

# Decision Sounds

Anything labelled as **TOTALLY weird** has less than 30 words in the whole English language using it. (Note: All of the GH phonograms have their own page at the end.)

## /ay/

- End of a word AY (r. 18)
- End of another syllable A (r. 4)
- Middle of a syllable A-E or AI

**ei, ey, ea, eigh....totally weird**

- EA = We took a break and had a great steak, yea!
- EY = They obey and put the prey in the whey.
- EI = Their reigning heir was under surveillance. She wore a beige veil and feigned an afternoon ride, when her horse tripped on a skein and his rein cut off his vein.

## /eye/

- End of a word Y (r. 5,6)
- End of another syllable I (r. 5)
- Middle of a syllable I-E or I (r. 19)

**Ie, eigh, igh...totally weird**

- IE = The pie vie was a tie, until one died from a lie.

## /oh/

- End of a word OW
- End of another syllable O (r.4)
- Middle of a syllable O-E, OA or O (r. 19)

**Ou, oe, ough ...totally weird**

- OE = The foe of my toe is a doe with a hoe. Woe to me, I need aloe. The foe of Joe is Rosco the schmoe with roe in his oboe.
- OU = boulder on my soul

## /oo, yoo/

- End of a word UE
- End of another syllable U (r. 4)
- Middle of a syllable U-E or OO

**Ui, eu, ou....totally weird. EW not TOTALLY weird, but much less common than UE. EU is really rare. I don't have a sentence yet.**

- OU = It is my routine to put on some uncouth rouge, my velour hat, mousse up my toupee pouf, and hop in my youthful coup with my wounded toucan, Louie,

en route to the bayou for some goulash and my favorite acoustic band Croupy Ghoul Nougat. You can come; I have a group soup coupon.

- UI = I am in pursuit of the recruit in a suit that bruised the fruit on the cruise and escaped out the sluice.

### **/ee/**

- End of a word ee, ea
- End of another syllable E (r. 4)
- Middle of a syllable ee, ea
- Middle of the last of a multisyllable word E-E

Ei, ie...totally weird.

- EI = Weirdly, he put the receipt on the ceiling to deceive me about what he received. It was conceit to conceive a plan and think I would not perceive his deceit.
- IE = In the movie, a fierce thief on the top tier of the pier was under siege by an eerie wiener-wielding zombie genie riding a bier. Pierce, the chief priest, gave the fiend a veggie wedgie. His pixie niece shielded him with a piece of diesel\* brie she found in a field. (lien)

\*We find cheese on fire to be funny.

### **/ah/ (I can't hear AW as different from short O, sorry)**

- End of a word AW
- End of another syllable AU
- Middle of a syllable with only one consonant O
- Middle of a syllable before R or 2+ consonants AU (avoiding r. 19)
- After /w/, before /l/, or all alone at the end of a word A (my r. 30)

Ough, augh....totally weird

### **/i/**

- End of a word (for spelling) y
- Everywhere else I

Ei, totally weird, no sentence yet.

### **/eh/**

**E unless it's being weird, then EA**

- EA= A man's head was dealt a heavy blow that made him deaf. He thought meant that his health was under threat, so he made ready for death. He packed up his wealth, his bread leaven, some thread, and a lead weapon. He tread in dread out into the meadow. With a sweaty breath, he spread his breast to the realms of heaven expecting to be dead....but his ears popped instead.

## /k/

- Before e, i, y K
- Before the rest C
- /ks/ base word X
- /kw/ QU
- After accented short vowel CK
- After unaccented short vowel C
- End of a word, all else K

Ch...weird, but I don't have a story yet.

## /s/

- Up front S (sometimes C before e, i, y)
- Between a vowel and e, i, y C
- Suffix S
- End of a word after long vowel CE
- End of a word, unaccented short vowel S
- End of a word, all else SE

SC...weird stuff, but I don't have a story yet

## /j/

- Before e, i, y G
- Before the rest J
- After accented short vowel DGE
- End of a word, all else GE

## /z/

- Up front Z
- Middle of a word S
- End of a 1-syllable word, short vowel S
- Suffix S
- End of a word all else, SE

Zz, Ze...Weird stuff. Super uncommon.

- /tz/, if it's not a suffix is tz: blitz, glitz, quartz, spritz, etc.
- the suffix IZE is IZE
- After the winter freeze, I had a wheeze and sneeze, so I went for a snooze. As I dozed, a sleaze snuck in through the maze of tissues with bronze tweezers to seize a kernel of my famous booze glazed maize. I awoke in haze, but was amazed when I gazed at him holding his prize. He was crazed with joy, his face ablaze. I froze, but he was unfazed. On his escape, he grazed my arm. It was not razed but the cut was a decent size and oozed, so I got the gauze.
- I had to razz the whiz. He was so obsessed with the topaz scuzz on his buzzer that when he took the quiz, he said frizz instead of jazz.

**/n/**

N unless it's being totally weird KN, GN, no sentences yet.

- knap, knee, knob, knot, know, knit, knead, knife, kneel, knight, knave, knuckle
- gnome, gnaw, gnash, gnarl, gnat, gneiss

**/f/**

F unless it's being totally weird OUGH (off, uff); no sentence for PH yet.

**/d/**

D unless it's the past tense suffix.

**/t/**

T unless it's the past tense suffix.

**/ch/**

CH unless it follows a short single vowel, then it's TCH.

## The Dreaded GH

### **OUGH: Over Under Grinding Heels.**

To remember what stories are grouped here: Thor and America are getting their feet done.

Saying AH: "For the evil he has wrought, Loki ought to be sought, fought, and brought to justice," Captain America thought, as he bought the dreadnought.

Saying OH:

Thorough Thor, oh!  
He watches o'er the borough  
although he is on furlough.  
And doesn't make much dough, ho!

Saying UFF: Pumice is rough and tough enough to slough a callus.

Weird Stuff: Feet gross me out, so I needed to cough in the trough, but the drought broke the boughs, so I had to climb through.

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### **AUGH: Awful Ugly Goat Hater**

The farmer caught his haughty, naughty daughter and taught her not to slaughter the animals. She was fraught and distraught.

Weird stuff: Slaughtering animals is no laughing matter.

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### **EIGH: Elves in Green Hats**

My neighbor has a sleigh with eight neighing ponies that pull the weight of the freight.

Weird Stuff: The ponies ran over an elf of sleight height.

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### **IGH: I Go Help!**

At first light, the sprightly knight left to fight that he might right the people's plight. He pulled his bright sword from his thigh and held it high. The wicked blighter took flight in fright at the sight. The people sighed with delight that things were alright and slept tight that night.

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### **AI GH: An Ideal Growth Habit**

straight

