

# God's Vowel & Consonant Digraphs, Trigraphs, and Quadgraphs (An excerpt from the whole document)

## Lesson 6

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### Psalm 115:1

"<sup>1</sup> 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.

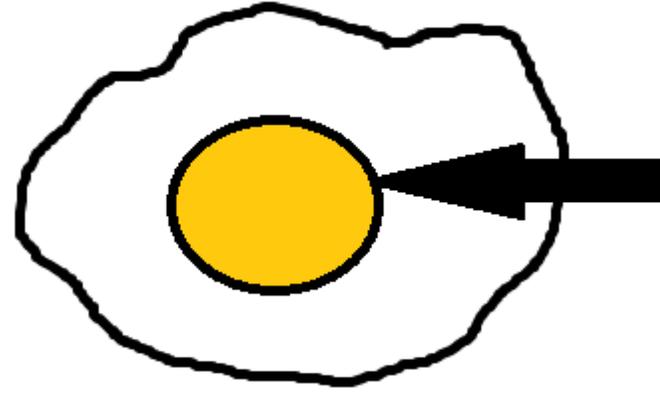
The word  
"Quadgraph" has 4  
parts: "Quad"  
meaning 4 and "graph"  
meaning written. A  
"Quadgraph" means  
there are 4 written  
letters that make 1  
spoken sound.

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.

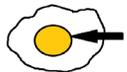
These are the most common digraphs, trigraphs, and quadgraphs. The more familiar you make yourself with words that have these letters and sounds and in what words they do occur, the more you will remember them.

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.**



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

Here are some words with the Digraph LK as in  
"Yolk"  = the L is Silent with the Kk  
sound heard.

Beginning

Medial/Middle

Ending

walking

talking

caulked

stalked

chalked

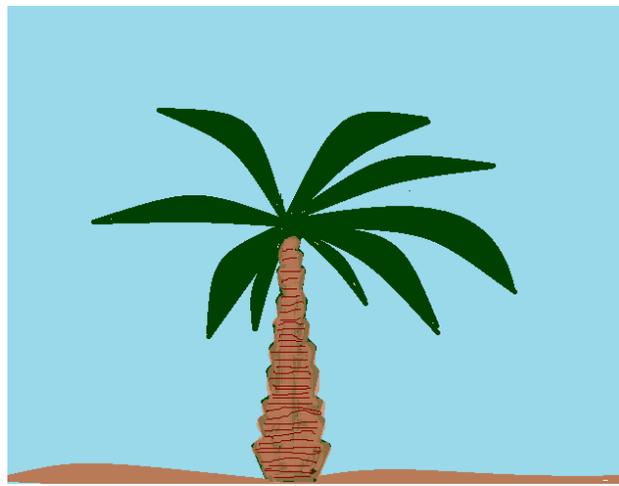
walking

talking

caulking

stalking

chalking



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

Here are some words with the Digraph LM as in "Palm"  
 = the Aa sound is as in "ah," the L is Silent,  
with the Mm sound heard.

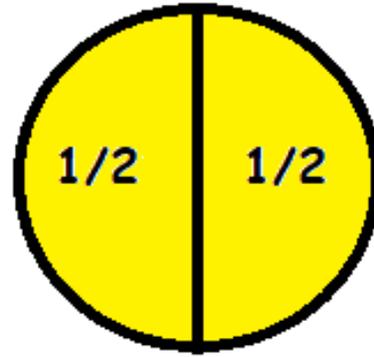
Beginning

Medial/Middle

Ending

balmy  
calming  
psalms  
alms  
qualms

balm  
calm  
psalm  
embalm



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

Here are some words with the Digraph LV as in  
"Halves"  = the L is Silent with the Vv  
sound heard.

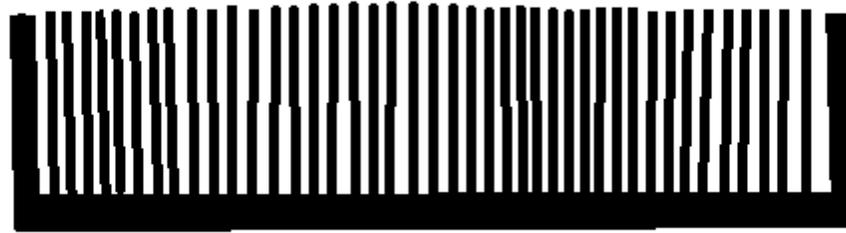
Beginning

Medial/Middle

Ending

halves

calves



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

Here are some words with the Digraph MB as in  
Comb  = the Mm sound is heard and the Bb is  
Silent.

Beginning

Medial/Middle

Ending

plumber

tomb

womb

bomb

limb

numb

lamb

crum**b**

thum**b**

catacomb



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

Here are some words with the Digraph MN as in  
"Autumn"  = the Mm sound is heard and  
the Nn is Silent.

Beginning

Medial/Middle

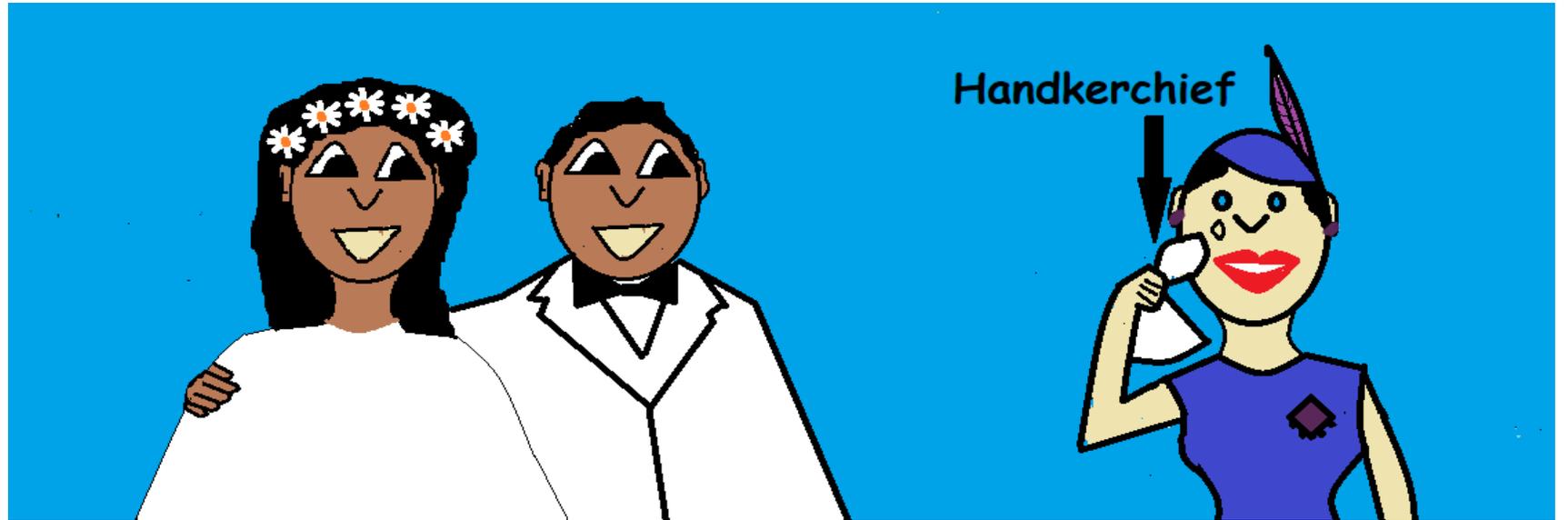
Ending

hymn

column

solemn

condemmn



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



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 "tongg," 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**  
(With a  
Short Aa  
Sound)

**seng**  
(With a  
Short Ee  
Sound)

**sing**  
(The Ii  
sounds like  
a Long Ee)

**song**  
(The Oo  
sounds like  
"Aw.")

**sung**  
(With a  
Short Uu  
Sound)

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."

Here are some words with the Digraph NG as in  
"King" 

Beginning

Medial/Middle

Ending

Ingraham (Long Ee sound for the Ii) wing

singer ← (Long Ee sound for the Ii) → ring

kingdom ← (Long Ee sound for the Ii) → king

(Short Aa) → hang

tongs ← (Oo is "aw") → song

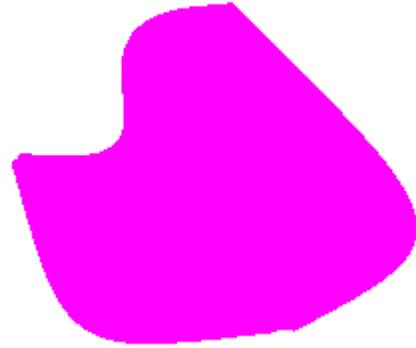
(Short Uu) → rung

tongue ← (Oo is "uh")

(Long Ee sound for Ii) → swing

(Short Aa) → sprang

(Short Uu) → sprung



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

(With a Short Aa Sound)

benk

(With a Short Ee Sound)

Binky

(With a Long Ee Sound for the Ii & the Yy

bonk

(The Oo sounds like "Aw.")

bunk

(With a Short Uu Sound)

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."

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

Beginning

Medial/Middle

Ending

cr <u>ink</u> ly	← (Long Ee Sound for Ii) →	<u>ink</u>
th <u>ank</u> s	← (Short Aa) →	<u>bank</u>
th <u>ink</u> s	← (Long Ee Sound for Ii) →	<u>link</u>
sl <u>ink</u> y	← (Long Ee Sound for Ii) →	<u>rink</u>
bl <u>ank</u> et	← (Short Aa) →	<u>tank</u>
emb <u>ank</u> s	← (Short Aa) →	<u>sank</u>
bl <u>ink</u> ed	← (Long Ee Sound for Ii) →	<u>blink</u>
rank <u>ing</u>	← (Short Aa) →	<u>rank</u>
chipm <u>unk</u> s	← (Short Uu) →	<u>junk</u>

road

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

Here are some words with the Digraph OA as in "Road"  
 = Long Oo with a silent Aa.

Beginning

oats

oak

oaks

Medial/Middle

loam

foal

moat

moan

hoax

toad

soak

goat

coat

load

Ending

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?

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