

God's Loving World Ministries™ God's Vowel & Consonant Digraphs, Trigraphs, and Quadgraphs

Part of our Most Common Sounds in the English Language Series

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Psalms 115:1

"Not to us, LORD, not to us
but to your name be the glory,
because of your love and faithfulness." (NIV)

The word "Digraph" has 2 parts: "di" meaning 2 and "graph" meaning written. A "digraph" means there are 2 written letters that make 1 spoken sound.

The word "Trigraph" has 3 parts: "Tri" meaning 3 and "graph" meaning written. A "Trigraph" means there are 3 written letters that make 1 spoken sound.

The word "Quadgraph" has 4 parts: "Quad" meaning 4 and "graph" meaning written. A "Quadgraph" means there are 4 written letters that make 1 spoken sound.

Every Vowel Diphthong with 2 vowels IS ALSO a Digraph. A problem arises with diphthongs because vowels come together in MORE THAN just groups of 2. For example: in the word "beau" which makes the long Oo sound. We choose NOT to use the term "diphthong," because it is VERY confusing to people. Instead, we group them all together under one of three terms: - Vowel and Consonant Digraphs, Trigraphs, or Quadgraphs.

These are the most common digraphs, trigraphs, and quadgraphs. The more familiar you make yourself with words that have these letters and sounds and in what words they do occur, the more you will remember them.

The more you read them, the more fluent you will become as a reader - meaning you will read accurately, smoother, and faster.

Other Lessons to look for:
R-Controlled Vowels
&
Double Letter R-
Controlled Vowels.

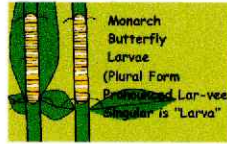


AA as in "Baa" = "a" as in "ah"

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AE as in "Maestro" = "ae" as the Long Ii sound (pronounced Mīstro).



AE as in "Larvae" = the Aa is Silent and the Long Ee is heard.



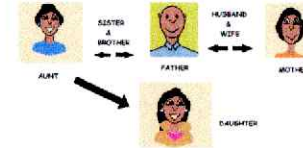
AI as the Short Ee sound - as in "said" (pronounced sēd).



AI as in "nail" = Long Aa is the sound heard and the Ii is Silent.



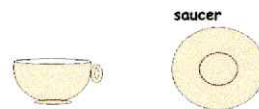
AI as in "Bonsai" = the Aa is Silent and the Long Ii sound is heard.



AU as in "Aunt" = Aa as the "ah" sound and Silent Uu.



AU as in "Gauchos" = "au" as the "ow" sound as in Cow. 🐮




AU as in "saucer" = "au" as the "aw" sound.

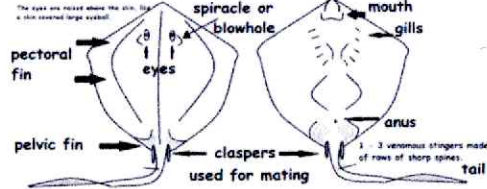


AU + GHT - A back to back Digraph
AU as the "aw" sound as in "taught"
+ a Trigraph with Silent GH and the Tt sound. Pronounced "awt."

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AW as in "dawn" = the "aw" sound like in "saucer."




AY as in "Ray" = Long Aa sound with a Silent Yy.




BT as in "debt" = the Bb is Silent with a Tt that is heard.



CA as in "Artistically" = the Hard Cc sound is heard and the Aa is Silent.



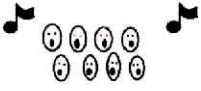
CE as in "Ocean" = Sh sound as in Sheep.




CH as in "Church" = the Ch Sound.



CH as in "Chic Charlene" = SH as in Sheep.




CH as in "Chorus" = the Hard Cc sound is heard and the Hh is Silent.




CIO as in "Delicious" = the SH sound as in sheep.


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CK as in "Black" = the Hard Cc sound is heard and the Kk is Silent.



CT as in "Indict" = the Ii before the Cc is a Long vowel, so it says "I", the Cc is Silent, and only the Tt sound is heard.




DG as in "smudging" = The Dd is Silent with a Soft Gg sound that is heard.



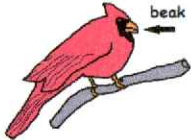
DGE as in "Judge" = the Dd is Silent with a Soft Gg sound that is heard. The Ee is also Silent.




DJ as in "Adjourned" = the Dd is Silent with a Jj sound that is heard.




DN as in "Wednesday" = the Dd is Silent with the Nn sound heard.



EA as in "beak" = Long Ee sound and Silent Aa.



EA as in "head" = Short Ee sound and Silent Aa.



EAU as in "Beau" = eau as the Long Oo sound.

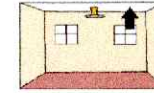
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Long EE as in "Bee."



EE as in "been"
(Since this word doesn't follow the usual sound for "e" you will have to memorize it, so you recognize it on sight.)



EI as in "ceiling" = the Long Ee sound and Silent Ii.



Library of Congress. Photo of Einstein, Albert Einstein, 1879-1955

EI as in "Einstein" = Silent Ee and the Long Ii Sound.

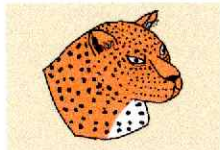


eight

EI + GHT -The back to back Digraph EI + the Trigraph GHT as in "Eight" = the Long Aa sound for "ei" + the Trigraph GHT = Silent GH and the Tt sound.



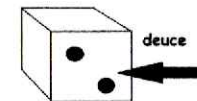
EO as in "People" = the Long Ee sound with a Silent Oo.



EO as in "Leopard" = Short Ee sound and Silent Oo.

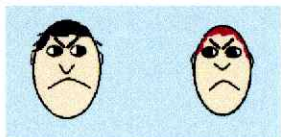


EO as in "surgeon" = Silent Ee and Schwa "uh" sound for Oo.

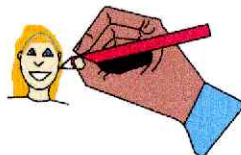


EU as in "deuce" = the "oo" sound as in zoo. 🇩🇪

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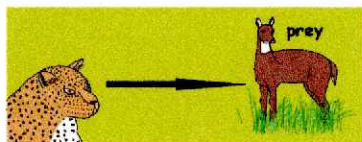
EU as in "feud" = Silent Ee
and Long Uu sound.



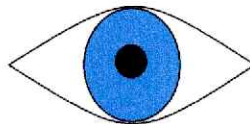
EW as in "drew" = the "oo"
sound as in "zoo." 🟩



EY as in "key" = the Long Ee
Sound and silent Yy.



EY as in "prey" = the Long
Aa sound and silent Yy.



EY as in "eye" = the Long Ii
sound.



GH as in "Gherkin" = the
Hard Gg sound is heard with
a Silent Hh.



GH as in "laugh" = the Ff
sound.



GM as in "phlegm" = the Gg is Silent and the
Mm sound is heard. In this example, the PH
sound is also a Digraph. It makes the "F"
sound.



GN as in "Gnu" = the Gg is
Silent with the Nn sound
heard.

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Gu as in "guitar" = the Hard Gg sound is heard and the Uu is Silent.



HO as in "Honor" = the Hh is Silent with the Short Oo sound.



IE as in "ties" = Long Ii sound with a Silent Ee.



IE as in "Beliefs" = Silent Ii and the Long Ee sound.



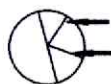
IE as in "friend" = Silent Ii and Short Ee sound.



IEW as in "Interview" = Silent Ii and the Long Uu sound for "ew" as in "drew."



IGH as in "high" = the Ii is Long and both the Gg and Hh sounds are silent.



Long II as in "Radii."



IS as in "island" = the Long Ii is heard and the Ss is Silent.

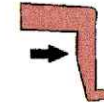
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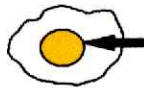
KN as in "Knee" = the Kk is Silent with the Nn sound heard.

Could
Should
Would

LD = the Ll is Silent and the Dd sound is heard.



LF as in "Calf" = the Ll is Silent and the Ff sound is heard.



LK as in "Yolk" = the Ll is Silent with the Kk sound heard.



LM as in "Palm" = the Aa sound is as in "ah," the Ll is Silent, with the Mm sound heard.



LV as in "Halves" = the Ll is Silent and the Vv sound is heard.



MB as in "Comb" = the Mm sound is heard and the Bb is Silent.



MN as in "Autumn" = the Mm sound is heard and the Nn is Silent.



NDK in "handkerchief" is influenced by the vowel= the sound "ank." (the Dd is Silent)

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NG as in "King."

NG can be used as a digraph, a Blend, or within a compound word. Just because you see NG together don't assume it is a digraph. Remember, a digraph is when 2 written letters make one sound. Let's look at the difference.

In the Digraph NG used in "tong," you don't hear the "n" sound or the "g" sound. The "NG" sound is different and makes a unique sound of it's own. It is 1 sound.


In the Blend NG used in "messenger" you hear the "n" sound and the soft "g" sound. You hear 2 distinct sounds.

In the Compound word "mangrove," you hear 2 distinct sounds as well, "n" and hard "g", and they do not blend together.

The NG digraph produces a sound which is neither the Nn sound nor the Gg sound. It makes the sound of "NG." Let's look at all 5 vowels when used with the "NG" sound with the consonant Ss in the front.

sang seng sing song sung

When you say those words you do not hear the Nn sound nor the Gg sounds (soft or hard). The word "seng" shown above is a nonsense word, but it can be found in the word "ginseng."




NK as in "Pink"

Like the NG Digraph, the NK Digraph is difficult to say without a vowel in front of it.

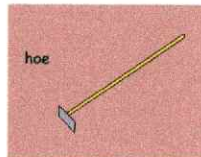
Here are some words with the Digraph NK as in Pink.

bank benk Binky bonk bunk

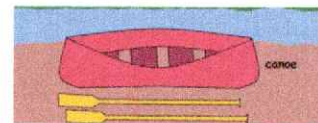
The word "benk" shown above is a nonsense word, but if the Letter Jj is used to make "jenk" instead, it IS used in the name "Jenkins."




OA as in "Road" = Long Oo with a Silent Aa.



OE as in "Hoe" = Long Oo with Silent Ee

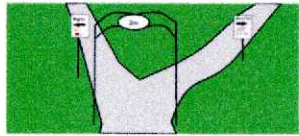


OE as in "Canoe" = the "oo" sound as in "zoo." 🇺🇸

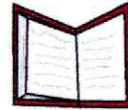


OI as in "oil" = the "oy" sound as in "boy." 🇺🇸

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OO as in "Zoo."



OO as in "Book."



OO as in "Wood."



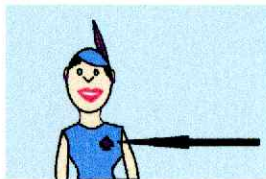
OO as in "Foot."



OO as in "Pool."



OO as in "Flood" = like Short
"u" sound "uh"




Long OO as in "Brooch."



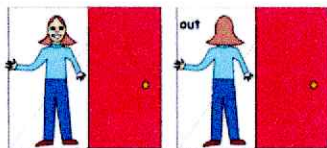
OU - Silent Oo and Short Uu as
in "Curious" = Silent Oo with a
Short Uu sound like in the word
"us."



OU as in "YOU" = the "oo" sound
the same as in "zoo." 

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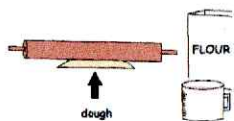
OU as in "OUT" = the "ow" sound the same as in "cow." 🐮



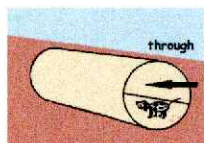
OU + GH - the back to back Double Digraph as in "Cough" = the Ou makes the "aw" sound like in "Dawn" 🌅 + GH makes the Ff sound. (Pronounced "awf.")



OU + GH as in "rough" - back to back Digraphs OU + GH = the Oo is Silent and the Uu makes the Short Uu sound + the GH makes the Ff sound. (Pronounced "üf.")



OUGH as in "dough" = the Oo is a Long Oo sound with Silent UGH.



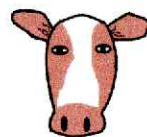
OUGH as in "through" = the "ou" makes the "oo" sound as in "zoo" 🐘 and the GH is silent.



OU + GHT as in "thought" - with the back to back Digraph OU + Trigraph GHT as in "thought" = the "aw" sound as in "Dawn" 🌅 + the Silent GH with the Tt sound. Pronounced like this: "awt."

OULD is really a Double Digraph right behind another as in the word "Would" meaning, "I would like to teach you." It has the OU digraph making the same sound as in the Double Letter Digraph for the words "wood" 🌲 and "book." 📖

It is also followed by the LD Digraph with a Silent Ll and a Dd that is heard.



OW as in "Cow."



OW as in "Snow" = Long Oo Sound with Silent Ww.

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OY as in "Boy."



PH as in "Phone" =
the Ff sound.



PN as in "Pneumonia" = the
Pp is Silent and the Nn
sound is heard.

Psalm 115:1 New International Version (NIV)

¹ Not to us, LORD, not to us
but to your name be the glory,
because of your love and faithfulness." (NIV)

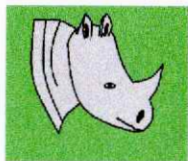
PS as in "Psalm" = the Pp
is Silent and the Ss sound
is heard.



PT as in "receipt" = the
Pp is Silent and the Tt
sound is heard.



QU as in "Queen" = Hard Cc +
the sound for Ww = "cw."



RH as in "Rhino" = the Rr sound
is heard and the Hh is Silent.




RT as in "mortgage" = the Rr is
controlling the vowel making the sound "or"
and the Tt is Silent.

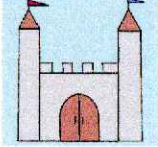


SC as in "Scissors" = the Ss
sound is heard and the Cc is
Silent.

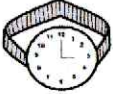
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SH as in "Sheep."




ST as in "castle" = the Ss sound is heard and the Tt is Silent.




TCH as in "Watch" = "CH" as in "church." 🇩🇪

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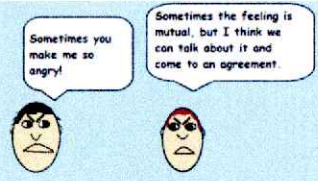
TH as in "The."



TH as in "Thumb."



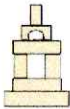
UE as in "Blue" = the "oo" sound as in "zoo." 🇩🇪




Sometimes you make me so angry!

Sometimes the feeling is mutual, but I think we can talk about it and come to an agreement.

UE as in "Argue" = Long Uu with Silent Ee.




UI as in "built" = the Uu sound is Silent and the Short "Ii" sound is heard.



Long UU as in "Vacuum."

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UY as in "Buy" = Silent Uu
and Yy as the Long Vowel
Ii.

W h a a !

WH as in "Whaal" =
the Ww sound is heard and the Hh is
Silent.

whoo!

WH as in "Whool" = the Ww
is silent and the Hh sound is
heard.



WR as in "Wreath" = the Ww is
Silent and the Rr sound is heard.

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