

Blends & Digraphs, Short & Long Vowel Patterns, and High Frequency Words

Blends & Digraphs

Initial Consonant Blends: bl-, br-, cl-, cr-, dr-, dw-, fl-, fr-, gl-, gr-, pl-, pr-, scr-, sl-, spl-, sp-, spr-, squ-, st-, str-, sw-, thr-, tr-, tw-

Final Consonant Blends: -ct, -ft, -ld, -lf, -lk, -lp, -lt, -mp, -nd, -pt, -rd, -rk, -rm, -rn, -rp, -rt, -sk, -sp, -st

Consonant Digraphs: ch, ck, gh, kn, ng, ph, qu, sh, th, wh

Short & Long Vowel Patterns

Short Vowel Patterns: -ab, -ag, -am, -an, -ap, -at, ed, -eg, -en, -et, -ib, -id, -ig, -im, -in, -it, -ob, -od, -og, -op, -ub, -ud, -um, -un, -ut

Long Vowel Patterns: -ake, -ape, -ate, -ay, -eat, -een, -eet, -ice, -ide, -ie, -ight, -ike, -ine, -ipe, -oad, -oan, -one, -ope, -une, -upe, -ule

Other Patterns: Include prefixes and suffixes, as well as beginning and ending consonant blends and digraphs.

High Frequency Words

A list of the 100 most common words in English (from left to right):

the	of	and	a	to	in	is	you	that	it
he	was	for	on	are	as	with	his	they	I
at	be	this	have	from	or	one	had	by	word
but	not	what	all	were	we	when	your	can	said
there	use	an	each	which	she	do	how	their	if
will	up	other	about	out	many	then	them	these	so
some	her	would	make	like	him	into	time	has	look
two	more	write	go	see	number	no	way	could	people
my	than	first	water	been	call	who	oil	its	now
find	long	down	day	did	get	come	made	may	part

Source: Fry, Kress, & Fountoukidis, 1993.