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Grade 2: Weekly Phonics Focus
Lesson 17

In our classroom this week, we are reviewing how to read and spell words with unpredictable vowel teams. Here are the letters and patterns to practice this week:

| Consonants | $b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, z$ <br> $y$ at the beginning of a word |
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| Vowels | $a, e, i, o, u$ <br> $y$ at the end of a word |
| Vowel Teams | A vowel team has 2 or more letters side by side that are <br> pronounced as 1 vowel sound. Some vowel teams spelled <br> with 2 letters side by side can be pronounced 2 different <br> ways. |

Here are some examples of words with unpredictable vowel teams:

| ie <br> (chief/tie) | oo <br> (moon/book) | ou <br> (house/touch) | ea <br> (eagle/bread) | ew <br> (mew/screw) | ow <br> (snow/owl) |
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| chief | boom | crouch | beach | blew | blow |
| lie | boot | Doug | bread | brew | show |
| shriek | brook | found | deal | hew | plow |
| tie | food | ground | each | news | tow |
| wield | hook | young | sweat | mew | vow |

Your Turn: This week, be on the lookout for words that have unpredictable vowel teams. In the table below, keep a list of pattern words that you read or write with your child.

| ie <br> (chief/tie) | OO <br> (moon/book) | OU <br> (house/touch) | ea <br> (eagle/bread) | ew <br> (mew/screw) | OW <br> (snow/owl) |
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Use the activities and questions from the original Family Support Letter to further assist your child's success in learning the weekly phonics focus.

