

How to Understand Vowel Combinations

A diagraph is when 2 letters combine to make a different sound.
Here is a list of common ones involving vowels:

ai (rain, train, snail)

ea (eat, sea, read)

oi (coin, oil, point)

air (stair, hair, chair)

ee (bee, tree, feet)

or (fort, stork, horse)

ar (car, farm, barn)

er (butter, eternal, father)

oo (moon, zoo, baboon)

au (August, auto, daughter)

ew (newt, screw, jewel)

ou (cloud, house, mouse)

aw (hawk, draw, claw)

ir (girl, bird, shirt)

ow (cow, town, clown)

ay (day, play, hay)

oa (boat, goat, soap)

oy (boy, toy, joy)

Practise saying the sound as you look at the letter combinations. This will help you to recognise them when they come up in reading.