The English Alphabetic Code

simple code		dipping into complex code					
phonemes and key words	graphemes of units 1 to 6 and key words						
/s/ snake	s snake	-ss glass	-ce palace	-se house	ce ci cy cents city bicycle		
/a/ apple	a apple						
/t/ teddy	t teddy	-tt letter	-ed skipped				
/i/ insect	i insect	* -y sunny					

/p/	p pan	-pp puppet					
/n/	n net	-nn bonnet					
/k/	k kit	c cat	-ck duck				
/e/	e egg	ea head	ai said again				
/h/	h hat						

/r/	r rat	-rr arrow						
/m/	m map	mm hammer						
/d/	d dig	-dd puddle	-ed rained					
/g/	g girl	-gg juggle						
/o/	o orange							

/u/	u umbrella	-o son					
/l/	l ladder	-ll shell					
/ul/ schwa		-le kettle					
/f/	f feathers	-ff cliff					
/b/	b bat	-bb rabbit					

/j/	j	-ge	ge gi gy				
	jug	cabbage	gerbil giraffe gymnast				
/y/	y						
	yawn						
/ai/	ai	ay	a	ae	a-e		
	aid	tray	table	sundae	cakes		
/w/	w	wh					
	web	wheel					
/oa/	oa	ow	o	oe	o-e		
	oak	bow	yo-yo	oboe	rope		

/igh/	-igh	-ie	i	-y	i-e		
	n**igh**t	t**ie**	beh**i**nd	fl**y**	b**i**ke		
/ee/	ee	ea	e	*-y	e-e	-ey	
	eel	**ea**t	**e**mu	rain**y**	concr**e**te	k**ey** * monk**ey**	
/or/	or						
	f**or**k						
/z/	z	-zz	-s	-se	-ze		
	zebra	ja**zz**	frie**s**	chee**se**	bree**ze**		
/ng/	-ng						
	go**ng**						

/ngk/ ink	-nk ink						
/v/ violin	v violin	-ve dove					
/oo/ book	oo book	oul should					
/oo/ moon	oo moon	-ue blue	u-e flute				
/ks/ fox	-x fox	-ks books	-cks ducks	-kes cakes			

/ch/ **ch** chairs							
/sh/ **sh** sheep							
/th/ **th** thistle							
/th/ **th** there							
/kw/ **qu** queen							

/ou/	ou	ow					
	ouch	**ow**l					
/oi/	oi	oy					
	ointment	t**oy**					
/yoo/	-ue	u	u-e				
	stat**ue**	**u**nicorn	t**u**b**e**				
/er/	er	ir	ur	ear	wor	/er/ schwa	
	m**er**maid	b**ir**thday	n**ur**se	**ear**th	w**or**ld	mix**er**	
/ar/	ar	a					
	artist	f**a**ther					

/air/	air	are	ear	ere				
	h**air**	h**are**	b**ear**	wh**ere**				
/eer/	eer	ear	ere	ier				
	d**eer**	**ear**s	adh**ere**	cash**ier**				
/zh/								

*-y, *-ey, *-ie are often pronounced between /i/ and /ee/ when these graphemes are word-endings.

The complexities of the English Alphabetic Code include:

1. one sound (phoneme) can be represented by one, two, three or four letters: e.g. k, sh, ng, igh, eigh
2. one sound can be represented by different spellings (graphemes): e.g. /oa/ is represented by: o, oa, ow, oe, o-e, eau, ough
3. one spelling can represent multiple sounds: e.g. 'ough': /oa/ th**ough**, /or/ th**ough**t, /oo/ thr**ough**, /ou/ pl**ough**, /u/ thor**ough**

Key to the 12 units of Debbie Hepplewhite's Phonics International online synthetic phonics programme:

units1-5	Mainly simple code with options to extend	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	
6-12	/air/, /eer/, /zh/, split digraphs, complex code	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th

Debbie's programme introduces a simple code of at least one letter/s-sound correspondence for each of the 44+ sounds of speech of the English language.
The programme then expands to teach further spelling and pronunciation variations of the complex Alphabetic Code.