



## Sam Sheep Can't Sleep: About the words in this book

Most words in *Sam Sheep Can't Sleep* can be broken down into single letters representing single phonemes (such as "g-r-u-n-t-s" and "j-i-g"). There are some words in the book, however, where a combination of letters creates a single phoneme, and these are listed below.

sheep	sh-ee-p
sleep	s-l-ee-p
sleeping	s-l-ee-p-i-ng
asleep	a-s-l-ee-p
need	n-ee-d
see	s-ee
street	s-t-r-ee-t
weeks	w-ee-k-s

barks	b-ar-k-s
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"k" is an alternative spelling of the "c" sound.

dark	d-ar-k
park	p-ar-k
starts	s-t-ar-t-s

late	l-(a-e)-t
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"a-e" is an alternative spelling of the "ai" sound.

blame	b-l-(a-e)-m
gave	g-(a-e)-v
make	m-(a-e)-k
wakes	w-(a-e)-k-s

yawns	y-aw-n-s
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"aw" is an alternative spelling of the "or" sound (UK) or the "ah" sound (US).

for	f-or
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her	h-er
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sorry	s-o-rr-y
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"y" is an alternative spelling of the "ee" sound.

night	n-igh-t	"igh" is an alternative spelling of the "ie" sound.
right	r-igh-t	
fright	f-r-igh-t	
goes	g-oe-s	"oe" is an alternative spelling of the "oa" sound.
woke	w-(o-e)-k	"o-e" is an alternative spelling of the "oa" sound.
then	th-e-n	
that	th-a-t	
down	d-ow-n	"ow" is an alternative spelling of the "ou" sound (as in pound).
about	a-b-ou-t	
will	w-i-ll	
jiggle	j-i-gg-le	"le" is an alternative spelling of the "l" sound.
giggle	g-i-gg-le	
wiggle	w-i-gg-le	
wriggle	wr-i-gg-le	"wr" is an alternative spelling of the "r" sound.

#### 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 *Sam Sheep Can't Sleep*:

do	I	the
does	me	to
don't	says	what
go	so	you