

Phonics Shed

US Ch3 - Character Key Cards
(with formation)



Wing the Duckling ch3



GRAPHEME
ng

PHONEME
/ng/

SPEECH SOUNDS
nasal

TYPE OF SOUND
continuous

Actions
Moving elbows as wings

Example Sentence
Wing the duckling loves to sing.

Charlie the chicken ch3



GRAPHEME
ch

PHONEME
/ch/

SPEECH SOUNDS
affricate

TYPE OF SOUND
stop

Actions
Moving head backwards and forward like a chicken pecking

Example Sentence
Charlie the chicken likes to crunch and munch lunch.

Blush the brush ch3



GRAPHEME
sh

PHONEME
/sh/


SPEECH SOUNDS
fricative

TYPE OF SOUND
continuous

Actions
Brush one hand over the other, changing hands each time

Example Sentence
Blush the brush likes to wash and polish the shed.

Theo the moth (unvoiced) ch3



GRAPHEME
th-unvoiced

PHONEME
/th/ - /θ/


SPEECH SOUNDS
fricative

TYPE OF SOUND
continuous

Actions
Stick tongue out slightly as this helps with making the sound

Example Sentence
Theo the Moth thinks a lot of things.

The Weatherman (voiced) ch3



GRAPHEME
th

PHONEME
/th/ - /ð/

SPEECH SOUNDS
fricative

TYPE OF SOUND
continuous

Actions
Stick tongue out slightly as this helps with making the sound and hand/fingers gently on throat to feel the vibration

Example Sentence
This is the Weatherman.

Jade the spade ch3



GRAPHEME
a_e

PHONEME
/ai/

SPEECH SOUNDS
vowel

TYPE OF SOUND
continuous

Actions
Digging an imaginary hole with a pretend spade

Example Sentence
Jade the spade helped make a maze.

Mike the kite ch3



GRAPHEME
i_e

PHONEME
/igh/

SPEECH SOUNDS
vowel

TYPE OF SOUND
continuous

Actions
Flying imaginary kite- both hands holding pretend string, looking up and moving body side to side

Example Sentence
Mike the kite likes to rise and glide.

Hope the cone ch3



GRAPHEME
o_e

PHONEME
/oa/

SPEECH SOUNDS
vowel

TYPE OF SOUND
continuous

Actions
Acting surprised as you throw both hands up, and lean back a little to avoid slipping on something

Example Sentence
Hope the cone uses a rope to enclose the danger zone.

Pete the millipede **ch3**

GRAPHEME
e_e

PHONEME
/ee/

SPEECH SOUNDS
vowel



TYPE OF SOUND
continuous 🔊

Actions
Pointy finger, wiggle across body

Example Sentence
Pete the millipede wants to be an extreme athlete.

Tribute the mule **ch3**

GRAPHEME
u_e

PHONEME
/yoo/

SPEECH SOUNDS
vowel



TYPE OF SOUND
continuous 🔊

Actions
Slowly shake hands up and down hold imaginary reins like shaking maracas slowly

Example Sentence
Tribute the mule is useful and will never refuse work.

Luke the flute **ch3**

GRAPHEME
u_e

PHONEME
/oo/

SPEECH SOUNDS
vowel



TYPE OF SOUND
continuous 🔊

Actions
Play imaginary flute, both hands at one side of face, fingers move when sound is made

Example Sentence
Luke the flute is a cool dude with rad tunes.

Nancy the princess **ch3**

GRAPHEME
c

PHONEME
/s/

SPEECH SOUNDS
fricative



TYPE OF SOUND
continuous 🔊

Actions
One hand out to the side and one hand on hip, turn nose up

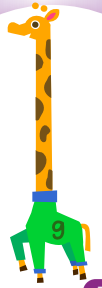
Example Sentence
Nancy the princess lives in the fancy Cinder City.

Gem the giraffe **ch3**

GRAPHEME
g

PHONEME
/j/

SPEECH SOUNDS
affricate



TYPE OF SOUND
stop 🔊

Actions
Stretching arm up slowly above head with hand horizontal like a mouth/head could extend to standing up and reaching up as high as possible

Example Sentence
Gem the giraffe is a huge gentle giant that loves to ingest ginger-snap cookies.

Sky the spy **ch3**

GRAPHEME
y

PHONEME
/igh/

SPEECH SOUNDS
vowel



TYPE OF SOUND
continuous 🔊

Actions
Tap side of nose twice with one finger - Sky 'knows' all the secrets.

Example Sentence
Sky the spy wants to try and be less shy and more sly.

Cody the jellyfish **ch3**

GRAPHEME
y

PHONEME
/ee/

SPEECH SOUNDS
vowel



TYPE OF SOUND
continuous 🔊

Actions
Hold arms out to the side and wiggle

Example Sentence
Cody the jellyfish is a slimy, wriggly creature of the sea.

Gail the snail **ch3**

GRAPHEME
ai

PHONEME
/ai/

SPEECH SOUNDS
vowel



TYPE OF SOUND
continuous 🔊

Actions
Fist on top of flat hand, wiggle flat hand - like a snail

Example Sentence
Gail the snail has a rainbow trail.

Dee the sheep **ch3**

GRAPHEME ee

PHONEME /ee/

SPEECH SOUNDS vowel



TYPE OF SOUND continuous

Actions
Stretch out arms above head as if sleepy

Example Sentence
Dee the sheep needs some sleep.

Bright the night light **ch3**

GRAPHEME igh

PHONEME /igh/

SPEECH SOUNDS vowel



TYPE OF SOUND continuous

Actions
Jazz hands and scared face - Bright the night light can help when you are scared of the dark.

Example Sentence
Bright the night-light stops night fright.

Boaty the toad **ch3**

GRAPHEME oa

PHONEME /oa/

SPEECH SOUNDS vowel



TYPE OF SOUND continuous

Actions
Open and close fist in front of throat (like toad's expanding throat)

Example Sentence
Boaty the toad croaks from his throat.

Jay the clay **ch3**

GRAPHEME ay

PHONEME /ai/

SPEECH SOUNDS vowel



TYPE OF SOUND continuous

Actions
Squeezing cupped hands together as if molding a ball of clay

Example Sentence
Jay the clay sits on a tray in the hay.

Beans the flea **ch3**

GRAPHEME ea

PHONEME /ee/

SPEECH SOUNDS vowel



TYPE OF SOUND continuous

Actions
Pretend to itch arm

Example Sentence
Beans the flea wants to eat a meal.

Rainbow the snowman **ch3**

GRAPHEME ow

PHONEME /oa/

SPEECH SOUNDS r-controlled vowel



TYPE OF SOUND continuous

Actions
Cross arms and rub biceps-pretend to be cold

Example Sentence
Rainbow the snowman lives in the meadow and sits beneath the shadow of the willow tree.

Archer the star **ch3**

GRAPHEME ar

PHONEME /ar/

SPEECH SOUNDS voiced



TYPE OF SOUND

Actions
Reach for a star-hand high above head clenching and unclenching

Example Sentence
Archer the star darts far across the dark sky.

Gordon the horse **ch3**

GRAPHEME or

PHONEME /or/

SPEECH SOUNDS voiced



TYPE OF SOUND

Actions
Hands in cup shapes downwards (like hooves) held in front of body, one moves up as other moves down (like horse walking)

Example Sentence
Ever since Gordon the horse was born, he has wanted a horn to be a unicorn.

Wheeler the whale **ch3**

GRAPHEME **wh**

PHONEME **/w/**

SPEECH SOUNDS **glide**



TYPE OF SOUND 

Actions

Hand clenched on top of head, moving up quickly and unclenching like spouting water from top of head

Example Sentence

Wheeler the whale loves to whoosh and whirl his white belly through the sea.

Merlin the gerbil **ch3**

GRAPHEME **er**

PHONEME **/ur/**

SPEECH SOUNDS **r-controlled vowel**



TYPE OF SOUND 

Actions

Wipe back of hand under nose - Merlin the gerbil is allergic to herbs and they make his nose itch!

Example Sentence

Merlin the gerbil put herb perfume under his chin.

Shirley the girl **ch3**

GRAPHEME **ir**

PHONEME **/ur/**

SPEECH SOUNDS **r-controlled vowel**



TYPE OF SOUND 

Actions

Draw figure of eight in the air with finger- for the whirly bird

Example Sentence

Shirley the girl is dressed in a new shirt and skirt for her birthday.

Kurt the turtle **ch3**

GRAPHEME **ur**

PHONEME **/ur/**

SPEECH SOUNDS **r-controlled vowel**



TYPE OF SOUND 

Actions

Place one hand on top of the other and interlock fingers into a fist and rotate thumbs like swimming legs

Example Sentence

Kurt the turtle was hurled while surfing and got hurt.

The coin in the soil **ch3**

GRAPHEME **oi**

PHONEME **/oi/**

SPEECH SOUNDS **vowel diphthong**



TYPE OF SOUND 

Actions

One hand cupped by the mouth [as if shouting] and one pointing at the floor- Indy found a gold coin and shouted for Ollie to look!

Example Sentence

The coin in the soil was hoisted up after two friends joined forces and toiled for treasure.

Troy the boy **ch3**

GRAPHEME **oy**

PHONEME **/oi/**

SPEECH SOUNDS **vowel diphthong**



TYPE OF SOUND 

Actions

(Salute)- Troy the boy likes to play pirates and say, "Ahoy!" to his crew.

Example Sentence

Troy the boy enjoys playing with his toys.

Boo the goose **ch3**

GRAPHEME **oo**

PHONEME **/ōō/ long**

SPEECH SOUNDS **vowel**



TYPE OF SOUND  **continuous**

Actions

Looking from side to side with each sound - like watching tennis - Boo the goose went to the zoo and watched the animals.

Example Sentence

Boo the goose satisfies his sweet tooth with scoops of ice cream.

Sherwood the woodpecker **ch3**

GRAPHEME **oo**

PHONEME **/ōō/ short [u]**

SPEECH SOUNDS **vowel**



TYPE OF SOUND 

Actions

Holding one hand vertically, tap the palm with a finger from the other hand- like a woodpecker's beak hitting a tree

Example Sentence

Sherwood the woodpecker loves to look for good books.

Brown the owl **ch3**

GRAPHEME **ow**

PHONEME **/ow/**

SPEECH SOUNDS **vowel dipthong**



TYPE OF SOUND **continuous**

Actions
Hand on forehead as if hurt - Brown the owl is feeling down and his head hurts.

Example Sentence
Brown the owl frowns as he looks down from his tower.

Sprout the mouse **ch3**

GRAPHEME **ou**

PHONEME **/ow/**

SPEECH SOUNDS **vowel dipthong**



TYPE OF SOUND **continuous**

Actions
Hands under chin like paws - whisper sound- Sprout the mouse does not like loud sounds, so we must speak quietly.

Example Sentence
Sprout the mouse's old house is too loud.

Dawn the fawn **ch3**

GRAPHEME **aw**

PHONEME **/õ/**

SPEECH SOUNDS **vowel**



TYPE OF SOUND **continuous**

Actions
Pretend to yawn, eyes closed and hand in front of mouth - Dawn the fawn is sleepy and lets out a big yawn.

Example Sentence
Dawn the fawn opens her jaw wide and yawns on the lawn.

Paul the astronaut **ch3**

GRAPHEME **au**

PHONEME **/õ/**

SPEECH SOUNDS **vowel**



TYPE OF SOUND **continuous**

Actions
Pretend to have a floaty body and arms.

Example Sentence
Paul the astronaut is getting ready for his launch to space in a flying saucer this August.

Phil the Dolphin **ch3**

GRAPHEME **ph**

PHONEME **/f/**

SPEECH SOUNDS **fricative**



TYPE OF SOUND **continuous**

Actions
Fingers moving forward and to the other side- like a dolphin jumping out of the water

Example Sentence
Phil the dolphin takes trophy-winning photos.

Knox the Knight **ch3**

GRAPHEME **kn**

PHONEME **/n/**

SPEECH SOUNDS **nasal**



TYPE OF SOUND **continuous**

Actions
Grasp hand into a fist and swing an imaginary sword

Example Sentence
Knox the knight knows how to knock his enemies to their knees.

Wrigley the wren **ch3**

GRAPHEME **wr**

PHONEME **/r/**

SPEECH SOUNDS **liquid**



TYPE OF SOUND **continuous**

Actions
Put a hand on your chest and stick elbow out to make a wing - write a 'w' in the air with elbow

Example Sentence
Wrigley the wren who was wrongly wrapped in a wreath.