

LIST 11. PHONOGRAMS

A phonogram is a vowel plus a final consonant sound; for example, the “ab”, in “cab.” As teachers, we found it difficult to find a complete list of phonograms, so we developed our own using many available lists and a rhyming dictionary. We think this is the most complete one in existence. These are useful for all kinds of games and practice in reading and spelling. Phonograms, or rimes, have been used in the teaching of reading since Colonial times and are currently used in regular classrooms, remedial/corrective reading instruction, English as a Second Language classes, and in adult literacy instruction. Because syllable rimes also include just vowel endings like -ay in “say” or -ea in “tea,” we have included some of them in this list. These phonograms are all one-syllable words; however, the same phonograms appear in many polysyllabic words.

-ab	hack	gad	-aft	gage	-ain	pair
/a/	Jack	had	/a/	page	/ā/	chair
cab	lack	lad	daft	rage	lain	flair
dab	Mack	mad	raft	sage	main	stair
gab	pack	pad	waft	wage	pain	
jab	quack	sad	craft	stage	rain	-aise
lab	rack	tad	draft		vain	/ā/
nab	sack	Brad	graft	-aid	wain	raise
tab	tack	Chad	shaft	/ā/	brain	braise
blab	black	clad		laid	chain	chaise
crab	clack	glad	-ag	maid	drain	praise
drab	crack	shad	/a/	paid	grain	
flab	knack		bag	raid	plain	-ait
grab	shack		gag	braid	slain	/ā/
scab	slack	-ade	hag	staid	Spain	bait
slab	smack	/ā/	jag		sprain	gait
stab	snack	bade	lag	-ail	stain	wait
	stack	fade	nag	/ā/	strain	strait
-ace	track	jade	rag	bail	train	trait
/ā/	whack	made	sag	fail		
face		wade	tag	Gail	-aint	-ake
lace	-act	blade	wag	hail	/ā/	/ā/
mace	/a/	glade	brag	jail	faint	bake
pace	fact	grade	crag	mail	paint	cake
race	pact	shade	drag	nail	saint	fake
brace	tact	spade	flag	pail	taint	Jake
grace	tract	trade	shag	quail	quaint	lake
place			slag	rail		make
space	-ad	-aff	snag	sail		quake
trace	/a/	/a/	stag	tail	-air	rake
	bad	gaff	swag	wail	/er/ or /ar/	take
-ack	cad	chaff		flail	fair	wake
/a/	dad	quaff	-age	snail	hair	brake
back	fad	staff	/ā/	trail	lair	drake
			cage			

See also List 1, Consonant Sounds; List 2, Vowel Sounds; List 12, The Most Common Phonograms.