

## Heart Words Teaching Guide - Stages 1-4

Stage	Heart Word	Teaching Guide		Additional Teacher Notes
Stage 1/2	I	This heart word has one sound - /ī/, I.	I ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4.
Stage 1/2	The/the	This heart word has two sounds - /th/uh/ OR /th/ē/, the.	th e ♥ ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4. We generally say /th/ē/ before a vowel, and /th/uh/ before a consonant. 'uh/' denotes the unstressed schwa phoneme.
Stage 1/2	My/my	This heart word has two sounds - /m/ī/, my.	m y - ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.1.
Stage 3	He/he	This heart word has two sounds - /h/ē/, he.	h e - ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4.
Stage 3	She/she	This heart word has two sounds - /sh/ē/, she.	sh e ♥ ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4.
Stage 3	We/we	This heart word has two sounds - /w/ē/, we.	w e - ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4.
Stage 3	Was/was	This heart word has three sounds - /w/o/z/, was.	w a s - ♥ -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.5.
Stage 3	To/to	This heart word has two sounds - /t/oo/, to.	t o - ♥	/oo/ represented by o is not taught in LLLL. It occurs in small number of common words: to, do, into, onto, who, today, move, prove, lose, tomorrow.
Stage 3	Do/do	This heart word has two sounds - /d/oo/, do.	d o - ♥	/oo/ represented by o is not taught in LLLL. It occurs in small number of common words: to, do, into, onto, who, today, move, prove, lose, tomorrow.
Stage 4	Her/her	This heart word has two sounds - /h/er/, her.	h er - ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.2.
Stage 4	Of/of	This heart word has two sounds - /o/v/, of.	o f - ♥	This is the only word where the grapheme 'f' represents the grapheme /v/, likely due to etymology as the word is derived from 'af' in Old Norse, Old Frisian and Dutch.
Stage 4	Are/are	This heart word has one sound - /ar/, are.	are ♥	This is the only word where there grapheme 'are' represents the grapheme /ar/.
Stage 4	Too/too	This heart word has two sounds - /t/oo/, too.	t oo - ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.3.
Stage 4	For/for	This heart word has two sounds - /f/or/, for.	f or - ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.2.
Stage 4	See/see	This heart word has two sounds - /s/ē/, see.	s ee - ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.1.



## Heart Words Teaching Guide - Stage Plus 4

Stage	Heart Word	Teaching Guide		Additional Teacher Notes
Stage +4	say	This heart word has two sounds - /s/ā/, say.	s ay - ◡	Becomes decodable at stage 7.1. Teach alongside day and play.
Stage +4	day	This heart word has two sounds - /d/ā/, day.	d ay - ◡	Becomes decodable at stage 7.1.
Stage +4	play	This heart word has three sounds - /p/l/ā/, play.	p l ay - - ◡	Becomes decodable at stage 7.1. /p/ and /l/ are decodable, but students haven't learned the skill of blending adjacent consonants yet - though many students will be ready for this progression at this stage.
Stage +4	cake	This heart word has three sounds - /k/ā/k/, cake.	c a k e - ◡ - ◡	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4. 'a-e' is a split vowel digraph, the 'e' is not pronounced.
Stage +4	me	This heart word has two sounds - /m/ē/, me.	m e - ◡	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4.
Stage +4	oh	This heart word has one sound - /ō/, oh.	oh ◡	This is the only word where the grapheme 'oh' represents the phoneme /ō/, likely due to etymology as the word is derived directly from Latin as 'oh' (also from Middle English and French 'o').
Stage +4	so	This heart word has two sounds - /s/ō/, so.	s o - ◡	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4. Teach with no and go.
Stage +4	no	This heart word has two sounds - /n/ō/, no.	n o - ◡	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4. Teach with so and go.
Stage +4	go	This heart word has two sounds - /g/ō/, go.	g o - ◡	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4. Teach with no and so.
Stage +4	into	This heart word has four sounds - /i/n/t/ōō/, into.	i n t o - - - ◡	/oo/ represented by 'o' is not taught in LLLL. It occurs in small number of common words: to, do, into, onto, who, today, move, prove, lose, tomorrow.
Stage +4	you	This heart word has two sounds - /y/ōō/, you.	y ou - ◡	/oo/ represented by 'ou' is not taught in LLLL. It occurs in small number of common words: you, soup, group, youth, wound.
Stage +4	look	This heart word has three sounds - /l/oo/k/, look.	l oo k - ◡ -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.3.
Stage +4	some	This heart word has two sounds - /s/u/m/, some.	s o me - ◡ ◡	Becomes decodable at stage 7.5.
Stage +4	little	This heart word has five sounds - /l/i/t/uh/l/, little.	l i tt le - - - ◡	Becomes decodable at stage 7.3. '/uh/' denotes the unstressed schwa phoneme. At stage 7.3 we teach /u/ as one sound representing 'le' for simplicity.
Stage +4	back	This heart word has three sounds - /b/a/k/, back.	b a ck - - ◡	Becomes decodable at stage 5. Teach with sick, neck, lock, pack, duck, rock.
Stage +4	sick	This heart word has three sounds - /s/i/k/, sick.	s i ck - - ◡	Becomes decodable at stage 5. Teach with back, neck, lock, pack, duck, rock.
Stage +4	neck	This heart word has three sounds - /n/e/k/, neck.	n e ck - - ◡	Becomes decodable at stage 5. Teach with sick, back, lock, pack, duck, rock.
Stage +4	lock	This heart word has three sounds - /l/o/k/, lock.	l o ck - - ◡	Becomes decodable at stage 5. Teach with sick, neck, back, pack, duck, rock.
Stage +4	pack	This heart word has three sounds - /p/a/k/, pack.	p a ck - - ◡	Becomes decodable at stage 5. Teach with sick, neck, lock, back, duck, rock.
Stage +4	duck	This heart word has three sounds - /d/u/k/, duck.	d u ck - - ◡	Becomes decodable at stage 5. Teach with back, sick, neck, lock, pack, rock.
Stage +4	rock	This heart word has three sounds - /r/o/k/, rock.	r o ck - - ◡	Becomes decodable at stage 5. Teach with back, sick, neck, lock, pack, duck.












## Heart Words Teaching Guide - Stage 5

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Stage 5	today	This heart word has four sounds - /t/oo/d/ā/, today.	t o d ay - ♥ - ♥	/oo/ represented by o is not taught in LLLL. It occurs in small number of common words: to, do, into, onto, who, today, move, prove, lose, tomorrow.
Stage 5	birthday	This heart word has five sounds - /b/er/th/d/ā/, birthday.	b ir th d ay - ♥ - ♥ - ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.2.
Stage 5	be	This heart word has two sounds - /b/ē/, be.	b e - ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4.
Stage 5	happy	This heart word has four sounds - /h/a/p/ē/, happy.	h a pp y - - - ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.1.
Stage 5	sky	This heart word has three sounds - /s/k/ī/, sky.	s k y - - ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.1.
Stage 5	like	This heart word has three sounds - /l/i/k/, like.	l i k e - ♥ - ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4. 'i-e' is a split vowel digraph, the 'e' is not pronounced.
Stage 5	time	This heart word has three sounds - /t/i/m/, time.	t i m e - ♥ - ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4. 'i-e' is a split vowel digraph, the 'e' is not pronounced.
Stage 5	hello	This heart word has four sounds - /h/e/l/ō/, hello.	h e ll o - - - ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4.
Stage 5	home	This heart word has three sounds - /h/ō/m/, home.	h o m e - ♥ - ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4. 'o-e' is a split vowel digraph, the 'e' is not pronounced.
Stage 5	put	This heart word has three sounds - /p/oo/t/, put.	p u t - ♥ -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.3.
Stage 5	zoo	This heart word has two sounds - /z/ōō/, zoo.	z oo - ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.3.
Stage 5	come	This heart word three sounds - /k/u/m/, come.	c o me - ♥ ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.5, similar heart words include some done love.
Stage 5	love	This heart word has three sounds - /l/u/v/, love.	l o ve - ♥ -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.5, similar heart words include some done come.
Stage 5	shop	This heart word has three sounds - /sh/o/p/, shop.	sh o p ♥ - -	Becomes decodable at stage 6.
Stage 5	here	This heart word two sounds - /h/ear/, here.	h ere - ♥	/ear/ represented by 'ere' is not taught in LLLL. It occurs in small number of words that aren't common in texts for this age group: here, sphere, mere, adhere, austere, cashmere, interfere, hemisphere, severe, sincere..
Stage 5	saw	This heart word has two sounds, /s/or/, saw.	s aw - ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.2.
Stage 5	out	This heart word has two sounds - /ow/t/, out.	ou t ♥ -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.3.
Stage 5	now	This heart word has two sounds - /n/ow/, now.	n ow - ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.3.
Stage 5	down	This heart word has three sounds - /d/ow/n/, down.	d ow n - ♥ -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.3.
Stage 5	with	This heart word has three sounds - /w/i/th/, with.	w i th - - ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 6.
Stage 5	then	It has three sounds - /th/e/n/, then.	th e n ♥ - -	Becomes decodable at stage 6.
Stage 5	said	It has three sounds - /s/e/d, said.	s ai d - ♥ -	/e/ represented by 'ai' is not taught in LLLL. It occurs in very few English words: said, again, against.



## Heart Words Teaching Guide - Stage 6

Stage	Heart Word	Teaching Guide		Additional Teacher Notes
Stage 6	came	This heart word has three sounds - /k/ā/m/, came.	c a m e - ♥ - ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4. 'a-e' is a split vowel digraph, the 'e' is not pronounced.
Stage 6	Thursday	This heart word has five sounds - /th/er/z/d/ā/, Thursday.	th ur s d ay - ♥ - - ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.2.
Stage 6	they	This heart word has two sounds - /th/ā/, they.	th ey - ♥	ey representing the phoneme /ā/ is not taught in the LLLL sequence - it is a very rarely used spelling. They derives from scandinavian 'thai'.
Stage 6	bee	This heart word has two sounds - /b/ē/, bee.	b ee - ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.1. Teach with tree and keep.
Stage 6	tree	This heart word has three sounds - /t/r/ē/, tree.	t r ee - - ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.1. Teach with bee and keep.
Stage 6	keep	This heart word has three sounds - /k/ē/p/, keep.	k ee p - ♥ -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.1. Teach with bee and tree.
Stage 6	please	This heart word has four sounds - /p/l/ē/z/, please.	p l ea se - - ♥ ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.1.
Stage 6	silly	This heart word has four sounds - /s/i/l/ē/, silly.	s i ll y - - - ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.1.
Stage 6	seen	This heart word has three sounds - /s/ē/n/, seen.	s ee n - ♥ -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.1.
Stage 6	grass	This heart word has four sounds - /g/r/ar/s/, grass.	g r a ss - - ♥ -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.2.
Stage 6	park	This heart word has three sounds - /p/ar/k/, park.	p ar k - ♥ -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.2.
Stage 6	toy	This heart word has two sounds - /t/oi/, toy.	t oy - ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.3.
Stage 6	your	This heart word has two sounds - /y/or/, your.	y our - ♥	The grapheme <b>our</b> representing /or/ isn't included in the LLLL teaching sequence because it's not common. It is derived from the word 'you'. Other words that use this spelling are court, four, pour, source, mourn.
Stage 6	o'clock	It has five sounds - /ō/c/l/o/k/, o'clock/	o c l o ck ♥ - - -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4. This Heart Word is an abbreviation of the Middle English 'of the clock/clokke'.
Stage 6	good	it has three sounds - /g/oo/d, good.	g oo d - ♥ -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.3.
Stage 6	what	This heart word has three sounds - /w/o/t/, what.	wh a t - ♥ -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.5.
Stage 6	were	This heart word has two sounds - /w/er/, were.	w ere - ♥	The grapheme <b>ere</b> representing /er/ isn't included in the LLLL teaching sequence, it's irregular - derived from Old English.
Stage 6	I've	This heart word has two sounds - /ī/v/, I've.	I ve ♥ -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4. This Heart Word is a contraction of two the words I have.
Stage 6	onto	This heart word has four sounds - /o/n/t/ōō/, onto.	o n t o - - - ♥	/oo/ represented by o is not taught in LLLL. It occurs in small number of common words: to, do, into, who, today, move, prove, lose, tomorrow.
Stage 6	thumb	This heart word has three sounds - /th/u/m/, thumb.	th u mb - - ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4.
Stage 6	there	This heart word has two sounds - /th/air/, there.	th ere - ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.2.
Stage 6	Mrs	This heart word is an abbreviation pronounced /m/l/s/u/z/ - five sounds.	-	Abbreviation of the title Mistress - meaning a married woman.
Stage 6	Mr	This heart word is an abbreviation pronounced /m/l/s/t/er/ - five sounds.	-	Abbreviation of the title Master or Mister - an adult man.

Stage 6	dollar	This heart word has four sounds - /d/o/l/ar/, dollar.	d o ll ar - - - 	Becomes decodable at stage 7.2. Naturally pronounced /d/o/l/uh/ where '/uh/' denotes the unstressed schwa phoneme.
Stage 6	doctor	This heart word has five sounds - /d/o/c/t/or/, doctor.	d o c t or - - - - 	Becomes decodable at stage 7.2. Naturally pronounced /d/o/k/t/uh/ where '/uh/' denotes the unstressed schwa phoneme.
Stage 6	ladder	This heart word has four sounds - /l/a/d/er/, ladder.	l a dd er - - - 	Becomes decodable at stage 7.2. Naturally pronounced /l/a/d/uh/ where '/uh/' denotes the unstressed schwa phoneme.
Stage 6	panther	This heart word has five sounds - /p/a/n/th/er/, panther.	p a n th er - - - - 	Becomes decodable at stage 7.2. Naturally pronounced /p/a/n/th/uh/ where '/uh/' denotes the unstressed schwa phoneme.
Stage 6	jungle	This heart word has five sounds - /j/u/ng/g/ul/, jungle.	j u n g le - -   	Jungle is an unusual word the whilst ng appears in the word and so does the sound /ng/, the g is also pronounced. It is derived from the Hindi word 'janga'.
Stage 6	me-ow	This heart word has three sounds - /m/ē/ow/, me-ow.	m e ow -  	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4. This heart word is a sound effect - the noise a cat makes. It can be spelled with or without a hyphen, LLLL uses a hyphen to separate the syllables and therefore the adjacent vowels for beginner readers.

## Heart Words Teaching Guide - Stage 7.1

Stage	Heart Word	Teaching Guide		Additional Teacher Notes
Stage 7.1	about	This heart word has four sounds - /a/b/ow/t/, about.	a b ou t - - - -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.3. Naturally pronounced /uh/b/ow/t/ where /uh/ denotes the unstressed schwa phoneme.
Stage 7.1	climb	This heart word has four sounds - /k/l/i/m/, climb.	c l i mb - - - -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4.
Stage 7.1	cool	This heart word has three sounds - /k/ōō/l/, cool.	c oo l - - -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.3.
Stage 7.1	dear	This heart word has two sounds - /d/ear/, dear.	d ear - -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.5.
Stage 7.1	forgot	This heart word has five sounds - /f/or/g/o/t/, forgot.	f or g o t - - - -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.2.
Stage 7.1	full	This heart word has three sounds - /f/oo/l/, full.	f u ll - - -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.3.
Stage 7.1	grow	This heart word has three sounds - /g/r/ō/, grow.	g r ow - - -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.3.
Stage 7.1	hermit	This heart word has five sounds - /h/er/m/i/t/, hermit.	h er m i t - - - -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.2.
Stage 7.1	higher	This heart word has three sounds - /h/i/er/, higher.	h igh er - - -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.2. Naturally pronounced /h/i/uh/ where /uh/ denotes the unstressed schwa phoneme.
Stage 7.1	how	This heart word has two sounds - /h/ow/, how.	h ow - -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.3.
Stage 7.1	last	This heart word has four sounds - /l/ar/s/t/, last.	l a s t - - - -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4.
Stage 7.1	make	This heart word has three sounds - /m/ā/k/, make.	m a k e - - - -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4. 'a-e' is a split vowel digraph, the 'e' is not pronounced.
Stage 7.1	maybe	This heart word has four sounds - /m/ā/b/ē/, maybe.	m ay b e - - - -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4.
Stage 7.1	Monday	This heart word has five sounds - /m/u/n/d/ā/, Monday.	M o n d ay - - - -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.5 with words like mother, son, done, come, won.
Stage 7.1	mouth	This heart word has three sounds - /m/ou/th/, mouth.	m ou th - - -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.3.
Stage 7.1	one	This heart word has three sounds - /w/u/n/.	one - - -	This is an irregular spelling occurring in very few connected words - one, once, someone. Originally pronounced /ō/n/ like only, alone etc. The current pronunciation derived from southwest England in a translation of the bible in the c.14 century.
Stage 7.1	only	This heart word has four sounds - /ō/n/l/ē/, only.	o n l y - - - -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4.
Stage 7.1	our	This heart word has two sounds - /ow/r/, our.	ou r - -	Naturally pronounced /ow/uh/ where /uh/ denotes the unstressed schwa phoneme. Our is an irregular spelling, derived from Old English 'ure'.
Stage 7.1	over	This heart word has three sounds - /ō/v/er/, over.	o v er - - -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4.

Stage 7.1	rainbow	This heart word has five sounds - /r/ā/n/b/ō, rainbow.	r   ai   n   b   ow -   -   -   -   ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.3.
Stage 7.1	school	This heart word has four sounds - /s/k/ōō/l/, school.	s   ch   oo   l -   ♥   ♥   -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4.
Stage 7.1	tear	This heart word has two sounds - /t/ear/, tear.	t   ear -   ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.2.
Stage 7.1	tiny	This heart word has four sounds - /t/ī/n/ē/, tiny.	t   i   n   y -   ♥   -   -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4.
Stage 7.1	these	This heart word has three sounds - /th/ē/z/, these.	th   e   s   e -   ♥   -   ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4. 'e-e' is a split vowel digraph, the last 'e' is not
Stage 7.1	toe	This heart word has two sounds - /t/ow/, toe.	t   oe -   ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4.
Stage 7.1	tonight	This heart word has five sounds - /t/ō/n/ī/t/, tonight.	t   o   n   igh   t -   ♥   -   -   -	/oo/ represented by o is not taught in LLLL. It occurs in small number of common words: to, do, into, onto, who, today, etc. Tonight is naturally pronounced /t/uh/n/ī/t/ where '/uh/' denotes the unstressed schwa phoneme.
Stage 7.1	Tuesday	This heart word has five sounds - /ch/oo/z/d/ā/, Tuesday.	T   ue   s   d   ay -   ♥   -   -   -	Tuesday is an irregular spelling derived from Old English.
Stage 7.1	vanished	This heart word has six sounds - /v/a/n/i/sh/t/, vanished.	v   a   n   i   sh   ed -   -   -   -   -   ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.5.
Stage 7.1	water	This heart word has four sounds - /w/ar/t/er/, water.	w   a   t   er -   ♥   -   ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.5. Naturally pronounced /w/or/t/uh/ where '/uh/' denotes the unstressed schwa phoneme.

## Heart Words Teaching Guide - Stage 7.2

Stage	Heart Word	Teaching Guide		Additional Teacher Notes
Stage 7.2	balloon	This heart word has five sounds - /b/a/l/ōō/n/, balloon.	b a ll oo n - ♥ - ♥ -	Naturally pronounced /b/uh/l/ōō/n/ where '/uh/' denotes the unstressed schwa phoneme. Decodable from Stage 7.3. Derived from Italian and French.
Stage 7.2	beware	This heart word has four sounds - /b/ē/w/air/, beware.	b e w are - ♥ - ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4
Stage 7.2	could	This heart word has three sounds - /k/oo/d/, could	c oul d - ♥ -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.3.
Stage 7.2	done	This heart word has three sounds - /d/u/n/, done.	d o ne - ♥ -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.5.
Stage 7.2	everyone	This heart word has seven sounds - /e/v/er/ē/w/u/n/, everyone.	e v er y one - - - ♥	One is an irregular spelling, see explanation above.
Stage 7.2	ear	This heart word has one sound - /ear/, ear.	ear ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.5.
Stage 7.2	eye	This heart word has one sound - /ī/, eye.	eye ♥	eye is an irregular spelling unique to this word derived from Old English.
Stage 7.2	great	This heart word has four sounds - /g/r/ā/t/, great.	g ea t - ♥ -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.5.
Stage 7.2	heart	This heart word has three sounds - /h/ar/t/, heart.	h ear t - ♥ -	
Stage 7.2	laugh	This heart word has three sounds - /l/ar/f/, laugh.	l au gh - ♥ ♥	au representing /ar/ is an irregular spelling only used in laugh and aunt. Gh representing /f/ is not a common spelling option - also used in common words cough, rough, tough, enough.
Stage 7.2	learnt	This heart word has four sounds - /l/er/n/t/, learnt.	l ear n t - ♥ - -	
Stage 7.2	mother	This heart word has four sounds - /m/u/th/er/, mother.	m o th er - ♥ - -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.5. Naturally pronounced /m/u/th/uh/ where '/uh/' denotes the unstressed schwa phoneme.
Stage 7.2	people	This heart word has four sounds - /p/ē/p/ul/, people.	p eo p le - ♥ - -	eo representing /ē/ is a unique spelling to this word which is derived from Anglo-French peple.
Stage 7.2	push	This heart word has three sounds - /p/oo/sh/, push	p o sh - ♥ -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.3.
Stage 7.2	race	This heart word has three sounds - /r/ā/s/, race.	r a c e - ♥ ♥	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4. 'a-e' is a split vowel digraph, the 'e' is not pronounced.
Stage 7.2	scarecrow	This heart word has six sounds - /s/k/air/k/r/ow/, scarecrow.	s c are c r ow - ♥ - - -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.3.
Stage 7.2	shoe	This heart word has two sounds - /sh/ōō/, shoe.	sh oe - ♥	oe representing /ōō/ is irregular and only used in two words show and canoe. Shoe is derived from Middle English 'sho' and an old plural form 'shoon'.
Stage 7.2	someone	This heart word has six sounds - /s/u/m/w/u/n/, someone.	s o me one - ♥ ♥	One is an irregular spelling, see explanation above.
Stage 7.2	something	This heart word has six sounds - /s/u/m/th/i/ng/ something.	s o me th i ng - ♥ - - -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.5.
Stage 7.2	their	This heart word has two sounds - /th/air/, their.	th eir ♥	eir is an irregular spelling for /air/ only used in their (and possibly heir, but their origins are different). There is derived from Old Norse.



Stage 7.2	wood	This heart word has three sounds - /w/oo/d/, wood.	<div> <div>-</div> <div>oo</div> <div>d</div> <div>-</div> </div>	Becomes decodable at stage 7.3.
Stage 7.2	year	This heart word has two sounds - /y/ear/, year.	<div> <div>y</div> <div>ear</div> <div>-</div> </div>	Becomes decodable at stage 7.5.

## Heart Words Teaching Guide - Stage 7.3

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Stage 7.3	apron	This heart word has five sounds - /ā/p/r/o/n/, apron.	a p r o n - - - - -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4. Naturally pronounced /ā/p/r/uh/n/ where /uh/ denotes the unstressed schwa phoneme.
Stage 7.3	behind	This heart word has six sounds - /b/ē/h/i/n/d/, behind.	b e h i n d - - - - -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4. Naturally pronounced /b/uh/h/i/n/d/ where /uh/ denotes the unstressed schwa phoneme.
Stage 7.3	colour	This heart word has two sounds - /k/u/l/er/, colour.	c o l our - - - - -	Naturally pronounced /k/u/l/uh/ where /uh/ denotes the unstressed schwa phoneme. Our is an irregular spelling originally derived from Latin and Old French. Similar spelling patterns can be found in journey, journal, journalist and courtesy.
Stage 7.3	cookie	This heart word has four sounds - /k/oo/k/ē/, cookie.	c oo k ie - - - - -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.5.
Stage 7.3	friend	This heart word has five sounds - /f/r/e/n/d/, friend.	f r ie n d - - - - -	
Stage 7.3	goodbye	This heart word has five sounds - /g/oo/d/b/i/, goodbye.	g oo d b ye - - - - -	ye representing /i/ is uncommon and only features in a few words - bye, dye and rye.
Stage 7.3	hear	This heart word has two sounds - /h/ear, hear.	h ear - - - - -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.5.
Stage 7.3	koala	This heart word has two sounds - /k/ō/ar/l/a/, koala.	k o a l a - - - - -	This heart word can be decoded at stage 7.4.
Stage 7.3	late	This heart word has three sounds - /l/ā/t/, late.	l a t e - - - - -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4. 'a-e' is a split vowel digraph, the 'e' is not pronounced.
Stage 7.3	made	This heart word has three sounds - /m/ā/d/, made.	m a d e - - - - -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4. 'a-e' is a split vowel digraph, the 'e' is not pronounced.
Stage 7.3	nothing	This heart word has five sounds - /n/u/th/i/ng/, nothing.	n o th i ng - - - - -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.5.
Stage 7.3	once	This heart word has four sounds - /w/u/n/s/, once.	o n ce - - - - -	Linked to the spelling of 'one' (see above). Derived from Old English two-syllable word ones.
Stage 7.3	outside	This heart word has five sounds - /ou/t/s/i/d/, outside.	ou t s i d e - - - - -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4. 'i-e' is a split vowel digraph, the 'e' is not pronounced.
Stage 7.3	shape	This heart word has three sounds - /sh/ā/p/, shape.	sh a p e - - - - -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4. 'a-e' is a split vowel digraph, the 'e' is not pronounced.
Stage 7.3	sugar	This heart word has four sounds - /sh/u/g/ar/, sugar.	s u g ar - - - - -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.5. Naturally pronounced /sh/u/g/uh/ where /uh/ denotes the unstressed schwa phoneme.
Stage 7.3	table	This heart word has four sounds - /t/ā/b/uh/, table.	t a b le - - - - -	Becomes decodable at stage 7.4. /uh/ denotes the unstressed schwa phoneme. At stage 7.3 we teach /ul/ as one sound representing 'le' for simplicity.
Stage 7.3	two	This heart word has two sounds - /t/ōō/, two.	tw o - - - - -	An irregular spelling where 'w' is not pronounced. Derived from Old English two, and linked to words meaning 2 things such as twin, twice. This spelling also occurs in words such as twist, tweed, tweak.
Stage 7.3	we're	This heart word has three sounds - /w/ē/r/, we're.	w e re - - - - -	This heart word is a contraction of the two heart words 'we are'.
Stage 7.3	who	This heart word has two sounds - /h/oo/, who.	wh o - - - - -	wh only represents the /h/ sound in this word. Derived from Old English 'hwa' and Germanic 'hwas'. O representing /oo/ is not taught in the LLLL sequence as it is not a common spelling - most common words using this spelling are covered as Heart Words e.g. do, to.