

OPR Step 2 Questions

Types of Questions:

- **Knowledge** questions test student recall of basic facts.

Example: Where may I use this phonogram (*ai*)?

Use after initial learning with all students and continue with students having difficulty until mastery.

- **Application** questions test students' abilities to apply knowledge of the content, skill, or procedure in a new situation.

Example: May I use this phonogram (*ai*) in the word *Saturday*?

Use with students who learn easily and with all students when they have mastered knowledge questions.

Phonogram	Knowledge Questions		Application Questions
	Cue or Word	Placement	May I use this phonogram in the word ____? Why or why not?
sh (27)		Where may I use this phonogram? It may be used at the beginning or end of a base word, at the end of a syllable, but never at the beginning of the 2nd or subsequent syllable except for the suffix <i>ship</i> .	distinguish – Yes. I hear /sh/ at the end of the base word. shoulder – Yes. I hear /sh/ at the beginning of the base word. nation – No. I hear /sh/ at the beginning of the second syllable and this phonogram is never used at the beginning of a second syllable except for the suffix <i>ship</i> . championship – Yes. I hear /sh/ in the suffix <i>ship</i> .
ay (35)		Where may I use this phonogram? It may be used at the end of a word.	array – Yes. I hear /ā/ at the end of the word. retain – No. I hear /ā/ in the middle of the word. chambray – Yes. I hear /ā/ at the end of the word.
ai (36)	Cue? not used	Where may I use this phonogram? It may be used in the middle of a word. May I use this phonogram at the end of a word? Why not? No, English words do not end with <i>i</i> .	betray – No. I hear /ā/ at the end of the word and English words do not end with <i>i</i> . waitress – Yes. I hear /ā/ in the middle of the word. dismay – No. I hear /ā/ at the end of the word and English words do not end with <i>i</i> .

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oy (37)		Where may I use this phonogram? It may be used at the end of a word.	corduroy – Yes. I hear /oy/ at the end of the word. appoint – No. I hear /oy/ in the middle of the word. decoy – Yes. I hear /oy/ at the end of the word.
oi (38)	Cue? not used	Where may I use this phonogram? It may be used in the middle of a word. May I use this phonogram at the end of a word? Why not? No, English words do not end with <i>i</i> .	alloy – No. I hear /oi/ at the end of the word and English words do not end with <i>i</i> . void – Yes. I hear /oi/ in the middle of the word. decoy – No. I hear /oi/ at the end of the word and English words do not end with <i>i</i> .
er (39)	Word? her		
ir (40)	Word? first		
ur (41)	Word? nurse		
wor (42)	NO WORD NEEDED		
ear (43)	Word? early		
aw (46)		Where may I use this phonogram? It may be used at the end of a word.	withdraw – Yes. I hear /aw/ at the end of the word. applaud – No. I hear /aw/ in the middle of the word. thaw – Yes. I hear /aw/ at the end of the word.
au (47)	Cue? not used	Where may I use this phonogram? It may be used in the middle of a word. May I use this phonogram at the end of a word? Why not? No, English words do not end with <i>u</i> .	audience – Yes. I hear /au/ at the beginning of the word. gnaw – No. I hear /au/ at the end of the word and English words do not end with <i>u</i> . caution – Yes. I hear /au/ in the middle of the word.
ck (49)	Cue? 2 letters	Where may I use this phonogram? It may be used after a single vowel that says its first sound.	acknowledgement – Yes. I hear /k/ following a single vowel saying its first sound, /ă/. strike – No. I hear /k/ following a single vowel saying its second sound, /ī/. struck – Yes. I hear /k/ following a single vowel saying its first sound, /ŭ/.

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ew (52)		Where may I use this phonogram? It may be used at the end of a word.	curfew – Yes. I hear /ū/ at the end of the word. bruise – No. I hear /ōō/ in the middle of the word. interview – Yes. I hear /ū/ at the end of the word.
ui (53)	Cue? not used	Where may I use this phonogram? It may be used in the middle of a word. May I use this phonogram at the end of a word? Why not? No, English words do not end with <i>i</i> .	cruise – Yes. I hear /ōō/ in the middle of the word. nephew – No. I hear /ū/ at the end of the word and English words do not end with <i>i</i> . nuisance – Yes. I hear /ū/ in the middle of the word.
oa (54)	Word? boat		
ph (56)	Cue? 2 letters		
oe (58)	Word? toe (initially)		
igh (60)	Cue? 3 letters (initially)		
kn (61)	Cue? 2 letters, beginning	Where may I use this phonogram? It may be used at the beginning of a word.	knoll – Yes. I hear /n/ at the beginning of the word. align – No. I hear /n/ at the end of the word. knapsack – Yes. I hear /n/ at the beginning of the word.
gn (62)	Cue? 2 letters	Where may I use this phonogram? It may be used at the beginning or end of a word.	campaign – Yes. I hear /n/ at the end of the word. consider – No. I hear /n/ in the middle of the word. gnash – Yes. I hear /n/ at the beginning of the word.
wr (63)	Cue? 2 letters		
ie (64)			achieve – Yes. I hear /ē/ after /ch/. perceive – No. I hear /ē/ after a <i>c</i> saying /s/. niece – Yes. I hear /ē/ after /n/.

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dge (65)	Cue? 3 letters	Where may I use this phonogram? It may be used after a single vowel that says its first sound.	smudge – Yes. I hear /j/ following a single vowel saying its first sound, /ū/. stage – No. I hear /j/ following a single vowel saying its second sound, /ā/. drawbridge – Yes. I hear /j/ following a single vowel saying its first sound, /ī/.
ei (66)		Where may I use this phonogram? It may be used after <i>c</i> , when it says /ā/, or in the list of exceptions. (See Rule Page 5 on <i>WRTR</i> 245)	ceiling – Yes. I hear /ē/ after a <i>c</i> saying /s/. vein – Yes. I hear the /ā/ sound. neither – Yes. It is an exception.
eigh (67)	Cue? 4 letters		
ti (68)	Cue? tall	Where may I use this phonogram? It may be used at the beginning of a second or subsequent syllable.	connection – Yes. The base word <i>connect</i> ends with a <i>t</i> , so use this phonogram to say /sh/ at the beginning of the third syllable. mission – No. I hear the /sh/ sound at the beginning of the second syllable, but the syllable before it ends with /s/. Use phonogram <i>si</i> to say /sh/. shadow – No. I hear the /sh/ sound at the beginning of the word and this phonogram may only be used at the beginning of a second or subsequent syllable except for the suffix <i>ship</i> .
si (69)		Where may I use this phonogram? It may be used at the beginning of a second or subsequent syllable.	compression – Yes. The syllable before, <i>press</i> , ends with an <i>s</i> , so use this phonogram to say /sh/. infection – No. The base word <i>infect</i> ends with a <i>t</i> , so use /sh/ tall (ti). tension – Yes. The base word <i>tense</i> has an <i>s</i> where the base word changes, so use this phonogram to say /sh/.
ci (70)	Cue? short	Where may I use this phonogram? It may be used at the beginning of a second or subsequent syllable.	commercial – Yes. The base word <i>commerce</i> has a <i>c</i> where the base word changes, so use this phonogram to say /sh/ at the beginning of the third syllable. banish – No. I hear the /sh/ sound at the end of the word so use phonogram <i>sh</i> . spacious – Yes. The base word <i>space</i> has a <i>c</i> where the base word changes, so use this phonogram to say /sh/.