

Single Consonantal Sounds

Showing the symbols used to spell each sound

Usual spelling	Other common spellings	Examples
B b		B aby
C c – see K, below		
Ch ch		Ch urch
D d		D ad
F f	Ph ph, gh (only at end of a word)	F an, Ph oto, Enough
G g		G olf
H h		H ill
J j	G g dg	J ug, G iant, B adge
K k	C c ck Ch ch	K itten, C at, S ock, C haracter
L l		L ate
M m		M um
N n – see *, below	Kn (only at start of a word)	N uts, K nock
P p		P aper
Q q – see †, below		
R r		R at
S s	C c	S ing, C eiling
Sh sh	Ch ch	Sh oe, C hef, machine
T t		T ea
Th th (mouth only)		Th in
Th th (mouth & voice)		Th ere
V v		V an
W w		W ater
X x – see †, below		
Y y		Y acht
Z z	X (only at start of a word)	Z oo, X enon
ng (never starts a word)		Eng land, Spelling
s (never starts a word)		C onfusion

* **N n** is often accompanied by a silent letter. Some other consonants use silent letters, too. See the '**Silent Letters**' download for more information.

† **Q q X x** symbols are not used to spell a *single* consonantal sound (except, **X** is sometimes used to spell the **Z** sound at the start of a word). **Q** is never used by itself, but always used with **u**. So, **Qu qu X x** symbols are used to spell the *combination of 2* sounds: **Qu qu** = [K+W], **X x** = [K+S] .