

# UURC Vowel, Blend and Digraph Keywords

When you introduce a pattern, teach the mantra:

## Short Vowels:

a – apple – /ă/  
i – itch – /ĭ/  
o – octopus – /ŏ/  
e – ed – /ĕ/  
u – up – /ŭ/

## Long Vowels:

a – cake – /ā/  
i – bike – /ī/  
o – rope – /ō/  
e – feet – /ē/  
u – cute – /ū/  
u – dude – /ü/  
y – my – /ī/  
y – pony – /ē/

Include digraphs & blends in word bank only if necessary:

### Digraphs   Keyword

wh      whistle  
th      thumb

### Digraphs   Keyword

sh      ship  
ck      sock

### Digraphs   Keyword

ch      chin  
ph      phone

### Blend      Keyword

bl      block  
br      bread  
cl      clock  
cr      crab  
dr      dress  
fl      flag  
fr      frog  
gl      glove

### Blend      Keyword

gr      grape  
ng      sing  
pl      plane  
pr      prize  
qu      queen  
sc      scarf  
sk      skate  
sl      slide

### Blend      Keyword

sm      smile  
sn      snake  
sp      spoon  
st      star  
sw      swing  
tr      train  
tw      twin