

Dyslexia Steps Free printable worksheets

Long u words worksheets

6 pages · 47 words on the full list · answer key on the last page

Name: Date:

For the grown-up: do one page a day, about 5 to 10 minutes. Read each instruction aloud, then let your child do the work. Praise careful tries, not speed. Scan the code at the bottom to hear every word and play the free listening game. Answers are on page 6.

1 Read and re-read

Read each word. Say the sounds, then the whole word. Tick a box each time you read it.

	1	2	3		1	2	3
cute	☐	☐	☐	glue	☐	☐	☐
rule	☐	☐	☐	few	☐	☐	☐
blue	☐	☐	☐	suit	☐	☐	☐
new	☐	☐	☐	unit	☐	☐	☐
fruit	☐	☐	☐	mule	☐	☐	☐
music	☐	☐	☐	flute	☐	☐	☐
cube	☐	☐	☐	true	☐	☐	☐
tube	☐	☐	☐	chew	☐	☐	☐

Tip: read the list on three different days. By the third tick, most words should come quickly.

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2 Sound boxes

Say the word slowly. Write one sound in each box. Then read the word again.

Tip: push a coin or button into each box as you say each sound, then write. Some sounds are spelled with two or three letters (sh, ck, ee, igh): they share one box.

e a dotted box is a silent e: write e in it, it makes no sound.

use example — u | s | e

tune

due

grew

juice

menu

huge

dune

cue

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3 Missing letters

Choose the spelling from the box that makes a real word. Write it in the gap, then read the word.

For the grown-up: Only one spelling from the box makes a real word in each gap. You can also say each word aloud and let your child spell the sound.

Sound box: ew u u_e ue ui

1. resc ____
   write it: _____

2. cl ____
   write it: _____

3. r ____ d ____
   write it: _____

4. pr ____ n ____
   write it: _____

5. br ____ se
   write it: _____

6. m ____ t ____
   write it: _____

7. f ____ m ____
   write it: _____

8. h ____ man
   write it: _____

9. st ____
   write it: _____

10. fl ____
    write it: _____

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4 Word sort

Read each word in the box. Write it under the heading where it belongs, then cross it out in the box.

cube prune huge mule tube glue
true clue due tune flute use

U_e words that say /yoo/ as in cute	U_e words that say /oo/ as in rule	Ue words as in blue

Tip: read the heading word out loud first, then each word in the box. Do they sound alike?

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5 Read the sentences

Read each sentence out loud. Underline the long u words. Tick the box when you can read the sentence smoothly.

1. The cute mule can chew a fruit. ☐
2. Use the blue glue on the cube. ☐
3. A new crew flew in. ☐
4. A huge unicorn plays music. ☐
5. Drew had fruit juice on the dune. ☐
6. Play a tune on the flute. ☐
7. Put on the blue suit. ☐
8. Is it true that the stew is due? ☐

Great reading! You finished the pack.



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Answer key

For the grown-up. Check together and keep it light: a mistake shows which sound to practise next.

2. Sound boxes

1. **tune** t | u | n | (e)
2. **due** d | ue
3. **grew** g | r | ew
4. **juice** j | ui | c | (e)
5. **menu** m | e | n | u
6. **huge** h | u | g | (e)
7. **dune** d | u | n | (e)
8. **cue** c | ue

(e) = silent e: written, not heard.

3. Missing letters

1. **rescue** — ue
2. **clue** — ue
3. **rude** — u_e
4. **prune** — u_e
5. **bruise** — ui
6. **mute** — u_e
7. **fume** — u_e
8. **human** — u
9. **stew** — ew
10. **flew** — ew

4. Word sort

U_e words that say /yoo/: cube, mule, use, huge

U_e words that say /oo/: tube, flute, tune, prune

Ue words: glue, true, clue, due

5. Underlined words

1. cute, mule, chew, fruit
2. Use, blue, glue, cube
3. new, crew, flew
4. huge, unicorn, music
5. Drew, fruit, juice, dune
6. tune, flute
7. blue, suit
8. true, stew, due

Next step: words that were hard today go on tomorrow's re-read list. When the whole pack feels easy, move on to the next list at dyslexiasteps.com/long-u-words (see "Practise next").

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