

READING RULES

1. Baby Sounds- (draw a cradle above the vowel making the sound that a baby would make). Eg., hăt, hěn, sît, hôt, hût
2. Magic E- in a one beat word the magic e jumps over the last consonant bops the middle vowel on the head so that vowel yells out its own name.
Eg. hōpē, tāpē.
3. Q is always followed by a U
Eg. quiet queen
4. Soft c and soft g-
When c is followed by e, i, or y you say "s" eg. city, cycle, science
When g is followed by e, i, or y you say "j" eg. giraffe, gypsy, gem
5. No word ends with a "u" or a "v" so decorate them with an "e"
Eg. bluē, givē
6. Lazy "e" – sometimes "e" is lazy and does nothing eg. comē, arē.
7. When two vowels go walking the first one does all the talking and says its own name. Eg. lēāf, rēād, sāīl, road.*** exception to this rule is oo – can say moon, book
8. Fraidy Cat "s", "l" and "f" In a one beat word "s", "f" and "l" will rarely ever end the word without their sister tagging along. Eg. mess, tell, puff
In a two beat word "s" and "l" ask silent "e" for help. Eg. pickle, mouse
9. "Y" says "i" in a one beat word. Eg. sky, my, try, fly
10. "Y" says "e" in a two beat word. Eg. bunny^ē, pretty^ē, silly^ē
11. "Ow" says ow and o and comes at the end of a word. Eg. cow, snow
***exception to this rule is the Brown family – clown, frown, town, gown
12. "Ou" says ow and comes in the middle of the word. Eg couch