How to say the Phase 5 sounds

At Phase 5, children learn alternative graphemes for sounds introduced in Phases 2 and 3.

Sounds introduced in Phase 2

Grapheme and mnemonic	Pronunciation phrase	Phase 5 Graphemes
S	Show your teeth and let the s hiss out ssssss ssssss	c se ce st sc
	Open your lips a bit; put your tongue behind your teeth and make the nnnnn sound nnnnn	kn gn
	Put your lips together and make the mmmmm sound mmmmm	mb
	Open your mouth into a little smile; make your tongue flat and move it up towards the top of your mouth to say c c c	ch
	Show me your teeth to make a rrrr sound rrrrr	wr
	Open your lips a little; put your teeth on your bottom lip and push the air out to make the sound fffff fffff	ph
	Open your mouth a little; put your tongue up to the top of your mouth, behind your teeth, and press IIIII IIIII	le al
	Pucker your lips and show your teeth; use your tongue as you say jjj	g dge ge
	Put your teeth against your bottom lip and make a buzzing sound vvvvv vvvvv	ve

Grapheme and mnemonic	Pronunciation phrase	Phase 5 Graphemes
	Pucker your lips and keep them small as you say w w w	wh
	Show me your teeth and buzz the z sound zzzzz zzzzz	se ze
Ch	Pucker your lips and show your teeth; use your tongue as you say ch ch ch	tch ture*
	Show me your teeth and push the air out shshshshshsh	ch ti ssi si ci
	Open your mouth wide and say e e e	ea
	Pull your lips back and make the i sound at the back of your mouth i i i	У
	Make your mouth into a round shape and say • • •	a
	Open your mouth wide and say u u u	o-e o ou

^{*}Note that the pronunciation of 'ture' has a slight schwa sound at the end.

Sounds introduced in Phase 3

Grapheme	Catchphrase	Pronunciation phrase	Phase 5 Graphemes
ai	tail in the rain	Open your mouth wide and say ai ai ai	ay a a-e eigh aigh ey ea
ee	sheep in a jeep	Smile with your lips apart and say ee ee ee	ea e e-e ie y ey
igh	a light in the night	Open your mouth in a relaxed way and say igh igh igh	ie i i-e y
oa	soap that goat	Make an 'o' with your mouth and say oa oa oa	o o-e ou oe ow

Grapheme	Catchphrase	Pronunciation phrase	Phase 5 Graphemes
00	zoom to the moon	Open your mouth just a bit, put your hand on your tummy, pull your tummy in and say oo oo oo	ue u-e ew ou ui
yoo		Pucker your lips and keep them small as you say yoo yoo	ue u u-e ew
00	hook a book	Open your mouth just a bit, put your hand on your tummy, pull your tummy in and say oo oo oo	u* oul
ar	march in the dark	Open your mouth wide, push your tongue down and say ar ar ar	a* al*

Grapheme	Catchphrase	Pronunciation phrase	Phase 5 Graphemes
or	born with a horn	Make an 'o' with your mouth, push your tongue down and say or or or	aw au aur oor al a oar ore
ur	curl the fur	Open your mouth in a relaxed way, push your tongue down and say ur ur ur	er ir or
OW	wow owl	Open your mouth wide then move your lips together as you say ow ow ow	ou
oi	boing boing	Make an 'o' with your mouth then move your lips out as you say oi oi oi	oy

Grapheme	Catchphrase	Pronunciation phrase	Phase 5 Graphemes
ear	get near to hear	Smile with your lips apart, push your tongue to your teeth as you say ear ear ear	ere ear
air	chair in the air	Open your mouth wide, push your tongue down as you say air air air	are ere ear
zh		Pucker your lips and show your teeth; push the air over your tongue as you say zh zh	su si

^{*}depending on regional accent