

Goal : To assess your familiarity with the "helpers" or "tool sounds" as laid out in the BSS Program of Learning which helps children with spelling and word attack.

Directions: Underline one or two parts of each word and jot a few key words to help you explain the rule orally. Do not bother marking long or short vowels. The first one is done for you. Some adult words are being used to show the importance of the process and transfer of learning, rather than mere memorization of words.

1. loudspeaker	<u>loudspeaker</u> = <u>ou</u> says <u>ow!</u> in middle of words; <u>ea</u> says "e" usually in middle; <u>er</u> says "rr" at the end of words	11. frowned	
2. floppy disk		12. shy	
3. subdue		13. showtime	
4. receive, believe		14. employment	
5. bell		15. through, threw	

6. because		16. money	
7. movable		17. moonlight	
8. thirteen		18. grapefruit	
9. scanning		19. explained	
10. purge		20. armadillo	

Mini Sound City Chart

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Mini-Sound City chart includes basic helpers More study can be done, for example, to find combinations which say "sh" - si, ti, su, ce, ci, etc.

1	A Street	ai	ay	**ea **ei(gh) Since these helpers disobey the rule "When 2 vowels go walking, the first one does the talking", they could be exceptions and be put in jail instead of living in Sound City			
2	E Street	ee	ea	open e	**ey	ie [c + ei]	
3	I Street	ie	ite	ight			
4	O Street	oa	ow	open o			
5	U Street	oo	ui	ew	ue		
6	R Street	ar	ir	ur	er	or	ore
7	Silent e [senior retreat]	magic e	le [syllable e]	ue-ve [decorative e]	ce	ge	no job
8	babysitters	u l t w [for "a"]	au	aw	l t sh [for "u"]		
9	ough [radio tower or trough]	off	uff	o	o	oo	ow!
10	oi-oy [piggy sounds]	oi	oy				
11	leftovers	ck	oo	ou!	ow!	ow!	ea
12	Digraph Delivery	th whispered	th voiced	wh	ch	ph	sh
13	Jingles	er -family	ir-birthday	ur-nurse	se - horse	oo-ew - food	Do family
		ui-fruit juice	ow!-clown	babysitters	open o	open e	loud cons.
14	vowels [all not on SC]	long	short	3rd sound a & u	y cons & vowel	voiced-whisp	
15	cons. [not on SC]	consonants	blends				
16	suffixes-prefixes -upper grades						