

Phonics Shed

US Ch4 - Character Key Cards
(with formation)



Stanley the turkey **ch4**



GRAPHEME
ey
 PHONEME
/ee/
 SPEECH SOUNDS
vowel
 TYPE OF SOUND
continuous

Actions
Hands at side of face, fan out fingers each time sound is made

Example Sentence
Stanley the turkey eats barley from a honey pot.

Albie the cookie thief **ch4**



GRAPHEME
ie
 PHONEME
/ee/
 SPEECH SOUNDS
vowel
 TYPE OF SOUND
continuous

Actions
Grabbing with alternate hands right and left each time sound is made

Example Sentence
Albie the cookie thief causes shrieks across the field.

The Magpie **ch4**



GRAPHEME
ie
 PHONEME
/igh/
 SPEECH SOUNDS
vowel
 TYPE OF SOUND
continuous

Actions
Hands out to the sides (palm down), 'twinkling' fingers, moving hands round to meet at front and back out again as if surrounded by a glittery nest- The magpie wants a sparkling nest.

Example Sentence
The Magpie sometimes steals shiny pies and neckties.

Joe stubbed his toe **ch4**



GRAPHEME
oe
 PHONEME
/oa/
 SPEECH SOUNDS
vowel
 TYPE OF SOUND
continuous

Actions
Bend down and touch your toe as you say 'oa/-oa/-oa/'

Example Sentence
Joe stubbed his toe and rubbed some aloe on it to stop his woes.

Ears the earwig **ch4**



GRAPHEME
ear
 PHONEME
/ear/
 SPEECH SOUNDS
r-controlled vowel
 TYPE OF SOUND

Actions
Cup both ears

Example Sentence
Did you hear that Ears the earwig has grown his beard for years and years?

Blair the fairy **ch4**

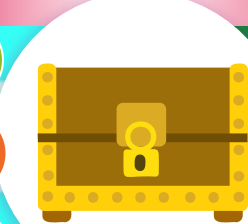


GRAPHEME
air
 PHONEME
/air/
 SPEECH SOUNDS
r-controlled vowel
 TYPE OF SOUND

Actions
Flip imaginary hair with hand - "Blair the fairy loves to fix her hair nicely."

Example Sentence
Blair the fairy sits in a chair and adds flair to her fair hair.

The treasure adventure **ch4**



GRAPHEME
ure
 PHONEME
/ur/ & /yur/
 SPEECH SOUNDS
r-controlled vowel
 TYPE OF SOUND

Actions
Lifting lid of an imaginary treasure chest

Example Sentence
Ugbie, Rex, and Edwin read about a treasure adventure in a brochure that was sure to cure their boredom and cause pure joy!

Drew the screwdriver **ch4**



GRAPHEME
ew
 PHONEME
/oo/ long
 SPEECH SOUNDS
vowel
 TYPE OF SOUND
continuous

Actions
Twisting hand as if using a screwdriver

Example Sentence
Drew the screwdriver and his crew threw together a new playhouse with Joe.

Mount spew is askew **ch4**

GRAPHEME
ew

PHONEME
/yoo/

SPEECH SOUNDS
vowel



Actions

Hold two fists at chest, throw arms out in front of body while opening fists

Example Sentence

Mount Spew has few visitors because he often feels askew.

TYPE OF SOUND
continuous

Huey the statue **ch4**

GRAPHEME
ue

PHONEME
/yoo/

SPEECH SOUNDS
vowel



Actions

Sit up straight and still (like a frozen statue), move eyes side to side with every sound

Example Sentence

Huey the statue values peace and quiet and hates when people argue.

TYPE OF SOUND
continuous

Sue the bluebird **ch4**

GRAPHEME
ue

PHONEME
/oo/ long

SPEECH SOUNDS
vowel



Actions

Listening to imaginary egg held in your hands - Sue is listening for her bluebird chicks to hatch.

Example Sentence

Sue the bluebird decided to spruce up her nest one Tuesday in the springtime.

TYPE OF SOUND
continuous

Ivor the lion **ch4**

GRAPHEME
i

PHONEME
igh

SPEECH SOUNDS
vowel



Actions

Two hands like claws near chest and the other hand waving- Ivor is a kind lion who likes to say 'hi!'

Example Sentence

Ivor the lion is kind, quiet, and shy... most of the time.

TYPE OF SOUND
continuous

Music the unicorn **ch4**

GRAPHEME
u

PHONEME
/yoo/

SPEECH SOUNDS
vowel



Actions

One finger pointing up on top of head and one hand horizontal under chin - Music is a unique and special unicorn.

Example Sentence

Music the unicorn is a popular muse that educates humans and animals on how to be a fabulous unicorn.

TYPE OF SOUND
continuous

The meteor **ch4**

GRAPHEME
e

PHONEME
/ee/

SPEECH SOUNDS
vowel



Actions

Move fist quickly from up high to down low diagonally across the body from left to right

Example Sentence

The meteor was accidentally mistaken for an evil demon torpedo!

TYPE OF SOUND
continuous

Leo the ghost **ch4**

GRAPHEME
o

PHONEME
/oa/

SPEECH SOUNDS
vowel



Actions

Both hands on cheeks as if shocked

Example Sentence

Leo the ghost is looking for a new home that is light and open, and no longer cold!

TYPE OF SOUND
continuous

April the angel **ch4**

GRAPHEME
a

PHONEME
/ai/

SPEECH SOUNDS
vowel



Actions

Make circle with fingers over your head like a halo

Example Sentence

April the angel's halo got lost one crazy rainy day.

TYPE OF SOUND
continuous

Heather the pheasant **ch4**

GRAPHEME
ea

PHONEME
short
/e/

SPEECH SOUNDS
vowel



TYPE OF SOUND
continuous 🔊

Actions
Cross arms over body and pull off an imaginary sweater, uncrossing arms as they come in front of face

Example Sentence
Heather the pheasant leapt out of bed to get ready and eat bread for breakfast.

Wordy the bookworm **ch4**

GRAPHEME
or

PHONEME
/ur/

SPEECH SOUNDS
r-controlled
vowel



TYPE OF SOUND 🔊

Actions
Open hands like a book

Example Sentence
Wordy the bookworm loves to read about the world... but his eyes don't work without his glasses!

Squashy the wasp **ch4**

GRAPHEME
or

PHONEME
/ur/

SPEECH SOUNDS
r-controlled
vowel



TYPE OF SOUND
continuous 🔊

Actions
Swatting an imaginary wasp, as if holding a fly swatter in your hand

Example Sentence
Squashy the wasp always wants to squabble and scald almost everyone that tries to swat at him!

Hey Chey squirrel **ch4**

GRAPHEME
ey

PHONEME
/ai/

SPEECH SOUNDS
vowel



TYPE OF SOUND
continuous 🔊

Actions
Two fingers like teeth in front of mouth and wiggle as sound is made

Example Sentence
Chey the squirrel did not obey his mom.

Who? **ch4**

GRAPHEME
o

PHONEME
/ōō/
long

SPEECH SOUNDS
vowel



TYPE OF SOUND
continuous 🔊

Actions
Hold chin and scratch head as if thinking

Example Sentence
Don't move! Meet the mysterious who. What to do when you don't know who?

Dylan the lynx **ch4**

GRAPHEME
y

PHONEME
short
/i/

SPEECH SOUNDS
vowel



TYPE OF SOUND
continuous 🔊

Actions
Rubbing top of ears with fingers pointing up

Example Sentence
Dylan the lynx likes to go to the gym, and he also believes in healing crystals and the symbols they represent.

Chris the chameleon **ch4**

GRAPHEME
ch

PHONEME
/k/

SPEECH SOUNDS
stop



TYPE OF SOUND
stop ✖

Actions
Bopping to a beat while making the sound, children can add in a dance move if they like - Chris loves the echo of the techno beat.

Example Sentence
Chris the chameleon causes chaos as his techno music echoes loudly all around him.

Charlotte the chef **ch4**

GRAPHEME
ch

PHONEME
/sh/

SPEECH SOUNDS
fricative



TYPE OF SOUND
continuous ✖

Actions
Imaginary mixing bowl under one arm and stirring with the other

Example Sentence
Charlotte the chef is a chic cooking machine.

Soupy the toucan **ch4**

GRAPHEME **ou**

PHONEME **/oo/ long**

SPEECH SOUNDS **vowel**



TYPE OF SOUND **continuous**

Actions
Both hands in front of face like a big beak, open and close with each sound

Example Sentence
Soupy the toucan is part of a youth group of other toucans.

Doug in trouble **ch4**

GRAPHEME **ou**

PHONEME **short /u/**

SPEECH SOUNDS **vowel**



TYPE OF SOUND **continuous**

Actions
One palm to forehead

Example Sentence
Doug is Joe's younger cousin and always seems to find himself in trouble.

The soulful boulder **ch4**

GRAPHEME **ou**

PHONEME **/oa/**

SPEECH SOUNDS **vowel**



TYPE OF SOUND **continuous**

Actions
Hold arms out and slowly bring them in to touch opposite shoulders with each hand- hugging a boulder, shoulder to shoulder

Example Sentence
The soulful boulder has moss on his shoulders.

Pearl the researcher **ch4**

GRAPHEME **ear**

PHONEME **/ur/**

SPEECH SOUNDS **r-controlled vowel**



TYPE OF SOUND

Actions
Hold up one hand, palm up, and tap fingers from other hand- like typing information

Example Sentence
Pearl the researcher loves to travel the Earth and learn new things!

Pear the bear **ch4**

GRAPHEME **ear**

PHONEME **/air/**

SPEECH SOUNDS **r-controlled vowel**



TYPE OF SOUND

Actions
Holding a pretend pear in one hand and pointing at it with the other

Example Sentence
Pear the bear wears a purple sweater and tears through pears!

Dare the hare **ch4**

GRAPHEME **are**

PHONEME **/air/**

SPEECH SOUNDS **r-controlled vowel**



TYPE OF SOUND

Actions
One hand up in the air pointing forward and one hand behind back (superman)

Example Sentence
Dare the hare tries to be a super-hare by being aware, taking care, and preparing!

New Phoneme **/zh/ ch4**

GRAPHEME **'si', 'ti', 's', 'z', 'g', 'ge', 'j'**

SPEECH SOUNDS **fricative**

TYPE OF SOUND **continuous**

Actions
Move arms and upper body like a robot

Example Sentence
He had a vision of an unusual equation, but like a mirage, it disappeared. The azure sky above the Taj Mahal made the mundane cleaning regime much more enjoyable.