## 15 Diphthongs Phonics for Beginning Readers Ages 4-6: Developing Decoders Set 11

Diphthongs are fascinating sounds in the English language that add depth and richness to our speech. They are essentially two vowel sounds blended together into one syllable. Understanding diphthongs is crucial for beginning readers as they navigate the complexities of phonics and decoding words.

This article delves into the captivating world of diphthongs, focusing on 15 diphthongs that young readers aged 4-6 need to master to become confident decoders. We'll explore their unique pronunciations, practice reading engaging words containing these diphthongs, and uncover some fun facts to make learning a delightful experience.

Pronunciation: A blend of /a/ as in "hat" and /i/ as in "it"Example Words: Apple, rain, sail, wait, hairAlt Attribute: A red apple with the word "apple" written below it


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Pronunciation: A blend of /o/ as in "oh" and /i/ as in "it"Example Words: Oil, boy, coin, spoil, noiseAlt Attribute: A can of oil with the word "oil" written below it

Pronunciation: A blend of /a/ as in "hat" and /u/ as in "put"Example Words: Cow, house, loud, sound, aroundAlt Attribute: A cow grazing on green grass with the word "cow" written below it

Pronunciation: A blend of /o/ as in "oh" and /u/ as in "put"Example Words: Out, house, loud, found, shoutAlt Attribute: A person pointing at an exit with the word "out" written below them

Pronunciation: A blend of /e/ as in "ten" and /i/ as in "it"Example Words: Feet, teeth, meet, sleep, keepAlt Attribute: Two feet walking on the ground with the word "feet" written below them

Pronunciation: A blend of /e/ as in "ten" and /a/ as in "hat"Example Words: Head, bread, read, thread, deadAlt Attribute: A head and shoulders portrait with the word "head" written below it

Pronunciation: A blend of /o/ as in "oh" and /a/ as in "hat"Example Words: Coat, boat, road, soap, goatAlt Attribute: A winter coat hanging on a hook with the word "coat" written below it

Pronunciation: A blend of /a/ as in "hat" and /i/ as in "it"Example Words: Fair, hair, pair, stair, careAlt Attribute: A person with blonde hair standing in front of a mirror with the word "hair" written below them

Pronunciation: A blend of /e/ as in "ten" and /i/ as in "it"Example Words: Beer, deer, cheer, fear, queerAlt Attribute: A glass of beer with the word

Pronunciation: A blend of /e/ as in "ten" and /a/ as in "hat"Example Words: Shear, ear, wear, tear, clearAlt Attribute: A pair of sheep shears with the word "shear" written below them

Pronunciation: A blend of /o/ as in "oh" and/a/ as in "hat"Example Words: Roar, soar, hoar, boar, coreAlt Attribute: A lion roaring with the word "roar" written below it

Pronunciation: A blend of /a/ as in "hat" and /i/ as in "it"Example Words: Rain, pain, chain, main, gainAlt Attribute: A rainstorm with the word "rain" written below it

Pronunciation: A blend of /e/ as in "ten" and /i/ as in "it"Example Words: Cheese, freeze, breeze, sneeze, teaseAlt Attribute: A block of cheese with the word "cheese" written below it

Pronunciation: A blend of /e/ as in "ten" and /a/ as in "hat"Example Words: Reach, beach, teach, peach, preach Alt Attribute: A person reaching for a star with the word "reach" written below them

Pronunciation: A blend of /o/ as in "oh" and/a/ as in "hat"Example Words: Boat, coat, goat, float, moatAlt Attribute: A boat floating on water with the word "boat" written below it

- Diphthongs are often used to create emphasis or to soften the pronunciation of a word.
- Some diphthongs, like /ai/, can have different pronunciations depending on the region or accent.
- Diphthongs are not always spelled the same way. For example, the diphthong /ai/ can be spelled as "ai," "ay," or "ei."
- Use clear and exaggerated pronunciations to demonstrate the sounds of diphthongs.
- Have children practice saying the diphthongs in isolation and in words.
- Use word lists and games to help children identify and decode words containing diphthongs.
- Encourage children to listen for diphthongs in their own speech and in the speech of others.

Mastering diphthongs is a crucial step in a young reader's journey to becoming a confident decoder. By introducing these 15 diphthongs in a fun and engaging way, parents and educators can lay the foundation for successful literacy development. With practice and perseverance, beginning readers will unlock the world of diphthongs and expand their reading horizons.

Remember, learning should be an enjoyable adventure. So, embrace the captivating world of diphthongs and watch as your little readers soar to new heights of decoding success!


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