



## Phonics Key Concepts

Concept	Explanation
Set 1 Sounds	m, a, s, d, t, l, n, p, g, o, c, k, u, b, f, e, l, h, r, j, v, y, w,
Special Friends	A combination of two or three letters representing one sound.
Set 1 Special Friends	sh, ch, qu, th, ng, nk,
Set 2 Sounds	ay (as in play), ee (as in see), igh (as in high), ow (as in blow) oo (as in zoo) oo (as in look), ar (as in car), or (as in door), air (as in fair), ir (as in twirl), ou (as in out), oy as in (boy).
Set 3 Sounds	oi (as in spoil), a-e (as in cake), i-e (as in nice), o-e (as in home), u-e (as in huge), aw (as in yawn), are (as in care), ur: (as in purse), er (as in better), ow (as in cow), ai (as in rain) oa (as in goat), ew (as in stew), ire (as in fire), ear (as in hear), ure (as in sure), tion (as in celebration), tious / cious: (as in scrumptious & delicious) e (as in he).
Alien Words	These are nonsense words. The children have to use their phonic knowledge to sound out words and blend them together. (mip, vab, ched, treek, pleak)
Fred Talk	Helps children read unfamiliar words by pronouncing each sound in the word one at a time.
Fred Fingers	Children hold up the hand that they do not write with. They sound out the word they are spelling and put up the correct number of fingers for the word.
Fred in your Head	Children will say the sounds in their head then say the word out loud.