toluene
cede	gangrene	polyethylene	trapeze
centipede	gene	polystyrene	velocipede
compete	grebe	precede	Pekingese
complete	impede	recede	Pete
concede	intercede	replete	Steve
concrete	intervene	scene	Swede
convene	kerosene	scheme	
damascene	manganese	secede	

## y-consonant-e words

*Special category words included*

lyte	zyme	rhyme	thyme
lyze	hyde	scythe	chyme
dyne	phyte	lyre	
type	style	pyre	
byte	tyke	chyle	

## y-consonant-e words *extensive list*

acolyte	electrolyze	lymphocyte	stereotype
analyze	enzyme	megabyte	xerophyte
anodyne	erythrocyte	neophyte	zoophyte
archetype	formaldehyde	paralyze	
argyle	genotype	peristyle	
catalyze	hairstyle	phenotype	
coenzyme	halophyte	proselyte	
daguerreotype	hydrolyze	prototype	
dialyze	kilobyte	psychoanalyze	
electrolyte	logotype	stenotype	

## vowel-consonant-e review list

*One syllable, all vowels*

tone	rice	lyze	vive
cape	vice	quate	hale
scope	hone	close	fuse
type	dyne	space	ile
fuse	pale	Gene	ode
crime	sane	smile	vale
late	truce	hype	lyme
style	theme	cute	pone
Pete	quite	prone	pine
huge	vade	Steve	quote
tribe	bibe	use	tute
phone	treme	tome	mite
place	voke	sage	tize
clove	ate	lute	cline
lyte	ide	prone	scribe

## vowel-consonant-e words

<u>WITH DIGRAPHS</u>	<u>COMPOUND WORDS</u>	<u>CK WORDS</u>	<u>WORDS WITH TWO V-C-E</u>
bathe	flagpole	backstage	stovepipe
lathe	manhole	checkmate	nameplate
scathe	bagpipe	muckrake	namesake
swathe	bedtime	clockwise	milestone
blithe	bedside		lifeline
lithe	pothole		
tithe	foxhole		
writhe	hipbone		
clothe	clambake		
scythe	boxlike		
scathe	sunshine		
ache	sunrise		
ruche	sunstroke		
	flagstone		
	springtime		
	handmade		
	handshake		
	milkshake		
	landscape		
	flashcube		

## schwa-TUDE and schwa-TUTE words

*The SCHWA is an I except in QUIETUDE and DESUETUDE*

attitude	longitude	exactitude	pulchritude
altitude	multitude	ineptitude	solicitude
amplitude	aptitude	rectitude	substitute
gratitude	habitude	promptitude	institute
magnitude	verisimilitude	platitude	constitute
solitude	vicissitude	plenitude	destitute
latitude	dissimilitude	decrepitude	prostitute



## vowel-consonant-e one-syllable words

*Many homophones*

<u>A</u>	brake	chose	cube
ace	brave	chrome	cute
age	braze	chute	
ale	bribe	chyle	<u>D</u>
ate	bride	chyme	dale
ape	brine	cite	dame
	broke	clime	date
<u>B</u>	Bruce	cline	Dave
babe	brute	clone	daze
bade	byte	close	dice
bake		clove	dime
bale	<u>C</u>	code	dine
bane	cage	coke	dive
base	cake	Cole	dole
bate	came	cone	dome
bide	cane	cope	dope
bike	cape	cote	dose
bile	case	cove	dote
bite	cave	crane	doze
blade	cede	crate	drake
blame	chafe	crave	drape
bode	chase	craze	drive
bole	chide	Crete	dude
bone	chime	crone	duke
braze	chive	crove	dune
brace	choke	crude	dupe

## vowel-consonant-e one-syllable words *continued*

<u>E</u>	<u>G</u>	grove	<u>I</u>
eke	gale	grope	ice
eve	game	guide	
	gape	guile	<u>J</u>
<u>F</u>	gate	guise	jade
face	gave	gyve	Jane
fade	gaze		jibe
fake	gene	<u>H</u>	jive
faze	gibe	hake	joke
fame	glade	hale	jute
fate	glaze	hate	June
fife	glide	haze	
file	globe	hide	<u>K</u>
fine	gnome	hike	kale
flake	grade	hole	kite
flame	grace	home	knave
fluke	grape	hone	
flume	grate	hope	
flute	grave	hose	
frame	graze	hove	
froze	grebe	huge	
fume	grime		
fuse	gripe		

## vowel-consonant-e one-syllable words *continued*

<u>L</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>N</u>	
lace	mace	name	place
lake	made	nape	plane
lame	make	nave	plate
lane	male	nice	plebe
lase	mane	nine	plume
laze	mate	node	pose
lice	maze	nose	poke
life	mete	nude	pole
like	mice	nuke	pone
lime	mike		pose
line	mile	<u>O</u>	prate
live	mime	ode	price
lobe	mine		pride
lode	mite	<u>P</u>	prime
loge	mode	pace	prize
lone	mole	page	probe
lope	mope	pale	prone
lute	mote	pane	prose
	mule	pate	prude
	muse	pave	prune
	mute	Pete	puke
		phase	pule
		phone	
		pike	
		pile	
		pine	

## vowel-consonant-e one-syllable words *continued*

<u>Q</u>	rime	<u>s</u>	slake
quake	ripe	safe	slate
quite	rise	sage	slave
quote	rite	sake	slice
	robe	sale	slide
<u>R</u>	rode	same	slime
race	role	sane	slope
rage	Rome	sate	smile
rake	rope	save	smite
rape	rose	scale	smoke
rate	rote	scene	smote
raze	rove	scheme	snake
rave	rube	scone	snide
rhyme	rude	scope	snipe
rice	rule	scrape	sole
ride	ruse	shade	space
rife	rune	shake	spate
rile		shale	spade
		shame	spice
		shape	spike
		shave	spine
		shone	spite
		scribe	splice
		shine	spoke
		side	sprite
		size	spruce
		skate	spume

## vowel-consonant-e one-syllable words *continued*

stage	<u>T</u>	truce	<u>W</u>
stake	take	tube	wade
stale	tale	tune	wage
state	tame	twice	wake
stave	tape	twine	wale
stele	theme	tyke	wane
Steve	these	type	wave
stoke	thrice		whale
stole	thrive	<u>U</u>	while
stone	those	use	whine
stove	thyme		white
strafe	tide	<u>V</u>	whole
stride	time	vale	wide
strife	tile	vane	wife
strike	tine	vase	wipe
stripe	tole	vice	wise
strive	tome	vile	woke
strobe	tone	vine	wove
strode	tote	vice	wrote
stroke	trace	vote	
strove	trade		<u>Y</u>
style	tribe		yoke
Swede	trice		yule
swine	trite		
swipe	trope		<u>Z</u>
	trove		zone

## vowel-consonant-e two-syllable words *continued*

<u>A</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>I</u>
advice	campsite	embrace	imbibe
athlete	capsize	encase	immune
	chastise	enclose	impale
	compete	endive	impede
<u>B</u>	compile	engage	implode
bagpipe	complete	enshrine	impose
baptize	compute	enthrone	impute
benzene	concave	entwine	incline
blaspheme	conclude	escape	include
brimstone	concrete	excite	inmate
	confide	exclude	inside
	confine	excrete	insole
	confuse	exhale	intone
	costume	explode	invite
	contrite	extreme	invoke
	contrive	<u>F</u>	
	convene	franchise	
	cupcake	frostbite	
		frustrate	
	<u>D</u>		
	dictate	<u>G</u>	
	disgrace	gangrene	
	dispute		

vowel-consonant-e two-syllable words *continued*

<u>M</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>T</u>
magnate	pancake	stagnate	tactile
mangrove	phosphate	stampede	tadpole
membrane	pinstripe	subscribe	template
midwife	primrose	substrate	tensile
misfile	prostrate	subsume	textile
misplace	pulsate	sulfide	transmute
misquote		sunrise	transpose
mundane	<u>Q</u>	suppose	trombone
	quadrate	syndrome	truncate
<u>O</u>		systole	
occlude	<u>R</u>		<u>U</u>
octane	rampage		unlike
	recluse		unmade
			unsafe
			unwise
			update
			upgrade
			upstage
			uptake

## vowel-consonant-e three-syllable words

anecdote

confiscate

infantile

antidote

contractile

insensate

commonplace

disengage

misanthrope

compensate

disincline

phantomlike

concentrate

incomplete

promulgate



## Syllable type 3: Open syllables

By the time the student is learning open syllables, it may be possible to learn them together. Most students are familiar with the names of the letters, and the open syllables end with the sound of the letter name.

Here are some common error patterns which may merit some extra practice:

— CU is often spelled Q or QU. Call attention to this.

— DU often sounds like JOO, as in EDUCATE and “JOO eat?” for “Did you eat?” Call attention to this — doing so can correct many errors, if you practice it!

— DO and TO are sometimes read as if they were the words, not the syllables.

— Review when c and g have different sounds.

— y has two common sounds with this pattern: long i and long e. Make a category

list and teach them separately if they are troublesome.

Often it helps to make such a list for the long e sound at the end of a word, when students are learning the silent e rule, because students often want to spell words like SILLY with an e at the end (after all, it says the letter’s name), or they want to pronounce the silent e when reading.

Also call attention to the fact that adding y is used to make a word for a thing (a noun, you can explain, if they know that) into a word to describe something (adjective, if they know that) – CRAFTY, FUNNY, SHINY.

Don’t go into the spelling of those words at this point.

— Now is a great time to overteach QUIET. Make it show up in dictations, in putting words together and wherever possible. Students often con-

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open syllables

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fuse QUIT, QUITE and QUIET in reading and spelling.

— The letter a often has a schwa sound at the beginning or end of a word (ABOUT, SODA). This may also need to become a special lesson of its own.

Some words can be pronounced as nouns or verbs (e.g., PROJECT) — the verb pronunciation has the open syllable.

## Nonsense syllables with sample words

a (amen, able)	we	du (duty, educate)
e (eject)	quo (quotation)	scra (scraping)
i (idol)	pho (phobic)	su (super)
o (open)	re (reject)	mi (miser)
u (ululate, using)	ra (raven)	ba (basis)
gli (glider)	qua (quaver)	ta (table)
cu (cucumber)	fru (frugal)	pro (promote)
nu (numerous)	gi (giant)	do (donate)
tri (tribal)	cro (microphone)	tru (truly)
smo (osmosis)	tro (introduce)	hy (hyacinth)
cy (cycle)	bi (bicycle)	po (potent, potato)
ny (deny, any)	py (pylon)	cre (cremate, create)
pla (Plato)	ge (geography)	si (insider)
plu (Pluto)	ma (maple)	so (isolate)
yo (yodel)	twi (twilight)	mi (migrate)
sto (stolen)	qui (quiet)	
pre (prevent)	stu (student)	

## Two-syllable with schwa

idol	tidal	regal	spoken
oval	legal	evil	broken
final	local	lethal	token
equal	vocal	global	Romans
total	zonal	modal	
fatal	pagan	nasal	
human	bagel	pilot	

## Four-letter words

Eden	navy	dodo	nosy
ibex	solo	gyro	poky
ibis	polo	hobo	pony
icon	halo	judo	posy
item	lady	zebu	racy
omen	lazy	loco	rosy
opus	puny	logo	ruby
omit	wily	silo	tidy
emit	wily	typo	wavy
open	unit	NATO	zany
duty	even	Reno	tutu
baby	amen	bony	Zulu
holy	apex	cozy	
tiny	veto	hazy	

## Open syllables at the beginning of a word

*Open, closed and v-C-E syllables only*

became	depend	crusade	mucus
begin	digest	phobic	latest
began	basic	bogus	finest
beside	quaking	cement	reject
even	focus	repel	refine
music	rodent	tripod	supine
unite	robot	refuse	repose
unit	hotel	propane	locust
decide	eject	resist	lucid
produce	beyond	vacate	quahog
present	julep	edict	cider
project	lady	relate	raven
propose	lazy	preside	climax
result	navy	foment	humid
promote	polite	rotate	maven
relax	pony	halide	obese
moment	protect	remote	strident
student	protest	cogent	recite
provide	recess	agent	profane
belong	bonus	demand	demise
silent	reduce	repent	brocade
locate	myself	ego	bromide
recent	lotus	aphid	Yukon
decent	gravy	emu	tulip
debate	precinct	crocus	Steven
elect	frequent	basin	latent

## Open syllables at the beginning *continued*

docent	delinquent	ululate	pretense
brutish	recumbent	rudiment	romance
refreshment	electric	regency	defense
equipment	demolish	romantic	license
domestic	romantic	presuppose	repulse
relocate	utensil	vehement	
potato	repellant	revenge	
republic	remonstrate	sequence	

## Real words

I	she	sly	fry
go	hi	sty	by
so	sky	my	cry
we	shy	ply	dry
be	pry	try	pro
he	spry	fly	quo

## Open syllable in the middle

*Open, closed and v-c-e syllables only*

customize	populate	ovulate	dissolute
acrobat	diploma	simulate	genotype
incubate	exponent	undulate	phenotype
impudent	innocent	tabulate	prototype
daffodil	monument	ungulate	cellulose
calculate	speculate	represent	adjacent
improvise	somnolent	opulent	complacent
educate	contriving	cenobite	proponent
kryptonite	stimulate	communist	component
advocate	obsolete	communism	covalent
comprehend	repossess	crocodile	decedent
apprehend	amputate	document	eloquent
occupy	dehydrate	nebulize	flatulent
compromise	inhumane	imprecise	imprudent
impolite	innovate	improvise	indolent
renovate	misbehave	convolute	succulent
absolute	osculate	electrocute	

## long a words

*Common words and words used in school settings,  
roughly organized from basic to advanced*

baby	shaken	vapor	creative
paper	taken	glacier	volcano
table	forsaken	labor	oasis
nation	raven	flavor	adjacent
lady	gracious	NATO	complacent
major	spacious	radius	cicada
radio	patient	ratio	equator
April	navel	slavery	dictator
cable	bagel	crater	behavior
label	capable	native	isolated
data	elevator	alien	courageous
fatal	operator	acre	muckraker
apron	refrigerator	hazel	patriot
potato	application	basin	spatial
tomato	compensation	adaptation	apolitical
bakery	destination	evaporation	aphid
vacation	education	plantation	pagan
hazy	information	population	papacy
favor	graduation	vibration	fracas
basic	qualification	multiplication	fragrant
basis	registration	operation	Mediterranean
maple	congratulation	vacancy	acculturation
staple	taxation	radiant	adaptation
ladle	Asia	maniac	administration
shaky	basin	creation	application



## long a words *continued*

approximation	federation	oxidation	vocational
automation	filtration	pasteurization	impatience
circulation	generation	pollination	legislative
civilization	gestation	precipitation	quantitative
condensation	immigration	recreation	qualitative
confederation	inauguration	Reformation	innovative
classification	inflation	regulation	implacable
constellation	irrigation	relocation	allocatable
cultivation	insulation	reservation	biodegradable
declaration	intoxication	respiration	blamable
desalinization	investigation	rotation	debatable
discrimination	mutation	saturation	inescapable
distillation	nomination	segregation	inflatable
elevation	notation	sterilization	
emancipation	organization	vaccination	
emigration	ossification	vegetation	

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open syllables  
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## -asion words

abrasion  
dissuasion  
evasion  
invasion  
occasion  
persuasion  
pervasion

## -acious words

audacious	gracious	predacious	spacious
capacious	loquacious	pugnacious	tenacious
contumacious	mendacious	rapacious	veracious
efficacious	perspicacious	sagacious	vivacious
fallacious	pertinacious	salacious	voracious

## -ation words

### A

abbreviation	actuation	alliteration
abdication	adaptation	allocation
aberration	adjudication	alphabetization
abjuration	adjuration	alteration
abnegation	administration	altercation
abomination	admiration	alternation
abrogation	adoration	amalgamation
acceleration	adulation	amelioration
accentuation	adulteration	Americanization
acclamation	adumbration	amortization
acclimation	aeration	amplification
acclimatization	affectation	amputation
accommodation	affiliation	animation
accreditation	affirmation	annexation
acculturation	agglutination	annihilation
accumulation	agglomeration	annotation
accusation	aggravation	annunciation
acidification	aggregation	appellation
acidulation	agitation	application
activation	alienation	appreciation
actualization	allegation	appropriation
	alleviation	approximation

## -ation words *continued*

approbation

arbitration

arrogation

articulation

asphyxiation

aspiration

assassination

assignation

assimilation

association

attenuation

attestation

augmentation

authentication

authorization

automation

aviation

avocation

### **B**

beatification

beautification

bifurcation

botheration

boulderization

brutalization

### **C**

calcification

calculation

calibration

canalization

cancellation

canonization

capitalization

capitulation

captivation

carbonation

carbonization

carnation

castigation

castration

categorization

causation

cauterization

cavitation

celebration

cementation

centralization

certification

cessation

characterization

chlorination

circulation

circumnavigation

citation

civilization

clarification

classification

coagulation

codification

cogitation

cohabitation

collaboration

collation

colonization

coloration

combination

commemoration

commendation

commercialization

commiseration

communication

communization

commutation

compartmental-  
ization

compensation

compilation

complication

computation

## -ation words *continued*

computerization  
concatenation  
concentration  
conciliation  
condemnation  
condensation  
condonation  
confabulation  
confederation  
configuration  
confirmation  
confiscation  
conflagration  
conformation  
confrontation  
conglomeration  
congratulation\*  
congregation  
conjugation  
conjunction  
connotation  
consecration  
conservation  
consideration  
consignation  
consolation  
consolidation

constellation  
consternation  
constipation  
consubstantiation  
consultation  
consummation  
contamination  
contemplation  
contestation  
continuation  
conversation  
convocation  
cooperation  
coordination  
copulation  
coronation  
corporation  
correlation  
corroboration  
corrugation  
coruscation  
creation  
cremation  
crystallization  
culmination  
cultivation  
cumulation

### D

damnation  
debarkation  
debilitation  
decantation  
decapitation  
deceleration  
decimalization  
decimation  
declamation  
declaration  
declination  
dedication  
defalcation  
defamation  
defecation  
deflation  
defoliation  
deformation  
degradation  
dehydration  
deification  
delectation  
delegation  
deliberation  
delineation  
demarcation

## -ation words *continued*

demonetization	determination	donation
demonstration	detestation	dramatization
denaturation	detonation	duplication
denigration	devaluation	duration
denomination	devastation	
denotation	deviation	<u>E</u>
denudation	dictation	edification
denunciation	differentiation	education
deodorization	dilapidation	elaboration
departmentalization	dilation	elation
deportation	discoloration	electrification
depravation	discrimination	elevation
deprecation	disorientation	elimination
depreciation	dispensation	elongation
depredation	disputation	elucidation
deprivation	dissemination	emaciation
deputation	dissertation	emanation
derivation	dissimilation	emasculatation
derogation	dissimulation	embarkation
deseccration	dissipation	emendation
desiccation	dissociation	emigration
designation	distillation	emulsification
desolation	diversification	emulation
desperation	divination	encapsulation
destabilization	documentation	enervation
destination	domestication	enumeration
deterioration	domination	enunciation

## -ation words *continued*

equalization

equation

equilibration

equivocation

eradication

eructation

escalation

estimation

etherization

evacuation

evaluation

evaporation

evisceration

evocation

exacerbation

exaggeration

exaltation

examination

exasperation

excavation

excitation

exclamation

excommunication

excoriation

exculpation

execration

exemplification

exhalation

exhilaration

exhortation

exhumation

exoneration

expatriation

expectation

expectoration

experimentation

expiation

expiration

explanation

explication

exploitation

exploration

exportation

expurgation

extemporization

extenuation

extermination

extirpation

extrapolation

extrication

exudation

exultation

F

fabrication

facilitation

falsification

familiarization

fascination

federalization

federation

felicitation

feminization

fenestration

fermentation

fertilization

fibrillation

figuration

filtration

finalization

fixation

flagellation

flirtation

flocculation

flotation

fluctuation

fluoridation

foliation

fomentation

forestation

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open syllables

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## -ation words *continued*

formalization

formation

formulation

fortification

fossilization

foundation

fragmentation

fraternization

frustration

fulmination

fumigation

### G

galvanization

gasification

gastrulation

gelatinization

germination

generalization

generation

germination

gestation

gesticulation

glaciation

glamorization

glorification

gradation

graduation

granulation

gratification

gravitation

gyration

### H

habilitation

habitation

habituation

hallucination

harmonization

herniation

hesitation

hibernation

homogenization

hospitalization

humanization

humidification

humiliation

hybridization

hydration

hydrogenation

hyperventilation

hyphenation

idealization



## -ation words *continued*

<p><u>I</u></p> <p>ideation</p> <p>identification</p> <p>idolization</p> <p>illation</p> <p>illegalization</p> <p>illumination</p> <p>illustration</p> <p>imagination</p> <p>imbrication</p> <p>imitation</p> <p>immigration</p> <p>immobilization</p> <p>immoderation</p> <p>immolation</p> <p>immortalization</p> <p>immunization</p> <p>impartation</p> <p>impersonation</p> <p>impetration</p> <p>implantation</p> <p>implementation</p> <p>implication</p> <p>importation</p> <p>imprecation</p> <p>impregnation</p> <p>improvisation</p>	<p>imputation</p> <p>inauguration</p> <p>incantation</p> <p>incapacitation</p> <p>incarnation</p> <p>incarceration</p> <p>incineration</p> <p>incitation</p> <p>inclination</p> <p>incrimination</p> <p>incrustation</p> <p>incubation</p> <p>inculcation</p> <p>inculpation</p> <p>indemnification</p> <p>indentation</p> <p>indexation</p> <p>indication</p> <p>indignation</p> <p>individualization</p> <p>individuation</p> <p>indoctrination</p> <p>industrialization</p> <p>induration</p> <p>inebriation</p> <p>infatuation</p> <p>infestation</p>	<p>infiltration</p> <p>inflammation</p> <p>inflation</p> <p>information</p> <p>infuriation</p> <p>ingratiation</p> <p>inhalation</p> <p>initialization</p> <p>initiation</p> <p>innervation</p> <p>innovation</p> <p>inoculation</p> <p>insemination</p> <p>insinuation</p> <p>inspiration</p> <p>installation</p> <p>instigation</p> <p>instillation</p> <p>institutionalization</p> <p>instrumentation</p> <p>insubordination</p> <p>insulation</p> <p>integration</p> <p>intellectualization</p> <p>intensification</p> <p>intercalation</p> <p>interpretation</p>
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## -ation words *continued*

	<u>L</u>	<u>M</u>
interrelation	laceration	maceration
interrogation	lactation	machination
intimation	lamentation	magnetization
intimidation	lamination	magnification
intonation	laudation	malformation
intoxication	legalization	manifestation
inundation	legation	manipulation
invalidation	legislation	martyrization
investigation	levitation	masculinization
invigoration	libation	mastication
invitation	liberalization	materialization
invocation	liberation	matriculation
ionization	limitation	maturation
irradiation	lineation	mechanization
irritation	lionization	mediation
irrigation	liquidation	medication
isolation	litigation	meditation
italicization	localization	melioratoin
itemization	location	memorization
iteration	lubrication	menstruation
	lucubration	mensuration
<u>J</u>		metrication
jubilation		migration
justification		

## -ation words *continued*

	<u>N</u>	<u>O</u>
militarization	narration	obfuscation
mineralization	nasalization	objectification
miniaturization	natation	objurgation
minimization	nation	obligation
ministration	nationalization	obliteration
miscegenation	naturalization	oblation
mispronunciation	navigation	observation
mitigation	nebulization	obviation
mobilization	necessitation	occupation
moderation	negation	officiation
modernization	negotiation	operation
modification	neutralization	oration
modulation	nitration	orchestration
molestation	nitrification	ordination
mollification	nomination	organization
monopolization	normalization	orientation
moralization	notation	origination
mortification	notification	ornamentation
motivation	novelization	oscillation
multiplication	nucleation	osculation
mummification	nullification	ossification
mutation	numeration	ostentation
mutilation		
mystification		

## -ation words *continued*

ovation	permeation	precipitation
overregulation	permutation	predation
oversimplification	peroration	predestination
ovulation	perpetuation	predication
oxidation	perpetration	preparation
oxygenation	personalization	presentation
	personification	preservation
<u>P</u>	perspiration	pressurization
pacification	perturbation	prestidigitation
pagination	petrification	prevarication
palatalization	phonation	privation
palliation	pigmentation	probation
palpation	placation	proclamation
palpitation	planation	procrastination
participation	plantation	procreation
particularization	pluralization	profanation
pasteurization	polarization	prognostication
peculation	pollination	proletarianization
penalization	polymerization	proliferation
penetration	popularization	prolongation
perambulation	population	promulgation
percolation	postulation	pronunciation
peregrination	potation	propagation
perforation	potentiation	propitiation

## -ation words *continued*

proration	reciprocation	renunciation
prorogation	recitation	reparation
prostration	reclamation	repatriation
protestation	recommendation	replication
provocation	reconciliation	representation
publication	reconsideration	reprobation
pulsation	recordation	repudiation
pulverization	recreation	reputation
punctuation	recrimination	reservation
purgation	rectification	resignation
purification	recuperation	respiration
	reformation	restoration
<u>Q</u>	refrigeration	resuscitation
quadruplication	refutation	retaliation
quantification	regimentation	retardation
quantization	registration	revelation
quotation	regularization	reverberation
	regulation	revivification
<u>R</u>	regurgitation	revocation
radiation	rehabilitation	romanticization
ramification	rejuvenation	rotation
randomization	relation	rubrication
ratification	relaxation	ruination
ratiocination	relegation	ruminantion
ration	remonstration	rustication
rationalization	remuneration	
realization	renovation	

**-ation words *continued***

**S**

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salivation  
saltation  
salutation  
salvation  
saponification  
sanctification  
sanitation  
satiation  
saturation  
scarification  
scintillation  
secularization  
sedation  
sedimentation  
segregation  
sensation  
sensitization  
sentimentalization  
separation  
sequestration  
serialization  
signification  
silicification  
siltation  
simplification  
simulation

situation  
socialization  
solemnization  
solicitation  
solidification  
somniaambulation  
sophistication  
specialization  
specification  
speculation  
spoliation  
stabilization  
stagnation  
standardization  
starvation  
station  
sterilization  
stigmatization  
stimulation  
stipulation  
strangulation  
stratification  
striation  
stultification  
subjugation  
sublimation  
subordination

subornation  
subsidization  
substantiation  
suffixation  
suffocation  
summation  
superannuation  
supplantation  
supplementation  
supplication  
suppuration  
syllabication  
syllabification  
symbolization  
symmetrization  
synchronization  
syncopation  
syndication  
systemization

**T**

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tabulation  
taxation  
telecommunication  
temptation  
tergiversation  
termination

## -ation words *continued*

theorization	<u>U</u>	versification
tinnabulation	ulceration	vesication
titillation	undulation	vexation
toleration	unification	vibration
transfiguration	unionization	victimization
transformation	universalization	vilification
translation	urbanization	vindication
transliteration	urination	violation
transmigration	usurpation	visitation
transmutation	utilization	visualization
transpiration		vitalization
transplantation	<u>v</u>	vitiation
transportation	vacation	vitriification
transubstantiation	vaccination	vituperation
traumatization	vacillation	vivification
trepidation	validation	vocalization
triangulation	valorization	vocation
tribulation	valuation	vociferation
triplication	vaporization	vulcanization
truncation	variation	
typification	variegation	<u>W</u>
	vegetation	westernization
	veneration	winterization
	ventilation	workstation
	verbalization	
	verification	<u>Z</u>
	vernalization	zonationidea

Syllable type: **3**

open syllables

**LONG I**

33 Drill Bits

## long i words

*Common words, roughly organized from basic to advanced*

item	diameter	Iraq	bisect
identify	pi	Irish	dilute
silent	diet	virus	finite
quiet	digress	bicycle	microscope
triangle	island	tricycle	vicero
China	tripod	biology	dialect
pilot	isolate	giant	diversity
ivy	nitrogen	cider	diversify
spider	mitosis	private	migrant
iron	vibration	liability	tidal
science	citation	pioneer	vital
idle	ideology	violence	rival
minus	bias	iambic	minority
crisis	ion	dioxide	primary
final	iota	diatom	digest
Iowa	irate	violet	vibration
Idaho	biome	ultraviolet	vitamin
bible	iron	hiatus	dialog
icon	ironic	ibex	biceps
ideal	isomer	icicle	riots
identity	isotope	primary	spinal
identical	primer	binary	binocular
migrate	ivory	diagonal	rhinoceros
divert	Iberia	dinosaur	biosphere
climate	Iran	binary	nitrate



## long i words *continued*

primate	reliable	nonviolence	alkali
ribonucleic	society	podiatrist	bronchi
hierarchy	alliance	appetizer	cacti
albino	divisor	fertilizer	fungi
saliva	advisor	dermatitis	nuclei
environment	refinery	annihilate	foci
horizon	survival	alumni	stimuli
compliant	arrival	alibi	
reliant	revival	rabbi	

Syllable type: **3**

open syllables

**-IFY SUFFIX**

40 Drill Bits

## -ify suffix

*The accent falls just before -IFY; the same is true for the -ITY suffix*

acetify	falsify	pacify	speechify
acidify	fortify	personify	stratify
amplify	fructify	petrify	stultify
beautify	gasify	preachify	syllabify
calcify	glorify	prenotify	terrify
certify	gratify	prettify	testify
citify	horrify	purify	typify
clarify	humidify	qualify	uglify
classify	identify	quantify	unify
codify	indeminfy	ramify	verify
crucify	intensify	ratify	versify
dandify	justify	recertify	vilify
decalcify	magnify	reclassify	vitriify
decertify	minify	rectify	vivify
declassify	modify	sanctify	
dehumidify	mollify	saponify	<b>DIVIDING</b>
dignify	mortify	scarify	<b>BETWEEN OPEN</b>
disqualify	mummify	signify	<b>SYLLABLES</b>
diversify	mystify	silicify	beatify
edify	nitrify	simplify	deify
electrify	notify	solemnify	
emulsify	nullify	solidify	
exemplify	ossify	specify	

## -igh making a long i sound

airtight	foresight	knight	righteous
alight	forthright	light	shipwright
almighty	fortnight	lightning	sigh
bight	fright	limelight	sight
birthright	gaslight	midnight	slight
blight	high	might	slightly
bright	highbrow	mighty	sprightly
delight	highjack	nigh	thigh
downright	highlands	night	tight
Dwight	highlight	nighthawk	twilight
enlighten	highness	nightingale	upright
fight	hindsight	outright	uptight
flight	infighting	plight	wainwright
flighty	insight	right	Wright

Syllable type: **3**

open syllables

**-ITION**

42 Drill Bits

## -ition words

*There are many -ITION words, but the long I sound is not retained.*

abolition	disquisition	petition
acquisition	ebullition	position
addition	edition	precognition
admonition	erudition	precondition
air-condition	exhibition	predisposition
ambition	expedition	premonition
ammunition	exposition	preposition
apparition	extradition	prohibition
apposition	fruition	proposition
attrition	ignition	recognition
audition	imbibition	recondition
bipartition	imposition	redefinition
coalition	indisposition	rendition
cognition	inhibition	repetition
competition	inquisition	reposition
composition	intuition	sedition
condition	juxtaposition	superimposition
contrition	malnutrition	superstition
decomposition	monition	supposition
definition	nutrition	tradition
demolition	opposition	transition
dentition	partition	transposition
deposition	parturition	
disposition	perdition	

## long o words

*Roughly organized from basic to advanced*

so	gasoline	prohibit	kilogram
go	local	obey	melody
no	opposite	location	microscope
over	zero	postpone	ocean
open	total	program	octopus
also	focus	spoken	photograph
auto	domestic	solution	pioneer
ago	echo	October	police
memo	hello	November	possession
motion	broken	abdomen	potato
notice	moment	abolitionist	proceed
provide	protest	astronaut	program
poem	omit	cargo	tomato
solution	polite	chocolate	trophy
social	produce	consonant	vocal
position	protect	coordinate	volcano
explosive	profane	dinosaur	
smoking	profound	donate	
proceed	introduce	hero	

## long o words *extensive list*

<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>
abrogate	barometric	carbohydrate	demolition
absolute	benevolent	carcinogen	denotation
accommodate	bibliophile	ceremony	diplomat
acrimony	biology	chemotherapy	dissociate
acronym	biome	chlorophyll	dodecahedron
advocate	biosphere	chromatic	domain
amino	bogus	chromosome	domino
anemone		chronological	
antagonist		cocaine	<u>E</u>
anthropology		coerce	ecosystem
anthropomor-		coexist	ectoplasm
phism		cogent	ego
archipelago		cohesion	egocentric
arrogant		coincidence	eloquent
associative		colonial	embargo
atrocious		commotion	embryo
autobiography		component	emotion
automatic		composure	endocrine
autonomic		compromise	endoplasmic
autonomy		connotation	erosion
		cooperate	euphonious
		corrosion	evolution
		crocus	exothermic
		custody	exponent
			extrapolate

## long o words *continued*

<u>F</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>N</u>
felonious	incoherent	matrimony	narcosis
ferocious	innocent	mediocre	necrosis
foliage	innovate	megalomania	negotiate
foment	interpolate	metabolism	neurosis
	introspection	metamorpho-	nicotine
	introvert	sis	nitrogen
<u>G</u>	iota	metropolitan	nobility
gaucho		microcosm	nomad
genocide		mobility	nomenclature
genotype	<u>J</u>	molar	nonviolence
geothermal	jocund	molecular	notation
ghetto		monolith	
gymnosperm	<u>L</u>	monotheism	<u>O</u>
	locus	monopoly	oasis
<u>H</u>	loquacious	mosquito	official
halogen	logo		oligarchy
harmony	lotus		oligopoly
hemoglobin			opaque
hobo			opinion
hocus-pocus			orthodox
homogeneous			orthopedist
hydrocarbon			ovary
hydroelectric			ozone
hydrogen			
hypnosis			
hypocrite			

## long o words *continued*

<u>P</u>	protocol	<u>S</u>	<u>T</u>
parallelogram	protoplasm	sabotage	technology
petroleum	protozoan	Shinto	testimony
phonetics	protractor	shogun	Thelonious
photosynthesis	provision	silo	thermostat
podium	pterodactyl	sober	tropism
polar	<u>Q</u>	socialist	
polio	quotation	society	<u>V</u>
political	quotient	solicit	vertigo
polo		sophomore	veto
potential	<u>R</u>	stoic	vocational
precocious	ratio	syllogism	vociferous
preposition	reciprocal	symbiosis	volition
procure	reciprocal	synchronize	
profanity	redolent	synonym	
professor	relocation		<u>Z</u>
profuse	reproduction		zoologist
prognosis	retroactive		
progressive	retrospective		
Prohibition	revocable		
projectile	revolution		
promotion	rhododendron		
proponent	rodent		
proportion	rotation		
prosaic	rotunda		
protein			



## -old words

old  
told  
cold  
gold  
soldiers

hold  
mold  
fold  
bold  
scold

behold  
billfold  
blindfold  
manifold  
marigold

scaffold  
sold  
threshold  
uphold

## -olt words

bolt  
colt  
dolt  
jolt  
kilovolt  
molt  
molten  
poltergeist  
poltroon  
revolt  
volt  
voltage

## -ost words

most  
almost  
host  
ghost  
host  
post

Syllable type: **3**  
open syllables  
**-OTION, -OSION**

48 Drill Bits

## -otion words

commotion  
demotion  
devotion  
emotion  
locomotion  
lotion  
motion  
notion  
potion  
promotion

## -osion words

corrosion  
erosion  
explosion  
implosion

long o spelled as ow *extensive list*

aglow	flown	morrow	stowaway
arrow	follow	mow	swallow
barrow	furbelow	mown	tallow
below	furrow	narrow	throw
bellow	glow	outgrow	thrown
bestow	grow	outflow	tomorrow
billow	grown	own	tow
blow	growth	pillow	unknown
blown	hallow	rainbow	wallow
borrow	harrow	row	wheelbarrow
bow	hollow	sallow	widow
bowl	inflow	scarecrow	willow
bungalow	know	shadow	window
burrow	known	shallow	winnow
callow	low	show	yellow
crow	lower	slow	
elbow	mallow	snow	
escrow	marrow	sorrow	
fallow	marshmallow	sow	
farrow	meadow	sown	
fellow	mellow	sparrow	
flow	minnow	stow	

Syllable type: **3**

open syllables

**LONG U**

100 Drill Bits

## long u words

music	educate	union	duel
usually	emu	united	duet
unit	flu	universe	electrocution
human	formula	unusual	executive
February	gradual	vacuum	evacuate
instrument	graduate	visual	evaluate
students	humidity	actual	eventual
January	manual	acupuncture	evolution
cruel	manufacture	affluent	extenuating
duty	monument	ambiguous	factual
fluid	museum	annual	fluent
fuel	nucleus	casual	fortuitous
ruin	numeral	cellulose	fraudulent
tuna	numerator	coagulate	fumigate
menu	nutrient	communism	guru
humor	population	commutative	Honolulu
super	prejudice	commuter	humongous
binoculars	punctuation	conceptual	illuminate
calculate	refugee	congruent	immaculate
circulation	regular	consecutive	impromptu
computer	reputation	conspicuous	impudent
Constitution	revolution	consumer	incubate
cucumber	solution	continuation	indubitably
community	superb	convoluted	influence
congratulate	turbulent	Crusades	ingenuity
document	ukulele	deciduous	inoculate
duplicate	unanimous	delusion	insinuate

## long u words *continued*

insoluble	quadruped	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>
insulate	reputable	accentuate	ecru
intuitive	residual	accrual	effluent
judicial	resolution	alluvial	effusive
juvenile	ridiculous	amulet	elucidate
junior	ritual	assiduous	emolument
lubrication	rivulet	attenuate	emulate
manumission	sanctuary		estuary
manuscript	seclusion	<u>B</u>	exuberant
medulla	situation	brunet	
Mogadishu	spiritual	bucolic	<u>F</u>
mucus	stimulus		flocculent
municipal	superlative	<u>C</u>	fuchsia
mutation	Timbuktu	catechumen	
mutual	transfusion	consecutive	<u>G</u>
obituary	translucent	constituency	gargantuan
pendulum	tributary	corpulent	genuflect
perpendicular	truant		gluten
perpetual	tuber	<u>D</u>	gnu
Peru	unique	diminutive	gratuity
pituitary	unison		
pollution	uterus		<u>H</u>
prudent	virtual		habituate
punitive	zebu		herculean
			humus

## long u words *continued*

<u>I</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>U</u>
infatuate	nuance	strudel	ululating
innocuous		stupefy	undulate
integument	<u>O</u>	subjugate	ungulate
	occlusion	succulent	united
<u>J</u>	opulent	suet	uvula
jocular		supercilious	
julep	<u>P</u>	superfluous	<u>V</u>
	parvenu		vacuole
<u>L</u>	perceptual	<u>T</u>	vacuous
lucent	perpendicular	tenuous	victuals
lucid		toluene	
lugubrious	<u>R</u>	tortuous	
	rupees	truculent	
<u>M</u>		tutu	
mellifluous			
minuet			
munificent			

## -uous words

ambiguous	deciduous	mellifluous	tenuous
arduous	exiguous	perspicuous	tortuous
assiduous	fatuous	presumptuous	tumultuous
congruous	impetuous	sinuous	vacuous
conspicuous	incongruous	strenuous	virtuous
contemptuous	inconspicuous	sumptuous	voluptuous
contiguous	ingenuous	superfluous	
continuous	innocuous	tempestuous	

## -uity words

acuity	contiguity	gratuity	promiscuity
ambiguity	continuity	incongruity	vacuity
annuity	discontinuity	ingenuity	
acidity	exiguity	perpetuity	
circuitry	fortuity	perspicuity	

## -ution words

ablution	tion	execution	reconstitution
absolution	destitution	institution	redistribution
allocation	devolution	involution	resolution
attribution	dilution	irresolution	restitution
circumlocu- tion	diminution	locution	retribution
constitution	dissolution	persecution	revolution
contribution	distribution	pollution	solution
convolution	electrocution	precaution	substitution
counterrevolu-	elocution	prosecution	
	electrocution	prostitution	

## -usion words

allusion	disillusion	inclusion	profusion
collusion	effusion	infusion	protrusion
conclusion	elusion	intrusion	seclusion
confusion	exclusion	malocclusion	suffusion
contusion	extrusion	obtrusion	transfusion
delusion	fusion	occlusion	
diffusion	illusion	preclusion	



## long e words

*Roughly organized from basic to advanced*

he	behind	reaction	esophagus
be	belong	realize	frequency
we	beside	reflection	geography
she	beyond	refund	geologist
me	cereal	rename	median
even	decision	repeat	medium
before	declare	report	meteor
begin	decrease	reserve	meteorologist
became	define	respond	precipitation
become	delight		precision
began	deposit		recycle
below	describe	behave	reflex
because	details	comedian	reform
remember	detour	deliberate	region
decide	election	delivery	related
December	electric	Depression	release
	emergency	design	religion
	equal	detain	remain
	equation	determine	repair
	equipment	eclipse	repeat
	female	ecology	resign
	meter	ellipse	resource
	prediction	emotion	restriction
	prehistoric	encyclopedia	reverse
	prepare	equilateral	revolve
	react	equivalent	strategic

Syllable type: **3**

open syllables

**LONG E**

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## long e words *continued*

### A

abbreviate  
alleviate  
adrenal  
appreciate  
artesian

### C

cerebrum  
cohesion  
convenient

### D

decathlon  
decent  
deception  
descent  
desegregation  
develop

### E

economy  
electromagnetic  
electron  
emancipation  
equivalent  
eventually

### H

helix

### I

illegal  
immediate  
indestructible

### L

lenient

### m

malleable  
meander  
Mediterranean

### P

pancreas  
paramecium  
peon  
preamble  
predicament  
prevail  
procedure  
Pythagorean

### R

rebellion  
recede  
recent  
recession  
recessive  
Reconstruction  
refraction  
remit  
represent  
representative  
republic  
require  
renewable  
resort  
revolt

### S

seniority  
sequence  
spontaneous

### T

theory

## Words with e at the end pronounced as e

abalone	catastrophe	jujube	simile
aborigine	coyote	machete	strophe
adobe	cicerone	minestrone	synecdoche
anemone	epitome	Persephone	troche
apostrophe	facsimile	peyote	tsetse
Boise	finale	provolone	ukulele
calliope	hyperbole	psyche	

### -etion words

accretion  
 completion  
 concretion  
 deletion  
 depletion  
 excretion  
 repletion  
 secretion

### -esion words

adhesion  
 cohesion  
 lesion

Syllable type: **3**  
open syllables  
**-EOUS**

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## -eous words

aqueous	courteous	heterogeneous	piteous
beauteous	cutaneous	hideous	plenteous
bounteous	duteous	homogeneous	simultaneous
calcareous	erroneous	igneous	spontaneous
consan-	extemporane-	instantaneous	subcutaneous
guineous	ous	miscellaneous	vitreous
contempora-	extraneous	nacreous	
neous	gaseous	nauseous	

## y as an open syllable with long i sound

BASIC

by

cry

dry

fry

fly

my

pry

ply

sty

sly

try

why

wry

shy

sky

spy

ADVANCED

bystander

bypass

cycle

hydrant

hygiene

hyena

hyphen

myna

nylon

python

typhoid

typhoon

cyclone

tyrant

hydroplane

hypothesis

Wyoming

dynasty

psychology

dehydrate

papyrus

reply

deny

occupy

identify

supply

imply

comply

rely

apply

multiply

byway

bylaw

cyberspace

cyanide

cybernetic

cyclamate

cycle

cyclic

cyclist

cyclometer

cyclotron

cynosure

cytology

cytoplasm

cypress

Cyprus

cryogenic

dyad

dynamic

dryad

gynecology

gyro

gyroscope

gyrate

hyacinth

hydrangea

hybrid

hydrate

hydraulic

hydrocarbon

hydroelectric

Syllable type: **3**  
open syllables  
**LONG I SOUND: Y**

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## y as an open syllable with long i sound *cont'd*

hydrofoil	hypotenuse	stymie
hydrogen	hypothalamus	tycoon
hydrolyze	lyceum	typhus
hydrology	mycology	tyro
hydrometer	myelitis	xylem
hydrophobia	myopic	xylophone
hydroplane	myosin	zygote
hydroponic	pylon	hypoglycemia
hydrotherapy	pyrotechnics	carbohydrate
hydrous	psyche	anhydrous
hygrometer	psychedelic	barfly
hying	psychiatrist	butterfly
hyperbole	psychic	decry
hypersensitive	phylum	awry
hypertension	shyster	outcry
hyperventilate	skyscraper	descry
hypochondriac	skylark	mollify
hypodermic	stylus	

## y as long i at the end of a word

### ONE SYLLABLE

by  
cry  
dry  
fry  
fly  
my  
pry  
ply  
sty  
sly  
try  
why  
wry  
shy  
sky  
spy

### MULTIPLE SYLLABLES

barfly  
butterfly  
reply  
deny  
occupy  
identify  
supply  
imply  
comply  
decry  
rely  
apply  
awry  
multiply  
outcry  
descry

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## Syllable type 4: r-controlled

### AR

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When preceded by *w*, *AR* takes on the *OR* sound, such as in *WAR, WARD, WARN, WARM, WART, WARP, SWARM*. This is consistent with the way a sounds like *o* after a *w* in words such as *WATER* and *WALLET*.

Some exceptional spellings include *GNARL, GUARD, HEART, HEARTH*.

*AR* can take the sound of *AR* in *CAR* or with a long *a*, as in *CARE* and *ORDINARY*. The words in this section have the *AR* sound of *CAR*; the long *a* pattern can be taught as a special category.

### OR

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Some of these are homophones with more common words (*YORE, PORE*) so you may wish to omit or postpone learning these to avoid confusion.

In multisyllable *OR*-words, be sure to clarify that there are double letters or other places where there may be more than one way to spell sounds (*x* or *cs*). Introduce such words with “These will have double *r*’s,” or “This one ends in *x*.”

## ar words

*\*You may wish to omit words with more common homophones, such as HART*

<u>C-AR</u>	card	<u>C-AR-C WITH</u>	scarp
bar	carp	<u>DIGRAPHS</u>	smart
car	cart	charm	snarl
far	dark	chart	spark
gar	darn	shard	stark
jar	dart	shark	start
mar	farm	sharp	Clark
par	garb	wharf	
tar	hard	harsh	<u>C-ARCC</u>
char	hark	larch	karst
	hart *	march	
<u>AR-C</u>	harm	marsh	<u>C-AR -VE</u>
arc	harp	parch	-SE
ark	lard		-GE
arm	lark	<u>CC-AR</u>	<u>-CE</u>
art	mark	scar	carve
	park	spar	large
<u>C-AR-C</u>	part	star	parse
barb	tart		barge
barb	yard	<u>CC-AR-C</u>	charge
bark	yarn	quark	Marge
barn	Carl	scarf	farce

## ar multisyllable words

*With only closed, open, v-c-e and r-controlled syllables.*

*\*Be sure to enunciate the first c*

agar	bulwark	embark	impart
arctic*	carbine	disembark	incarnate
arbitrate	cardigan	escarpment	isobar
arcade	cargo	farmland	landmark
arcane	carhop	farthest	larceny
archduke	carmine	feldspar	lethargic
ardent	carpet	garden	leotard
arduous	cartel	garlic	margin
argon	charming	garland	market
argument	compartment	garment	marmoset
armful	debark	garnet	marvel
armhole	debar	garnish	marlin
armrest	demarcate	hardest	narcissist
arsenic	department	hardtop	narcosis
artist	depart	harlequin	narcolepsy
arthropod	disarm	harmless	parchment
articulate	disbar	harmonic	parcel
barbell	discard	harmonize	parsec
carbon	disregard	harness	parsimony
bombard	embargo	harvest	parsnip

Syllable type: **4**  
r-controlled syllables

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## ar multisyllable words *continued*

partake	registrar	seminar	tarnish
particulate	reincarnate	sitar	tardy
petard	remark	sonar	varnish
pharmacy	retard	stargaze	varsity
quarantine	samovar	starfish	yardarm
radar	sarcastic	starling	
rampart	sardonic	swarthy	
regard	scarlet	target	

## ar with other syllable types/special categories

aardvark	apart	article	particle
afar	apartment	charnel	ptarmigan
ajar	apartheid	monarch	
alarm	archaeology	narwhal	
anarchy	argot	oligarchy	

## or words

<u>C-OR</u>	lord	<u>CC-OR-C WITH</u>	<u>C-OR-E</u>
for	norm	<u>DIGRAPHS</u>	chore
nor	morn	scorch	sore
	pork		gore
<u>OR-C</u>	port	<u>CC-OR-C</u>	ore
orb	sort	sport	more
	torn	scorn	lore
<u>C-OR-C</u>	tort	short	pore
born		shorn	score
cord	<u>C-OR-C WITH</u>	snort	shore
cork	<u>DIGRAPHS</u>	north	snore
corn	thorn	stork	store
ford	whorl	storm	swore
fork	forth	sword	tore
form	dorm	sworn	wore
fort	porch		yore
horn	torch		

Syllable type: **4**  
r-controlled syllables

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## multisyllable or words

corncob	hornpipe	cormorant	export
forklift	torment	coruscate	distort
cornstalk	sordid	sporadic	cohort
forest	torpid	forbidden	condor
hornet	format	carport	conform
forget	cornet	popcorn	depart
forbid	corset	platform	deform
forlorn	orate	barnstorm	contort
orbit	portent	bihorn	concord
morbid	story	acorn	extort
hormone	glory	import	consort
vortex	gory	torso	vaporize
cortex	tornado	support	historic
forgave	torpedo	transport	history
correct	corpulent	transform	factory
corrode	formulate	reform	promontory
corrupt	organize	inform	opportune
forsake	organism	mentor	historic
florist	forensic	escort	important
thorax	porcupine	windstorm	nonconformist
borax	orthodox	discord	panoramic
forum	orthodontist	report	insubordinate
quorum	orthopedist	slumlord	davenport
corpus	coronet	absorb	misinform

## multisyllable or words ending in -ore

ashore

explore

encore

restore

adore

before

galore

semaphore

commodore

carnivore

ignore

sophomore

deplore

omnivore

implore

stevedore

## er words

<u>C-ER</u>	<u>X-ER-VE</u>	<u>X-ER-SE</u>	<u>X-ER-GE</u>
her	conserve	adverse	converge
per	deserve	averse	diverge
	nerve	converse	emerge
<u>ER-C</u>	observe	disperse	merge
erg	preserve	diverse	(serge)
	reserve	immerse	submerge
<u>C-ER-C</u>	serve	intersperse	verge
clerk	swerve	inverse	
sperm	verve	obverse	
stern		perverse	
fern		reverse	
germ		submerse	
herb		terse	
herd		transverse	
jerk		traverse	
kern		universe	
perk		verse	
pert			
(serf)			
(berth)			
perch			
term			
tern			
verb			
Bert			



## frequently occurring er words

brother	river	farmer	corner
butter	ever	general	modern
other	order	energy	rather
her	better	members	interesting
number	however	exercise	consider
water	remember	difference	enter
over	covered	summer	observe
after	several	winter	property
another	pattern	interest	terms
different	numeral	discover	shoulder
letter	certain	weather	northern
mother	person	whether	western
answer	verb	flowers	eastern
every	understand	teacher	southern
father	government	per	sister
never	power	wonder	workers
under	matter	fingers	determine
paper	perhaps	serve	underline
together	center	desert	

## er multisyllable words

*With only closed, open, v-c-e and -er syllables*

perfect	number	whisper	dervish
invert	fervent	master	slumber
waver	serpent	usher	percale
chapter	over	hunker	permit
Peter	sister	persist	Vermont
slender	members	perplex	silversmith
prefer	perhaps	monster	disaster
order	paper	tether	deliver
ponder	under	ferment	partnership
hermit	shiver	convert	interpret
perfume	versus	termite	overtone
verdict	lantern	shifter	carpenter
confer	driver	spider	generate
luster	enter	border	intersect
overt	Peter	superb	underline
herself	perform	safer	remember
covert	servile	somber	understand
divert	cavern	berserk	reverberate

## er multisyllable words — double consonant

letter	hammer	runner	robber
upper	clutter	ladder	skinner
platter	rubber	simmer	stopper
glimmer	splatter	better	kidder
dinner	dimmer	potter	butter
summer	buzzer	jogger	stammer
shatter	glitter	mutter	shudder
offer	fodder	stagger	slugger
suffer	shopper	filler	

## ur words

C-UR

cur

fur

sur

UR-C

urn

C-UR-C

burn

churn

curb

curl

curt

burl

furl

curd

burp

hurl

hurt

lurch

lurk

murk

purl\*

turf

turn

surf

churl

CC-UR

blur

slur

CC-UR-C

blurb

blurt

scurf

slurp

spurn

spurt

ENDING WITH E

curse

curve

nurse

purge

purse

urge

splurge

surge

OTHER

knurl

purr

burr

## ur multisyllable words

*With only closed, open, v-c-e and -ur syllables*

sunburn	murmur	furlong	burly
turnpike	urbane	furish	scurvy
churchyard	usurp	churlish	hurry
disturb	surprise	lurid	scurry
burlap	absurd	lemur	turbulent
return	furnish	incur	turpentine
surplus	burnish	purport	bifurcate
recur	femur	burden	unburden
demur	turbid	current	burgundy
turnip	unfurl	murky	
survive	urchin	curly	
concur	surname	sturdy	

## ur words *extensive list*

<u>A</u>	Bujumbura	commensurate	curtain
abjuration	burl	concur	curtsey
abjuring	burlap	concurrent	curvature
absurdity	burlesque	conjure	curve
allure	burly	conjuring	
alluring	Burma	corduroy	<u>D</u>
appurtenant	burnish	cultural	demur
Arthur	burn	cur	disburse
assure	burnoose	curb	disturb
assurance	burp	curd	diurnal
auburn	burgeon	curdle	diuretic
augur	burro	curfew	dramaturgy
augury	burrow	curl	durable
	bursar	curlew	durability
<u>B</u>	bursitis	curmudgeon	duration
bifurcate	burst	currant	duress
blur		currency	
blurb	<u>C</u>	current	<u>E</u>
blurt	cheeseburger	curriculum	excursion
bravura	chemurgy	curry	endurable
burble	chiaroscurist	curse	expurgate
burden	church	cursive	exurb
burdock	churchyard	cursor	
burgess	churn	cursorry	
burglar	churl	curt	
Burgundy	churlish	curtail	

ur words *continued*

<u>F</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>O</u>
femur	hamburger	knurl	obdurate
flurry	homburg		objurgate
furlong	hurdle	<u>L</u>	occur
furnace	hurl	lemur	outburst
frankfurter	hurricane	liturgy	
fur	hurt	lure	<u>P</u>
furrow	hurrah	luring	penury
further	hurry	lurid	perjury
furtive	hurtle	lurch	perturb
furtive		lurk	plural
furbish		luxury	politburo
furlong	<u>I</u>		purchase
furnish	imperturbable		purgative
furniture	incur	<u>M</u>	purgatory
further	incursion	mazurka	purge
furtive	indurate	mensuration	purl
	injury	metallurgy	purlieu
	insurgent	murder	purloin
<u>G</u>	insurmount-	murky	purple
gurgle	able	murk	purport
guttural	insurrection	murmur	purpose
		<u>N</u>	purr
	<u>J</u>	nasturtiums	purse
	jodhpurs	nocturnal	pursue
	jurisdiction	nurse	pursuant
	jury	nursery	

## ur words *continued*

purulent	spurious	surprise	turnpike
purvey	spurn	surrender	turnstile
purview	spurt	surreptitious	turntable
	sturdy	surrey	turpentine
<u>R</u>	surgeon	surrender	turpitude
recur	suburb	surrogate	turquoise
refurbish	suburban	surround	tureen
regurgitate	sulfur	survey	turret
reimburse	sunburn	surveillance	turtle
resurgent	suppurate	survive	
resurrect	surcease		<u>U</u>
return	surcharge	<u>T</u>	uncurl
rural	surface	taciturn	unfurl
	surfeit	tellurium	urbane
<u>s</u>	surfer	thaumaturgy	urge
Saturn	surge	topsy-turvy	urgent
saturnine	surgeon	turban	urn
scurf	surgery	turbine	urchin
scurrilous	surly	turbid	usurp
scurry	surmise	turbulent	usury
scurvy	surmount	turf	
sequitur	surname	turgid	<u>Y</u>
slur	surpass	turkey	yogurt
slurp	surplice	turmeric	
slurry	surplus	turmoil	
splurge	surpass	turn	
spur	surreal	turnip	



## -ure words with /yer/ sound

cure	figure	manicure	secure
demure	immure	obscure	sinecure
epicure	impure	pedicure	tenure
erasure	insecure	procure	transfigure
failure	inure	pure	

## -ure words with /er/ sound

acupuncture	caricature	conjure	disclosure
adjure	censure	countermea- sure	discomfiture
adventure	cincture	couture	disfigure
agriculture	closure	creature	displeasure
allure	cloture	culture	divestiture
aperture	cocksure	curvature	embouchure
architecture	coiffure	cynosure	embrasure
armature	coinsure	debenture	enclosure
assure	composure	denature	endure
azure	configure	denture	enrapture
brochure	conjecture	departure	ensure
capture	conjuncture		expenditure

## -ure words with /er/ sound continued

exposure	juncture	pasture	seizure
feature	lecture	perjure	signature
fissure	legislature	photogravure	silviculture
fixture	leisure	picture	stature
floriculture	ligature	pisciculture	stricture
foreclosure	literature	pleasure	structure
forfeiture	lure	portraiture	subculture
fracture	manufacture	posture	sure
furniture	manure	prefecture	suture
future	mature	premature	temperature
garniture	measure	pressure	texture
gesture	miniature	primogeniture	tincture
haute couture	misadventure	procedure	tonsure
horticulture	mixture	puncture	torture
immature	moisture	rapture	treasure
indenture	musculature	reassure	venture
infrastructure	nature	rotogravure	verdure
injure	nomenclature	rupture	vesture
insure	nurture	scripture	vulture
judicature	overture	sculpture	

## yr words

/ER/SOUNDS

martyr

myrmidon

myrrh

myrtle

porphyry

satyr

syringe

zephyr

/EAR/ SOUNDS

syrinx

pyramid

myriad

tyranny

lyrics

empyrean

## ir words

<u>C-IR</u>	dirk	firth	<u>CC-IR-C</u>	<u>C-IR-CC</u>
fir	firm	girth	flirt	first
sir	gird	mirth	quirk	thirst
	girl	chirp	skirt	
<u>IR-C</u>	girt	shirk	smirk	<u>CCC-IR-C</u>
irk		shirt	swirl	squirm
	<u>C-IR-C WITH</u>	third	twirl	squirt
	<u>DIGRAPHS</u>	whirl	smirch	
<u>C-IR-C</u>	bird	birch		
dirt	birth			

## ir multisyllable words

*With closed, open, v-c-e and r-controlled syllables*

catbird	quirky	birthdate	circus
directly	extirpate	elixir	circumvent
skirmish	birthrate	misdirect	circulate
confirm	birthmark	Birmingham	circumlocute
infirm	stirrup	birthstone	

## ir words with cir

*Others have different suffixes, such as CIRCULATION and CIRCUMNAVIGATION*

circle	circulatory	circumstance
circa	circumcise	circumstantial
circle	circumflex	circumscribe
circlet	circumference	circumvent
circuit	circumlocution	circus
circular	circumnavigate	
circulate	circumspect	

## Words derived from ire base words

*These words have a long i sound to tell you to use the letter i*

perspire	transpire	inspiration	transpiration
inspire	admire	aspiration	admiration
aspire	inquire	respiration	admirable
respire	perspiration	respiratory	inquiry

## ir words *extensive list*

*Words are given with no regard for difficulty level*

### A

admiral  
admirable  
admiration  
affirm  
aspiration  
aspirin  
aspirate  
aspirin

### B

besmirch  
birch  
bird  
Birmingham  
birth  
birthday  
birthmark  
birthplace  
birthrate  
birthstone  
blackbird

### C

catbird  
chirp  
chirrup  
circa  
circle  
circlet  
circuit  
circular  
circulate  
circulation  
circulatory  
circumcise  
circumflex  
circumference  
circumlocution  
circumnavigate  
circumspect  
circumstance  
circumstantial  
circumscribe  
circumscription

circumvent  
circus  
cirrhosis  
confirm  
confirmation

### D

direct  
direction  
director  
dirge  
dirk  
dirge  
dirk  
dirt  
dirty

### E

elixir  
expiration  
extirpation

ir words *continued*

<u>F</u>	<u>J</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>V</u>
fakir	jailbird	shirk	virago
fir		semicircle	virgin
firm	<u>M</u>	shirr	Virgin Islands
firmament	mirage	shirt	Virginia
first	mirth	sir	virgule
firth	misdirect	sirloin	virtu
flirt		sirocco	virtue
	<u>N</u>	skirmish	virtual
<u>G</u>	New	skirt	virtuoso
giraffe	Hampshire	smirch	virtuous
gird	nightshirt	smirk	
girdle	nirvana	squirm	<u>W</u>
girl		squirrel	whirl
girt	<u>O</u>	squirt	whirligig
girth	outskirts	stir	whirlpool
		stirrup	whirlwind
<u>I</u>	<u>P</u>	swirl	whir
indirect	perspiration		
infirm	piranha	<u>T</u>	<u>Z</u>
infirmity	pirogi	tapir	zircon
infirmity		third	
inquiry	<u>Q</u>	thirst	
inspiration	quirk	thirteen	
irk		thirty	
	<u>R</u>	transpiration	
	respiration	twirl	

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## consonant-l-e

The consonant-l-e syllable usually comes at the end of a word. Two-syllable words with this pattern are very reliable, and once the student knows to pronounce -PLE as if it were -PEL, these words can be divided and conquered with relative ease.

Closed syllable consonant-l-e words (HUMBLE, SIMPLE, GURGLE) are much more common than ones with open syllables (BIBLE, ABLE), so students sometimes overgeneralize and

use the short vowel sound regardless. Give the open syllable words more practice.

Focus on the shorter words, as the longer words with consonant-l-e often have schwa sounds with various spellings.

-CKLE and -STLE are special categories because they have silent letters, although CK can be taught as a way of doubling the /k/ consonant so that the first syllable can get a consonant and keep its vowel short.

## a sampling of consonant-l-e words by ending

*\*Be sure the meaning of BRIDLE is clarified to avoid confusion with BRIDAL.*

<u>-BLE</u>	idle	<u>-GLE</u>	<u>-TLE</u>
ramble	bridle*	bungle	chortle
thimble	addle	gargle	mantle
garble	saddle	jingle	startle
scramble	fiddle	tangle	turtle
bubble	middle	giggle	bottle
scribble	muddle	haggle	prattle
able	griddle	juggle	title
fable		ogle	
Bible	<u>-CLE</u>		<u>-ZLE</u>
noble	circle	<u>-FLE</u>	puzzle
able	cycle	baffle	grizzle
amble	cycle	duffle	frazzle
	uncle	shuffle	dazzle
<u>-SLE</u>		sniffle	drizzle
hassle	<u>-PLE</u>	rifle	embezzle
tussle	ample	trifle	nuzzle
	example	stifle	nozzle
<u>-DLE</u>	dimple		muzzle
kindle	purple		
handle	ripple		
dwindle	topple		
trundle	supple		
fiddle	staple		
coddle	scruple		
ladle	maple		

## consonant-l-e words *continued*

<u>-CKLE</u>	trickle	castle	rustle
cackle	freckle	epistle	thistle
chuckle	grackle	forecastle	trestle
pickle		gristle	whistle
tackle	<u>-STLE</u>	hustle	wrestle
buckle	apostle	jostle	
heckle	bristle	nestle	
speckle	bustle	pestle	

## consonant-l-e *basic practice list*

*Consonant-l-e words with small changes from one word to the next*

jiggle	gentle	bugle	cradle
juggle	purple	fable	idle
cattle	gurgle	ruble	ladle
hassle	gargle	gable	bridle
bubble	startle	stable	maple
bobble	kindle	rifle	staple
babble	swindle	stifle	noble
scrabble	bundle	trifle	bugle
paddle	single	able	
candle	Bible	cable	

## consonant-l-e words *extensive list*

*Excepting -ABLE and -IBLE meaning ABLE*

<u>A</u>	befuddle	<u>C</u>	cuddle
addle	Bible	cable	curdle
aisle	bicycle	cackle	cuticle
ample	binnacle	candle	
angle	bluebottle	canticle	<u>D</u>
ankle	bobble	carbuncle	dabble
apostle	boggle	castle	dandle
apple	boodle	cattle	dangle
article	boondoggle	chasuble	dapple
assemble	bottle	chicle	dawdle
auricle	bramble	chortle	dazzle
	bridle	chronicle	debacle
<u>B</u>	brindle	chuckle	dimple
babble	bristle	clavicle	dingle
baffle	brittle	cobble	disciple
bamboozle	bubble	cockle	disentangle
bangle	buckle	coddle	disgruntle
barnacle	bugle	constable	dismantle
battle	bundle	corpuscule	dissemble
beadle	bungle	couple	draggle
beagle	burble	crackle	drizzle
bedazzle	burgle	cradle	doodle
beetle		crinkle	double
		cripple	duffle
		crumple	dwindle
		cubicle	

## consonant-l-e words *continued*

<u>E</u>	frazzle	<u>H</u>	juggle
eagle	freckle	hackle	jumble
embattle	frizzle	haggle	jungle
encircle	fuddle	handle	
enfeeble	fumble	hassle	<u>K</u>
ennoble		heckle	kettle
ensemble	<u>G</u>	huddle	kibble
entangle	gable	humble	kindle
entitle	gaggle	hurdle	knuckle
embezzle	garble	hurtle	
epistle	gargle	hustle	<u>L</u>
example	gentle		ladle
	giggle	<u>I</u>	little
<u>F</u>	girdle	icicle	
fable	gobble	idle	<u>M</u>
fascicle	goggle	ignoble	manacle
feeble	grabble	intermingle	mandible
fettle	grackle	inveigle	mangle
fickle	grapple	isle	manhandle
fiddle	griddle		mantle
finagle	gristle	<u>J</u>	maple
fizzle	grizzle	jangle	marble
fo'c'sle	grumble	jingle	meddle
foible	gurgle	joggle	mettle
follicle	guzzle	jostle	middle
forecastle			

## consonant-l-e words *continued*

mingle	<u>o</u>	purple	ruble
miracle	obstacle	puzzle	ruffle
mishandle	ogle		rumble
mollycoddle	oracle	<u>Q</u>	rumple
multiple		quadrangle	rustle
monocle	<u>P</u>	quadruple	
motorcycle	paddle	quibble	<u>s</u>
mottle	panhandle	quintuple	sable
muddle	parable		saddle
muffle	participle	<u>R</u>	sample
mumble	particle	rabble	scrabble
muscle	peddle	raffle	scramble
muzzle	pentacle	rattle	scribble
myrtle	people	ramble	scruple
	periwinkle	ramshackle	scuffle
<u>N</u>	pestle	rankle	scuttle
needle	pickle	receptacle	semicircle
nestle	piddle	rectangle	settle
nibble	pimple	recycle	shackle
nimble	pineapple	rekindle	shamble
nipple	pinnacle	resettle	shingle
noble	poodle	reshuffle	shuffle
noodle	prattle	retitle	shuttle
nozzle	preamble	riddle	sickle
nubble	prickle	riffle	sidle
nuzzle	principle	rifle	simple
	puddle	ripple	single

consonant-l-e words *continued*

sizzle	subtitle	trample	unsettle
smuggle	suckle	treacle	untangle
snaffle	supple	treadle	
sniffle	subtle	treble	<u>v</u>
snuffle	swaddle	trestle	vehicle
snuggle	swindle	triangle	ventricle
spangle	syllable	trickle	vesicle
sparkle		tricycle	
speckle	<u>T</u>	trifle	<u>w</u>
spectacle	table	triple	waddle
spindle	tabernacle	trouble	waffle
spittle	tackle	tousle	waggle
sprinkle	tangle	truckle	wangle
squiggle	teakettle	truffle	warble
stable	temple	trundle	wheedle
staple	tentacle	tubercle	whiffle
startle	testicle	tumble	whistle
steeple	thimble	turtle	wiggle
stickle	thistle	tussle	wimple
stifle	throttle	twaddle	winkle
stipple	tickle	twiddle	wobble
straddle	tingle	twinkle	wrangle
straggle	tinkle		wrestle
strangle	tipple	<u>U</u>	wriggle
struggle	title	unbridle	wrinkle
stubble	toddle	unbuckle	
stumble	topple		

## -able, -ible words

*Where the suffix means ABLE*

### A

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abominable  
absorbable  
acceptable  
accessible  
accountable  
achievable  
acquirable  
actable  
adaptable  
adjustable  
admirable  
admissible  
adoptable  
adorable  
advisable  
affable  
affordable  
agreeable  
allowable  
amenable  
amendable

### amiable

amicable  
answerable  
applicable  
appreciable  
apprehensible  
approachable  
arable  
arguable  
ascendable/ible  
ascertainable  
ascribable  
assailable  
assessable  
assignable  
assumable  
attachable  
attainable  
audible  
available  
avoidable

### B

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bankable  
bearable  
believable  
biddable  
billable  
biodegradable  
blamable  
breakable  
breathable  
bribeable  
bridgeable  
buildable  
burnable

### C

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calculable  
callable  
capable  
cashable  
catchable  
certifiable  
changeable  
chargeable  
charitable  
checkable



## -able, -ible words *continued*

chewable	compoundable	contestable
citable	comprehensible	contractible
claimable	comprehensible	contradictable
classifiable	compressible	contrastable
cleanable	computable	controllable
clearable	computerizable	controvertible
cleavable	concealable	conversable
climbable	conceivable	convertible
closeable	condemnable	correctable
clubbable	condensable	corrodible
coercible	condonable	corruptible
cognizable	conductible	countable
collapsible	conferrable	covetable
collecta / ible	confessable	credible
combinable	confirmable	creditable
combustible	confiscable	criticizable
comestible	conformable	crunchable
comfortable	connectable	crushable
commendable	conscionable	crystallizable
committable	considerable	culpable
communicable	consignable	cultivable
commutable	consolable	cultivable
compactible	constructible	curable
companionable	construable	
comparable	consumable	
compatible	containable	
compellable	contemptible	

**-able, -ible words *continued***

<u>D</u>		
	derivable	dishonorable
damageable	describable	dislikable
damnable	desirable	dispensable
debatable	despicable	dispersible
decidable	destructible	disposable
decipherable	detachable	disprovable
declarable	detectable	disputable
declinable	determinable	disreputable
decomposable	detestable	dissoluble
deducible	developable	dissolvable
deductible	diagnosable	distinguishable
defendable	differentiable	distractable
defensible	diffusible	distributable
deferrable	digestible	dividable
definable	diminishable	divisible
deflectable	dimmable	doable
defrayable	dippable	documentable
degradable	dirigible	doubtable
delectable	disable	draftable
deliverable	disagreeable	dramatizable
demandable	disassemble	drawable
demonstrable	discernible	drillable
dependable	dischargeable	drinkable
deplorable	discountable	drivable
deportable	discoverable	dryable
depreciable	discreditable	dubitable
depressible	discussa/ible	durable

## -able, -ible words *continued*

### E

eatable  
 edible  
 educable  
 electable  
 eligible  
 embraceable  
 emendable  
 employable  
 emulsifiable  
 enable  
 endorsable  
 enduring  
 enforceable  
 enjoyable  
 ensemble  
 enterable  
 enviable  
 equitable  
 eradicable  
 erasable  
 erodible  
 erosible  
 eruptible  
 escapable  
 estimable

examinable  
 exceptionable  
 exchangeable  
 excisable  
 excitable  
 excusable  
 excludable  
 excludible  
 execrable  
 executable  
 exercisable  
 exhaustible  
 expansible  
 expandible  
 expectable  
 expellable  
 expendable  
 explainable  
 explicable  
 exploitable  
 exportable  
 exposable  
 expressible  
 extendable  
 extendible  
 extensible  
 extinguishable

extractable  
 extricable

### F

factorable  
 fallible  
 fashionable  
 fathomable  
 favorable  
 feasible  
 fellable  
 fermentable  
 fertilizable  
 filterable  
 fishable  
 fissionable  
 fixable  
 flammable  
 flexible  
 flyable  
 foldable  
 forcible  
 fordable  
 foreseeable  
 forfeitable  
 forgeable  
 forgettable

## -able, -ible words *continued*

forgivable  
formable  
formidable  
frangible  
friable  
fusible

### G

generalizable  
gaugeable  
gleanable  
governable  
grantable  
graspable  
guidable  
gullible

### H

habitable  
handleable  
hatchable  
heatable  
heritable  
honorable  
horrible  
hospitable  
huggable

hydrolyzable  
hyperexcitable  
hypersusceptible  
hypnotizable

### I

identifiable  
ignitable  
ignoble  
ignorable  
illegible  
illimitable  
illuminable  
imaginable  
imitable  
immeasurable  
immersible  
immiscible  
immitigable  
immovable  
immutable  
impalpable  
impartible  
impassa/ible  
impeachable  
impeccable  
impenetrable

imperceptible  
imperishable  
impermeable  
impermissible  
imperturbable  
implacable  
implausible  
implantable  
imponderable  
importable  
impossible  
impracticable  
impregnable  
impressible  
impressionable  
imprisonable  
improbable  
improvable  
impugnable  
imputable  
inaccessible  
inadmissible  
inadvisable  
inalienable  
inapplicable  
inarguable  
inaudible

## -able, -ible words *continued*

incalculable	indelible	inexorable
incapable	indescribable	inexpiable
inclinable	indestructible	inexplicable
includa/ible	indictable	inexpressible
incombustible	indigestible	inextricable
incommunicable	indiscernible	infallible
incomparable	indispensable	inferrable
incompatible	indisputable	inflammable
incomprehensible	indissoluble	inflatable
incompressible	indistinguishable	inflectable
inconceivable	indivisible	inflexible
inconsiderable	indomitable	influenceable
inconsolable	indubitable	infrangible
inconsumable	inducible	infusible
incontestable	ineducable	ingestible
incontrovertible	inedible	inhabitable
incorporable	ineffable	inheritable
incorrigible	ineligible	inimitable
incorruptible	ineluctable	injectable
increasable	ineludable	innumerable
incredible	inequitable	inoperable
inculpable	ineradicable	insatiable
incurable	inescapable	inscrutable
indecipherable	inestimable	insensible
indeclinable	inevitable	inseparable
indefatigable	inexcusable	insoluble
indefinable	inexhaustible	insufferable

## -able, -ible words *continued*

insupportable  
insuppressible  
insurable  
insurmountable  
intangible  
integrable  
intelligible  
interchangeable  
interminable  
interpretable  
interruptible  
intolerable  
intractable  
intuitable  
invaluable  
invariable  
invertible  
investable  
inviable  
invincible  
inviolable  
invisible  
invulnerable  
ionizable  
irascible  
irreclaimable  
irreconcilable

irrecoverable  
irredeemable  
irreducible  
irrefutable  
irremediable  
irremovable  
irreparable  
irreplaceable  
irrepressible  
irreproachable  
irresistible  
irresponsible  
irretrievable  
irreversible  
irrevocable  
irritable

J  
joinable  
justiciable  
justifiable

K  
kissable  
knowledgeable  
knowable

L  
lamentable  
laudable  
laughable  
leachable  
learnable  
leasable  
legible  
lendable  
leviable  
liable  
licensable  
liftable  
likable  
likeable  
limitable  
liquefiable  
listenable  
livable  
loanable  
localizable  
locatable  
lockable  
losable  
lovable  
M  
machinable

## -able, -ible words *continued*

magnetizable  
 mailable  
 maintainable  
 makable  
 makeable  
 malleable  
 manageable  
 maneuverable  
 manipulable  
 manipulatable  
 mappable  
 marketable  
 marriageable  
 matchable  
 measurable  
 medicable  
 meltable  
 memorable  
 memorizable  
 mendable  
 mentionable  
 merchantable  
 minable  
 miscible  
 miserable  
 mistakable  
 mixable

modifiable  
 moldable  
 monosyllable  
 mountable  
 movable  
 mutable

### N

namable  
 navigable  
 negligible  
 negotiable  
 nonadjustable  
 nonbreakable  
 nonchargeable  
 noncombustible  
 nonrefundable  
 nontaxable  
 nontransferable  
 notable  
 noticeable  
 notifiable  
 numerable

### O

objectionable  
 observable  
 obtainable  
 omissible  
 operable  
 opposable  
 organizable  
 ostensible  
 oxidizable

### P

pacifiable  
 packable  
 palatable  
 palpable  
 paraphrasable  
 pardonable  
 partible  
 passable  
 patentable  
 payable  
 peaceable  
 peelable  
 penetrable  
 pensionable  
 perceivable

## -able, -ible words *continued*

perceptible  
perdurable  
perfectible  
performable  
perishable  
permeable  
permissible  
permutable  
personable  
persuadable  
persuasible  
perturbable  
pitable  
placable  
plausible  
playable  
pleadable  
pleasurable  
pliable  
plowable  
pocketable  
pokable  
polarizable  
ponderable  
portable  
possible  
postponable

potable  
pourable  
practicable  
preassemble  
preamble  
predicable  
predictable  
preferable  
pregnable  
presentable  
preservable  
presumable  
preventable  
printable  
probable  
procurable  
producibile  
profitable  
programmable  
promotable  
pronounceable  
propogable  
proportionable  
prosecutable  
provable  
publishable  
pulverizable

punishable  
purchasable

### Q

qualifiable  
quantifiable  
quenchable  
questionable  
quotable



## -able, -ible words *continued*

<u>R</u>		
ratable	refillable	representable
reachable	reformable	repressible
readable	refundable	reproachable
readjustable	refutable	reproducible
realizable	registerable	reputable
reasonable	regrettable	resalable
reassemble	reimbursable	rescuable
rebuttable	relatable	researchable
recallable	reliable	resistible
receivable	relishable	resolvable
rechargeable	remarkable	respectable
reclaimable	remediable	respirable
recognizable	remissible	responsible
recommendable	remittable	restorable
reconcilable	removable	restrainable
reconstructible	renderable	retractable
recordable	renegotiable	retrievable
recoupable	renewable	returnable
recoverable	rentable	reusable
rectifiable	repairable	revealable
recyclable	reparable	reversible
redeemable	repayable	revertible
redoubtable	repeatable	revisable
reducible	repealable	revivable
reelable	replaceable	revocable
referable	reportable	revolvable
	reprehensible	rewardable

## -able, -ible words *continued*

ridable  
rideable  
risible  
rotatable  
roundtable

s

salable  
saleable  
salvageable  
satiabile  
satisfiable  
saturable  
savable  
saveable  
sayable  
scalable  
scannable  
searchable  
seasonable  
seeable  
selectable  
sensible  
separable  
serviceable  
settleable  
severable

shakeable  
shapable  
sharable  
shippable  
shockable  
shrinkable  
singable  
sizable  
skiable  
smokable  
sociable  
soluble  
solvable  
sortable  
soundable  
spareable  
speakable  
specifiable  
spendable  
spillable  
spreadable  
squabble  
squeezable  
stainable  
stoppable  
storable  
stretchable

sublimable  
submergible  
submersible  
substitutable  
subsumable  
sufferable  
suggestible  
suitable  
supportable  
supposable  
suppressible  
surmountable  
surpassable  
survivable  
susceptible  
sustainable  
swallowable  
swimmable  
swingable

T

tamable  
tangible  
tarnishable  
taxable  
teachable  
temperable

## -able, -ible words *continued*

temptable	treatable	uncountable
tenable	triable	undeniable
tenantable	trustable	undependable
terminable	tubbable	understandable
terrible	tunable	undesirable
testable	turnable	undetactable
thinkable		undoubtable
tillable	<u>U</u>	undrinkable
tolerable	unable	unemployable
touchable	unacceptable	unendurable
traceable	unaccountable	unenforceable
tractable	unalterable	unexceptionable
tradable	unanswerable	unexcitable
trainable	unattainable	unexplainable
transferable	unavailable	unfavorable
transformable	unavoidable	unflappable
transfusable	unbeatable	unforeseeable
translatable	unbearable	unforgettable
transmissible	unbelievable	unforgivable
transmittable	unbendable	ungovernable
transmutable	unchangeable	unifiable
transplantable	unbreakable	unimaginable
transportable	uncharitable	unimpeachable
transposable	uncomfortable	uninhabitable
traversable	unconquerable	unintelligible
treasonable	unconscionable	unjustifiable
treasurable	uncontrollable	unknowable

## -able, -ible words *continued*

unlikable  
unlovable  
unmanageable  
unmentionable  
unmistakable  
unmovable  
unnamable  
unnavigable  
unnoticeable  
unobjectionable  
unobservable  
unobtainable  
unpalatable  
unpardonable  
unpredictable  
unprintable  
unprofitable  
unquenchable  
unquestionable  
unreadable  
unrealizable  
unreasonable  
unreachable  
unrecognizable  
unrecoverable  
unreliable  
unseasonable

unsociable  
unsolvable  
unspeakable  
unsuitable  
unsupportable  
untenable  
unthinkable  
untouchable  
unusable  
unworkable  
usable  
utilizable  
utterable

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v

valuable  
vanquishable  
variable  
vendable  
vendible  
venerable  
verifiable  
veritable  
viable  
viewable  
violable  
visible

visitable  
vocable  
voidable  
voluble  
vulnerable

### w

wadable  
wadeable  
warrantable  
washable  
wearable  
weighable  
weldable  
wettable  
winnable  
withdrawable  
workable  
writable

## Syllable type 6: Vowel pairs

OO has two common sounds. Exceptions are BLOOD and FLOOD, where the OO is pronounced as a short u, and BROOCH, which usually rhymes with COACH, though it can also be pronounced to rhyme with POOCH.

Check your local pronunciation of these words; some words, like ROOF, are pronounced with one OO sound or the other, depending on the local dialect. Be sure to be using the sound that goes with the group the word is in (or move it to the other group).

### OY, OI

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There are *very* few exceptions to the spelling pattern with this combination: at the end of a word or syllable, use OY, while in the middle of the syllable, use OI.

There are also few words with the OI sound which aren't

spelled with OI or OY.

### AU, AW

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BAUBLE is an exception to the insider pattern, since the syllable ends before the consonant-l-e syllable. CAUSAL is very easily confused with CASUAL.

Be careful! Some words contain AU but don't say AU — anything with EAU (BEAU, BUREAU, BEAUTIFUL) plus GAUGE, GAUCHE, HAUTE, FRAU, LAUGH, LUAU, MAUVE, PLATEAU, PORTMANTEAUX, RESTAURANT, SAUERKRAUT, SCHNAUZER, TAUPE.

Avoid saying DROOR for DRAW-ER, LOYER for LAWYER and SOYER for SAWYER.

The vowel pair words are the toughest to learn — they have the most exceptions, and are the hardest words.

There are some familiar patterns — in general, AI is used in the middle of a syllable while AY comes at the end. If

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vowel pairs

**NOTES**

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the word is a noun, an E sound at the end is probably spelled -EY (MONKEY, TURKEY, KEY). If it's an adjective, ry y first (SILLY, FUNNY). The letter before TUTE or TUDE is i, except in QUIETUDE and DESUETUDE.

e is again learned last, as it has many more possible

spellings and doesn't follow the patterns the other vowels do. For example, unlike the other vowels, the silent e pattern is a relatively rare spelling of the long e sound; e is often doubled to make that sound instead.

## au, aw words

*\*Avoid saying DROOR for DRAWER, LOYER for LAWYER and SOYER for SAWYER.*

<u>AU</u>	August	authoritative	binaural
aeronautic	Augusta	authorize	caterwaul
applause	augur	autism	Caucasian
applaud	augury	autistic	caucus
assault	augment	auto	caudal
astronaut	auk	autobiography	caught
au fond	aunt	autocracy	cauliflower
au lait	aura	autocrat	caulk
au naturel	aural	autograph	cauldron
auction	Australia	automata	causal
auburn	Austria	automate	causality
audacious	Austin	automatic	causation
audacity	aureole	automaton	cause
audible	auricle	automobile	causeway
audience	aurora	autonomic	caustic
audio	auspice	autonomy	caution
audiologist	auspicious	autonomous	cautious
audiophile	austere	autopsy	cauterization
audiovisual	austerity	autumn	centaur
audit	autarchic	auxin	claustrophobia
audition	authentic	auxiliary	clause
auditor	authenticate	baccalaureate	cosmonaut
auditorium	authenticity	bauble	daub
auger	author	baud	dauber
aught	authority	bauxite	daughter
august	authoritarian	because	daughterly

au, aw words *continued*

daunt	haunch	maul	precaution
daunted	haunt	maudlin	raucous
dauntless	holocaust	maunder	raunchy
dauphin	hydraulic	Mauritania	sauce
debauch	implausible	mausoleum	saunter
default	inaudible	menopause	saurians
defraud	inaugurate	Milwaukee	sausage
distraught	inauspicious	monaural	sauterne
epaulet	jaundice	Nassau	saute
exhaust	jaunt	naught	slaughter
exhaustion	jaunty	naughty	somersault
exhaustible	juggernaut	nauseous	staunch
exhaustive	keelhaul	nautical	staunchly
faucet	laud	nautilus	taught
fault	laudable	onslaught	taunt
faulty	laudatory	overhaul	taught
faultless	launch	overslaugh	tautology
fraudulent	launder	paucity	thesaurus
fraught	laundry	Paul	trauma
gaudy	laundress	paunch	traumatize
Gaul	Laura	paunchy	traumatic
gaunt	laureate	pauper	vaudeville
gauntlet	laurel	pauperize	vault
gauze	leprechaun	pause	vaunt
glaucoma	manslaughter	plaudit	
haughty	marauder	plausible	
haul	maraud	Port-au-Prince	



## au, aw words *continued*

<u>AW</u>	flawless	lawsuit	sawyer*
awe	foresaw	lawyer*	scrawl
awesome	forepaw	lockjaw	scrawn
awestruck	gawk	macaw	scrawny
awful	gawky	mackinaw	seesaw
awkward	gawkish	Malawi	shawl
awl	gewgaws	maw	slaw
awning	gnaw	mawkish	southpaw
bawdy	goshawk	nighthawk	spawn
bawl	guffaw	night crawler	sprawl
brawl	hacksaw	outlaw	squawk
brawn	haw	overdraw	squaw
bucksaw	hawk	paw	straw
bylaw	hawsers	pawl	taw
caw	hawthorn	pawn	tawdry
claw	in-law	Pawnee	tawny
coleslaw	jackstraw	pawnshop	thaw
crawdad	jaw	prawn	tomahawk
crawfish	jawbone	quartersaw	trawl
dawn	jigsaw	raw	Warsaw
dawdle	law	rawhide	whipsaw
draw	lawful	rickshaw	withdraw
drawer*	lawless	ripsaw	withdrawal
drawl	lawman	saw	withdrawn
drawn	lawmaker	sawdust	yaw
fawn	lawn	sawhorse	yawl
flaw	Lawrence	sawmill	yawn

## oo as in foot

adulthood	checkbook	gobbledygook	outlook
afoot	childhood	good	overlook
bachelorhood	cook	goodness	parenthood
backwoods	cookie	goodwill	priesthood
bankbook	cookout	handbook	pussyfoot
barefoot	cottonwood	hardwood	redwood
basswood	crook	hood	rook
book	crooked	hoodlum	rookie
bookcase	dogwood	hoof	sainthood
bookend	donnybrook	hook	scrapbook
bookie	driftwood	inglenook	shook
bookkeeper	falsehood	look	soot
booklet	fatherhood	manhood	stood
bookmark	foot	mistook	tenterhooks
bookmobile	football	misunder-	textbook
bookshelf	foothill	stood	took
bookplate	foothold	monkshood	wood
bookstore	footnote	motherhood	woodcutter
bookworm	footpath	neighborhood	wooden
boxwood	footstep	nook	woodlands
boyhood	foresook	notebook	woodpecker
brook	girlhood	onlooker	woof

## oo as in soon

arrowroot	boot	coot	heirloom
baboon	booth	courtroom	honeymoon
balloon	bootleg	croon	hooligan
ballroom	booze	cuckoo	hoop
ballyhoo	bridegroom	darkroom	hoopla
bamboo	brood	doodle	hooray
bamboozle	broom	doom	hoot
barroom	buffoon	doubloon	hootenanny
bassoon	bugaboo	dragoon	hullabaloo
bathroom	burnoose	drool	igloo
bazooka	bulletproof	droop	kangaroo
bedroom	caboose	festoon	kazoo
behoove	cahoots	fireproof	kooky
bloom	calaboose	floozy	lagoon
blooper	cartoon	food	lampoon
boardroom	cesspool	fool	loom
bombproof	cheroot	foolhardy	loon
boo	choose	foolproof	loony
booby	classroom	gloom	loop
boodle	cockatoo	goo	loophole
boom	cocoon	goof	loose
boomerang	coo	googol	loot
boon	coolant	goose	macaroon
boondocks	cool	gooseneck	maroon
boondoggle	coon	groom	mongoose
boost	coonskin	groove	monsoon
booster	coop	harpoon	moo

## oo as in soon *continued*

mooch	raccoon	soundproof	typhoon
mood	reproof	spittoon	uproot
moon	roof	spoof	voodoo
moonstruck	room	spook	watercooler
moose	roommate	spoon	waterproof
moot	root	spool	whirlpool
mothproof	roost	stooge	whooping
mushroom	rooster	stool	woo
nincompoop	rustproof	stoop	wool
noodle	saloon	swoop	woozy
noon	school	swoon	zoo
noose	schooner	taboo	zoom
offshoot	scoop	taproot	
ooze	scoot	tattoo	<b>-OOR</b>
pantaloon	seafood	teaspoon	boor
papoose	shampoo	toadstool	door
paratrooper	sharpshooter	tollbooth	floor
partook	shockproof	tomfoolery	hooray
platoon	shoo	too	indoor
poltroon	shoot	tool	moor
pontoon	sloop	tooth	Moore
pooch	smooth	toothpick	outdoor
poodle	snoop	toot	poor
pool	snooze	troop	spoor
poop	soon	trooper	whippoorwill
proof	soothsayer	troubleshoot	
quadroon	soothe	tycoon	

## oy, oi words

*Often OY appears at the end of a word or syllable and OI appears within a syllable; exceptions are marked with an asterisk*

<u>OY</u>		<u>OI</u>	
	foyer		devoid
ahoy	gargoyle*	adenoid	diploid
alloy	highboy	adjoin	disappoint
annoy	hoyden	adroit	disjoin
arroyo	joy	alkaloid	disjoint
bellboy	loyal	android	doily
boy	newsboy	anoint	ellipsoid
boycott	overjoy	appoint	embroider
boyish	oyster	asteroid	embroil
boysenberry	paperboy	avoid	enjoin
carboy	playboy	boil	exploit
clairvoyant	ploy	boisterous	foible*
cloying	royal	broil	foisted
convoy	soy	celluloid	goiter
corduroy	soya	charbroil	groin
cowboy	tomboy	checkpoint	hemorrhoid
coy	toy	choice	hoi polloi*
decoy	troy	cloister	hoist
deploy	viceroy	coil	humanoid
destroy	voyage	coin	hydrofoil
disloyal	voyeur	colloid	introit
employee		conjoin	invoice
enjoy		counterpoise	join
envoy		counterpoint	joint
flamboyant		despoil	joist

## oy, oi words *continued*

loin	oink	reconnoiter	steroid
loiter	ointment	rejoice	tabloid
mademoiselle	ovoid	rejoin	tenderloin
maladroit	paranoid	rejoinder	thyroid
mastoid	parboil	rhomboïd	toil
meteoroids	poignant	roister	toilet
midpoint	poinsettia	roil	trapezoid
moiety*	point	schizoid	troika
moil	poise	sequoia	turmoil
moist	poison	sirloin	turquoise
mongoloid	potboiler	soil	typhoid
needlepoint	purloin	solenoid	voice
noise	quoins	spheroid	void
noisome	quoit	spoil	
oil	recoil	spoilt	

## ou, ow words

<u>OU</u>	catamount	dour	handout
abound	cloud	douse	holdout
account	cloudy	dropout	hour
accountability	cloudiness	drought	house
accountant	clout	dumfound	hound
aloud	co-founder	encounter	impound
amount	compound	enshroud	insurmount-
announce	confound	espouse	able
announcement	couch	expound	joust
around	council	flounce	jounce
arouse	counsel	flounder	knout
astound	count	flour	loud
avouch	countenance	flout	lounge
background	counteract	foul	louse
blackout	countermand	found	lousy
blouse	counterpart	founder	lout
bough	counterpoint	foundling	miscount
bounce	countess	foundry	pronounce
bouncer	crouch	fount	mispronounce
bound	delouse	fountain	mound
bounder	demount	gadabout	mount
bounty	denounce	gouge	mountain
bountiful	devout	gout	mouse
bout	discount	grouch	mouth
burnout	dismount	ground	noun
carouse	doubt	grouse	ounce
carousing	doughty	grout	ours

**ou, ow words *continued***

oust	scrounge	<u>ow</u>	cowardly
ouster	shout	allow	cowboy
out	shroud	allowable	cower
paramount	slouch	allowance	cowhand
plough	snout	anyhow	cowherd
pounce	sound	avow	cowhide
pound	sour	tower	cowing
pout	souse	bow	cowl
pouch	south	bowel	cowlick
profound	spouse	bower	cowling
pronoun	spout	bowery	cowpox
pronounce	sprout	bowsprit	cowpoke
propound	stout	brow	cowpuncher
proud	surmount	browbeat	cowrie
rebound	surround	brown	cowry
recount	tantamount	brownie	cowslip
redounder	thou	brownout	crowd
renounce	thousand	browse	crown
resound	tousle	chowder	disallow
round	tout	cauliflower	disavow
roustabout	trounce	chow	disembowel
rouse	trousers	clown	dowager
rout	trout	cornflower	dowdy
route	vouch	countdown	dowel
scoundrel	vouchsafe	cow	dower
scour	wound	coward	down
scout		cowardice	downbeat



ou, ow words *continued*

downgrade	glower	plow	scowl
downy	gown	plowshare	shower
downspout	growl	pow	somehow
downturn	gunpowder	powder	sundown
dowse	Howard	power	superpower
dowser	however	powerful	tower
drown	howitzer	powwow	towel
drowsy	howl	prow	town
drowse	jowl	prowl	trowel
eiderdown	jowly	prowler	vow
empower	Kowloon	prowess	vowel
endow	kowtow	Powell	wallflower
eyebrow	mayflower	renown	waterfowl
flower	meow	row	watchtower
fowl	Moscow	rowdy	wow
fowler	nohow	rowel	yowl
frown	now	safflower	
frowsy	owl	scow	

Syllable type: **6**

vowel pairs

**LONG A: AIR, AIRE**

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## long a sound: air, aire

affair

air

cairn

clairvoyant

concessionaire

corsair

dairy

debonair

despair

doctrinaire

stair

fair

flair

hair

impair

lair

laissez-faire

legionnaire

millionaire

mohair

pair

prairie

questionnaire

repair

solitaire

stair

## long a sound spelled as ai

*List includes high-frequency words and words found in content area text books*

wait	tail	terrain	maintenance
contain	afraid	cocaine	curtail
explain	waived	trait	prevail
paint	claim	strait	acquaint
rain	obtain	campaign	complain
train	entertain	laissez faire	failure
main	chain	traitors	praise
raise	aid	trail	paid
sail	grain	aim	available
remains	hail	frail	disclaimer
plains	mainland	pain	moraine
straight	brain	drain	Maine

**ai words extensive list**

abstain	braise	disdain	Kuwait
acclaim	braille	domain	lackadaisical
acquaint	caisson	drain	laid
aid	caitiff	Elaine	lain
aide	campaign	entail	legerdemain
ail	chain	entertain	liaison
ailment	chaise	entrails	maid
aim	chatelaine	exclaim	mail
aimless	chilblain	explain	maim
appertain	claim	fail	main
appraisal	cocaine	failure	Maine
arraign	complain	fain	mainstream
ascertain	complaisant	faint	maintenance
assail	constrain	faith	maintain
assailant	constraint	flail	maize
attain	contain	frail	malaise
avail	contrail	frailty	mayonnaise
available	Craig	gaiety	mermaid
await	curtail	Gail	migraine
bail	daily	gain	mis laid
bailiff	dainty	gait	moraine
bailiwick	daisy	grain	nail
bait	declaim	hail	obtain
bobtail	derail	Haiti	ordain
bouillabaisse	detail	ingrain	paid
braid	detain	jail	pail
brain	disclaimer	Jamaica	pain

ai words *continued*

painstaking	rail	Spain	traitor
paint	raiment	sprain	travail
paisley	rain	staid	twain
parfait	rainbow	stain	upbraid
pertain	raise	straight	vain
plain	raisin	strain	waif
plaint	reclaim	strait	wail
plaintiff	refrain	sustain	wain
plaintive	regain	swain	wainscot
praise	remain	tail	waist
prevail	restrain	tailor	wait
proclaim	retain	taint	waive
ptomaine	retail	terrain	wassail
quail	sail	trail	wraith
quaint	saint	train	
quatrain	slain	traipse	
raid	snail	trait	

## ay words

*List includes high-frequency words and words found in content area textbooks*

way	lay	Tuesday	relay
day	pay	Wednesday	prayer
may	maybe	Thursday	delay
say	runaway	Friday	layer
play	array	Saturday	player
away	birthday	ray	crayon
always	decay	mayor	
today	Sunday	bay	
stay	Monday	display	

## ay words *extensive list*

affray	belay	crayon	dismay
airway	betray	crayfish	display
allay	betrayal	crossways	doomsday
always	birthday	cutaway	Dwayne
anyway	Bombay	day	essay
array	bray	daydream	everyday
ashtray	bricklayer	daylight	expressway
assay	byplay	daytime	fairway
astray	byway	Dayton	faraway
away	caraway	decay	fay
bay	castaway	defray	flay
bayonet	chambray	delay	foray
bays	clay	disarray	fray

## ay words *continued*

freeway	layman	overpay	soothsay
Friday	layoff	Paraguay	spay
gainsay	layover	parkway	splay
gangway	layperson	parlay	spray
gay	leeway	pathway	stay
gray	mainstay	pay	stowaway
halfway	Malay	payment	stray
hallway	Malaysia	payoff	subway
hay	may	play	sway
hayloft	maybe	playful	Taylor
headway	mayfly	playground	today
hearsay	mayflower	playhouse	tray
heyday	mayhem	playpen	underway
highwayman	mayonnaise	playwright	unsay
Himalaya	mayor	portray	Uruguay
holiday	maypole	pray	way
hooray	mislay	prayer	wayfarer
horseplay	moray	quay	waylaid
inlay	nay	ray	waylay
interplay	Norway	rayon	wayside
jay	nosegay	relay	wayward
jaywalk	nowadays	replay	yesterday
lay	okay	roundelay	
layer	outlay	say	
layette	overlay	slay	

Syllable type: **6**

vowel pairs

**LONG A: EI, EA, EY**

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## long a sound spelled as ei, ea, ey

### EI: COMMON WORDS

vein  
weight  
eight  
freight

### EI: COMPREHENSIVE

#### LIST

aweigh  
beige  
(chow) mein  
heir  
deign  
reign  
eight  
eighteen  
eighty  
feint  
feign  
peignor  
rein  
sleigh  
surveillance  
their  
vein  
veil  
weigh

Beirut  
freight  
geisha  
height  
heinous  
heiress  
heirloom  
inveigh  
inveigle  
lei  
neigh  
neighborhood

### EA: COMMON WORDS

great  
break  
greater  
steak  
yea  
*in some dialects:*  
measure  
treasure

### EY: COMMON WORDS

they

### EY: COMPREHENSIVE

#### LIST

abeyance  
conveyance  
convey  
conveyor  
disobey  
fey  
grey  
greyhound  
hey  
heyday  
lamprey  
obey  
osprey  
peyote  
prey  
purvey  
purveyor  
purveyance  
survey  
they  
trey  
whey  
Monterrey



long i sound: ie at end of word

die  
hie  
lie  
pie  
tie  
vie

Syllable type: **6**

vowel pairs

**LONG O: OW**

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## long o sound spelled as ow

know

low

window

yellow

show

slow

snow

unknown

own

slowly

row

tomorrow

below

shown

flow

grow

known

blow

## long o sound spelled as oa

COMMON	coast	hoax	railroad
<u>WORDS</u>	coat	irreproachable	reproach
road	cockroach	load	roach
boat	cocoa	loaf	road
	croak	loam	roan
COMPREHENSIVE	croaker	loan	roast
<u>LIST</u>	encroach	loath	roam
approach	float	loathe	scapegoat
bemoan	foal	loaves	shoal
goat	foam	moan	shoat
bloat	freeload	moat	soak
boast	gloat	oaf	soap
boat	goad	oak	stoat
broach	goal	oakum	throat
charcoal	goatee	oath	toad
cloak	goalie	oat	toady
coach	groan	petticoat	toast
coal	coax	poach	toastmaster

Syllable type: **6**

vowel pairs

**LONG U: EW**

180 Drill Bits

## long u sound spelled as ew

anew

askew

blew

brew

brewery

cashew

chew

crew

crewel

curfew

curlaw

dew

dewlap

drew

eschew

ewe

ewer

few

flew

gewgaws

grew

hew

hewn

interview

jewel

new

lewd

mew

mildew

nephew

new

newel

news

newt

pew

pewter

preview

purview

renew

renewal

review

screw

sewer

shrew

shrewd

sinew

skew

skewer

slew

spew

stew

steward

stewardess

strew

strewn

thews

threw

view

yew

Hebrew

Jew

Matthew

Newfoundland

Saskatchewan

## long u sound spelled as eu

eucalyptus	adieu	neutrino
euchre	aneurism	non-euclidean
eugenic	chanteuse	pharmaceutical
eulogy	chartreuse	pneumonia
eunuch	deuce	pneumatic
eupeptic	deuterium	pseudo
euphemism	feud	pseudonym
euphony	lieu	purlieu
euphonium	leukemia	rheum
euphoria	lieutenant	rheumatism
eurhythmics	maneuver	sleuth
euthanasia	masseuse	streusel
Eucharist	milieu	therapeutic
Euclidean	neuter	Aleutian
Euphrates	neutral	
Europe	neutralize	
Eurasia	neutron	

Syllable type: **6**

vowel pairs

**LONG U: UE**

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## long u sound spelled as ue

accrue	cue	imbue	rueful
ague	curlique	ingenue	slue
argue	value	issue	statue
avenue	due	misconstrue	subdue
barbecue	ensue	miscue	sue
blue	flue	puerile	tissue
bluegrass	fondue	pursue	true
blueprint	glue	rescue	value
bluenose	grueling	residue	venue
clue	gruesome	retinue	virtue
construe	hue	revenue	Tuesday
continue	imbrue	rue	

## long u sound spelled as ou

accouterment	cougar	moulage	toucan
acoustic	coulee	mousse	touche
ampoule	coulombs	nougat	through
bayou	coup	nouveau	toupee
bivouac	coupon	rendezvous	troubadour
boudoir	croup	rouge	troupe
bouffant	crouton	roulette	trousseau
boutique	ghoul	routine	youth
boutonniere	goulash	soubrette	uncouth
brougham	group	souffle	vermouth
brouhaha	insouciant	soup	wound
through	joule	sousaphone	
caribou	louver	souvenir	

## long e sound spelled as ee

absentee	bleed	detainee	foresee
addressee	bootee	devotee	free
agree	breed	disagree	freedom
agreed	breeze	discreet	freeborn
agreement	canteen	draftee	freehand
amputee	cartwheel	dungaree	freewill
antifreeze	cheek	eel	freeway
apogee	cheese	eighteen	freeze
appellee	cheetah	eleemosynary	fricassee
appointee	chimpanzee	employee	gee
asleep	coffee	enlistee	geese
assignee	colleen	enrolee	geezer
baleen	committee	escapee	genteel
banshee	conferee	esteem	glee
barkeep	consignee	evacuee	goatee
bee	creed	evictee	greed
beech	creek	exceed	greedy
beef	creel	fee	green
beehive	creep	feeble	greet
beeline	decree	feed	guarantee
beep	decreed	feel	heed
beeper	deed	feet	heedless
beet	deem	fifteen	heel
beetle	deep	filigree	honoree
beseech	degree	flee	indeed
between	deportee	fleece	indiscreet
bittersweet	designee	fleet	inductee



## long e sound spelled as ee *continued*

innkeeper	peek	seethe	succeed
jamboree	peel	seen	sweep
jeep	peen	seventeen	sweet
jubilee	peep	sheen	tee
keel	peeve		teen
keep	peevisish	sheep	teeter
keen	perigee	sheepish	teeth
knee	pharisee	sheet	teethe
kneel	preen	sixteen	teem
leech	preteen	skeet	tepee
leek	proceed	sleek	thirteen
leeway	queen	sleep	three
lessee	redeem	sleet	toffee
levee	reed	sleeve	townee
manatee	reef	sneeze	trainee
marquee	reek	speech	tree
mee	reel	speed	trustee
meet	refugee	spleen	tweed
need	referee	spree	tweet
needle	retiree	squeegee	tweeze
needless	screech	squeeze	tweezer
nineteen	screen	standee	umpteem
nominee	seed	steed	unfeeling
parakeet	seek	steel	unseemly
parolee	seem	steep	upkeep
payee	seep	steeple	veep
pedigree	see	street	velveteem

## long e sound spelled as ee *continued*

wee	wheel	Galilee
weed	wheeze	Greek
week	wheedle	Halloween
weep	whoopee	Tennessee
weevil	wintergreen	Yankee

## long e sound spelled as ie

AT THE END OF WORDS	budgie	genie	prairie
	calorie	goalie	reverie
erie	camaraderie	hippie	rookie
beanie	collie	jalousie	rotisserie
birdie	cookie	junkie	sortie
boccie	coterie	Lake Erie	stymie
bonhomie	cowrie	lassie	sweetie
bookie	curie	menagerie	talkie
bootie	eerie	movie	walkie-talkie
bourgeoisie	eyrie	oldie	zombie
brownie	freebie	pixie	

## long e sound spelled as ie

| before E rule

chief	relieve	field	fiend
thief	achieve	shield	priest
brief	retrieve	wield	shriek
grief	reprieve	yield	siege
belief	niece	pier	besiege
relief	piece	tier	hygiene
grieve	pierce	cashier	diesel
believe	fierce	frontier	

## long e sound spelled as ey at the end of words

abbey	dickey	keystone	parley
alley	donkey	kidney	parsley
attorney	galley	lackey	pulley
baloney	guernsey	latchkey	surrey
barley	hackney	malarkey	trolley
blarney	hockey	medley	turkey
bogey	honey	money	turnkey
chantey	jersey	monkey	valley
chimney	jitney	mosey	volley
chutney	jockey	motley	whiskey
cockney	journey	odyssey	Sydney
covey	key	paisley	
curtsey	keynote	palfrey	

## long e sound spelled as ei

### EXCEPT AFTER C

#### RULE

ceiling  
conceive  
conceit  
deceive  
deceit  
transceive  
perceive  
receive  
receipt

### OTHER

caffeine  
codeine  
either  
holstein  
leisure  
neither  
nonpareils  
onomatopoeia  
protein  
seize

seizure  
sheik  
Keith  
Sheila

## long e sound spelled as ea

### A

anteater  
eavesdrop  
appeal  
appease

bean  
beam  
beast  
beat  
beatnik  
beaver  
beak  
beaker  
beleaguer  
beneath  
bequeath  
bereave

bleak  
bleat  
bleach  
breach  
breathe

### C

cease  
cheap  
cheapskate  
cheat  
clean

cleat  
cleave  
cleaver  
colleague  
commonweal  
conceal  
congeal  
cornmeal  
creak  
cream  
crease  
creature

## long e sound spelled as ea *continued*

<u>D</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>M</u>
deacon	fealty	ideal	mainstream
deal	feasible	idealist	malfeasance
dean	feast	impeach	maltreat
decease	feat	increase	mead
decrease	feature	inseam	meager
defeat	flea		meal
demean	freak	<u>J</u>	mean
demeanor		jeans	measles
disease	<u>G</u>		measly
displease	gleam	<u>K</u>	meat
dream	glean	knead	mislead
	grease		mistreat
<u>E</u>	grosbeak	<u>L</u>	
each	guinea	leach	<u>N</u>
eager		lead	neat
eagle	<u>H</u>	leaf	
ease	heal	leaflet	<u>O</u>
easel	heap	leak	ordeal
easement	heat	lean	outreach
easy	heathen	leap	overseas
east	heave	lease	
eat		leash	
eaves		least	
entreat		leave	
		league	

long e sound spelled as ea *continued*

<u>P</u>	<u>R</u>	squeak	<u>U</u>
pea	reach	squeal	uneasy
peace	read	squeamish	unleash
peach	real	steal	upheaval
peacock	ream	steam	
peahen	reap	streak	<u>V</u>
peak	reason	stream	veal
peal	release	streamline	
peanut	repeal	surcease	<u>W</u>
peat	repeat		weak
pipsqueak	retreat	<u>T</u>	weal
plea	reveal	tea	wean
plead		teach	weasel
please	<u>S</u>	teak	weave
pleat	scream	teal	wheat
preach	sea	team	wreathe
	seal	tease	wreath
<u>Q</u>	seam	teasel	wreak
queasy	season	teat	
	seat	treason	<u>Y</u>
	sheaf	treat	yeast
	sheath	treatise	
	sheathe	treaty	<u>Z</u>
	sheave	tweak	zeal
	sleazy		
	sneak		
	speak		

## long e sound spelled as y at the end of a word

every	already	artery	machinery
city	carefully	battery	imaginary
lady	community	scurvy	satisfactory
study	everybody	sensory	observatory
body	friendly	literacy	ceremony
family	beauty	confederacy	sympathy
usually	hungry	seniority	consistency
finally	laundry	monarchy	accessory
quickly	century	missionary	ability
slowly	industry	amnesty	frenzy
heavy	company	eventually	January
suddenly	empty	mystery	February
ready	silly	literary	ordinary
energy	democracy	treachery	dairy
baby	ecology	theory	monopoly
hurry	necessary	elementary	
marry	jury	boundary	

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## Special syllable patterns

The syllable patterns in this section demonstrate that even infamous exceptions to phonetic rules follow patterns.

If we try to learn each word individually, there seem to be more exceptions than with other words.

The last words in the section are extra practice words with c and g followed by e, i and y.

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## -tion words

*With simple closed syllables, from the most common words*

action	nation	condition
traction	question	
fraction	direction	
friction	information	
section	position	

## a as schwa (“uh”)

*This is very common in words that begin with or end with the letter a.*

away	around	ability	idea
along	alive	attend	media
again	ago	asleep	quota
against	above	amaze	coma
about	amuse	sofa	

## wa basic list

want

water

wash

wander

watt

wad

waft

wallet

wasp

watch

quash

quad

squash

squad

swap

swamp

## ch making the /k/ sound

BASIC LIST

school  
ache  
Christmas  
stomach  
chrome  
echo  
chemistry  
chorus  
chlorine

EXTENSIVE LIST

school  
scholar  
epoch  
stomach  
ache  
chord  
chorus  
chemist  
chemistry  
architect  
archeology  
archaeology  
mechanic  
conch  
orchid  
character  
characteristic  
charisma  
schedule  
scheme  
anchor  
schooner  
chaos  
chasm  
schism

archangel  
chameleon  
archaic  
monarch  
monarchy  
oligarchy  
chlorophyll  
mitochondria  
chelate  
ochre  
ocher  
schizophrenic  
inchoate  
ochlocracy  
chysanthe-  
mum  
synchronize  
ichthyology  
chrism  
chlorine  
Anchorage  
Schenectady  
Christ  
Christian  
Christmas  
Zurich

## -gn (silent g) words

BASIC LIST

sign  
design  
assign  
campaign  
benign  
gnu  
gnat  
gnaw  
lasagna

EXTENSIVE LIST

align  
foreign  
arraign  
assign  
benign  
bologna  
campaign  
champagne  
chignon  
cognac  
cologne  
condign  
consign

countersign  
deign  
design  
ensign  
epergne  
feign  
filet mignon  
gnarl  
gnash  
gnat  
gnaw  
gneiss  
gnome  
gnu

impugn  
inexpugnable  
lasagna  
lorgnette  
malign  
peignoirs  
poignant  
reign  
sign  
signor  
sovereign  
vignette  
Cologne  
Champaign

## -ate words

*Some of these (such as SEPARATE) are pronounced with a long a sound when they are verbs, but with a schwa when they are adjectives.*

### BASIC LIST

desperate  
private  
pirate  
climate  
chocolate  
fortunate  
unfortunate  
delicate  
separate  
ultimate  
considerate  
confederate  
intermediate

### EXTENSIVE LIST

accurate  
adequate  
affectionate  
affiliate  
agate  
aggregate  
alternate  
antepenulti-  
mate  
appellate  
appropriate  
approximate  
articulate  
associate  
barbituate  
bicarbonate  
candidate  
celibate

certificate  
chocolate  
climate  
collegiate  
commensurate  
compassionate  
confederate  
conglomerate  
conjugate  
considerate  
consummate  
corporate  
degenerate  
delegate  
deliberate  
delicate  
desolate  
determinate  
disconsolate

disparate  
dispassionate  
doctorate  
duplicate  
effeminate  
elaborate  
electorate  
estimate  
fortunate  
frigate  
graduate  
illegitimate  
illiterate  
immaculate  
immediate  
immoderate  
importunate  
inanimate  
incarnate

## -ate words *continued*

inordinate	moderate	pomegranate	silicate
insubordinate	obdurate	private	sophisticate
intemperate	obstinate	profligate	syndicate
intermediate	opiate	proportionate	temperate
intimate	ordinate	protectorate	template
intricate	palate	proximate	triplicate
inveterate	passionate	roseate	triumvirate
laureate	pastorate	senate	ultimate
legitimate	pirate	separate	

## -age words

<u>BASIC LIST</u>	<u>EXTENSIVE LIST</u>	
mirage	badinage	fuselage
corsage	barrage	garage
garage	camouflage	massage
collage	collage	menage
sabotage	corsage	mirage
camouflage	dressage	montage
massage	empennage	mouflage
fuselage	entourage	persiflage
	espionage	sabotage



## -er words

<u>BASIC LIST</u>	<u>EXTENSIVE LIST</u>		
merry	terrier	seraphim	Gerald
cherry	terror	cleric	Geraldine
very	terrible	clerical	periscope
American	terrace	numeric	peregrine
inherit	terrapin	generic	perigree
territory	verify	esoteric	perionitis
terror	terrify	ministerial	periwinkle
error	stereo	monastery	peristalsis
sheriff	steroid	presbytery	peristyle
stereo	merit	hysterics	peripatetic
very	inherit	hysteria	aperitif
terry	heroism	wisteria	keratin
berry	heresy	asperity	kerosene
cherish	herring	dexterity	temerity
perish	heritage	austerity	ambidexterity
heron	herald	prosperity	emeritus
sheriff	inherent	serrate	chimera
Cherokee	cherub	serif	chimerical
sterile	cherubic	serenade	cemetery
	cheribim	serendipity	funereal
	seraph	seraglio	stationary
	seraphic	managerial	Pericles
		gerund	pheromone

## -ange words

change

range

strange

arrange

mange

danger

angel

derange

endanger

estrangle

exchange

hydrangea

interchange

manger

rearrange

shortchange

Granges

## -aste words

aftertaste

baste

chaste

distaste

foretaste

haste

lambaste

paste

posthaste

taste

waste

## i representing the long e sound

*When a Y has been changed to add a suffix (as in PUPPIES or MERRIMENT), or in the middle of a word (such as AMBIENT).*

liter	pianist	cardiac	Soviet
amino	stadium	ilia	fiesta
semicircle	medium	begonia	audience
semicolon	paramecium	magnolia	experience
semiprecious	millennium	appropriate	lenience
barbarian	accordion	immediate	transient
median	Celsius	associate	conscientious
totalitarian	period	alleviate	negotiate
pedestrian	radius	appreciate	enthusiastic
equestrian	radio	abbreviate	physiology
guardian	patio	initiate	barrier
centennial	trio	denunciation	courier
industrial	champion	pronunciation	
serial	oriental	expiation	
aerial	foliage	symbiosis	

## -ious words, where i makes the long e sound

BASIC LIST

curious  
dubious  
envious  
furious  
glorious  
industrious  
luxurious  
mysterious  
obvious  
previous  
serious  
studious  
tedious  
various

EXTENSIVE LIST

abstemious  
acrimonious  
amphibious  
bilious  
calumnious  
censorious  
commodious  
contumelious  
copious  
curious  
deleterious  
delirious  
devious  
dubious  
envious  
fastidious  
felonious  
furious  
glorious  
gregarious  
harmonious  
hilarious

illustrious  
ignominious  
illustrious  
impecunious  
imperious  
impervious  
industrious  
injurious  
insidious  
invidious  
laborious  
lascivious  
lugubrious  
luxurious  
melodious  
meritorious  
multifarious  
mysterious  
nefarious  
notorious  
oblivious  
obseq  
uious

obsequious  
obvious  
odious  
opprobrious  
parsimonious  
penurious  
perfidious  
perjurious  
precarious  
previous  
punctilious  
salubrious  
sanctimonious  
serious  
spurious  
studious  
supercilious  
tedious  
usurious  
uxorious  
various  
vicarious  
victorious

## i at the end of a word, sounding like e

*Often food-oriented, from other countries*

<u>BASIC LIST</u>	<u>EXTENSIVE LIST</u>		
bikini	beriberi	literati	ski
broccoli	bikini	macaroni	spaghetti
chili	bocci	manicotti	swami
confetti	broccoli	martini	taxi
kiwi	chili	mufti	tsunami
ski	coati	pastrami	tutti-frutti
spaghetti	confetti	pepperoni	wapiti
taxi	daiquiri	potpourri	zucchini
Hawaii	ennui	quasi	Cincinnati
Mississippi	graffiti	mini	Hawaii
Missouri	hibachi	safari	Mississippi
	khaki	saki	Missouri
	kiwi	salami	Nazi
		salmagundi	

## -ine words, where i makes the long e sound

### BASIC LIST

figurine  
gasoline  
limousine  
machine  
magazine  
marine  
nectarine  
praline  
pristine  
quarantine

### EXTENSIVE LIST

adenine  
amphetamine  
aquamarine  
argentine  
astatine  
atropine  
chlorine  
cuisine  
dentine  
figurine

fluorine  
gabardine  
gasoline  
grenadine  
guanine  
guillotine  
latrine  
limousine  
machine  
magazine  
marine

mezzanine  
morphine  
mousseline  
nectarine  
nicotine  
praline  
pristine  
quarantine

## -eau words

beau  
bureau  
chapeau  
chateau  
flambeau

plateau  
portmanteau  
tableau  
tonneau  
trousseau

Juneau  
Rousseau

## -ity words

*This is a group of words that end in ITY (there are many more — add them to the list and practice them when you run across them in your reading). The accent on all of these falls right before the ITY part. You might want to regroup them — put all the two-syllable words together — if that helps develop the rhythm of the words.*

density	humidity	sensitivity	proclivity
propensity	finality	locality	frugality
legality	facility	rigidity	validity
visibility	complexity	quality	quantity
intensity	rapidity	lucidity	ability

## -ive, -iv words

abrasive	adoptive	attentive
abusive	affirmative	attractive
accumulative	aggressive	authoritative
accusative	alliterative	automotive
active	alternative	captive
adaptive	ameliorative	causative
additive	appreciative	coercive
addictive	apprehensive	cogitative
adhesive	argumentative	cognitive
adjective	assertive	cohesive
adjudicative	assimilative	collaborative
administrative	associative	collective

**-ive, -iv words *continued***

collusive	constrictive	curative
combative	constructive	cursive
combustive	consultative	dative
commemorative	consummative	deceptive
commiserative	consumptive	decisive
communicative	contaminative	declarative
commutative	contemplative	decongestive
comparative	contortive	decorative
competitive	contraceptive	deductive
comprehensive	contrastive	defective
compressive	contributive	defensive
compulsive	convective	definitive
conceptive	convulsive	deflective
concessive	cooperative	degenerative
conciliative	copulative	deliberative
conclusive	corporative	delusive
concussive	corrective	demonstrative
conductive	correlative	denotative
conducive	corroborative	depletive
congestive	corrosive	depreciative
conjunctive	corruptive	depressive
connective	costive	derisive
connotative	counteractive	derivative
consecrative	counteroffensive	derogative
consecutive	counterproductive	descriptive
conservative	creative	desiccative
constitutive	cumulative	designative



**-ive, -iv words *continued***

destructive	duplicative	execrative
detective	educative	executive
deteriorative	effective	exhaustive
determinative	effusive	exhilarative
detonative	elaborative	exonerative
detractive	elective	expansive
devastative	eliminative	expensive
diffusive	elucidative	explanative
digestive	elusive	expletive
digressive	emotive	exploitative
dilative	emulsive	explosive
diminutive	emulative	expressive
directive	enumerative	expulsive
discriminative	erosive	extensive
discursive	eruptive	extortive
disincentive	estimative	extrapolative
disjunctive	evacuative	facilitative
dismissive	evaluative	facultative
dispersive	evaporative	federative
disruptive	evasive	festive
dissociative	evocative	fictive
dissuasive	exaggerative	figurative
distributive	exceptive	fixative
divisive	excessive	forgive
dominative	exclusive	formative
donative	excursive	fugitive

**-ive, -iv words *continued***

furtive	inattentive	inoculative
generative	incentive	inoffensive
gesticulative	inceptive	inoperative
give	incisive	inquisitive
granulative	inclusive	inscriptive
gravitative	incohesive	insensitive
hallucinative	inconclusive	insinuate
hortative	inconsecutive	instigative
hyperactive	incubative	instinctive
hypertensive	indecisive	instructive
hypersensitive	indicative	integrative
illuminative	inductive	intellective
illusory	indurative	intensive
illustrative	ineffective	interactive
imaginative	inexpensive	interpretive
imitative	inexpressive	interrogative
impassive	infective	interruptive
impactive	infiltrative	intransitive
imperceptive	infinite	introspective
imperative	inflective	introversive
implicative	inflictive	intrusive
implosive	informative	intuitive
impressive	ingestive	invective
impulsive	inhibitive	inventive
imputative	initiative	investigative
inactive	injunctive	irradiative
inappreciative	innovative	iterative

**-ive, -iv words *continued***

laxative	normative	permeative
legislative	nutritive	permissive
live	objective	persecutive
locomotive	obsessive	personative
lubricative	obstructive	perspective
lucrative	obtrusive	persuasive
manipulative	occlusive	pervasive
massive	offensive	perversive
meditative	olive	photoconductive
meliorative	operative	photosensitive
misrepresentative	opinionative	plaintive
missive	oppressive	positive
mitigative	originative	possessive
motivative	outlive	postoperative
motive	overactive	precipitative
mutative	overprotective	preclusive
narrative	oxidative	precognitive
native	palliative	predictive
negative	participative	preemptive
nominative	partitive	prelusive
nonabrasive	passive	preparative
nonaddictive	pejorative	prerogative
nonadhesive	penetrative	prescriptive
nonnative	pensive	preservative
nonproductive	perceptive	presumptive
nonresponsive	percussive	preventative

**-ive, -iv words *continued***

preventive	radioactive	repetitive
primitive	ratiocinative	reprehensive
probative	reactive	representative
procreative	receptive	repressive
productive	recessive	reprobative
prognosticative	reciprocative	reproductive
progressive	reclusive	repulsive
prohibitive	reconstructive	respective
projective	recriminative	responsive
proliferative	recuperative	restive
promotive	redemptive	restorative
propagative	redistributive	restrictive
propulsive	reductive	resuscitative
proscriptive	reflective	retaliative
prospective	reflexive	retentive
protective	reformative	retributive
protractive	refractive	retroactive
protrusive	regenerative	retrospective
provocative	regressive	revulsive
punitive	regulative	rotative
purgative	rehabilitative	ruminative
propositive	reiterative	reclusive
putative	rejective	seclusive
putrefactive	relative	secretive
qualitative	relive	sedative
quantitative	remonstrative	seductive
radiative	remunerative	segregative

## -ive, -iv words *continued*

selective	successive	tractive
sensitive	suffocative	transgressive
separative	suffusive	transitive
significative	suggestive	translative
simulative	superlative	transmissive
speculative	supersensitive	ulcerative
sportive	supportive	ultraconservative
stimulative	suppressive	unattractive
subjective	suppurative	unobtrusive
subjunctive	suspensive	vegetative
submissive	talkative	vindictive
subordinative	tentative	violative
substantiative	terminative	vituperative
substantive	titillative	vocative
subversive	tolerative	votive

## -ous, -us words

BASIC LIST

famous  
ravenous  
dangerous  
delicious  
vicious  
spacious  
anxious  
noxious  
obnoxious  
gracious  
monstrous  
scandalous  
incredulous  
cautious  
conscious  
curious  
disastrous  
generous  
nervous  
poisonous  
pompous  
previous  
religious  
serious  
various

EXTENSIVE LIST

acrimonious  
advantageous  
adventurous  
ambiguous  
ambitious  
amphibious  
anonymous  
anxious  
aqueous  
atrocious  
boisterous  
bulbous  
cancerous  
capricious  
carnivorous  
cartilaginous  
cautious  
cavernous  
ensorious  
ceremonious  
chivalrous  
circuitous  
clamorous  
coniferous  
conscientious

conscious  
conspicuous  
contagious  
contemptuous  
continuous  
copious  
courageous  
courteous  
curious  
curvaceous  
dangerous  
deciduous  
decorous  
delicious  
delirious  
desirous  
devious  
disastrous  
dubious  
egregious  
enormous  
envious  
erroneous  
fabulous  
famous  
felonious

ferocious  
fibrous  
flirtatious  
frivolous  
furious  
gangrenous  
garrulous  
gaseous  
gelatinous  
generous  
glamorous  
glorious  
gorgeous  
gracious  
grievous  
harmonious  
hazardous  
heinous  
hilarious  
hideous  
horrendous  
humorous  
illustrious  
impetuous  
inconspicuous  
industrious

**-ous, -us words *continued***

infectious	nebulous	prosperous	tenacious
ingenious	nervous	pugnacious	tenuous
innocuous	noxious	pusillanimous	thunderous
instantaneous	nutritious	raucous	torturous
jealous	oblivious	ravenous	treacherous
joyous	obnoxious	rebellious	tremendous
laborious	obsequious	religious	tumultuous
lustrous	obstreperous	repetitious	ubiquitous
luscious	obvious	ridiculous	vacuous
luxurious	officious	ruinous	vaporous
malicious	ominous	sacrilegious	various
malodorous	omnivorous	scandalous	venomous
marvelous	outrageous	scrumptious	venturous
melodious	pious	scrupulous	vexatious
miraculous	piteous	serious	vicious
miscellaneous	poisonous	spacious	victorious
momentous	pompous	spontaneous	vigorous
monotonous	ponderous	strenuous	villainous
monstrous	porous	studious	virtuous
mountainous	precarious	subconscious	viscous
murderous	precious	superstitious	vivacious
mutinous	preposterous	suspicious	wondrous
mysterious	prestigious	synonymous	zealous
nauseous	previous	tedious	

## c making the /s/ sound

*Practice words in which c makes the /s/ sound (before e, i, y; exceptions are rare but include SOCCER, FLACCID and TUCSON)*

<u>CE</u>	concern	exception	innocent
accent	conference	excess	instance
accept	confidence	existence	insurance
access	convince	experience	intelligence
ace	dance	face	intercept
advance	decent	fence	interlace
advice	deduce	finance	introduce
ambulance	deface	fireplace	juice
attendance	device	fleece	justice
balance	dice	force	lace
biceps	difference	fragrance	lance
brace	distance	frankincense	lettuce
cancel	docent	furnace	lice
cancer	eccentric	glance	license
cell	efface	grace	mace
cement	embrace	grocery	magnificent
census	enforce	hence	maintenance
center	enhance	ice	menace
central	entice	importance	mice
certain	entrance	incense	mince
chance	et cetera	incentive	necessary
choice	exceed	independence	necklace
circumstance	excel	induce	nice
concept	excellent	injustice	notice
concert	except	innocence	ocean



## c making the /s/ sound *continued*

officer	receive	thrice	cider
office	receipt	trace	cigar
once	recent	trance	cinch
ounce	recess	trice	cinder
pace	reduce	triceps	cinnamon
palace	replace	truce	cipher
parcel	reproduce	twice	circle
percent	rice	ulcer	circlet
performance	romance	vice	circulate
persistence	scarce	voice	circumflex
piece	science	wince	circumference
place	sentence	Alice	circumstance
police	service	Bruce	circumvent
practice	significance	Celsius	circus
precept	silence	December	cistern
presence	since	France	cite
price	slice	Greece	city
prince	source	Iceland	citizen
princess	space		citrus
procedure	spice	<u>CI</u>	civic
proceed	splice	accident	civil
process	spruce	acid	civilize
produce	stance	advancing	civilian
quince	substance	antacid	concise
race	succeed	bracing	council
racetrack	success	calcium	dancing
recede	surface	capacity	decide

c making the /s/ sound *continued*

decimal	precinct	<u>cy</u>	juicy
decision	precise	agency	lacy
dulcimer	pricing	bicycle	mercy
electricity	principle	chancy	motorcycle
excite	principal	competency	privacy
exercise	racing	confederacy	recycle
facing	racism	cycle	spicy
glancing	rancid	cyclic	tricycle
gracing	recite	cyclist	unicycle
icicle	recital	cyclone	urgency
icily	science	cylinder	vacancy
iciness	scissors	cymbals	Cynthia
introducing	slicing	decency	Nancy
lucid	stencil	democracy	Tracy
medicine	tracing	emergency	
noticing	Cincinatti	encyclopedia	
Pacific	Cindy	fancy	
participate	Francis	icy	
pencil		infancy	

g with /j/ sound, in front of e, i, y

<b>BASIC LIST, GE WORDS</b>	manger	dodge	<b>R-CONTROLLED</b>
	midget	dislodge	<b>-GE</b>
agent	urgent	judge	charge
algebra		knowledge	discharge
angel	<b>VOWEL-GE</b>	nudge	emerge
badger	age	ledge	enlarge
budget	cage	pledge	forge
congest	engage	lodge	gorge
danger	enrage	ridge	large
emergency	huge	sledge	merge
fidget	page	sludge	urge
forger	rage	smudge	
gadget	rampage	trudge	<b>-GE-</b>
gee	sage	wedge	<b>GENERAL LIST, E IN THE</b>
gel	stage		<b>MIDDLE OF</b>
gelatin	wage	<b>CONSONANT- GE</b>	<b>THE WORD</b>
gem			advantageous
gender	<b>-DGE</b>	bilge	agenda
gene	badge	bulge	agency
general	bridge	cringe	agent
generate	budge	challenge	algebra
gentle	cartridge	fringe	allegedly
gentleman	hedge	hinge	allergen
germ	grudge	orange	analgesic
ginger	fudge	plunge	Anchorage
ingest	fledge	singe	angel
legend	edge	sponge	

**g with /j/ sound, in front of e, i, y *continued***

angelic	convergent	evangelist	genie
antigen	courageous	exaggerate	genital
apogean	cryogenic	exchangeable	genius
apogees	cudgel	exegesis	genocide
apologetic	curmudgeon	exegete	genotype
argent	danger	exigency	genre
astrigent	degenerate	fidget	genteel
astrologer	derringer	flagella	gentian
avenge	detergent	flagellate	gentile
badger	digest	forgeable	gentility
belligerent	diligent	forgery	gentle
bludgeon	disingenuous	gadget	gentleman
bourgeois	divergent	gee	gently
budget	dowager	gel	gentry
burgeon	drudgery	gelatin	genuflect
burgess	dudgeon	gem	genuine
cagey	dungeon	gendarme	geode
carcinogen	emergency	gender	geodesic
changeable	emergent	gene	geographer
codger	empennage	genealogy	geological
cogency	endanger	general	geometer
cogent	energetic	generate	geopolitics
congeal	engender	generic	geophysicist
congenial	erogenous	generosity	geothermal
congenital	estrogen	genesis	geranium
congest	eugenic	genetics	gerbil
contingent	evangelical	genial	geriatric

g with /j/ sound, in front of e, i, y *continued*

germ	indigenous	mileage
germane	indigence	miscegenation
germanium	indigestible	negligee
germicide	indulgences	negligent
germinal	ingenious	nitrogen
germinate	ingenuity	octogenarian
gerontology	ingenuous	outrageous
gerrymander	ingest	oxygen
gerund	integer	pageant
gestate	intelligence	pager
gesticulate	intransigent	passenger
gesture	largesse	pathogen
gewgaws	laryngeal	perigee
ginger	leakage	pharyngeal
gorgeous	ledger	photogenic
gudgeon	legend	pigeon
hallucinogen	legendary	pongee
hedgehog	legerdemain	primogenitor
hegemony	lingerie	progeny
heterogeneous	longevity	progenitor
homogenize	magenta	protege
homogenous	manageable	pungency
hydrangea	management	pungent
hydrogen	manger	ranger
hydrogenate	menagerie	reagent
imagery	messenger	refrigerate
immunogenic	midget	refugee

g with /j/ sound, in front of e, i, y *continued*

refulgence

refulgent

regency

regent

resurgence

resurgent

septuagenarian

sergeant

smidgen

squeegee

stratagem

stringent

surgeon

suggest

surgeon

surgery

tanager

tangelo

tangerine

tangent

teenager

telegenic

tragedy

urgent

vegetable

vegetarian

vegetate

vengeance

vengeful

wager

widget

**-GE WORDS**

**ENDING IN VOWEL-GE**

**WITH LONG VOWEL**

**SOUND**

age

assuage

deluge

cage

engage

enrage

gauge

huge

kluge

loge

luge

page

outrage

rage

rampage

refuge

sage

stage

wage

subterfuge

centrifuge

oblige

disengage

**-GE WORDS ENDING**

**IN VOWEL-GE,**

**VARIOUS VOWEL**

**SOUNDS**

allege

besiege

college

gouge

liege

privilege

sacrilege

siege

stooge

vestige

**/ZH/ SOUND**

beige

rouge

prestige

g with /j/ sound, in front of e, i, y *continued*

-AGE /IJ/ AT THE END OF A WORD	cleavage	hemorrhage	percentage
<hr/>	coinage	herbage	personage
acreage	cordage	heritage	pilferage
adage	cottage	hermitage	pilgrimage
advantage	courage	homage	pillage
afterimage	coverage	hostage	plumage
amperage	creepage	image	portage
Anchorage	cribbage	language	postage
appanage	damage	leakage	pottage
appendage	disadvantage	leverage	poundage
assemblage	discourage	lineage	presage
average	disparage	linkage	ravage
badinage	dockage	luggage	roughage
baggage	dosage	manage	rummage
bandage	dotage	message	salvage
baronage	drainage	mileage	sausage
beverage	encourage	moorage	savage
blockage	envisage	mortgage	scrimmage
bondage	foliage	mucilage	seepage
breakage	footage	orphanage	self-image
brokerage	forage	package	selvage
cabbage	fosterage	parentage	serfage
carnage	frontage	parsonage	sewage
carriage	garbage	passage	shortage
cartilage	harbinger	patronage	shrinkage
cartage	harborage	peerage	silage
	haulage	pelage	slippage

g with /j/ sound, in front of e, i, y *continued*

spillage	-GE /OZH/	begrudge	sledge
spoilage	AS IN GARAGE,	bridge	sludge
stoppage	<u>COLLAGE</u>	budge	smudge
storage	badinage	cadge	straightedge
stowage	barrage	cartridge	trudge
suffrage	camouflage	hedge	wedge
tonnage	collage	grudge	
tutelage	corsage	fudge	CONSONANT-
umbrage	dressage	fledge	GE, SHORT
usage	empennage	dredge	<u>VOWEL SOUND</u>
vantage	entourage	drudge	avenge
vassalage	espionage	edge	bilge
verbiage	fuselage	dodge	binge
vicarage	garage	dislodge	bulge
village	massage	hodgepodge	cringe
vintage	menage	judge	challenge
visage	mirage	kludge	divulge
voltage	montage	knowledge	expunge
voyage	mouflage	nudge	fringe
wastage	persiflage	ledge	hinge
wattage	sabotage	midge	impinge
wreckage		porridge	indulge
yardage	<u>-DGE</u>	partridge	infringe
	abridge	pledge	lounge
	acknowledge	lodge	lozenge
	adjudge	ridge	lunge
	badge	sedge	phalange



g with /j/ sound, in front of e, i, y *continued*

orange	merge	Granges	dogged
plunge	purge	changeable	doggerel
revenge	scourge		dragged
scavenge	serge	<b>EXCEPTIONS:</b>	eager
scrounge	splurge	GE, GI AND GY	egged on
singe	submerge	WITH /G/	finger
sponge	surge	<u>SOUND</u>	flogged
syringe	urge		forget
tinge	verge	<u>GE</u>	ganged
twinge		together	gear
	<b>-ANGE</b>	anger	geese
<b>-RGE</b>	<u>LONG A SOUND</u>	auger	geezers
<u>R-CONTROLLED</u>	change	bagel	geisha
barge	range	bagger	geld
charge	strange	beget	gelding
concierge	arrange	begged	gestalt
converge	mange	bigger	gestapo
dirge	derange	biggest	gesundheit
discharge	estrange	bogey	get
disgorge	exchange	bogeyman	getaway
diverge	interchange	bogged	geysers
emerge	rearrange	bootlegger	gig
engorge	shortchange	bugged	hamburger
enlarge	danger	carpetbagger	hogged
forge	manger	chigger	hugged
gorge	angel	clogged	hunger
large	hydrangea	dagger	jagged

g with /j/ sound, in front of e, i, y *continued*

jigger  
jogged  
juggernaut  
lager  
lagged  
legged  
linger  
logger  
loggerheads  
lugged  
malinger  
meager  
monger  
mugger  
muggy  
nugget  
pettifogger  
plugger  
poltergeist  
renege  
rigger  
rigged  
ringer  
rugged  
sagged  
scandalmonger

shagged  
shrugged  
singer  
slugger  
snagged  
stagger  
stinger  
stronger  
swagger  
swigged  
swinger  
target  
thuggery  
tiger  
together  
tugged  
trigger  
tugger  
wagged  
warmonger  
waterlogged  
winged  
wringer  
wronged  
younger

GI

baggiest  
begging  
begin  
boggier  
druggist  
esophagi  
forgive  
forgiven  
gibbon  
gibbous  
giddy  
gift  
gig  
giggle  
gild  
gill  
gilt  
gimlet  
gimmick  
gimpy  
gimbal  
gingham  
ginkgo  
ginseng  
gird

g with /j/ sound, in front of e, i, y *continued*

girder	<u>GY</u>	piggyback
girdle	argyle	soggy
girl	boggy	stringy
girth	buggy	tangy
give	clingy	
given	craggy	
gizzards	foggy	
noggin	fogy	
stogies	groggy	
whirligig	muggy	

gi words

<u>GENERAL LIST</u>	apologia	digitize
aboriginal	apologize	dirigible
aborigine	arpeggio	dramaturgical
adagio	budgies	edgily
aegises	cartilaginous	effigies
agitator	chemurgic	egregious
agitate	cogitate	elegize
agile	collegial	elegiac
agility	collegiate	eligible
allegiance	contagious	eligibility
allergic	digit	energize
angina	digital	engine

gi words *continued*

engineer	hygiene	logician
eulogize	hygienic	logistics
flagitious	illegible	longitude
flibbertigibbet	illegitimate	magisterial
fragile	illogical	magistracy
frangible	imagine	magic
frigid	imagination	magical
fugitive	imaginary	margin
fungicide	incorrigible	marginal
fungi	ineligible	meningitis
giant	intangible	metallurgical
gibber	intelligible	mucilaginous
gibbering	laryngitis	negligible
gibberish	legible	neologism
gibbet	legibility	neuralgia
gibe	legion	nostalgic
giblets	legionnaire	nostalgia
gigantic	legislate	oleaginous
gigolo	legislature	origin
gimcrack	legitimate	originate
gin	legitimize	original
ginger	lethargic	paginate
gingerly	litigious	paraplegic
gingivitis	liturgical	pelagic
ginseng	liturgist	petrologic
giraffe	loggia	physiologist
gist	logic	pidgin

gi words *continued*

plagiarism	synergistic	ecologist
plagiarize	tangible	embryologist
prestidigitation	tergiversate	endocrinologist
prodigious	theological	entomologist
pugilism	tragic	epidemiologist
quadriplegia	turgid	epistemologist
radiology	vertiginous	ethnologist
regicide	vestigial	etymologist
regime	vigil	eulogist
regimen	vigilant	gastroenterologist
regiment	vigilante	genealogist
region	virgin	geologist
register		gerontologist
registrar	<b>-OLOGIST — TITLES</b>	glaciologist
registration	<b>OF PEOPLE WHO</b>	graphologist
regurgitate	<b>STUDY THINGS</b>	herpetologist
religion	anesthesiologist	hydrologist
religious	anthropologist	ichthyologist
rigid	apologist	ideologist
sacrilegious	audiologist	immunologist
strategic	bacteriologist	meteorologist
surgical	biologist	microbiologist
syllogism	cardiologist	musicologist
synergism	cosmetologist	mycologist
strategist	criminologist	mythologist
suffragist	cytologist	neurologist
syllogistic	dermatologist	numerologist

## gi words *continued*

	<u>-OLOGICAL</u>	
ontologist		musicological
ophthalmologist	analogical	mycological
ornithologist	archaeological	mythological
paleontologist	astrological	neurological
parapsychologist	biological	ontological
parasitologist	chronological	ornithological
pathologist	climatological	pathological
pharmacologist	cytological	pedagogical
phonologist	ecological	phonological
phrenologist	entomological	physiological
psychologist	etiological	psychological
radiologist	etymological	scatological
seismologist	geological	seismological
sociologist	hydrological	sociological
technologist	ichthyological	tautological
theologist	ideological	technological
toxicologist	meteorological	zoological
virologist	methodological	
zoologist	morphological	

## gy words

### -GY

allergy  
 androgynous  
 bulgy  
 chemurgy  
 clergy  
 demagogy  
 dingy  
 dramaturgy  
 edgy  
 effigy  
 elegy  
 energy  
 gym  
 gymnasium  
 gymnast  
 gymnastic  
 gymnosperm  
 gyp  
 gypsum  
 gyro  
 gyroscope  
 gyrate  
 lethargy  
 liturgy  
 mangy  
 metallurgy

misogynist  
 musicology  
 orangy  
 orgy  
 panegyrist  
 panegyrical  
 pedagogy  
 prodigy  
 pudgy  
 rangy  
 sedgy  
 sludgy  
 spongy  
 stingy  
 stodgy  
 strategy  
 stringy  
 synergy  
 trilogy  
 Egypt  
 Gypsy

### -LOGY

anesthesiology  
 anthology  
 anthropology  
 apology  
 archaeology  
 astrology  
 audiology  
 bacteriology  
 biology  
 cardiology  
 chronology  
 climatology  
 cosmetology  
 cosmology  
 criminology  
 cytology  
 demonology  
 dermatology  
 doxology  
 ecology  
 embryology  
 endocrinology  
 entomology  
 epidemiology  
 epistemology  
 ethnology

*gy words continued*

etiology	morphology	physiology
eulogy	musicology	psychology
genealogy	mycology	radiology
geology	mythology	scatology
gerontology	neurology	seismology
graphology	ontology	sociology
hematology	ophthalmology	symbology
herpetology	ornithology	tautology
homology	paleontology	technology
horology	parapsychology	teleology
hydrology	parasitology	terminology
ichthyology	pathology	theology
ideology	penology	toxicology
immunology	pharmacology	trilogy
meteorology	philology	urology
methodology	phonology	virology
microbiology	phraseology	volcanology
mineralogy	phrenology	zoology