

Consonant Letter Sounds													
Consonant letter sounds			Consonant digraph letter sounds				Consonant blend letter sounds						
	Initial	Ending		Initial	Medial	Ending		Initial	Ending				
b	b <u>e</u> ar	cr <u>a</u> b	ch	ch <u>o</u> ose	ex <u>ch</u> ange	se <u>ar</u> ch	bl	bl <u>o</u> g					
c (hard)	c <u>a</u> re	mus <u>i</u> c	ch (the letter sound "k")	ch <u>a</u> racter	e <u>ch</u> o	stom <u>ach</u>	cl	cl <u>a</u> ss					
c (soft)	c <u>e</u> ll	onc <u>e</u>					dw	dw <u>a</u> rf					
d	d <u>e</u> lay	fo <u>o</u> d	ch (the letter sound "sh")	ch <u>e</u> f	ma <u>ch</u> ine		fl	fl <u>a</u> t					
f	f <u>i</u> nd	be <u>e</u> f					pl	pl <u>e</u> ase					
g (hard)	g <u>o</u> ose	dig	sh	sh <u>a</u> re	fash <u>io</u> n	rub <u>bi</u> sh	sl	sl <u>i</u> m					
g (soft)	g <u>e</u> ntle	lar <u>g</u> e	ck			att <u>ac</u> k	br	br <u>e</u> ak					
h	h <u>u</u> g		gh (the letter sound "f")			laugh	cr	cr <u>i</u> me					
j	j <u>a</u> r		ph (the letter sound "f")	ph <u>o</u> ne	eleph <u>an</u> t	graph	dr	dr <u>a</u> w					
k	ke <u>e</u> p	th <u>i</u> nk	sc (the letter sound "s" – unvoiced)	sc <u>i</u> ence	adol <u>es</u> cent		fr	fr <u>o</u> nt					
l	l <u>i</u> fe	gir <u>l</u>	th (voiced)	th <u>i</u> s	fath <u>e</u> r	with	gl	gl <u>a</u> d					
m	m <u>o</u> bile	ro <u>o</u> m	th (unvoiced)	th <u>i</u> nk	noth <u>ing</u>	earth	gr	gr <u>e</u> at					
n	n <u>u</u> number	cart <u>o</u> on	ng			ring	pr	pr <u>e</u> tty					
p	p <u>i</u> ck	ke <u>e</u> p	Consonant trigraph letter sounds				tr	tr <u>i</u> p					
r	r <u>a</u> re	has					sc (the letter sound "sk")	scan					
s (voiced)		bus					sk	sk <u>i</u> n	ask				
s (unvoiced)	s <u>a</u> le	hit					sm	sm <u>a</u> rt					
t	t <u>i</u> cket	believe					sn	sn <u>a</u> ck					
v	v <u>i</u> sit		sch (the letter sound "sh")	sch <u>e</u> dule (the British pronunciation)			sp	sp <u>e</u> ak	crisp				
w	w <u>e</u> b		tch		k <u>i</u> tchen	cat <u>ch</u>	st	st <u>o</u> p	last				
x (the letter sound "ks")	ex <u>i</u> t	box					sw	sw <u>i</u> tch					
y	y <u>e</u> s						tw				tw	tw <u>i</u> st	
z	z <u>o</u> o	qu <u>i</u> z					ft				ld	ld <u>o</u> ld	left
							lf				lk	lk <u>o</u> ld	shelf
							lm				lp	lp <u>o</u> ld	milk
							lt				mp	mp <u>o</u> ld	film
							nt				nd	nd <u>o</u> ld	help
							ct				nk	nk <u>o</u> ld	belt
							xt				nt	nt <u>o</u> ld	jump
							chr (the letter sound "cr")	Chr <u>ist</u> mas			nd	nd <u>o</u> ld	mind
			fth				nk	nk <u>o</u> ld	bank				
			lth				nt	nt <u>o</u> ld	aunt				
			mpt				ct	ct <u>o</u> ld	collect				
			sch (the letter sound "sk")	sch <u>o</u> ol			xt	xt <u>o</u> ld	next				
			scr	scr <u>o</u> en			chr (the letter sound "cr")	Chr <u>ist</u> mas					
			shr	shr <u>i</u> mp			fth	f <u>if</u> th					
			spl	spl <u>a</u> sh			lth	l <u>ea</u> th	health				
			spr	spr <u>a</u> y			mpt	pr <u>o</u> mp	prompt				
			str	str <u>e</u> t			sch (the letter sound "sk")	sch <u>o</u> ol					
			thr	thr <u>o</u> w			scr	scr <u>o</u> en					
			thw	thw <u>a</u> rt			shr	shr <u>i</u> mp					

Letter sounds that junior secondary students may have become familiar with by the start of KS3

Letter sounds that may be new or problematic to junior secondary students