

Liverpool English phonemes and some of their more usual graphemes

This is a one-page summary of the tables of phoneme-grapheme correspondences for Liverpool English, repeated from the main body of the document ‘Phonemes, graphemes and phonics for Liverpool English’ by Patrick Honeybone and Kevin Watson (2006), which discusses of many of the complications that are hidden in these simple tables. This summary page is both an appendix to that document and a separately accessible file. The tables given here in (i) and (ii) are intended to be at least partly comparable to those from page 15 of the DfES (2004) publication *Playing with Sounds: a Supplement to Progression in Phonics*, and the columns headed ‘NLS phoneme symbol’ give the symbols used in that publication, which is part of the background materials for the National Literacy Strategy for England (but which only, strictly speaking, works for RP and very similar accents). The relevant graphemes in the tables are underlined.

(i) Liverpool English consonant phonemes and some of their more usual graphemes

consonant phoneme (IPA)	NLS phoneme symbol	example words	consonant phoneme (IPA)	IPA	example words
/b/	(/b/)	<u>b</u> aby	/r/	(/r/)	<u>r</u> abbit, <u>w</u> rong
/d/	(/d/)	<u>d</u> og	/s/	(/s/)	<u>s</u> un, <u>c</u> ity, <u>s</u> cience
/f/	(/f/)	<u>f</u> ield, <u>p</u> hoto	/t/	(/t/)	<u>t</u> ap
/g/	(/g/)	<u>g</u> ame	/v/	(/v/)	<u>v</u> an
/h/	(/h/)	<u>h</u> at	/w/	(/w/)	<u>w</u> as, <u>w</u> hich
/dʒ/	(/j/)	<u>j</u> udge, <u>g</u> iant, <u>b</u> arge	/j/	(/y/)	<u>y</u> es
/k/	(/k/)	<u>c</u> ook, <u>q</u> uick, <u>C</u> hris	/z/	(/z/)	<u>z</u> ebra, <u>p</u> lease, <u>i</u> s
/l/	(/l/)	<u>l</u> amb	/θ/	(/th/)	<u>th</u> in
/m/	(/m/)	<u>m</u> onkey, <u>c</u> omb	/ð/	(/th/)	<u>th</u> en
/n/	(/n/)	<u>n</u> ut, <u>k</u> nife, <u>g</u> nat	/tʃ/	(/ch/)	<u>ch</u> ip, <u>w</u> atch
/ŋ/	(/ng/)	<u>s</u> ink	/ʃ/	(/sh/)	<u>sh</u> ip, <u>mi</u> ssion, <u>ch</u> ef
/p/	(/p/)	<u>p</u> aper	/ʒ/	(/zh/)	<u>tr</u> ea <u>z</u> ure

(ii) Liverpool English vowel phonemes and some of their more usual graphemes

vowel phoneme (IPA)	NLS phoneme symbol	example word	vowel phoneme (IPA)	NLS phoneme symbol	example word	vowel phoneme (IPA)	NLS phoneme symbol	example word
/ɪ/	(/i/)	<u>p</u> ig	/i:/	(/ee/)	<u>s</u> weet	/eɪ/	(/ae/)	<u>p</u> ain
/ɛ/	(/e/)	<u>p</u> eg	/ɛ:/	(/ur/), (/air/)	<u>b</u> urn	/aɪ/	(/ie/)	<u>t</u> ried
/a/	(/a/)	<u>c</u> at	/a:/	(/ar/)	<u>c</u> art	/ɔɪ/	(/oi/)	<u>c</u> oin
/ɒ/	(/o/)	<u>l</u> og	/ɔ:/	(/au/), (/ure/)	<u>t</u> orn	/ɛʊ/	(/oe/)	<u>r</u> oad
/ʊ/	(/oo/), (/u/)	<u>p</u> ut	/u:/	(/ue/)	<u>m</u> oon	/aʊ/	(/ow/)	<u>d</u> own
/ə/	(/er/)	<u>b</u> anana				/iɛ/	(/ear/)	<u>f</u> ear