Curio Kids Phonics sound chart

Phonics Starter, in teaching order. Say the sound, not the letter name: /s/ as in snake, not "ess". A few minutes a day is plenty.

Unit 1 Letter sounds

One sound for each letter, a few at a time. c, k and ck make the same sound.

s  snake	a  ant	t  tiger	p  pig	i  ink	n  net	m  mouse	d  dog	g  goat
o  octopus	c  cat	k  key	ck  duck	e egg	u  umbrella	r  rabbit	h  hat	b  ball
f  fish	l  lion	j  jam	v  van	w  web	x  box	y  yak	z  zebra	qu  queen

Unit 2 Short vowels

The five short vowel sounds again, in the middle of three-letter words.

a  map	e  bed	i  pin	o  mop	u  bug

Unit 3 Digraphs

Two letters that make one sound.

sh  ship	ch  chips	th  thumb	ng  ring

Unit 4 Vowel teams

Vowel sounds written with two or three letters. oo has a long sound (moon) and a short one (book).

ai  rain	ee  bee	igh  light	oa  boat	oo moon	oo book	ar car	or fork	ur nurse
ow cow	oi coin	ear ear	air chair					

Unit 5 Blends

Two consonant sounds said together, at the start or the end of a word.

st star	sp spider	fr frog	tr tree	gr grapes	nd hand	mp lamp	nt tent

Unit 6 Magic e

The e at the end is silent: it changes the vowel sound before it.

a_e cake	i_e kite	o_e rose	u_e cube

Unit 7 Tricky words

Words to learn by sight: they don't follow the sounds above.

the	I	a	to	is	it	in	no	go	he	she	we	me
be	was	my	you	are	said	come	some	love				

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