

Reading Tool (the sounds of letters)

Keep by your side as you read.

Code is at bottom of page.

1. a

a has the sound \a\ in apple

a has the sound \o^\ in all

a has the sound \&\ in banana

a has the sound \a-\ in baby

a Consonant e has the sound \a-\ in safe

ai has the sound \a-i\ in sail, nail, pail

ar has the sound \ar\ in ark

ar has the sound \&r\ in liar, pedlar,
dollar, cellar

au has the sound \o^\ in August

aw has the sound \o^\ in saw

ay has the sound \a-\ in play

2. b: has the sound \b\ in bat

3. c

c has the sound \k\ in cat

c has the sound \s\ before e, i, y in
center, cider, cylinder

ch has the sound \k\ in Christmas

ch has the sound \ch\ in chin, church

ch has the sound \sh\ in Chicago

chs has the sound \ks\ in monarchs

ci has the sound \sh\ in physician

ck has the sound \k\ in black

cks has the sound \ks\ in racks

cs has the sound \ks\ in relics

4. d: has the sound \d\ in dog

5. e

e has the sound \e\ in elephant

e has the sound \e-\ in recent

e has the sound \i\ in honest

e Consonant e has the sound \e-\ in
these

ea has the sound \e\ in head

ea has the sound \a-\ in great

ea has the sound \e-\ in eat

ed has the sound \d\ in sailed

ed has the sound \t\ in jumped

ee has the sound \e-\ in feed

ei has the sound \a-\ in vein

eigh has the sound \a-\ in eight

ei has the sound \e-\ in ceiling

er has the sound \&r\ in her, fern,
gallery, property, average

eu has the sound \yü\ in Europe

ew has the sound \ü\ in grew

ew has the sound \yü\ in few

ey has the sound \e-\ in valley

ey has the sound \a-\ in they

6. f: has the sound \f\ in fun

7. g

g has the sound \g\ in game, got

g has the sound \j\ before e, i, y in
general, giant, gypsy

8. h: has the sound \h\ in ham

9. i

i has the sound \i\ in it, jib

i has the sound \&\ in minimum

i has the sound \i-\ in spider

i Consonant e has the sound \i-\ in pine

ie has the sound \e-\ in chief

igh has the sound \i-\ in light

ir has the sound \&r\ in sir, firm

10. j: has the sound \j\ in jam

11. k

k has the sound \k\ in kite

ks has the sound \ks\ in banks

Vowel kes has the sound \ks\ in rakes

12. l: has the sound \l\ in let, left

13. m: has the sound \m\ in man

14. n: has the sound \n\ in not

15. o

o has the sound \o\ in not

o has the sound \&\ in cover

o has the sound \o-\ in pony, row

o has the sound \ù\ in wolf, woman

o Consonant e has the sound \o-\ in home

oa has the sound \o-\ in boat

oe has the sound \o-\ in toe

oi has the sound \o-i\ in boil, toil

or has the sound \&r\ in actor, collector, doctor

oo has the sound \ü\ in food

oo has the sound \ù\ in book

ou has the sound \ü\ in soup

ou has the sound \ou\ in out

ou has the sound \ù\ in could

ous has the sound \&s\ in dangerous

ow has the sound \ou\ in cow, bow

ow has the sound \o-\ in snow, row (a boat), bow (and arrow)

oy has the sound \o-i\ in toy

16. p

p has the sound \p\ in pan

ph has the sound \f\ in phone

17. q

qu has the sound \qu\ in quick

18. r: has the sound \r\ in rat

19. s

s has the sound \s\ in sat

s has the sound \z\ in nose

sc has the sound \s\ in science

sh has the sound \sh\ in ship

si has the sound \ch\ in expansion

si has the sound \sh\ in compulsion

si has the sound \zh\ in emersion

20. t

t has the sound \t\ in rat

tch has the sound \ch\ in catch

th has the sound \th\ in this, that, those

ti has the sound \ch\ in attention

ti has the sound \sh\ in partial

tu has the sound \chu\ in nature

21. u

u has the sound \&\ in cut

u has the sound \ù\ in put, pull

u has the sound \ü\ in ruby

u has the sound \yü\ in music

u Consonant e has the sound \ü\ in rule

u Consonant e has the sound \yü\ in mule

ue has the sound \ü\ in true

ur has the sound \&r\ in curl, burn, fur, gurgle, curfew, pursue

us has the sound \&s\ in circus

22. v: has the sound \v\ in victory

23. w: has the sound \w\ in win

24. x

x has the sound \ks\ in box

x has the sound \z\ in xylophone

25. y

y has the sound \i\ in gym

y has the sound \i-\ in cyclone

y has the sound \e-\ in candy

y Consonant e has the sound \i-\ in type

26. z: has the sound \z\ in zebra

Accompanying sound files on website:

helpmyreading.com/Site/Reading_Tool.html

Code: \&\ = a in schwa; \a-\ = long a;

\o^\ = ^ above o; \ù\ = oo with half circle;

“vowel” Consonant e = silent e rule.