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simple code		dipping into complex code						
phonemes and key words	graphemes of units 1 to 6 and key words							
/s/ 	S snake	-ss glass	-ce palace	-se house	ce ci cy cents city bicycle			
/a/ 	a apple							
/t/ 	t teddy	-tt letter	-ed skipped					
/i/ 	i insect	* -y sunny						






/p/ 	p pan	-pp puppet						
/n/ 	n net	-nn bonnet						
/k/ 	k kit	c cat	-ck duck					
/e/ 	e egg	ea head	ai said again					
/h/ 	h hat							






<p>/r/</p> 	<p>r</p> <p>rat</p>	<p>-rr</p> <p>arrow</p>						
<p>/m/</p> 	<p>m</p> <p>map</p>	<p>mm</p> <p>hammer</p>						
<p>/d/</p> 	<p>d</p> <p>dig</p>	<p>-dd</p> <p>puddle</p>	<p>-ed</p> <p>rained</p>					
<p>/g/</p> 	<p>g</p> <p>girl</p>	<p>-gg</p> <p>juggle</p>						
<p>/o/</p> 	<p>o</p> <p>orange</p>							

<u>/u/</u> 	u umbrella	-o son						
<u>/l/</u> 	l ladder	-ll shell						
<u>/ul/</u> schwa 		-le kettle						
<u>/f/</u> 	f feathers	-ff cliff						
<u>/b/</u> 	b bat	-bb rabbit						

/j/ 	j jug	-ge cabbage	g <sup>e</sup> g <sup>i</sup> gy gerbil giraffe gymnast				
/y/ 	y yawn						
/ai/ 	ai aid	ay tray	a table	ae sundae	a-e cakes		
/w/ 	w web	wh wheel					
/oa/ 	oa oak	ow bow	o yo-yo	oe oboe	o-e rope		



/igh/ 	-igh night	-ie tie	i behind	-y shy	i-e bike			
/ee/ 	ee eel	ea eat	e emu	* -y rainy	e-e concrete	-ey key * monkey		
/or/ 	or fork							
/z/ 	z zebra	-zz jazz	-s fries	-se cheese	-ze breeze			
/ng/ 	-ng gong							

/ŋk/ 	-nk ink							
/v/ 	v violin	-ve dove						
/oo/ 	oo book	oul should						
/oo/ 	oo moon	-ue blue	u-e flute					
/ks/ 	-x fox	-ks books	-cks ducks	-kes cakes				

<p>/ch/</p> 	<p>ch</p> <p>chairs</p>							
<p>/sh/</p> 	<p>sh</p> <p>sheep</p>							
<p>/th/</p> 	<p>th</p> <p>thistle</p>							
<p>/th/</p> 	<p>th</p> <p>there</p>							
<p>/kw/</p> 	<p>qu</p> <p>queen</p>							



/ou/ 	ou ouch	ow owl						
/oi/ 	oi ointment	oy toy						
/yoo/ 	-ue statue	u unicorn	u-e tube					
/er/ 	er mermaid	ir birthday	ur nurse	ear earth	wor world	/er/ schwa mixer	-our humour	-re theatre
/ar/ 	ar artist	a father						

/air/ 	air h <b>air</b>	are h <b>are</b>	ear b <b>ear</b>	ere wh <b>ere</b>				
/eer/ 	eer d <b>eer</b>	ear <b>e</b> ars	ere adh <b>ere</b>	ier cash <b>ier</b>				
/zh/ 								

\*-y, \*-ey, \*-ie are often pronounced between /i/ and /ee/ when these graphemes are word-endings.

### The complexities of the English Alphabetic Code include:

1. one sound (phoneme) can be represented by one, two, three or four letters: e.g. k, sh, ng, igh, eigh
2. one sound can be represented by different spellings (graphemes): e.g. /oa/ is represented by: o, oa, ow, oe, o-e, eau, ough
3. one spelling can represent multiple sounds: e.g. 'ough': /oa/ **though**, /or/ **thought**, /oo/ **through**, /ou/ **plough**, /u/ **thorough**

### Key to the 12 units of Debbie Hepplewhite's Phonics International online synthetic phonics programme:

units 1-5	Mainly simple code with options to extend	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th		
6-12	/air/, /eer/, /zh/, split digraphs, complex code	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th

Debbie's programme introduces a simple code of at least one letter/s-sound correspondence for each of the 44+ sounds of speech of the English language. The programme then expands to teach further spelling and pronunciation variations of the complex Alphabetic Code.