

Decoding Rule Cards



Short Vowels

<u>Letter:</u>	<u>Example:</u>
a	at
e	end
i	it
o	on
u	up

Vowel + r

<u>The Rule:</u>	<u>Example:</u>
er	her
ir	stir
ur	fur
ar	car
or	or

Final 'e'

When a word contains the VCe pattern, the 'e' at the end of the word jumps backward over the consonant and makes the vowel say its name.

Example:
hop ➡ hope

Walking Vowels

When two vowels go walking, the first one does the talking and says its name.

Includes: ai, ay, ee, ea, oa, ie

Example:
oa ➡ boat

Consonant Digraphs

Consonant letters that make one sound together

Includes: ch, sh, th, ck, wh, ph, dge, tch

Example:
sh ➡ ship

Vowel Diphthongs

“Gliding vowels” within
the same syllable

Includes: au, aw, ou, ow,
oi, oy, ue, oo

Example:

ow → cow

Vowel Combos

Letter:

ai

ay

ee

ea

oa

ie

oo

ou

ow

oy

oi

au

aw

ue

Example:

paid

pay

seem

seat

boat

pie

foot or moon

out

cow

boy

oil

taught

saw

blue

C-Rule

The Rule:

Example:

ca	} Hard 'c' "k"	cat
co		cost
cu		cup

ce	} Soft 'c' "s"	cent
ci		city
cy		cycle

G-Rule

The Rule:

Example:

ga	} Hard 'g' "g"	game
go		got
gu		gum

ge	} Soft 'g' "j"	gentle
gi		giant
gy		gym

OPEN/CLOSE VOWEL

When a vowel is closed, it is followed by a consonant. The vowel will have a short vowel sound. VC. Examples would be the following: at, it, ed, on, up.

When a vowel is open, there is no consonant to close it off. The vowel will be a long sound or say it's name. Examples are the following: be, she, no, pi, na, bu.