

## Phonics

The BBC Bitesize pages provide a great base of resources to help you build up your child's knowledge of letters and sounds. Alphablocks, too, is a thorough but speedy recap of early phase sounds, along with a reminder of the alphabet. It's also quite fun to watch when you have a spare 5 minutes.

At school, we follow the Letters and Sounds programme. Their website has a wealth of online games and printable activities to reinforce your learning. (letters-and-sounds.com)

This week I have given you two new digraphs to master - 'qu' /'kw (e.g. queen or quick) as can be heard on the BBC website:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvq9bdm/articles/zrqtqp3>

It's important to show your child that q & u are seen together even though you don't sound out the u. The second sound is 'ng' (e.g. King, ring, sing) see this website for a clear audio definition:

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvq9bdm/articles/z6bkbdm](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvq9bdm/articles/z6bkbdm)

Along with these two sounds I've also included a few tricky words. Tricky words don't follow a normal sound pattern and cannot be sounded out phonetically, they simply just have to be learnt.

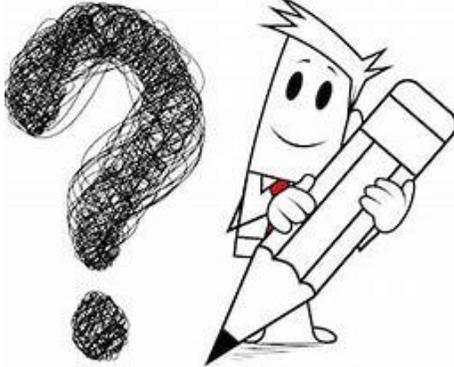
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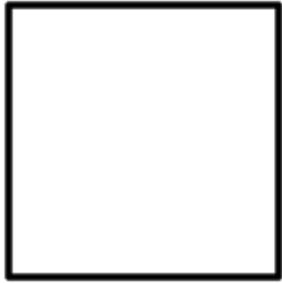
'he' 'she' 'we' 'me' 'be' 'they' 'I'

As always, it's always a good idea to encourage your child to read the words sounding out each sound. After sounding out each word, try and write the word again, encouraging your child to sound out each grapheme at a time. Then when you are reading stories together, see if you can pick out these words. Maybe use them in a sentence, if you're feeling brave.

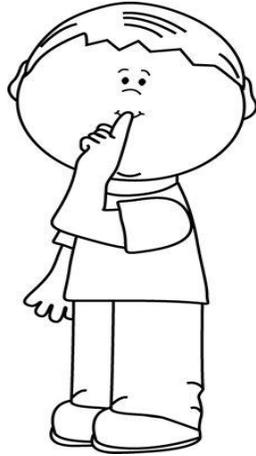
Along with these ideas, if you fancy having a bit more fun or getting active with these sounds instead, have a go at one of my activities:

- **Picture and word mats:** cut them out and jumble them up. Can you match the words and pictures? Remove the pictures and read the word. Can you draw the picture? Remove the word. Can you now write the word that matches the picture? Trace over the words and practice your handwriting. Pick a word and picture and write a sentence about it, e.g. 'The queen wears a crown', 'The duck goes quack'.
- **Tricky words.** If you're a fan of hopscotch, why don't you draw a game and place the words in the squares instead of numbers? If it's wet outside, print off my paper tabletop version and play inside. A Lego person or button works just as well to move up and down the hopscotch board.

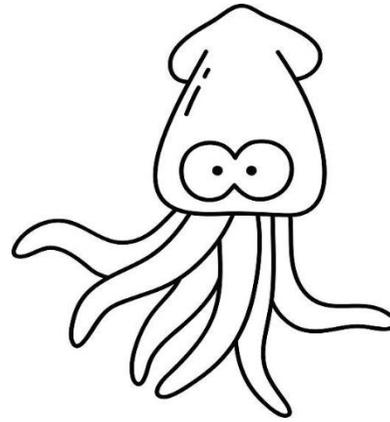
			
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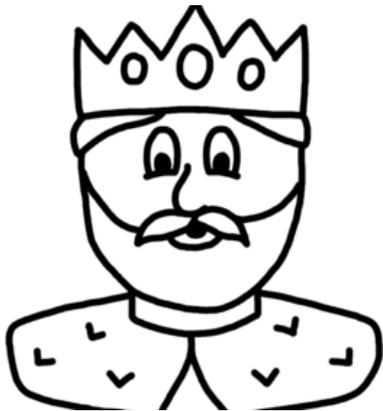
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squirrel



king



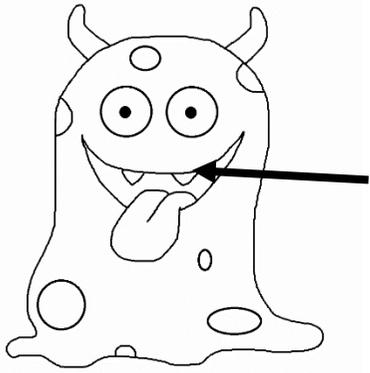
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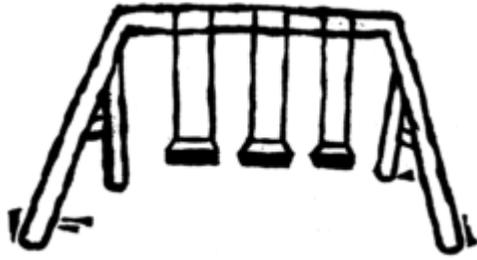
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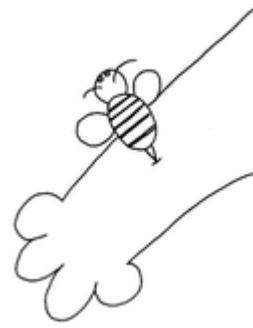
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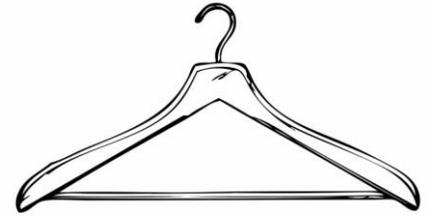
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