Phase 2 and 3 phonics: sound by sound

A typical Phase 2/3 order (Letters and Sounds, DfES 2007). New sounds, a word to read, and the tricky words for each step.

Step	New sounds	Read it	Tricky words
Phase 2 **Set 1**	**s a t p**	sat at tap	–
Phase 2 **Set 2**	**i n m d**	sit nap man	–
Phase 2 **Set 3**	**g o c k**	dig top cat	–
Phase 2 **Set 4**	**ck e u r**	sock pen sun	**the, to**
Phase 2 **Set 5**	**h b f ff l ll ss**	hat bed fan	**I, no, go, into**
Phase 3 **Set 6**	**j v w x**	jam van web	**we, me, be**
Phase 3 **Set 7**	**y z zz qu**	yes zip buzz	**he, she**
Phase 3 **Digraphs**	**ch sh th ng**	chip shop thin	**was, my**
Phase 3 **Vowels 1**	**ai ee igh oa oo**	rain feet night	**you, they**
Phase 3 **Vowels 2**	**ar or ur ow oi**	car fork fur	**her, all**
Phase 3 **Vowels 3**	**ear air ure er**	ear hair cure	**are**

Schools on a published programme may teach some sets in a different order: follow your school's order and use the cards by their sounds.