

Reading Elephant Order of Sounds:

**Sets 1-5- Short Vowels**

a\_ as in hat (use *apple* as a mnemonic)

i\_ as in lit (use *igloo* as a mnemonic)

o\_ as in hop (use *ostrich* as a mnemonic)

u\_ as in cup (use *up* as a mnemonic)

e\_ as in met (use *elephant* as a mnemonic)

**Set 6- Consonant Digraphs**

sh as in ship

th as in math

th as in then

ch as in chop

\_tch as in match

\_ck as in back

\_ng as in long

\_ing as in king

\_ang as in sang

wh\_ as in when

**Set 7- Consonant Blends**

Consonant blends- Consonant blends are 2 or more letter sounds in a row. Do not teach students to memorize blends. Teach them to decode blends sound-by-sound. Some samples include: fl as in flop, br as in brim and cl as in click. There are two exceptions. **Teach kids to memorize tr as in truck and dr as in drop**, as these two have a sound change.

**Set 8- Silent e**

a\_e as in make

e\_e as in Pete

i\_e as in kite

o\_e as in hope

u\_e as in use

u\_e as in duke

**Set 9- Long Vowels**

ee as in tree

ea as in seal

**Set 10- Long Vowels**

ai as in rain

\_ay as in bay

**Set 11- Long Vowels**

oa as in boat

ow as in glow

**Set 12- Long Vowels**

igh as in light

**Set 13- Long Vowels**

\_\_\_y as in funny

\_y as in my

**Set 14- oo/ew**

oo as in moon

oo as in look

ew as in new

**Set 15- r-sounds**

er as in clerk

ir as in bird

ur as in turn

ar as in dark

or as in fork

**Set 16- inflectional endings**

ing as in tipping (first vowel is short)

ing as in timing (first vowel is long)

ed as in missed (takes on *t* sound)

ed as in saved (takes on *d* sound)

ed as in rested (takes on *id* sound)

es as in saves

es as in matches

est as in fastest

**Other vowel digraphs- At this point, your student can read many books that are not phonics-based.**

ow as in town

ou as in pouch

au as in launch

aw as in lawn

oi as in soil

\_oy as in joy

**c and g rule- At this point, your student can read many books that are not phonics-based.**

c (e, i, y) as in face, city and cycle (the c changes to the s sound)

g (e, i, y) as in gem, gist and gym (the g changes to the j sound)