## God's Vowel \& Consonant <br> Digraphs, Trigraphs, and Quadgraphs

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Lesson 1

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## Psalm 115:1

"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: ${ }^{\text {di" }}$ 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 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 RControlled Vowels.


## AA as in "Baa" = "a" as in



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


## $A E$ as in "Larvae" = the Aa is Silent and the Long Ee is heard.

Here are some words with the Digraph AE as in "Larvae" (lar-vee) = Long Ee is heard and the $A a$ is silent.

Beginning

Medial/Middle

Caesar
(See - zer)
archaea
(ar-key-ah)

Ending
larvae
(lar-vee)


## AI as the Short Ee sound <br> - as

in "said" (pronounced sĕd).


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

Here are some words with the letters AI as in "nail" $\prod_{\text {nai }}=$ the Long Aa sound is heard and the $I i$ is Silent.

| Beginning | Medial/Middle | Ending |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| aid | Cain |  |
| ail | waif |  |
| aim | vail |  |
| ailment | pail |  |
|  | gait |  |
|  | vain |  |
|  | bait |  |
|  | hail |  |
|  | sail |  |



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

Here are some words with the letters AI as in "Bonsai"

$=$ the Aa is Silent and the Long Ii sound is heard.

| Beginning | Medial/Middle | Ending |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  | Thai |
| aisles |  | Bonsai |
|  |  | Shanghai |



AU as in "Aunt" = Aa as
the "ah" sound and

## Silent Uu.



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

Here are some words with the Digraph AU as in "Gauchos" = "au" as the "ow" sound as in Cow.

Beginning

Medial/Middle
Ending
luau
(loo-ow)


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

Here are some words with the Digraph AU as in
"saucer" = the "aw" sound.

Medial/Middle
Ending
auto
audio
aught
author

Saul
Maude
haul
fault
sauna
gauze
caulk
sauté
because


## $A U+G H T=A$ back to back

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

Here are some words with a back to back Digraph AU as the "aw" sound as in "taught" ${ }^{\text {tin }}+$ a Trigraph with Silent GH and the Tt sound. Pronounced "awt."

| Beginning | Medial/Middle | Ending |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| aught | haughty caught <br> slaughter  <br> daughter  | taught |
|  | naughtiness <br> stepdaughter | fraught |

## dawn

## AW as in "dawn" = the <br> "aw" sound like in "saucer." <br> saucer

Here are some words with the Digraph AW as in
"dawn" = the "aw" sound like in "saucer."

Beginning
awl
awful

Medial/Middle
hawk
gawk
fawn
pawn
brawl
crawl
drawn

Ending
saw
raw
law
flaw
draw
thaw


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

Here are some words with the Digraph AY as in "Ray" = Long Aa with a Silent Yy.

Beginning
Medial/Middle
Ending

| mayor | may |
| :--- | :--- |
| maybe | way |
| layer | day |
| payers | say |
| essays | pay |
| grayed | lay |
| byways | bay |
| bayman | ray |
| mayfly | hay |
| layoff | jay |
| decays | spray |

Lord Jesus the Christ,

I've made so many mistakes I must confess.
I repent of them now and turn from them.
I no longer want that mess.
Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God and believe in your resurrection.

I want to be a child of God and receive your love and affection. Lord Jesus the Christ be my Savior.

Come into my heart.
Cleanse me now of all unrighteousness and give me a brand-new start.
I ask for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. and the baptism by Holy fire too.
I WANT to be changed and to do the RIGHT things
I need help from you.

Please help me to read, write, and do my math. I want to start learning today. I want my life to take a turn and start in a whole new way.
Thank you, Lord Jesus, for helping me to learn.
I KNOW you can help make my ability, greater than anyone ever imagined and bring back my self-respect and dignity. I ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus the Christ.
I say "Amen" and make it sure. Now I'll start learning the RIGHT way. I KNOW Lord Jesus, YOU are the door. AMEN!

## What should you do now as a new Christian?

You should also be baptized by immersion, meaning that you're dunked totally under the water, you are dunked and brought right back up, that's the way Christ was baptized and we're supposed to follow HIS example of what to do. So, be baptized by immersion and then
ask the Lord where you should be going to church. What is the church that He would like you to go to?

## Resources

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