

# Alliterative Phrases and Letter Writing Cues

| GPC  | Phonics Phrase                         | Letter Formation Cue                                                                   |
|------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| /s/  | 'The snake slides and slithers.'       | 'Left around, right around, from head to tail.'                                        |
| /a/  | 'Alphie asks for apples.'              | 'Around the apple and down the leaf.'                                                  |
| /t/  | 'Tap the tall tower.'                  | 'Down the tower, lift and cross.'                                                      |
| /p/  | 'Peek at the proud parrot.'            | 'From head to tail then right around the parrot.'                                      |
| /i/  | 'Imagine itchy insects.'               | 'Down the insect, lift and dot.'                                                       |
| /n/  | 'Ned is near the net.'                 | 'From head to toe and over the net.'                                                   |
| /m/  | 'The man marches on mountains.'        | 'From the man go down, climb one mountain then the other.'                             |
| /d/  | 'Don't disturb the dinosaur.'          | 'Around his back then head to toe.'                                                    |
| /g/  | 'The girl is glad.'                    | 'Left around the girl, down her plait and curl.'                                       |
| /o/  | 'The octopus observes olives.'         | 'From the top of the head and all the way round the octopus.'                          |
| /c/  | 'The curly caterpillar crawls.'        | 'Curl around the caterpillar.'                                                         |
| /k/  | 'The kangaroo keeps kicking.'          | 'From head to toe, arm up, kick out.'                                                  |
| /ck/ | 'The chick pecks.'                     | 'Curl around the caterpillar.'<br>'From head to toe, arm up, kick out.'                |
| /e/  | 'Every elephant enters.'               | 'Under his ear and around his trunk.'                                                  |
| /u/  | 'The upside-down umbrella is unusual.' | 'Under the umbrella, up and down.'                                                     |
| /r/  | 'The rapid rabbit races.'              | 'From head to tail then up and over along his ears.'                                   |
| /h/  | 'The happy horse hops.'                | 'From head to toe and over his back.'                                                  |
| /b/  | 'Bat before the ball.'                 | 'Down the bat and around the ball.'                                                    |
| /f/  | 'The floppy flower falls.'             | 'Down the flower and across the leaves.'                                               |
| /ff/ | 'Huff and puff.'                       | 'Down the flower and across the leaves.'                                               |
| /l/  | 'The long leg leaps.'                  | 'Down the long, long leg.'                                                             |
| /ll/ | 'Bill is ill.'                         | 'Down the long, long leg.'                                                             |
| /ss/ | 'Less mess, Jess.'                     | 'Left around, right around, from head to tail.'                                        |
| /j/  | 'Jane jumps for joy.'                  | 'Down Jane's back, up to her toes. Jump to the ball.'                                  |
| /v/  | 'The vulture veers over valleys.'      | 'Down one wing and up the other.'                                                      |
| /w/  | 'Watch the worm wiggle.'               | 'Wiggle down, wiggle up, down and up.'                                                 |
| /x/  | 'The excited fox exercises.'           | 'Hand to toe this way, hand to toe that way.'                                          |
| /y/  | 'Yank the yellow yo-yo.'               | 'Down one string and way down the other.'                                              |
| /z/  | 'Zip the zig-zag zip.'                 | 'Zig, zag, zig.'                                                                       |
| /zz/ | 'The fuzzy bee buzzes'                 | 'Zig, zag, zig.'                                                                       |
| /qu/ | 'The queen is quite quiet.'            | 'Right around the queen and way down her staff.'<br>'Under the umbrella, up and down.' |

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| /ch/   | 'The chipmunk chooses cheese.'             |                      |
| /sh/   | 'Sherry shines her shoes.'                 |                      |
| /th/   | 'Theo has a thimble on his thumb.'         |                      |
| /ng/   | 'Bring the king a ring.'                   |                      |
| /ai/   | 'Train in the rain.'                       |                      |
| /ee/   | 'See the tree?'                            |                      |
| /igh/  | 'Bright light.'                            |                      |
| /oa/   | 'Goat in a boat.'                          |                      |
| /oo/   | 'Zoom to the moon.'                        |                      |
| /oo/   | 'Look at the book.'                        |                      |
| /ar/   | 'Start the car.'                           |                      |
| /or/   | 'Corn for the horse.'                      |                      |
| /ur/   | 'Purple turtle.'                           |                      |
| /ow/   | 'Brown cow.'                               |                      |
| /oi/   | 'Noisy boiling water.'                     |                      |
| /ear/  | 'Near and dear.'                           |                      |
| /air/  | 'Air on hair.'                             |                      |
| /ure/  | 'Sure cure.'                               |                      |
| /er/   | 'Bigger batter.'                           |                      |
| /ay/   | 'May I play?'                              |                      |
| /ou/   | 'Shout it out.'                            |                      |
| /ie/   | 'Tie your tie.'                            |                      |
| /ea/   | 'Time for tea.'                            |                      |
| /oy/   | 'Boy with a toy.'                          |                      |
| /ir/   | 'Girl in a whirl.'                         |                      |
| /ue/   | 'Blue glue.'                               |                      |
| /aw/   | 'I saw a see-saw.'                         |                      |
| /ew/   | 'New stew.'                                |                      |
| /a_e/  | 'Bake a cake.'                             |                      |
| /e_e/  | 'Athlete Pete competes.'                   |                      |
| /i_e/  | 'In a while crocodile.'                    |                      |
| /o_e/  | 'Phone home.'                              |                      |
| /u_e/  | 'Huge cube.'                               |                      |
| /-y/   | 'Silly, happy puppy.'                      |                      |
| /-y/   | 'Fly in the sky.'                          |                      |
| /ow/   | 'Blow the snow.'                           |                      |
| soft c | 'City mice on ice.'                        |                      |
| soft g | 'Large badge.'                             |                      |
| /ire/  | 'Vampire for hire.'                        |                      |
| /are/  | 'Share and care.'                          |                      |
| /tch/  | 'Stretch and catch.'                       |                      |
| /oe/   | 'Joe's toe.'                               |                      |
| /ph/   | 'A pheasant takes a photo with his phone.' |                      |