

Important Rimes in English

The following 37 rimes can make over 500 common words in English. Becoming more aware of the patterns in spoken language leads to greater understanding of patterns in written English. Utilising these patterns effectively is known as *analogical transfer*.

This reference list divides rimes into levels of complexity, giving a logical order for inclusion into your literacy programme.

Phase 1 Rimes

-at	-ell	-in	-ot	-ug
-an		-ill	-op	-uck
-ap		-ip	-ock	
-ash		-it		
-ack		-ick		
		-ing		

Phase 2 Rimes

-ank	-est	-ink	-oke	-unk
-ate		-ice		-ump
-ale		-ide		
-ake		-ine		
-ame				

Phase 3 Rimes

-ail	-eat	-ight	-ore
-ain			
-aw			
-ay			

Note: This sequence is consistent with the Scope and Sequence for Ready to Read Phonics Plus.

Onset + Rime = The ability to break a word into two chunks:



Breaking a word into onset + rime is a natural stage of phonological development.

Breaking a word into individual phonemes is **not** a natural stage of phonological development.