

## ALPHA to OMEGA

(Standard word lists for the Alpha to Omega course – more words follow the asterisks)

### 1) Letter sounds

#### letters a-g

a  
b  
c  
d  
e  
f  
g

#### letters h-n

h  
i  
j  
k  
l  
m  
n

#### letters o-t

o  
p  
q  
r  
s  
t

#### letters u-z

u  
v  
w  
x  
y  
z

### 2) Short vowels a,o

#### -at

cat  
fat  
bat  
hat  
mat  
pat  
*rat*  
sat

#### -an

can  
fan  
man  
nan  
pan  
ran  
tan  
van

#### ma- ha-

mat  
man  
map  
mad  
had  
ham  
has  
hat

#### a mixed

dad  
man  
hat  
tap  
pat  
pan  
sat  
bag  
\*

bad  
bat  
can  
cat  
fan  
fat  
had  
ham  
has  
lap  
mad  
map  
mat  
nan  
rag  
ran  
rat  
tan  
van

#### -ot -og -op

cot  
got  
hot  
fog  
jog  
dog  
pop  
top  
\*

bog  
cop  
dot  
hog  
hop  
log  
lot  
mop  
not  
pot  
rot

#### po- jo- ho-

pod  
pop  
pot  
job  
jog  
jot  
hop  
hot

#### o mixed

on  
job  
cod  
dog  
mop  
hot  
fox  
box  
top  
\*  
cot  
got  
hog  
hop  
log  
lot

nod  
not  
of  
pod  
pop  
pot  
rob  
rot  
sob

**a/o mixed**

rat  
rot  
dog  
got  
jam  
fox  
can  
bag

**3) Short vowels i, u**

-it -ip  
fit  
hit  
kit  
sit  
zip  
pip  
lip  
\*  
bit  
dip  
hip  
lit  
pit  
rip  
sip  
tip

**bi- li- hi-**

bin  
big  
bit  
lid  
lip  
hid  
his  
him  
\*  
bib  
hip  
hit

lit

**i mixed**

is  
in  
if  
it  
did  
big  
him  
win  
six  
\*  
dig  
fit  
hit  
kit  
lip  
pig  
pin  
pip  
sit  
tin  
wig  
zip

**-un -ut -ug**

gun  
run  
sun  
but  
hut  
jug  
mug  
hug  
\*  
bug  
bun  
cut  
dug  
fun  
nut  
rug  
tug

**bu- mu-**

bug  
bun  
but  
bus  
bud  
mum  
mud  
mug

**u mixed**

mum  
mud  
fun  
but  
cut  
up  
bus  
gun  
rub  
\*  
bud  
bug  
bun  
hug  
hut  
jug  
mug  
run  
sun

**i/u mixed**

kit  
bus  
hug  
lid  
nut  
pig  
bud  
sit

**a/u mixed**

cap  
cup  
but  
bat  
rag  
rug  
fun  
fan

**4) Short e, mixed vowels**

-et  
met  
wet  
get  
jet  
let  
net  
pet  
set  
\*  
vet

yet

**-en-eg-ed**

pen  
ten  
hen  
peg  
leg  
bed  
red  
fed

**pe- me- be-**

peg  
pen  
pet  
men  
met  
beg  
bed

**e mixed**

red  
bed  
wet  
met  
men  
leg  
peg  
pen  
\*  
beg  
bet  
fed  
get  
hen  
jet  
let  
net  
pet  
set  
ten  
yet

**i/e mixed**

bit  
bet  
ten  
tin  
win  
wet  
pin  
pen

**short vowels mixed 1**

mat

jet

win  
pen  
man  
bus  
red  
hot  
\*

bag  
bed  
big  
box  
but  
cod  
cut  
dad  
did  
dog  
fox  
fun

gun  
hat  
him  
if  
in  
is  
it  
job  
leg  
men  
met  
mop  
mud  
mum  
on  
pan  
pat  
peg  
rub  
sat  
six  
tap  
top  
up  
wet

**short vowels mixed 2**

fox  
van  
got  
big  
top  
six  
wet

fun

\*  
bag  
bed  
box  
bus  
but  
cod  
cut  
dad  
did  
dog  
gun  
hat  
him  
hot  
if  
in  
is  
it  
job  
leg  
man  
men  
met  
mop  
mud  
mum  
on  
pan  
pat  
peg  
pen  
red  
rub  
sat  
tap  
up  
win

**vowels - test**

hat  
hit  
hot  
hut  
met  
mat  
pat  
pot  
pet  
pit

**revise A to O (2-4)**

**5) -s, sh,ch, th, odd words**

plurals -s

dog  
dogs  
cat  
cats  
cup  
cups  
pet  
pets  
\*  
beds  
legs  
mugs  
pigs  
rats  
sums  
vans

**long vowels be, he, me etc**

be  
he  
me  
we  
I  
go  
no  
my  
\*  
by  
so

**irregular common words 1**

the  
to  
do  
a  
said  
you

**irregular common words 2**

they  
is  
of  
and  
have  
when

**sh**

shop  
shut  
shot  
ship  
shed

fish  
wish  
cash  
\*  
mash  
rush

**-ash**

cash  
dash  
mash  
rash  
sash

**ch**

chip  
chop  
chin  
chat  
rich  
much

**ch/sh**

chips  
chop  
chin  
rich  
which  
much  
shop  
shut

**th**

the  
this  
that  
then  
them  
thin  
with  
\*  
moth

**6) Initial blends**

**introduce blends**

cap  
clap  
cab  
crab  
dip  
drip  
fat

flat  
fog  
frog

**introduce blends 2**

pan  
plan  
pod  
prod  
sick  
stick  
tin  
twin  
tick  
trick

**consonant blends mixed 1**

blob  
brush  
clap  
clip  
crab  
drum  
flag  
from  
\*  
blip  
blot  
blush  
bran  
clot  
cloth  
crash  
crop  
crush  
drip  
drop  
drug  
flap  
flash  
flat  
flip  
frog

**consonant blends mixed 2**

glad  
grip  
plan  
prod  
slim  
slot  
skip  
\*  
glum  
grab  
plop

plot  
plug  
plus  
pram  
prop  
skid  
skim  
skin  
slam  
slip  
slug

**consonant blends mixed 3**

smash  
snap  
swim  
spot  
step  
trap  
twin

\*

smug  
snip  
snob  
snug  
spin  
spit  
stab  
stop  
swam  
tram  
trash  
trip  
trot  
twig

**consonant blend rime sets**

drip  
skip  
slip  
trip  
clash  
crash  
flash  
\*  
blip  
clip  
clot  
flip  
plot  
slash  
slot  
smash  
snip  
spot

trash  
trot

**spl- scr-**  
splash  
split  
scrap  
scrub  
scrum

**str scr shr**

strap  
strip  
scrub  
scrum  
scrap  
shred

**7) Final blends**

**introduce final blends**

bad  
band  
bed  
bend  
had  
hand  
wet  
went  
hut  
hunt  
\*

bled  
blend  
lad  
land  
sad  
sand

**-nd**

and  
band  
hand  
land  
sand  
end  
bend  
mend  
send  
\*  
blend  
brand  
grand

lend  
spend  
stand  
strand  
trend

**-nt -nch**

bent  
sent  
tent  
went  
hunt  
lunch  
bunch  
pinch  
\*

bench  
blunt  
branch  
crunch  
flint  
grant  
grunt  
mint  
munch  
plant  
print  
punch  
spent

**-mp**

camp  
damp  
lamp  
stamp  
tramp  
dump  
jump  
lump  
pump  
\*

hump  
limp  
stump  
thump

**-nd -nt -nch mp mixed**

stand  
bend  
spend  
tent  
hunt  
print  
lunch  
pinch

crunch

\*

band  
bent  
blend  
brand  
bunch  
camp  
damp  
grand  
hand  
jump  
lamp  
land  
lend  
pump  
sand  
sent  
stamp  
strand  
trend  
went

**-lp -lk -lt -lf -pt**

help  
gulp  
milk  
silk  
felt  
melt  
shelf  
golf  
kept  
\*  
belt  
crept  
slept  
sulk  
swept  
wept

**-ft -ct -sk -sp**

left  
lift  
soft  
act  
fact  
risk  
desk  
\*  
crisp  
drift  
sift  
tuft  
tusk

**-st -xt**

cost  
lost  
list  
must  
best  
nest  
next  
text  
\*  
just  
pest  
quest  
rest  
test  
trust  
twist  
west

**-ld -nd**

wild  
child  
old  
told  
cold  
mind  
find  
kind  
\*  
blind  
bold  
fold  
grind  
hold  
mild  
sold

**end blends mixed**

help  
milk  
felt  
kept  
soft  
fact  
cost  
next  
\*  
act  
and  
band  
bend  
bent  
best  
bunch  
camp

damp

desk  
dump  
end  
golf  
gulp  
hand  
hunt  
jump  
lamp  
land  
left  
lift  
list  
lost  
lump  
lunch  
melt  
mend  
must  
nest  
pinch  
pump  
risk  
sand  
send  
sent  
shelf  
silk  
stamp  
tent  
text  
tramp  
went

**8) ng nk, word sums, ed, ing**

**-ing**

ring  
king  
sing  
wing  
ping  
thing  
\*  
bring  
cling  
spring  
sting  
string  
swing

**-ng**

king  
ring  
sing  
wing  
bang  
hang  
long  
song  
lung  
\*  
fang  
hung  
rang  
sang  
swing  
thing

**-nk**

pink  
sink  
think  
drink  
bank  
tank  
thank  
bunk  
sunk  
\*  
blank  
blink  
drunk  
honk  
ink  
plank  
sank  
shrink  
skunk  
stink  
trunk  
wink

**word sums**

upset  
into  
grandad  
hundred  
magnet  
trumpet  
problem

**-ed -ing (tenses 1)**

jump  
jumping  
jumped

wish  
wishing  
wished  
land  
landing  
landed  
\*  
drinking  
fished  
fishing  
helped  
helping

**revise A to O (5-8)**

**9) ar or er, w rules**

**-ar-**

car  
far  
star  
shark  
park  
arm  
farm  
start  
hard  
\*  
bark  
card  
cart  
chart  
dark  
harm  
jar  
March  
Mars  
part  
sharp

**-ar- 2 syllable**

army  
garden  
party  
carpet  
target  
market  
\*  
alarm  
artist  
started  
starting

**-or-**

for  
fork  
born  
storm  
sort  
short  
sport  
morning  
\*  
cork  
corn  
force  
horn  
horse  
north  
torn  
worn

**-er-**

her  
were  
verb  
sister  
silver  
thunder  
winter  
bigger  
\*  
herb  
nerve  
serve  
summer  
term

**-ore -oor**

more  
before  
wore  
sore  
snore  
door  
floor  
poor  
\*  
bore  
core  
score  
shore  
store  
tore

**ar or er**

dark  
card  
started

horse  
cork  
term  
winter  
bigger  
\*  
arm  
born  
car  
far  
farm  
for  
fork  
hard  
her  
morning  
park  
person  
platform  
report  
shark  
short  
silver  
sister  
softer  
sort  
sport  
star  
start  
storm  
thunder  
verb  
were

**wa-**  
was  
want  
wash  
wand  
swan  
swap  
wasp  
\*  
What

**war-**  
war  
warm  
warn  
warning  
ward  
towards  
\*  
reward  
warden

warmth  
warship

**wor-**  
word  
work  
working  
world  
worse  
worm  
\*  
worker  
works  
worst  
worth

## 10) ll ss ck

**-all**  
all  
ball  
call  
tall  
hall  
fall  
wall  
\*  
small  
stall

**-ell 1**  
bell  
fell  
sell  
tell  
well

**-ell 2**  
bell  
tell  
fell  
sell  
well  
shell  
spell  
smell

**-ill**  
ill  
hill  
bill  
kill  
mill

fill  
till  
will  
\*  
grill  
quill  
spill  
still  
thrill

**-oll -ull**  
doll  
roll  
dull  
gull  
pull  
full  
bull  
\*  
scroll  
troll

**-ss -zz**  
mass  
less  
mess  
kiss  
miss  
boss  
fuss  
fizz  
buzz  
\*  
jazz  
loss  
pass  
toss

**-ss -zz 2**  
pass  
class  
glass  
grass  
press  
cress  
cross  
jazz  
fizz  
\*  
bless  
dress  
Swiss

**-ff**  
off  
cuff



huff  
puff

tiff  
\*

cliff  
fluff  
gruff  
sniff  
staff  
stuff

**-ck**

back  
pack  
neck  
pick  
thick  
lock  
duck  
luck  
\*

deck  
kick  
lick  
peck  
quack  
quack  
quick  
rock  
sack  
shock  
sick  
sock  
tick

**-ck 2**

black  
crack  
brick  
stick  
trick  
clock  
ticket  
rocket  
\*

bucket  
cricket  
flick  
pocket  
speck  
stuck  
thick  
track  
truck

**-cked -cking**

cracked  
shocked  
docked

licked  
locking  
picking  
packing

**revise A to O (9-10)**

**11) as af ath al, short forms**

**-as-**

ask  
fast  
last  
past  
master  
cast  
basket  
castle

**-af -ath -al**

after  
afterwards  
craft  
path  
father  
rather  
half  
calf  
odd words 1  
knock  
wrist  
many  
anything  
o'clock  
egg  
add  
too

**introduce contractions/short forms**

I am  
I'm  
I will  
I'll  
do not  
don't  
cannot  
can't

**short forms 1**

I'm  
I've  
she'll

I'll  
he's  
he'll  
he'd  
it's  
\*

I'd  
it'll  
she'd  
she's

**short forms 2**

you're  
you'll  
you've  
we're  
we'll  
we've  
they're  
\*

they'll  
they've

**short forms 3**

can't  
won't  
don't  
didn't  
isn't  
wasn't  
hasn't  
\*

aren't  
weren't

**short forms Mr Mrs etc**

Mr  
Mrs  
Dr  
it's  
let's

**odd words 2**

talk  
walk  
come  
some  
put  
push  
bush

## 12 ) Magic/lazy e, split digraph

### a-e (adding e)

mat  
mate  
fat  
fate  
mad  
made  
tap  
tape  
\*  
man  
mane  
pan  
pane  
plan  
plane  
sack  
sake  
scrap  
scrape

### -ate -ake -ame

date  
gate  
plate  
make  
snake  
shake  
game  
same  
\*  
bake  
blame  
brake  
cake  
came  
crate  
fame  
fate  
flake  
flame  
frame  
hate  
lake  
lame  
late  
mate  
quake  
sake  
shame  
skate  
state

take  
tame  
wake

### -ave -ale -ape

cave  
wave  
save  
gave  
male  
sale  
shape  
tape  
\*  
brave  
female  
gale  
grave  
pale  
rave  
shave  
slave  
stale  
tale  
whale

### a-e 2

car  
care  
scar  
scare  
lack  
lake  
tall  
tale  
\*  
stale  
stall  
star  
stare

### -are

care  
fare  
scare  
stare  
share  
hare  
rare  
bare  
\*  
dare  
scared  
spare

### i-e (adding e)

hid  
hide  
kit  
kite  
bit  
bite  
pip  
pipe  
\*  
fin  
fine  
lick  
like  
pile  
pill  
pin  
pine  
quit  
quite  
rid  
ride  
rip  
ripe  
slid  
slide  
slim  
slime  
spin  
spine  
win  
wine

### -ine -ipe -ike

nine  
fine  
line  
shine  
ripe  
wipe  
like  
bike  
\*  
hike  
mine  
pine  
pipe  
shrine  
spike  
spine  
strike  
stripe  
vine  
wine

**-ite**

bite  
kite  
write  
white  
site  
quite

**i-e 2**

till  
tile  
fill  
file  
lick  
like  
fir  
fire  
\*  
mile  
mill  
pile  
pill  
stile  
still

**o-e (adding e)**

hop  
hope  
slop  
slope  
rod  
rode  
not  
note  
\*  
cod  
code  
cop  
cope

**-oke -one -ope**

bone  
phone  
stone  
coke  
joke  
smoke  
rope  
hope  
\*  
broke  
choke  
cone  
cope  
Pope  
scope

slope  
throne  
tone  
woke  
zone

**o-e mixed**

bone  
stone  
rope  
broke  
smoke  
rose  
code  
home  
note  
\*  
close  
coke  
cone  
froze  
hope  
hose  
joke  
phone  
quote  
rode  
those  
vote  
wrote

**u-e**

cube  
tube  
tune  
June  
rude  
rule  
use  
mute  
\*  
cute  
flute  
fuse  
nude

**split digraphs mixed**

came  
cake  
make  
drive  
five  
nose  
home  
tune

**\***

bit  
bite  
cube  
delete  
eve  
fat  
fate  
hid  
hide  
hop  
hope  
June  
kit  
kite  
mad  
made  
mat  
mate  
mute  
not  
note  
pip  
pipe  
rod  
rode  
rude  
rule  
slop  
slope  
swede  
tap  
tape  
theme  
tube  
use

**13) Odd words, v rule, o as /u/**

**odd words 3**

the  
these  
her  
here  
there  
were  
where  
when

**odd words 4**

do  
does

done  
go  
goes  
gone  
who  
whose  
during

**odd words 5**

white  
while  
knife  
write  
style  
gnome  
four  
pour

**v rule and -ove**

have  
live  
love  
lovely  
above  
cover  
discover  
oven  
\*  
discovery

**o sounding /u/**

come  
other  
mother  
brother  
Monday  
month  
money  
love  
\*  
above  
colour  
done  
front  
glove  
grandmother  
honey  
London  
monkey  
none  
nothing  
one  
some  
son  
wonder

**revise group A to O (11-13)**

**14) Soft c**

**soft c ce- ci- cy-**

cell  
cent  
city  
circle  
cycle  
\*  
century  
cylinder

**soft c -ce ending**

face  
place  
race  
space  
ice  
mice  
nice  
price  
\*  
dice  
grace  
lace  
pace  
rice  
slice  
spice  
trace  
twice

**soft c -ce 2 ending**

force  
office  
palace  
surface  
police  
choice  
\*  
notice  
service  
voice

**soft c -ance -ence -ince**

chance  
dance  
France  
difference  
sentence  
prince

since

\*

ambulance  
distance  
entrance  
importance  
mince  
pence  
princess

**soft c in middle**

pencil  
decide  
success  
December  
accident  
recycle  
acid  
\*  
accept  
except  
necessary  
recycling

**soft c ce- at beginning**

cell  
cellar  
centre  
certain  
cereal  
cement

**soft c, hard c**

centre  
city  
cylinder  
candle  
cotton  
cube

**-se**

base  
case  
sense  
expense  
house  
mouse  
loose  
else

**ke- ki-**

key  
kick  
king  
kiss  
kit

skip  
skeleton  
\*  
keen  
keep  
kidnap  
kill  
kind  
kite  
kitten  
skin  
skull

**soft g -nge**  
change  
range  
danger  
stranger  
angel  
\*  
exchange  
messenger  
orange  
passenger  
strange

**j**  
Jack  
jacket  
jam  
job  
jump  
joke  
just  
\*  
January  
jog  
John  
July

## 15) Soft g, dge, j, gu, tch

**soft g ge- gi- gy-**  
gem  
gentle  
ginger  
giant  
gym  
gyrate

**soft g -ge ending**  
age  
cage  
page  
stage  
huge  
large  
charge  
\*  
rage  
wage

**longer words ending -age**  
image  
message  
passage  
village  
average  
damage  
hostage  
percentage  
\*  
baggage  
cabbage  
carriage  
manage  
marriage  
package

**soft g -dge**  
badge  
edge  
hedge  
bridge  
fridge  
dodge  
fudge  
judge  
\*  
badger  
knowledge  
ledge

**soft g difficult**  
germ  
gentleman  
Egypt  
Germany  
digest  
vegetable  
magic  
\*  
dungeon  
emergency  
energy  
general  
generous  
genie  
gentle  
geography  
George  
Suggest

**soft g, hard g**  
gem  
giant  
gym  
garden  
gorilla  
grass  
gun

**gu- with u as a wall**  
guess  
guide  
guilt  
guilty  
guy  
plague  
\*  
guest  
vague

**-tch**  
catch  
match  
watch  
stretch  
stitch  
witch  
switch  
hutch  
\*  
butcher  
Dutch  
fetch  
itch  
kitchen  
scratch

## 16) Odd long vowels, HFW

**odd long vowels**  
find  
kind  
cold  
told  
post  
ghost  
both  
only  
yolk

**wh- question words**

when  
where  
what  
why  
which  
who  
whose

**qu-**

quiz  
quit  
quilt  
quick  
quack  
queen  
quest  
\*  
quote

**useful words 1**

night  
light  
day  
play  
say  
away  
could  
would  
should

**useful words 2**

boy  
girl  
picture  
little  
people  
because  
watched  
tree  
saw

**useful words 3**

out  
our  
house  
now  
down  
book  
look  
good  
school

**short forms 4**

could  
couldn't

should  
shouldn't  
would  
wouldn't  
have  
haven't

**revise A to O (14-16)**

**17) ai ay air (STAGE II)**

**-ain -ail**

train  
rain  
pain  
brain  
snail  
sail  
tail  
mail  
\*

chain  
drain  
fail  
gain  
grain  
hail  
jail  
main  
nail  
pail  
plain  
rail  
Spain  
stain  
strain  
trail

**-ai- mixed**

chain  
brain  
paint  
wait  
snail  
paid  
afraid  
aim

**homophones -ail -ale**

mail  
male  
pail  
pale

sail  
sale  
tail  
tale

**final -ay**

day  
may  
way  
away  
play  
say  
stay  
pay  
\*  
bay  
clay  
hay  
lay  
pray  
stray  
sway  
today

**ai/ay**

may  
mail  
way  
wait  
pay  
pail  
tray  
train  
\*  
afraid  
aim  
away  
bay  
brain  
chain  
clay  
day  
drain  
grain  
hail  
hay  
jail  
lay  
nail  
paid  
pain  
paint  
plain  
play  
pray  
rail

rain  
sail  
say  
snail  
stain  
stay  
strain  
stray  
sway  
tail  
today  
trail

**longer words for ai, ay**

explained  
runway  
yesterday  
painting  
raining  
complain  
players  
midday  
\*

afraid  
again  
contain  
display  
entertain  
played  
portrait  
railings  
stayed  
subway

**ai, ay, a-e mixed**

gate  
wake  
game  
brave  
snail  
brain  
stay  
may  
-air  
air  
fair  
fairy  
hair  
pair  
chair  
stairs  
\*  
repair  
unfair  
upstairs

**18) oa ow**

**-oat**

boat  
float  
moat  
coat  
goat  
throat  
oats

**-oa- mixed**

boat  
float  
goal  
toast  
toad  
road  
loaf  
coach  
\*  
boast  
cloak  
coal  
coast  
coat  
foal  
goat  
groan  
load  
moan  
oak  
oats  
roast  
soak  
soap  
throat

**final -ow as long o**

snow  
grow  
low  
slow  
show  
blow  
glow  
throw  
\*  
below  
crow  
flow  
know  
tow  
window

**final -ow -own**

show  
shown  
blow  
blown  
grow  
grown  
throw  
thrown

**oa/ow**

boat  
bow  
load  
low  
groan  
grow  
grown  
float  
flow  
flown  
\*  
blow  
cloak  
coach  
glow  
goal  
loaf  
moan  
road  
roast  
show  
slow  
snow  
soak  
throw  
toad  
toast

**oa, ow, o-e mixed**

boat  
coat  
grow  
glow  
shown  
code  
stone  
hope  
\*  
blow  
blown  
bone  
broke  
coach  
coke

float  
goal  
grown  
home  
joke  
loaf  
low  
note  
phone  
road  
rope  
rose  
show  
slow  
smoke  
snow  
throw  
thrown  
toad  
toast

**-oa- -ow o-e o mixed**

smoke  
stone  
broke  
boat  
float  
show  
grow  
cold  
\*  
blow  
bone  
coach  
code  
coke  
ghost  
glow  
goal  
gold  
hold  
home  
hope  
joke  
loaf  
low  
most  
note  
phone  
post  
road  
rope  
rose  
slow  
snow  
sold

throw  
toad  
toast  
told

**odd words 6**

toe  
although  
shoulder  
soul  
shoe  
canoe  
cocoa  
own

**19) oo ew ue, igh ie y**

**-oon -oom**

moon  
soon  
spoon  
noon  
room  
bloom  
gloom  
zoom  
\*  
balloon  
boom

**-oo- as in 'food'**

food  
moon  
shoot  
boot  
root  
spook  
roof  
hoop  
gloom  
\*  
noon  
room  
soon  
spoon  
zoo  
zoom

**-oo- as in 'book' (southern English)**

book  
look  
took

cook  
shook  
foot  
good  
wood  
\*

hook  
rook  
stood

**final -ew**

new  
few  
blew  
crew  
chew  
screw  
flew  
grew  
\*

dew  
knew  
news  
stew  
threw  
view

**final -ue**

blue  
true  
glue  
clue  
due  
value  
argue

**ue, ew, u-e mixed**

tune  
rude  
cube  
clue  
true  
blue  
few  
chew  
\*  
argue  
blew  
crew  
cue  
due  
flew  
glue  
grew  
June  
Mute



new  
news  
newt  
queue  
rule  
screw  
tube  
use  
value

**final -ew -ue -ou -o -ough**

**mixed**

blue  
true  
glue  
few  
grew  
crew  
do  
through  
\*  
argue  
blew  
chew  
clue  
due  
flew  
new  
screw  
to  
value  
who  
you

**odd words 7**

fruit  
juice  
biscuit  
build  
through  
group  
soup  
route  
sew

**-igh -ight**

high  
sigh  
night  
light  
might  
tight  
right  
fight  
flight

\*

bright  
fright  
height  
sight  
slight

**final -y as long i**

my  
by  
try  
dry  
cry  
sky  
why  
fly  
\*  
fry  
July  
shy  
sly  
sty

**final -ie -igh -uy**

tie  
die  
lie  
pie  
high  
sigh  
buy  
guy

**final long i mixed**

tie  
pie  
eye  
cry  
high  
height  
white  
goodbye  
\*  
die  
lie  
quite  
sigh  
write

**i-e, igh, y, i, -ie mixed**

sky  
smile  
slide  
mice  
bike  
cry

bright  
find  
tie  
\*

blind  
buy  
by  
child  
die  
dry  
eye  
fight  
five  
flight  
fly  
goodbye  
guy  
hide  
high  
kind  
kite  
lie  
light  
might  
mild  
mind  
my  
night  
nine  
pie  
right  
rind  
sigh  
size  
tight  
time  
try  
why  
wild

**revise A to O (17-19)**

**20) ee ea ear**

**-ee -eep -eet**

see  
tree  
sleep  
keep  
deep  
feet  
meet

sweet  
\*  
bleep  
creep  
fleet  
greet  
peep  
sheep  
sheet  
steep  
street  
sweep  
weep

**-ee- mixed**

green  
week  
feel  
feet  
sweet  
sleep  
sheep  
three

\*

bee  
been  
bleep  
cheek  
creep  
deep  
fee  
fleet  
free  
greet  
keen  
keep  
meet  
peep  
see  
seek  
seen  
sheet  
steep  
street  
sweep  
tree  
weep

**-eam -eat**

team  
dream  
steam  
cream  
beat  
heat  
meat

neat  
\*  
beam  
cheat  
eat  
gleam  
scream  
seat  
stream  
treat  
wheat

**-ea- mixed**

meal  
read  
please  
each  
mean  
leaf  
meat  
team

\*

beach  
beam  
beast  
beat  
cheap  
cheat  
cream  
dream  
east  
eat  
feast  
gleam  
heat  
least  
leave  
neat  
pea  
reach  
scream  
sea  
seat  
speak  
steam  
stream  
tea  
teach  
treat  
wheat

**ee/ea**

tree  
agree  
speed

feel  
reach  
real  
seat  
please  
\*  
beat  
cheeks  
cream  
creep  
deep  
dream  
each  
feet  
green  
greet  
heat  
keen  
leaf  
meal  
mean  
meat  
neat  
read  
sheep  
sheet  
sleep  
steam  
steep  
sweep  
sweet  
team  
three  
week

**ee ea ey e-e e mixed**

sweet  
queen  
heat  
each  
team  
he  
she  
theme  
key  
\*  
agree  
be  
beach  
beam  
beat  
bee  
been  
bleep  
cheap

cheat  
cheek  
compete  
complete  
cream  
creep  
deep  
dream  
east  
easy  
eat  
eve  
fee  
feel  
feet  
fleet  
free  
gleam  
Greek  
green  
greet  
keen  
keep  
knee  
leaf  
least  
leave  
me  
meal  
mean  
meat  
meet  
neat  
need  
pea  
peat  
peep  
please  
reach  
read  
scene  
scream  
sea  
seat  
see  
seek  
seem  
seen  
sheep  
sheet  
sleep  
speech  
steam  
steep  
stream  
street

swede  
sweep  
tea  
teach  
three  
treat  
tree  
we  
week  
weep  
wheat

**-ear as in 'year'**

ear  
dear  
fear  
hear  
near  
year  
clear  
spear  
\*  
appear  
beard  
gear  
nearly

**ea as in 'head'**

head  
bread  
dead  
ready  
heavy  
weather  
feather  
ahead  
\*  
breath  
deaf  
death  
health  
heaven  
instead  
meant  
measure  
spread  
steady  
thread  
tread  
treasure

**-ea- 2 alternative sounds**

heat  
dream  
meal  
leap

head  
heavy  
feather

**odd ea, ear**

great  
steak  
break  
breakfast  
bear  
pear  
wear  
swear

**homophones air are ear**

pair  
pear  
hair  
hare  
fair  
fare  
bear  
bare  
\*  
stair  
stare  
ware  
wear

**21) oi oy,ou ow, au aw, oar**

**-oi-**

oil  
boil  
soil  
coin  
join  
point  
noise  
voice  
\*  
choice  
coil  
foil  
moist  
spoil

**-oy -oy-**

boy  
joy  
toy  
annoy  
destroy

enjoy  
royal  
loyal  
\*  
employ  
voyage

**oi/oy**

boy  
toy  
joy  
enjoy  
soil  
spoil  
coin  
voice  
\*

annoy  
boil  
destroy  
join  
loyal  
noise  
oil  
point  
royal

**-ow- as in 'how'**

cow  
how  
now  
town  
brown  
down  
flower  
vowel  
\*  
clown  
crowd  
crown  
drown  
frown  
owl  
power  
shower  
towel  
tower

**ou 1**

out  
about  
shout  
mouse  
house  
our  
hour

flour

**ou 2**

noun  
found  
round  
mouth  
count  
cloud  
sound  
south  
\*  
counter  
ground  
pound

**-ou -ow mixed**

cow  
brown  
flower  
vowel  
shout  
house  
found  
ground  
count  
\*

cloud  
down  
flour  
hour  
how  
noun  
now  
out  
south  
town

**-au-**

pause  
cause  
because  
sauce  
August  
autumn  
Paul  
astronaut  
\*  
audience  
author  
automatic  
fault  
saucer

**-aw**

paw

claw  
saw  
draw  
lawn  
dawn  
raw  
straw  
yawn  
jaw  
\*  
crawl  
drawn  
hawk  
law  
scrawl  
squawk

**oar and odd au**

oar  
roar  
board  
cupboard  
sausage  
cauliflower  
aunt

**22) ir ur er ear - all 1 sound**

**-ir-**

fir  
bird  
birth  
girl  
shirt  
third  
first  
stir  
\*  
dirt  
sir  
skirt

**-ur-**

fur  
nurse  
blurb  
hurt  
turn  
burn  
burst  
burp  
\*  
burnt

curl  
purse

**er ir ur mixed**

her  
were  
later  
nurse  
burn  
Thursday  
bird  
birth  
girl

**ear sounding /er/**

earn  
learn  
early  
earth  
heard  
search  
research

**revise A to O (20-22)**

**23) Suffix with doubling  
(Rule I)**

**1 short vowel then 1 consonant**

run  
fun  
hit  
hot  
skip  
swim  
stop

**doubling rule - double final  
consonant**

stop  
stopped  
big  
bigger  
plan  
planning  
hit  
hitting

**not double - mixed examples**

neat  
neater  
look  
looking

short  
shortest  
show  
showed  
jump  
jumping

**suffix: decide to double or not**

fatter  
hitting  
hopped  
funny  
jumping  
waited  
loudest  
badly

**24) Suffix - drop e (Rules II,  
III, IV)**

**suffix -ing drop e introduce**

like  
liking  
hope  
hoping  
write  
writing  
make  
making

**drop e rule - mixed examples**

smoky  
whitish  
lovable  
liking  
shaken  
behaved  
latest  
ruder

**not drop e - before consonant**

**suffix**

shameful  
widely  
lifeless  
excitement  
safety  
rudeness

**suffix: decide to drop e or not**

disliking  
writing  
exploding

shameful  
bravely  
hopeless  
rudely  
safety

**when not to drop e after c and g**

noticeable  
serviceable  
rechargeable  
changeable  
outrageous

**drop/not drop e after ce, ge**

noticeable  
courageous  
nicely  
management  
dancing  
raced  
spongy

**25) Suffix - y to i (Rules V,  
VI, VII)**

**change y to i rule before adding  
suffix**

reply  
replied  
story  
stories  
silly  
silliest  
hungry  
hungrily

**not change y to i - when adding  
-ing**

cry  
crying  
copy  
copying  
study  
studying  
obey  
obeying

**y before -ing -ish**

crying  
studying  
replying  
copying  
lying

dying  
babyish

**not change y to i - following a vowel**

boy  
boys  
annoy  
annoyed  
stay  
stayed  
monkey  
monkeys

**not change y to i - mixed**

**examples**

delayed  
destroying  
obeying  
enjoyment  
studying  
carrying  
frying  
crying

**suffix: decide to change y to i or not**

flies  
sillier  
happily  
keying  
strayed  
crying  
carried  
annoying

**26) Plurals**

**plurals -ys**

days  
ways  
trays  
boys  
toys  
keys  
monkeys

**plurals -es**

foxes  
boxes  
dresses  
wishes  
brushes

churches  
matches  
\*

bosses  
buses  
coaches  
kisses  
witches

**plurals -ies**

sky  
skies  
forty  
forties  
party  
parties  
baby  
babies  
\*  
countries  
country  
families  
family  
spies  
spy  
stories  
story

**plurals f to v**

life  
lives  
knife  
knives  
leaf  
leaves  
half  
halves  
\*  
loaf  
loaves  
shelf  
shelves  
wife  
wives  
yourself  
yourselves

**plurals -ys -ies -ves**

days  
boys  
spies  
babies  
skies  
leaves  
halves

\*

forties  
keys  
knives

**plurals mixed 1**

dog  
dogs  
wish  
wishes  
story  
stories  
half  
halves

**plurals mixed 2**

nests  
trains  
caves  
crosses  
peaches  
cries  
shelves  
\*  
beaches  
coats  
costs  
elves  
gases  
girls  
houses  
masses  
shoes  
trees

**plurals irregular**

men  
women  
feet  
teeth  
mice  
sheep  
children

**revise A to O (23-26)**

**27) Syllable division rr,  
(STAGE III)**

**closed stressed syllable**

dentist  
magnet  
perhaps  
window

intend  
traffic  
button  
letter  
\*  
cotton  
hundred  
offend

**open stressed syllable**

paper  
Roman  
silent  
lazy  
spider  
final  
even  
open  
\*  
Egypt  
Nylon

**closed stressed syllable 2**

atom  
lemon  
British  
never  
visit  
finish  
present  
seven  
\*  
body  
menu  
suburb

**mixed open & closed first syllable**

better  
except  
over  
twenty  
problem  
prison  
number  
pony  
\*  
body  
magic  
menu  
sister  
suburb

**2 syllable words with split**

**digraph**  
alive

complete  
amuse  
inside  
explode  
sincere  
invade  
mistake  
\*  
compare  
introduce

**3 syllables**

computer  
important  
September  
remember  
Saturday

**-rr- after short vowel**

carry  
carrot  
error  
mirror  
arrow  
borrow  
sorry  
hurry  
tomorrow

**28) -tion**

**-tion (verb to noun)**

act  
action  
relate  
relation  
complete  
completion  
reflect  
reflection

**-tion 2**

relation  
information  
conversation  
exploration  
imagination  
population

**-tion 3**

action  
friction  
fraction

suction  
section  
invention

**-tion 4**

fiction  
subscription  
instruction  
introduction  
description  
infection

**-tion 5**

digestion  
question  
production  
position  
addition  
subtraction

**-tion 6**

attention  
condition  
construction  
competition  
correction  
mention

**29) -le -el -il -al -ally**

**-le 1**

apple  
battle  
kettle  
little  
bottle  
bubble  
puzzle  
\*

dazzle  
giggle  
juggle  
middle  
muddle  
paddle  
puddle  
saddle  
wriggle

**-le 2**

example  
single  
circle

jungle  
angle

simple  
crackle

\*

ankle  
handle  
sample  
scramble  
sparkle  
tickle

**-le 3**

table  
able  
stable  
cradle  
title  
cycle  
beetle

**-stle silent t**

castle  
wrestle  
rustle  
thistle  
whistle  
nestle  
bristles

**-le exceptions spelt -al**

decimal  
animal  
capital  
final  
petal  
metal  
total  
hospital  
\*  
cannibal  
central  
crystal  
local  
sandal

**-le exceptions spelt -el -il**

April  
label  
pupil  
travel  
towel  
vowel  
tunnel  
pencil

\*

angel  
camel  
fossil  
funnel  
model  
novel  
parcel  
tinsel

**-al (adj to noun)**

personal  
person  
fatal  
fate  
natural  
nature  
practical  
practice

**-al -ally (adj to adverb)**

typical  
typically  
final  
finally  
comical  
comically  
personal  
personally

**30) Suffixing II rules, -our ending**

**add vowel suffix to stressed syllable**

beginning  
forgetting  
occurred  
forbidden  
transmitted  
committed  
preferred

**add vowel suffix to unstressed syllable**

signalling  
rebellion  
traveller  
targeted  
focused  
happening

**-our**

flavour  
labour  
harbour  
colour  
honour  
armour  
humour  
\*  
favour  
glamour

**revise A to O (27-30)**

**31) Odd ch, -que -ic, ph, gh, ie, ei**

**ch as /k/**

chemist  
chemistry  
Christmas  
character  
choir  
school  
orchestra  
\*

ache  
echo  
stomach  
technology

**-que**

boutique  
unique  
antique  
opaque  
mosque  
grotesque  
picturesque  
\*  
critique  
technique

**ch as /sh/**

chef  
chalet  
machine  
brochure  
chauffeur

**-ic**

picnic  
magic



music  
public  
plastic  
electric  
Atlantic

**ph as /f/**

phone  
photograph  
elephant  
dolphin  
alphabet  
phantom  
physical  
phrase

\*

geography  
graph  
graphics  
nephew  
orphan  
paragraph  
pharmacy  
phoneme  
phonics  
photo  
physics

**gh as /f/**

tough  
rough  
enough  
laugh  
laughter  
cough  
coughing

**-aught and -ought**

bought  
brought  
fought  
thought  
caught  
naughty  
daughter

**rule -ie -cei**

piece  
field  
chief  
niece  
believe  
ceiling  
receive

\*

brief  
diesel  
grief  
receipt  
relief  
shield  
thief

**ei ey eigh sounding /ay/**

eight  
weight  
weigh  
neighbour  
vein  
reindeer  
obey  
prey  
survey

\*

grey  
reign  
reins  
sleigh  
they  
veil

**odd ie/ei/long i**

quiet  
fierce  
weird  
protein  
either  
leisure  
island  
Ireland

**32) ti ci sion ssion, i as /y/**

**-ti and -ci as /sh/**

patient  
special  
social  
official  
precious  
action  
station

\*

ancient  
confidential  
especially  
essential

**-tious**

fictitious  
infectious  
ambitious  
cautious  
nutritious  
repetitious

**-cious**

delicious  
precious  
spacious  
suspicious  
vicious  
malicious

**-sion with si sounding zh**

television  
conclusion  
explosion  
invasion  
division  
decision

**-ssion (noun to verb)**

admission  
admit  
permission  
permit  
transmission  
transmit

**-ssion**

session  
mission  
discussion  
expression  
impression  
procession

**i as in 'onion'**

million  
onion  
champion  
serious  
radio  
opinion  
immediate

**-ious**

envious  
anxious  
various  
mysterious  
glorious  
serious

**33) ture gue, -or -ar, ery ary  
ory**

**-ture**

picture  
mixture  
texture  
future  
nature  
adventure  
departure

**-gue**

league  
catalogue  
monologue  
epilogue  
dialogue  
prologue  
tongue  
\*

colleague  
intrigue  
plague  
synagogue

**-or as an ending**

edit  
editor  
act  
actor  
instruct  
instructor  
\*  
collector  
conductor  
inspector  
visitor

**-ar as an ending**

beggar  
regular  
familiar  
peculiar  
particular  
popular  
collar  
\*  
guitar  
vinegar

**-ery**

nurse  
nursery  
discover

discovery  
jewel  
jewellery  
machine  
machinery

**-ary -ory**

January  
February  
history  
ordinary  
factory  
dictionary  
library

**Revise A to O (31-33)**

**34) Homophones**

**homophones 1**

to  
two  
too  
there  
their  
they're  
piece  
peace  
\*  
for  
four  
right  
write

**homophones 2**

one  
won  
here  
hear  
for  
four  
no  
know

**homophones 3**

write  
right  
night  
knight  
eight  
ate  
weight

wait

**homophones 4**

sale  
sail  
tale  
tail  
road  
rode  
week  
weak

**homophones - see 'More  
Words'**

toe  
tow  
see  
sea  
sure  
shore  
stair  
stare

**35) Silent letters, countries**

**kn- gn- wr- -mb**

kneel  
knock  
gnome  
wrist  
wreck  
crumb  
numb  
tomb  
\*

bomb  
climb  
comb  
gnaw  
knee  
knife  
knit  
know  
lamb  
thumb  
wrap  
wring  
write  
writing  
wrong  
wrote

**silent l**

calf  
half  
calm  
chalk  
yolk  
folk  
could  
should

**silent letters mixed**

sign  
column  
autumn  
campaign  
diaphragm  
tongue  
catalogue

**silent letters mixed 2**

iron  
answer  
listen  
business  
rhino  
exhibition  
raspberry

**countries ending -a**

Africa  
America  
Australia  
Canada  
China  
India  
Jamaica

**36) Greek & Latin roots**

**prefix auto-**

autograph  
automatic  
automobile  
autobiography  
autonomous  
autopilot

**prefix con-**

connect  
conduct  
contest  
concrete  
condense

conclude  
construct

**prefix inter-**

international  
interchange  
interface  
interactive  
intercept

**prefix micro-**

microscope  
microscopic  
microwave  
microphone  
microchip  
microfilm

**prefix sub-**

subway  
submarine  
subtract  
subgroup  
substitute

**roots aer- aqua- aque-**

aerial  
aerobics  
aerosol  
aeroplane  
aquarium  
aquatic  
aqueduct

**root audi-**

audience  
audition  
audible  
auditory  
audiology

**root bi-**

bicycle  
binoculars  
bilateral  
binary  
bilingual  
biceps  
\*

biennial  
biped  
biplane  
bivalve

**root cent**

percent  
percentage  
century  
centipede  
centimetre  
centenary

**roots circ- circum-**

circus  
circle  
circular  
circulation  
circumference

**roots -clude -port**

include  
exclude  
import  
export  
portable  
porter  
report

**roots hydra- hydro-**

hydrant  
dehydrated  
hydraulic  
hydrogen  
hydroxide  
hydroelectric

**roots mono- duo-**

monologue  
monopoly  
monocycle  
duo  
duet  
duplex

**root oct-**

octopus  
October  
octave  
octagon  
octagonal  
octane

**root -phone**

phoneme  
phone  
xylophone  
microphone  
headphones  
telephone

**root -graph**

graph  
 photograph  
 paragraph  
 telegraph  
 graphics  
 grapheme

**root photo-**

photograph  
 photographer  
 photography  
 photosynthesis  
 photocopy  
 telephoto

**roots port tract**

portable  
 import  
 report  
 porter  
 tractor  
 subtract  
 extract

**roots -press -vent**

press  
 express  
 pressure  
 invent  
 prevent  
 event

**root prim-**

prime  
 primary  
 primate  
 primeval  
 primrose  
 primitive

**root scope**

telescope  
 microscope  
 periscope  
 scope  
 horoscope  
 stethoscope

**roots scribe script**

scribe  
 subscribe  
 script  
 prescribe  
 manuscript  
 scripture

**roots spect struct**

spectacle  
 spectator  
 inspect  
 spectacular  
 construct  
 destruction  
 structure  
 instruct

**root tri-**

triangle  
 tripod  
 triplets  
 tricycle  
 trio  
 triceratops

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