



Hen's Pens: About the words in this book

Most words in *Hen's Pens* can be broken down into single letters representing single phonemes (such as "p-e-n-s" and "f-i-x"). There are some words in the book, however, where a combination of letters creates a single phoneme, and these are listed below.

when	wh-e-n	"wh" is an alternative spelling of the "w" sound.
yellow	y-e-ll-ow	"ow" is an alternative spelling of the "oa" sound.
better eggs very	b-e-tt-er e-gg-s v-e-r-y	"y" is an alternative spelling of the "ee" sound.
dreadful	d-r-ea-d-f-u-l	"ea" is an alternative spelling of the "e" sound (as in bed). "u" is an alternative spelling of the "oo" sound (as in look).
indeed need	i-n-d-ee-d n-ee-d	
will chick	w-i-ll ch-i-ck	"ck" is an alternative spelling of the "c" sound.
new	n-ew	"ew" is an alternative spelling of the "ue" sound (as in cue).
use	(u-e)-s	"u-e" is an alternative spelling of the "ue" sound.
blue	b-l-ue	"ue" is an alternative spelling of the "oo" sound (as in moon).
sky	s-k-y	"k" is an alternative spelling of the "c" sound. "y" is an alternative spelling of the "ie" sound (as in tie).
flying by like	f-l-y-i-ng b-y l-(i-e)-k	"i-e" is an alternative spelling of the "ie" sound.

right	r-igh-t	"igh" is an alternative spelling of the "ie" sound.
night	n-igh-t	
bright	b-r-igh-t	
day	d-ay	"ay" is an alternative spelling of the "ai" sound.
made	m-(a-e)-d	"a-e" is an alternative spelling of the "ai" sound.
mistake	m-i-s-t-(a-e)-k	
snake	s-n-(a-e)-k	
now	n-ow	"ow" is an alternative spelling of the "ou" sound (as in pound).
Brown	b-r-ow-n	
Cow	c-ow	
out	ou-t	
shouts	sh-ou-t-s	
draw	d-r-aw	"aw" is an alternative spelling of the "or" sound (UK) or the "ah" sound (US).
straw	s-t-r-aw	
drawing	d-r-aw-i-ng	
ALL	al-l	"al" is an alternative spelling of the "or" sound (UK) or the "ah" sound (US).
or	or	
more	m-ore	"ore" is an alternative spelling of the "or" sound.
bird	b-ir-d	"ir" is an alternative spelling of the "er" sound.
her	h-er	
off	o-ff	
patterns	p-a-tt-er-n-s	
than	th-a-n	
that's	th-a-t-s	

IRREGULAR WORDS.

These are the words that don't follow the phonic rules completely. Usually, the consonants are regular but the vowels represent different phonemes. You'll need to teach your child how to pronounce these words and to recognize the unexpected parts.

Here are the irregular words you'll find in *Hen's Pens*:

are
baby
find
I
I'm
mind

others
paper
says
she
sure
the

to
today
what
you
your