

Parent Guide-Jolly Phonics Actions

Jolly Phonics letter sounds are taught in 7 different groups, through songs, actions and pictures. For more information or to hear the letter sounds being pronounced please visit the website: www.jollylearning.co.uk free resources are available to download.

Group 1

- S** Weave hand in an s shape, like a snake, and say ssssss.
- a** Wiggle fingers above elbow as if ants crawling on you and say a, a, a.
- t** Turn head from side to side as if watching tennis and say t, t, t.
- i** Pretend to be a mouse by wriggling fingers at end of noise and squeak i, i, i.
- p** Pretend to puff out candles and say p, p, p.
- n** Make a noise, as if you are a plane – hold arms out and say nnnnnn.

Group 2

- c k** Raise hands and snap fingers as if playing castanets and say ck, ck, ck.
- e** Pretend to tap an egg on the side of a pan and crack it into the pan, saying eh, eh, eh.
- h** Hold hand in front of mouth panting as if you are out of breath and say h, h, h
- r** Pretend to be a puppy holding a piece of rag, shaking head from side to side, and say rrrrrr.
- m** Rub tummy as if seeing tasty food and say mmmmmm.
- d** Beat hands up and down as if playing a drum and say d, d, d.

Group 3

- g** Spiral hand down, as if water going down the drain, and say g, g, g.
- o** Pretend to turn light switch on and off and say o, o, o, o.
- u** Pretend to be putting up an umbrella and say u, u, u.
- l** Pretend to lick a lollipop and say l, l, l, l, l.
- f** Let hands gently come together as if toy fish deflating, and say f, f, f, f, f.
- b** Pretend to hit a ball with a bat and say b, b, b.

Group 4

- ai** Cup hand over ear and say ai, ai, ai
- j** Pretend to be jelly wobbling on a plate and say j, j, j.
- oa** Bring hand over mouth as if you have done something wrong and say oh!
- ie** Stand to attention and salute, saying ie ie.
- ee or** Put hands on head as if ears on a donkey and say eeyore, eeyore.

Group 5

- Z** Put arms out at sides and pretend to be a bee, saying zzzzzz.
- W** Blow on to open hand, as if you are the wind, and say wh, wh, wh.
- ng** Imagine you are a weightlifter, and pretend to lift a heavy weight above your head, saying ng...
- V** Pretend to be holding the steering wheel of a van and say vvvvvv.
- OO** Move head back and forth as if it is the cuckoo in a cuckoo clock, saying u, oo; u, oo

Group 6

- y** Pretend to be eating a yoghurt and say y, y, y.
- x** Pretend to take an x-ray of someone with an x-ray gun and say ks, ks, ks.
- ch** Move arms at sides as if you are a train and say ch, ch, ch.
- sh** Place index finger of lips and say sh sh sh.
- th th** Pretend to be naughty clowns and stick out tongue a little for the th, and further for the **th** sounds (this and **thumb**).

Group 7

- qu** Make a duck's beak with your hands and say qu, qu, qu.
- ou** Pretend your finger is a needle and prick thumb saying ou, ou, ou.
- oi** Cup hands around mouth and shout to another boat saying oi! Ship ahoy!
- ue** Point to people around you and say you, you, you.
- er** Roll hands over each other like a mixer and say er er er.
- ar** Open mouth wide and say ah, as if you are at the dentist.