



With Read, Write Inc we are using pure sounds, ('m' not 'muh', 's' not 'suh', etc.) so that your child will be able to blend the sounds into words more easily. Have fun learning them!

These first sounds should all be stretched slightly. Try to avoid saying uh after each one:

m - mmmmmountain (keep lips pressed together hard) Down **Maisy**, up, **mountain**, **mountain**

s - sssssnake (keep teeth together and hiss - unvoiced) Slide down the **snake**

n - nnnnnnet (keep tongue behind teeth) Down **Nobby**, up, over his **net**

f - ffffflower (keep teeth on bottom lip and force air out sharply - unvoiced) Down the **stem** and draw the **leaves**

l - llllleg (keep pointed curled tongue behind teeth) Down the **long leg**

r - rrrrrrrobot (say rrr as if you are growling) Down the **robot**, up and over his **arm**

v - vvvvvvulture (keep teeth on bottom lip and force air out gently) Down a **wing**, up a **wing**

z - zzzzzzip (keep teeth together and make a buzzing sound) Zig-zag-zip down the **zip**

th - thhhhank you (stick out tongue and breathe out sharply)

Down the **tower**, across the **tower**, then down the **horse's head** to the **hooves** and over his **back**

sh - shhhh said the **horse** to the **hissing snake** (shhh noise as in 'be quiet!') Slide down the **snake**, then down the **horse's head** to the **hooves** and over his **back**

ng - thinnnnngg on a strinnnnngg (curl your tongue at the back of your throat)

nk - I think I **stink** (i.e 'nk' in oink)



These next sounds cannot be stretched. We say that they are 'bouncy' sounds. Make the sound as short as possible avoiding uh at the end of the sound:

t - t-t-t tower (tick tongue behind the teeth - unvoiced)

Down the tower, across the tower

p - p-p-p pirate (make distinctive p with lips - unvoiced)

Down the plait, up and over the pirate's face

k - k-k-k kangaroo (make sharp click at back of throat)

Down the kangaroo's body, tail and leg

c - c-c-c caterpillar (as above)

Curl around the caterpillar

h - h-h-h horse (say h as you breathe sharply out - unvoiced)

Down the horse's head to the hooves and over his back

ch - The caterpillar's hairs make the horse sneeze ch-ch-ch (make a short sneezing sound)

x - x-x-x exercise (say a sharp c and add s - unvoiced)

Cross down the arm and leg and cross the other way



You will find it harder to avoid saying uh at the end of these sounds.

d - d-d-d dinosaur (tap tongue behind the teeth)

Round the dinosaur's bottom, up his tall neck and down to his feet

g - g-g-g girl (make soft sound in throat)

Round the girl's face, down her hair and give her a curl

b - b-b-b boot (make a short, strong b with lips)

Down to the heel, up and over the toe

j - j-j-j Jack-in-the-box (push lips forward)

Down his body, curl and dot

y - y-y-y yak (keep edges of tongue against teeth)

Down a horn, up a horn and under the yak's head

w - w-w-w worm (keep lips tightly pursed)

Down, up, down, up the worm

qu - qu-qu-qu queen (keep lips pursed as you say cw - unvoiced) Round the queen's head, up to her crown, down her hair and curl

The short vowels should be kept short and sharp:

a - a-a-a apple (open mouth wide as if to take a bite of an apple)

Round the apple and down the leaf

e - e-e-e egg (release mouth slightly from a position)

Cut, take off the top and scoop out the egg

i - i-i-i insect (make a sharp sound at the back of the throat - smile)

Down the body and dot for the head

o - o-o-o orange (push out lips, make the mouth into o shape) All around the orange

u - u-u-u umbrella (make a sound in the throat)

Down and under, up to the top and draw the puddle

The long vowel sounds are all stretchy sounds

ay: may I play?

ee: what do you see?

igh: fly high

ow: blow the snow

oo: poo at the zoo

oo: look at a book

ar: start the car

or: shut the door

air: that's not fair

ir: whirl and twirl

ou: shout it out

oy: toy for a boy



Set 3 Sounds (trickier long vowels)

a-e: make a cake

ai: snail in the rain

ea: cup of tea

e: he me we she be

i-e: nice smile

o-e: phone home

oa: goat in a boat

u-e: huge brute

ew: chew the stew

aw: yawn at dawn

are: share and care

ur: nurse for a purse

er: a better letter

ow: brown cow

oi: spoil the boy

ire: fire fire!

ear: hear with your ear

ure: sure it's pure?