

Lesson 27: Vowel Clusters, Consonant Clusters, and R-Influenced Vowels

Directions: This is an introduction to vowel clusters, consonant clusters, and R-influenced vowels. Say each sound for your student and have your student repeat it back to you. Then read the words with that pattern. It is important that the students learn these and make them part of their long-term memory. Therefore, review this page daily until the student can say them without prompts. In future lessons, we will expand on each cluster and sound.

or

order

orbit

born

torn

LORD

ar

art

arm

park

car

carpet

er, ir, ur

er in her

ir in first

ur in fur

sh

shoe

shop

sheep

ship

shade

ch (first sound)

church

chunk

child

chair

chicken

th

the

them

they

than

this

th (tongue against your teeth and blow a little air)

think thud
thank thirst
thick thirty
thin thumb

thr

three throw
thrill threw
thread throat

ow (pinch sound)

owl
fowl
howl
How now brown cow.
Go take a shower.

ou (pinch sound used in the middle of words)

out house
ouch mouse
pouch blouse
couch loud
round cloud
found proud
sound

ew=oo (or long u sound)

new crew flew
blew chew stew

ow=(long o sound)

blow snow slow
low tow bow

aw (at the end of words and before L, N, and K)

au (in the middle of words)

saw paw

haul vault

jaw law

Paul taught

dawn shawl

sauce

squawk

ing in sing

ink in think

ang in sang

ank in thank

ong in song

onk in honk

ung in sung

unk in sunk

oy (used at the end of a word or syllable)

Joy enjoy
toy loyal
boy annoy
Roy

oi (used in the middle of words)

toil point
boil joint
soil coin

oo (short sound used within the root)

look good
book stood
cook wood
crook hood

oo (long sound used in the root and at the end of words)

moon scoot
soon shoot
spoon toot
zoo hoot

ti=sh

ci=sh

si=sh

tion=shun

cial=shal

sion=shun

cious=shus

creat**ti**on

spec**ci**al

miss**si**on

stat**ti**on

so**ci**al

discuss**si**on

nati**ti**on

prec**ci**ous

admiss**si**on

hard sound of g=j soft sound of c=s

gi=j giant magic

ci=s city circle

ge=j gentle cage

ce=s cent cell

gy=j gym

cy=s cycle cyclone

wh=hw (used in question words)

what whack

when white

where wheels

why whip

ch=sh (2nd sound)

(Words of French origin.)

chef chic

chute Chicago

chaperone

a=ah

father wash

wasp water

wand

a=short u

sound at the beginning of words

a/sleep a/wake

a/like a/rise

a/maze a/way

Ch=k (words of Greek origin)

Chris

Christ

Christian

Christmas

school

echo

ache

ph=f (words of Greek origin)

phone

phonics

photo

nephew

graph

phooey

Sophia

seraphim