# Phonícs Shed <br> Overview of GPCs and Supporting Characters 

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| 1 | S | /s/ | Sam the snake | Hands together and wriggle upwards like a snake, from chest to face and over your head | Slide down Sam, from head to tail <br> Uppercase: Slide down Sam's mum, from head to tail |
|  | $a$ | /a/ | Anna the ant | Shake one finger and your head <br> - When Anna is aggravated, she answers 'no'. | Around Anna's head and down to her toes <br> Uppercase: Down one side of the anthill, then the other and shut the door |
|  | t | /t/ | Tom the tiger | Tapping down the arm with one finger ( $\times 5$ ) <br> - Tom has 5 black strips on his terificic tail. | Down Tom's tail and draw on the stripe <br> Uppercase: Down the trunk and across the top to the leaves |
|  | $p$ | /p/ | Pat the pig | Pat head gently with one hand | Ear to toe, back to the top and around her head we go <br> Uppercase: Ear to toe and around his head we go |
| 2 | i | /i/ | Indy the imp | Hold tummy with both hands and pretend to laugh " $\mathrm{i} /$, /il, /ji/" - Indy is a trickster | Down Indy's tongue to tickle her tail and bop her on the nose <br> Uppercase: Chin to toe, give him a beard, and give him some shoes. |
|  | n | /n/ | Noah the nurse | Both arms moving out from chest slowly as if pushing a wheelchair | Down from the handles to the wheel, then up and over its seat to the other wheel <br> Uppercase: Down Noah's back, step forward, then down his front to his toe |

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|  | m | /m/ | Monty the monkey | Peeling an imaginary banana | Start at his tail, down his leg, back to the top and jump down and up his legs <br> Uppercase: Down one arm. Shoulder, tummy, shoulder and down the other arm |
|  | d | /d/ | Dusty the dog | Wagging hand back and forth like a dog's tail | Around Dusty's body, up to her ear and right back down to the tip of her tail <br> Uppercase: Down Dusty's dad's back, then around his body from ear to tail |
| 3 | 9 | /g/ | Grey the goat | Tickle imaginary beard below chin - Grey has a great big beard. | Around her head, then down to scoop up her beard <br> Uppercase: Curl around from his horn, up to his eye and draw on his eyebrow. |
|  | 0 | /o/ | Ollie the otter | Trap right hand under left arm - Ollie likes to keep special things safe, tucked in the pocket under his arm. | All the way around Ollie <br> Uppercase: All the way around Ollie's mum |
|  | c | /k/ | Curly the cat | Scissors with pointer and middle fingers making cutting motions - Curly's fur coat is too long and she needs someone to help her cut it. | Curl down Curly's tail to her claws <br> Uppercase: Curl down Curly's dad's tail to his claws |

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|  | k or k | /k/ | Kit the kangaroo | Arm alternating punching out from chest quickly like kicking legs - Kit the kangaroo is a karate king that has some special moves. | Down Kit's body, block with his arms then kick with his leg <br> Alternative looped k: down Kit's body, up and around his gloves, then kick with his leg. <br> Uppercase: Down the karate king trophy, down its arms and kick for its leg |
| 4 | ck <br> or <br> ck | /k/ | Buck the duck | Hold one hand next to face like a beak and move fingers together as you say '/k/, /k/, /k/' | c - Curl down Curly's tail to her claws k - Down Kit's body, block with his arms, then kick with his leg <br> Alternative looped k: down Kit's body, up and around his gloves, then kick with his leg. |
|  | e | /e/ | Ellis the echidna | Left hand in 'L' shape and slowly curl finger to make an 'e' shape like an animal curling up | From her beak, around her eye and down to tickle her toes <br> Uppercase: Down the burrow and go inside, now shut the door and make room for Ellis |
|  | u | /u/ | Ugbie the bug | Arms stuck to side and twist at waist - Ugbie the bug has got his arms stuck to himself! | Under Ugbie's tummy and back down to his sting <br> Uppercase: Under Ugbie's mum's tummy |

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|  | $r$ | /r/ | Rex the rat | Moving arms as if running - Rex the rat likes to run around. | Straight down to his tail, back up and over his head <br> Uppercase: Top to toe, around its head and kick across to its other toe |
| 5 | h | /h/ | Haz the hen | Hiding eyes with hands - Haz likes to play hide and hunt with her friends. | From the top of her head to her toes, then up and over her body to her tail <br> Uppercase: Down both sides of the hen house and over the door |
|  | b | /b/ | Bumble the bee | One finger reaching high into the air, 'sting' pointing up <br> - Bumble believes balancing with your bottom in the air makes your brain better. | Straight down from sting to head, back up to its bottom and around its belly <br> Uppercase: Straight down from sting to head, then around its bottom and around its belly |
|  | f | /f/ | Flick the fly | Flap hands like wings [not arms] | Over his head, down his body and across both wings <br> Uppercase: Down the stem, across the petals and across the leaves |
|  | l | /I/ | Lily the ladybird | Slide one finger down your hand | Down the leaf to the stem <br> Uppercase: Down the leaf and across the stem |
| 6 | j | /j/ | Jack the jungle explorer | Pulling on hat | Down the vine and catch Jack's hat <br> Uppercase: Down Jill's vine and across the vine at the top |

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|  | V | /v/ | Val the vet | Winding arms like wrapping a bandage | Shoulder to tummy to shoulder <br> Uppercase: Wiper to floor, wiper to floor. Make sure they meet in the middle |
|  | W | /w/ | Wes the weasel | Shovel imaginary food into mouth with both hands <br> - In winter, weasels have to eat a lot to keep warm. | From head to tail, wiggle down the weasel <br> Uppercase: From head to tail, wiggle down Wes's mum |
|  | X | /x/ | Alex the fox | Draw an ' $x$ ' in the air | Cheek to toe, cheek to toe <br> Uppercase: Cheek to toe, cheek to toe |
| 7 | y | /y/ | Yan the yoga teacher | Make a ' $y$ ' with both arms together and hands in a $v$-shape in front of body and move hands towards each other when the sound is made | Under the chin from hand to hand, stretch down the body and around to the knee <br> Uppercase: Down one arm, then down the other and stretch to her toes |
|  | Z | /z/ | Eliza the zebra | Draw stripes on tummy with open hands, eyes closed | Zig zag zig from toe to shoulder <br> Uppercase: Zig zag zig from toe to shoulder |
|  | qu | /qu/ | Quinn the quail | Pinching fingers by face, very small movements <br> - Quinn is too shy to talk on her own. | q - Around her head, down her body and tickle her wing <br> u - Under Ugbie's tummy and back down to his sting <br> Uppercase: Around Quinn's nest and over the big twig |

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| S | /Z/ | Voiced 's' | Wriggle one hand up like a snake, <br> from chest to face and over your head <br> -hold other hand on throat to feel <br> sound | s - Slide down Sam, from head to tail |  |

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| mm | /m/ | Jimmy the hammer | Slow hammering motions with hand | m-Start at his tail, down his leg, back <br> to the top and jump down and up his <br> legs |  |
| cc | /k/ | Rebecca the broccoli | Scrunching hand above head | c-Curl down Curl's tail to her claws |  |
| $\mathbf{n n}$ | /n/ | Bonny the bunny | Hands in front of body and 'bouncing' <br> up and down | n - Down from the handles to the wheel <br> and up and over its seat to the other <br> wheel |  |
| dd | /d/ | Eddy the ladder | Hands in front pretending to climb up <br> a ladder | d - Around Dusty's body, up to her ear <br> and right back down to the tip of her tail |  |
| $\mathbf{g g}$ | /g/ | Peggy the egg | Pretending to catch an egg in cupped <br> hands | g-Around her head, then down to <br> scoop up her beard |  |
| bb | /b/ | Robby the gibbon | Monkey arms | b-Straight down from sting to head, <br> back up to its bottom and around its <br> belly |  |

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| 1 | ng | /ng/ | Wing the duckling | Moving elbows as wings | n - Down from the handles to the wheel, then up and over its seat to the other wheel <br> g-Around Grey's head, then down to scoop up her beard |
|  | ch | /ch/ | Charlie the chicken | Moving head backwards and forward like a chicken pecking | c-Curl down Curly's tail to her claws h-From the top of Haz's head to her toes, then up and over her body to her tail |
|  | sh | /sh/ | Blush the brush | Brush one hand over the other, changing hands each time | s-Slide down Sam, from head to tail h - From the top of Haz's head to her toes, then up and over her body to her tail |
|  | th | unvoice d/th/ | Theo the moth [unvoiced] | Stick tongue out slightly (this helps with making the sound) | t - Down Tom's tail and draw on the stripe <br> h-From the top of Haz's head to her toes, then up and over her body to her tail |
|  | th | voiced /th/ | The weatherman [voiced] | Stick tongue out slightly (this helps with making the sound) and hand/fingers gently on throat to feel the vibration | t - Down Tom's tail and draw on the stripe <br> h - From the top of Haz's head to her toes, then up and over her body to her tail |
| 2 | ai | /ai/ | Gail the snail | Fist on top of flat hand, wiggle flat hand - like a snail | a - Around Anna's head and down to her toes <br> i- Down Indy's tongue to tickle her tail and bop her on the nose |

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|  | 00 | /u/ | Sherwood the woodpecker | Holding one hand vertically, tap the palm with a finger from the other hand <br> - like a woodpecker's beak hitting a tree | o - All the way around Ollie |
| 4 | ar | /ar/ | Archer the star | Hand high above head clenching and unclenching <br> - reach for a star | a - Around Anna's head and down to her toes <br> r - Straight down to Rex's tail, back up and over his head |
|  | or | /or/ | Gordon the horse | Hands in cup shapes downwards (like hooves) held in front of body, one moves up as other moves down - like a horse walking | o - All the way around Ollie <br> r - Straight down to Rex's tail, back up and over his head |
|  | ur | /ur/ | Kurt the turtle | Place one hand on top of the other and interlock fingers into a fist and rotate thumbs like swimming legs | u - Under Ugbie's tummy and back down to his sting r - Straight down to Rex's tail, back up and over his head |
|  | er | /uh/ | Merlin the Gerbil [schwa ending] | Wipe back of hand under nose <br> - Merlin the gerbil is allergic to herbs and they make his nose itch! | e - From Ellis' beak, around her eye and down to tickle her toes r - Straight down to Rex's tail, back up and over his head |
|  | er | schwa ending | Ryder the spider | Fingers like a spider on opposite shoulder | e - From Ellis' beak, around her eye and down to tickle her toes r-Straight down to Rex's tail, back up and over his head |
| 5 | ear | /ear/ | Ears the earwig | Cup both ears | e - From Ellis' beak, around her eye and down to tickle her toes <br> a - Around Anna's head and down to her toes <br> r-Straight down to Rex's tail, back up and over his head |

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| 1 | Oe | /oa/ | Joe stubbed his toe | Bend down and touch your toe as you say '/oa/-/oa/-/oa/' | o - All the way around Ollie <br> e - From Ellis' beak, around her eye and down to tickle her toes |
|  | $a y$ | /ai/ | Jay the clay | Squeezing cupped hands together as if moulding a ball of clay | a - Around Anna's head and down to her toes <br> y-Under Yan's chin from hand to hand, stretch down the body and around to the knee |
|  | eW | /00/ | Drew the screwdriver | Twisting hand as if using a screwdriver | e - From Ellis' beak, around her eye and down to tickle her toes w-From head to tail, wiggle down the weasel |
|  | eW | /ue/ | Stewart the newt | Fast stepping action with hands like a newt scurrying | e - From Ellis' beak, around her eye and down to tickle her toes w-From head to tail, wiggle down the weasel |
| 2 | ea | /ee/ | Beans the flea | Pretend to itch arm | e - From Ellis' beak, around her eye and down to tickle her toes <br> a - Around Anna's head and down to her toes |
|  | ey | /ee/ | Stanley the turkey | Hands at side of face, fan out fingers each time sound is made | e - From Ellis' beak, around her eye and down to tickle her toes y-Under Yan's chin from hand to hand, stretch down the body and around to the knee |
|  | ie | /ee/ | Albie the cookie thief | Grabbing with alternate hands right and left each time sound is made | i - Down Indy's tongue to tickle her tail and bop her on the nose e - From Ellis' beak, around her eye and down to tickle her toes |

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|  | ie | /igh/ | The magpie | Hands out to the sides (palm down), 'twinkling' fingers, moving hands round to meet at front and back out again <br> - as if surrounded by a glittery nest | i- Down Indy's tongue to tickle her tail and bop her on the nose e - From Ellis' beak, around her eye and down to tickle her toes |
| 3 | aw | /or/ | Dawn the fawn | Pretend to yawn, eyes closed and hand in front of mouth Dawn the fawn is sleepy and lets out a big yawn | a - Around Anna's head and down to her toes <br> w-From head to tail, wiggle down the weasel |
|  | au | /or/ | Paul the astronaut | Pretend to have a floaty body and arms | a - Around Anna's head and down to her toes <br> u - Under Ugbie's tummy and back down to his sting |
|  | ir | /ur/ | Shirley the girl | Draw figure of eight in the air with finger | i - Down Indy's tongue to tickle her tail and bop her on the nose <br> r - Straight down to his tail, back up and over his head |
|  | oy | /oi/ | Troy the boy | Salute <br> - Troy the boy likes to play pirates and say, <br> "Ahoy!" to his crew. | o - All the way around Ollie y - Under Yan's chin from hand to hand, stretch down the body and around to the knee |
| 4 | ou | /ow/ | Sprout the mouse | Hands under chin like paws- whisper sound <br> - Sprout the mouse does not like loud sounds, so we must speak quietly. | o - All the way around Ollie <br> u - Under Ugbie's tummy and back <br> down to his sting |

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|  | are | /air/ | Dare the hare | One hand up in the air pointing forward and one hand behind back like a superhero | a - Around Anna's head and down to her toes <br> r-Straight down to Rex's tail, back up and over his head <br> e - From Ellis' beak, around her eye and down to tickle her toes |
|  | ph | /f/ | Phil the Dolphin | Fingers moving forward and to the other side <br> - like a dolphin jumping out of the water | p - Ear to toe, back to the top and around Pat's head we go h - From the top of Haz's head to her toes, then up and over her body to her tail |
|  | wh | /w/ | Wheeler the Whale | Hand clenched on top of head, moving up quickly and unclenching <br> - like spouting water from top of head | w- From head to tail, wiggle down the weasel <br> h - From the top of Haz's head to her toes, then up and over her body to her tail |
| 5 | a_e | /ai/ | Jade the spade | Digging an imaginary hole with a pretend spade | a - Around Anna's head and down to her toes <br> e - From Ellis' beak, around her eye and down to tickle her toes |
|  | e_e | /ee/ | Pete the millipede | Pointy finger, wiggle across body | e - From Ellis' beak, around her eye and down to tickle her toes. |
|  | i_e | /igh/ | Mike the kite | Both hands holding pretend string, looking up and moving body side to side <br> - flying imaginary kite | i - Down Indy's tongue to tickle her tail and bop her on the nose <br> e - From Ellis' beak, around her eye and down to tickle her toes |
|  | O_e | /oa/ | Hope the cone | Acting surprised as you throw both hands up, and lean back a little to avoid slipping on something | o - All the way around Ollie <br> e - From Ellis' beak, around her eye and down to tickle her toes |

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|  | u_e | /ue/ | Duke the mule | Slowly shake hands up and down like shaking maracas slowly <br> - holding imaginary reins | u - Under Ugbie's tummy and back down to his sting <br> e - From Ellis' beak, around her eye and down to tickle her toes |
|  | u_e | /oo/ | Luke the flute | Play imaginary flute, both hands at one side of face, fingers move when sound is made | u - Under Ugbie's tummy and back down to his sting e - From Ellis' beak, around her eye and down to tickle her toes |

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| 1 | Recap (s, th, er, oo, ie, ew, u_e) |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | c | /s/ | Nancy the princess | One hand out to the side and one hand on hip, turn nose up | c- Curl down Curly's tail to her claws |
|  | 9 | /j/ | Gem the giraffe | Stretching arm up slowly above head with hand horizontal like a mouth/head (could extend to standing up and reaching up as high as possible | g - Around Grey's head, then down to scoop up her beard |
|  | i | /igh/ | Ivor the lion | Two hands like claws near chest and the other hand waving - Ivor is a kind lion who likes to say 'hi!' | i - Down Indy's tongue to tickle her tail and bop her on the nose |
|  | u | /ue/ | Music the unicorn | One finger pointing up on top of head and one hand horizontal under chin - Music is a unique and special unicorn | u - Under Ugbie's tummy and back down to his sting |
|  | e | /ee/ | The meteor | Move fist quickly from up high to down low diagonally across the body from left to right | e - From Ellis' beak, around her eye and down to tickle her toe |
| 3 | ea | /e/ | Heather the pheasant | Cross arms over body and pull off an imaginary sweater, uncrossing arms as they come in front of face | e - From Ellis' beak, around her eye and down to tickle her toes a - Around Anna's head and down to her toes |
|  | OW | /oa/ | Rainbow the snowman | Cross arms and rub biceps - pretend to be cold | o - All the way around Ollie <br> w-From head to tail, wiggle down the weasel |

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|  | Or | /ur/ | Wordy the bookworm | Open hands like a book | o - All the way around Ollie <br> r-Straight down to Rex's tail, back up and over his head |
|  | ey | /ai/ | Chey the Grey squirrel | Two fingers like teeth in front of mouth and wiggle as sound is made | e - From Ellis' beak, around her eye and down to tickle her toes y-Under Yan's chin from hand to hand, stretch down the body and around to the knee |
| 4 | ue | /00/ | Sue the bluebird | Listening to imaginary egg held in your hands - Sue is listening for her bluebird chicks to hatch. | u - Under Ugbie's tummy and back down to his sting <br> e - From Ellis' beak, around her eye and down to tickle her toes |
|  | 0 | /oa/ | Leo the ghost | Both hands on cheeks as if shocked | o-All the way around Ollie |
|  | 0 | /00/ | Who? | Hold chin and scratch head as if thinking | o-All the way around Ollie |
|  | ch | /k/ | Chris the chameleon | Bopping to a beat while making the sound, children can add in a dance move if they like <br> - Chris loves the echo of the techno beat. | c - Curl down Curly's tail to her claws h - From the top of Haz's head to her toes, then up and over her body to her tail |
|  | ch | /sh/ | Charlotte the chef | Imaginary mixing bowl under one arm and stirring with the other | c - Curl down Curly's tail to her claws h - From the top of Haz's head to her toes, then up and over her body to her tail |
|  | a | /ai/ | April the angel | Make circle with fingers over your head like a halo | a - Around Anna's head and down to her toes |

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|  | ear | /air/ | Pear the bear | Holding a pretend pear in one hand and pointing at it with the other | e - From Ellis' beak, around her eye and down to tickle her toes <br> a - Around Anna's head and down to her toes <br> r - Straight down to Rex's tail, back up and over his head |
| $7$ | si | /zh/ | n/a | Move arms and upper body like a robot | s - Slide down Sam, from head to tail i - Down Indy's tongue to tickle her tail and bop her on the nose |
|  | ge |  |  |  | g - Around Grey's head, then down to scoop up her beard <br> e - From Ellis' beak, around her eye and down to tickle her toes |
|  | S |  |  |  | s- Slide down Sam, from head to tail |
|  | 9 |  |  |  | g - Around Grey's head, then down to scoop up her beard |
|  | j |  |  |  | j - Down the vine and catch Jack's hat |
|  | Z |  |  |  | z - Zig zag zig from Eliza's toe to shoulder |
|  | ti |  |  |  | t - Down Tom's tail and draw on the stripe <br> i - Down Indy's tongue to tickle her tail and bop her on the nose |

