

Riggs Phonograms Chart

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1	a	at, tape, want, talk	
2	c	cat, cent	
3	d	did	
4	f	fast	
5	g	good, gentle	
6	o	odd, over, do, cost	
7	s	sit, as	
8	qu	quit	
9	b	big	
10	e	end, even	
11	h	head	
12	i	it, silent, radio	
13	j	just	
14	k	kind	
15	l	let	
16	m	met	
17	n	nice	
18	p	pet	
19	r	round	
20	t	tent	
21	u	up, music, true, put	
22	v	vase, love	
23	w	wet	
24	x	box	
25	y	yippee, myth, by, baby	
26	z	zero	
27	er	her	'er' - the 'er' of her

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28	ur	nurse	'er' - the 'ur' of nurse
29	ir	first	'er' - the 'ir' of first
30	wor	works	'er' - the 'or' of works
31	ear	early	'er' - the 'ear' of early
32	sh	shut	'sh' used at the beginning of a word, at the end of a syllable, but not at the beginning of most syllable after the first one, except for the ending 'ship'
33	ee	feet	'ē' - double ee always says 'ē'
34	th	thin, this	
35	ay	may	'ā' - 2-letter ay that we do use at the end of English words
36	ai	fail	'ā' - 2-letter ai that we do not use at the end of English words
37	ow	cow, low	
38	ou	out, four, you, touch	
39	aw	saw	'aw' - 'aw' that we do use at the end of English words
40	au	sauce	'au' - 'au' that we do not use at the end of English words
41	ew	grew, few	'oo' - 'ū' that we do use at the end of English words
42	eu	neutral, feud	'oo' - 'ū' that we do not use at the end of English words
43	oy	toy	'oy' - 'oy' that we do use at the end of English words
44	oi	noise	'oi' - 'oi' that we do not use at the end of English words
45	oo	room, look, door	
46	ch	check, echo, chef	
47	ng	ring	
48	ea	eat, head, break	

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48	ea	eat, head, break	
49	ar	card	
50	ck	pack	'k' - 2-letter 'k' used only after a single vowel which says, 'ă' - 'ĕ' - 'ĭ' - 'ō' - 'ŭ'
51	ed	graded, loved, mixed	'ed' - 'd' - 't' past tense ending
52	or	for	
53	wh	when	
54	ui	fruit, guide, build	'oo' - 'ī' - 'y' that we do not use at the end of English words
55	oa	boat	'ō' - the 'ō' of boat
56	ey	they, valley	'ā' - 'ē' that we do use at the end of English words
57	ei	veil, ceiling	'ā' - 'ē' that we do not use at the end of English words
58	eigh	weigh	'ā' -4-letter 'ā'
59	igh	high	'ī' - 3-letter 'ī'
60	ie	field, lie ē' - 'ī'	
61	kn	know	'n' - 2-letter 'n' used only at the beginning of a base word
62	gn	gnaw, reign	'n' - 2-letter 'n' used both at the beginning and end of a base word
63	wr	write	'r' - 2-letter 'r'
64	ph	phonogram	'f' - 2-letter 'f'
65	dge	badge	'j' - 3-letter 'j' used only after a single vowel which says, 'ă' - 'ĕ' - 'ĭ' - 'ō' - 'ŭ'
66	oe	toe	'ō' - the 'ō' of toe
67	tch	catch	'ch' - 3-letter 'ch' used only after a single vowel which says, 'ă' - 'ĕ' - 'ĭ' - 'ō' - 'ŭ'

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67	tch	catch	'ch' - 3-letter 'ch' used only after a single vowel which says, 'ă' - 'ě' - 'ĭ' - 'ô' - 'ŭ'
68	ti	nation	'sh' - tall-letter 'sh' used at the beginning of any syllable after the first one
69	si	session, vision	'sh' - 'zh' used at the beginning of any syllable after the first one
70	ci	special	'sh' - short-letter 'sh' used at the beginning of any syllable after the first one
71	ough	though, through, rough, cough, thought, bough	