



# EssentialSkills

## Phonics Worksheets for Grade 2 PDF

*These grade 2 phonics worksheets include 19 pages of grade-appropriate exercises to reinforce essential phonics skills for grade 2 students.*

### SKILLS COVERED:

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Consonant Blends

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Word Endings

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Circle the words in each row that make the same vowel sound  
as the first word.

rob --> shop tug rock strap fox cloth

thumb --> dress dish frog nut drum stump

track --> match rat dress cloth club stamp

dress --> well judge jet sock red check

plant --> match crib lamp string flag crab

pink --> cliff truck sunk stick nest skin

Circle the words in each row that rhyme with the first word.

shop --> crop slope note flop drop most

shack --> small lane soft back Jack track

thin --> fin win chin spill grin thick

spell --> smell fell gel rain paste tell

drum --> chum come some thumb plug

Put these words into the proper columns below:

*mule, flute, glue, cone, coat, cave, rice, stream*  
*dive, nose, kneel, page, chief, toad, bike*

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Circle the words in each row that rhyme with the first word.

greet --> treat globe meat balloon beat feet

knew --> flew true stew clue moon cute

gold --> odd sold hot cold old hold

while --> wipe hide smile pile file

spray --> play fast gray clap may stay

coast --> boast bone ghost roast toast boat



Circle the word that belongs in each sentence.

Please don't \_\_\_\_\_ my sand castle.  
*wreck wrong write*

Today I will \_\_\_\_\_ to my pen pal.  
*wreck wrong write*

We could hear the \_\_\_\_\_ roar as we walked by the cave.  
*flag wagon dragon*

I like a cold \_\_\_\_\_ on a hot day.  
*drink dream think*

My grandma makes \_\_\_\_\_ jam every summer.  
*grave grade grape*

Please put the baby down for a nap in her \_\_\_\_\_.  
*grab crib crab*

Jim sold his baseball cards for a good \_\_\_\_\_.  
*price pride slice*

We had to pay money before we could cross the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*edge bridge fridge*

I saw my dad \_\_\_\_\_ as he looked at the broken window.  
*town frown clown*

People kneel and \_\_\_\_\_ when they go to church.  
*gray play pray*

These words appear below with scrambled letters.

*shave, phone, know, shower, wheat, thirteen*  
*knee, cheap, shake, chain*

Write the correct words in the spaces below.

o n e h p \_\_\_\_\_

i r e t t e h n \_\_\_\_\_

n o k w \_\_\_\_\_

h s v e a \_\_\_\_\_

e t a w h \_\_\_\_\_

c n a h i \_\_\_\_\_

w s r o h e \_\_\_\_\_

h a c e p \_\_\_\_\_

e n e k \_\_\_\_\_

e s a h k \_\_\_\_\_

Put these words into the proper columns below:

*candy, decide, recess, dance, cold, face,  
become, camp, rice, camel, price, celery,  
could, race, cape, cane*

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Circle the words in each row that make the same *G* sound  
as the first word.

egg --> garden germ frog cage flag bridge

danger --> orange change giant huge gold sugar

giant --> age gift frog change edge girl

frog --> gym flag egg goes began page

gentle --> stage garden gem wage large gum

goose --> giraffe gold girl garden gum page



Put these words into the proper columns below:

*curl, sister, birthday, girl, purse, thirty*  
*turn, first, purple, hurry, mother, under*  
*Thursday, camera, third*

ER

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Match the words with their meanings.

barn	the opposite of light
dictionary	a place for animals and hay
spare	a book about words
smart	opposite of soft
canary	a yellow bird
March	mom or dad
dark	bright, clever, wise
hard	black sticky stuff used on roads
parent	an extra part
tar	the third month in the year

Circle the words in each row that make the same vowel sound  
as the first word.

crook --> wool shampoo brook food foot stood

pool --> mood goose soon too cook hood

cool --> stood shoot roof noon shook troop

balloon --> tool igloo school cook zoo hood

goose --> wood boot spoon smooth room cookie



Put these words into the proper columns below:

*seal, beast, stream, thread, spread, dream*  
*year, leave, sweater, breakfast, already, heavy*

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Put these words into the proper columns below by  
the sound of their vowel diphthongs:

*crowd, cloud, vowel, hour, sound, spout*  
*plow, tower, bounce, blouse, towel, flower*  
*mountain, crown, howl, ouch*

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Circle the word that belongs in each sentence.

He has three silver \_\_\_\_\_ from Mexico.  
*coins point noise*

The \_\_\_\_\_ plays hockey with his friends.  
*joy boy toy*

John is going to \_\_\_\_\_ the Y.M.C.A.  
*join moist spoil*

Please \_\_\_\_\_ the water for our tea.  
*oil boil toil*

Did you hear that loud \_\_\_\_\_?  
*noise spoil choice*

The \_\_\_\_\_ put a saddle on his horse.  
*boil cowboy toil*

My sister always sleeps with a stuffed \_\_\_\_\_.  
*boy toy joy*

Put some \_\_\_\_\_ in the lawn mower.  
*oil soil boil*

Keep \_\_\_\_\_ away from children and pets.  
*poison boy joy*

The \_\_\_\_\_ was very wet after the storm.  
*join spoil soil*

Color the gumballs.

Blue when the Y sounds like "happy"

Green when the Y sounds like "cry"

yell

sky

pry

dying

only

every

pretty

shy

girl

early

try

ouch

type

pretty

country



These words appear below with scrambled letters.

*energy, silly, quickly, study, type*

*many, dying, fry, baby, really*

Write the correct words in the spaces below.

l i l y s \_\_\_\_\_

d s u t y \_\_\_\_\_

n e g e y r \_\_\_\_\_

y e p t \_\_\_\_\_

i u c l q y k \_\_\_\_\_

e l r y l a \_\_\_\_\_

f y r \_\_\_\_\_

n g d i y \_\_\_\_\_

b a y b \_\_\_\_\_

m a y n \_\_\_\_\_

Use the "drop that E" rule to add the endings to the word you see.

move + ed \_\_\_\_\_

blame + ing \_\_\_\_\_

trade + er \_\_\_\_\_

love + ing \_\_\_\_\_

come + ing \_\_\_\_\_

hike + ed \_\_\_\_\_

care + ing \_\_\_\_\_

bake + er \_\_\_\_\_

use + ed \_\_\_\_\_

shave + er \_\_\_\_\_

Write the word without the ending.

carried \_\_\_\_\_

tried \_\_\_\_\_

candied \_\_\_\_\_

fried \_\_\_\_\_

bunnies \_\_\_\_\_

babies \_\_\_\_\_

parties \_\_\_\_\_

ponies \_\_\_\_\_

fairies \_\_\_\_\_

funnier \_\_\_\_\_

Use the "double trouble" rule to add the endings to the word you see.

run + er \_\_\_\_\_

plan + ing \_\_\_\_\_

pet + ing \_\_\_\_\_

tap + ing \_\_\_\_\_

hit + er \_\_\_\_\_

beg + ing \_\_\_\_\_

chat + ing \_\_\_\_\_

win + er \_\_\_\_\_

swim + er \_\_\_\_\_

jog + ing \_\_\_\_\_