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Module 2 Handout:

Phonological Awareness



The Reading Teacher's Top Ten Tools

English Consonant Phoneme Chart

Phoneme	Category	Articulation features - Notes	Example Words
v	Continuant	voiced - Teeth on lower lip	wa <u>v</u> e
f	Continuant	unvoiced - Teeth on lower lip	<u>f</u> riend
<u>th</u>	Continuant	voiced - Tongue between teeth	<u>th</u> is
th	Continuant	unvoiced - Tongue between teeth	ma <u>th</u>
z	Continuant	voiced - Lips tight tongue flattened	do <u>z</u>
s	Continuant	unvoiced - Lips tight tongue flattened	<u>s</u> imple
zh	Continuant	voiced - Lips push out, tongue pulls back a little	mea <u>z</u> ure
sh	Continuant	unvoiced - Lips push out, tongue pulls back a little	w <u>sh</u>
b	Stop Sound	voiced - Lips closed then pop open	<u>b</u> aby
p	Stop Sound	unvoiced - Lips closed then pop open	<u>p</u> aper
d	Stop Sound	voiced - Tongue taps behind front teeth	<u>d</u> ish
t	Stop Sound	unvoiced - Tongue taps behind front teeth	<u>t</u> emper
g	Stop Sound	voiced - Tongue way back, scrapes forward	<u>g</u> oat
k	Stop Sound	unvoiced - Tongue way back, scrapes forwards	walk <u>k</u>
j	Stop Sound	Lips out – stop air then push - voiced	fudge <u>j</u>
ch	Stop Sound	Lips out – stop air then push - unvoiced	w <u>ch</u>
m	Nasals	Lips together – hum through nose- voiced	<u>m</u> oney
n	Nasals	Lips open, tongue closes off air through mouth - voiced	w <u>n</u>
ng	Nasals	Tongue way back – air through nasal - voiced	si <u>ng</u>



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y	Glides	Mouth tight, tongue drops down, glides into the vowel and picks up a little /u/ - voiced	<u>y</u> ellow
w	Glides	Pursed lips then open – glides into the vowel and picks up a little /u/ - voiced	<u>w</u> ater
wh	Glides	Pursed lips then open – glides into the vowel and picks up a little /u/ - unvoiced in British English, tends to be voiced in American dialect	<u>wh</u> ether, <u>wh</u> ich
h	Glides	Mouth open and a puff of forced air – unvoiced. Do not add a voiced /u/. /h/ is unvoiced.	<u>h</u> unt
l	Liquids	Tongue tips up behind top teeth - voiced	<u>l</u> iquid
r	Liquids	Lips pursed position, voice in back of mouth	<u>r</u> abbit



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English Vowel Phonemes

Phoneme	Category	Articulation Features – Notes	Example Words
/i/	Lax	Tight thin mouth	<u>i</u> ch
/e/	Lax	Jaw drops a little	<u>e</u> cho
/a/	Lax	Jaw drops a little further	<u>a</u> pple
/o/	Lax	Most open vowel sound	<u>o</u> ctopus
/u/	Lax	Jaw up a little more, and moves back	<u>u</u> p
/oo̯/	Lax	Tight pursed lips that open on release	<u>oo</u> t
/aw/	Lax	Mouth open, jaw drops back	<u>a</u> w
/ee/	Tense	Say like the letter name	<u>ee</u> th
/ae/	Tense	Say like the letter name	<u>ae</u> k
/ie/	Tense	Say like the letter name	<u>ie</u> ght
/oe/	Tense	Say like the letter name	<u>oe</u> w
/oo̯/	Tense	Lips hold a pursed position	<u>oo</u> n
/yu/ /y/ /oo̯/	Tense	Say like the letter name, really two phonemes, /y/ and /oo̯/	<u>y</u> e
/oi/	Diphthong	Two mouth positions -pursed to tight smile	<u>oi</u>
/ow/	Diphthong	Two mouth positions -wide open to pursed	<u>ow</u>
/er/	R-Controlled	Like in bird	<u>er</u> , <u>ur</u> , <u>ma</u> or
/or/	R-Controlled	Like in corn	<u>or</u> e
/ar/	R-Controlled	Like in park	<u>ar</u> ther
/u/ and other lax vowels	Schwa	The vowel sound drops to /u/ in unaccented syllables	<u>u</u> na <u>na</u>