



Toad Makes a Road: About the words in this book

Most words in *Toad Makes a Road* can be broken down into single letters representing single phonemes (such as “g-e-t” and “f-l-o-p-s”). There are some words in the book, however, where a combination of letters creates a single phoneme, and these are listed below.

Toad	t-oa-d
road	r-oa-d
boasts	b-oa-s-t-s
load	l-oa-d
toast	t-oa-s-t
goat	g-oa-t
Toad's	t-oa-d-s

waits	w-ai-t-s
day	d-ay

“ay” is an alternative spelling of the “ai” sound.

make	m-(a-e)-k
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“a-e” is an alternative spelling of the “ai” sound.

“k” is an alternative spelling of the “c” sound.

makes	m-(a-e)-k-s
lay-s	l-ay-s

happily	h-a-pp-i-l-y
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“y” is an alternative spelling of the “ee” sound.

party	p-ar-t-y
Billy	b-i-ll-y
silly	s-i-ll-y
ready	r-ea-d-y

“ea” is an alternative spelling of the “e” sound.

new	n-ew
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“ew” is an alternative spelling of the “ue” sound (as in cue).

house	h-ou-se
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“se” is an alternative spelling of the “s” sound.

out	ou-t
down	d-ow-n

“ow” is an alternative spelling of the “ou” sound.

hill h-i-ll
will w-i-ll
spill s-p-i-ll

for f-or
or or

truck t-r-u-ck
luck l-u-ck
stuck s-t-u-ck

"ck" is an alternative spelling of the "c" sound.

that th-a-t
that's th-a-t-s
track t-r-a-ck
black b-l-a-ck

ticks t-i-ck-s
sticky s-t-i-ck-y
bring b-r-i-ng
things th-i-ng-s
brings b-r-i-ng-s

her h-er

my m-y

"y" is an alternative spelling of the "ie" sound (as in tie).

time t-(i-e)-m

"i-e" is an alternative spelling of the "ie" sound.

tired t-(i-e)-r-d

eats ea-t-s

"ea" is an alternative spelling of the "ee" sound.

steep s-t-ee-p
sheep sh-ee-p
need n-ee-d
see s-ee

except e-x-*soft* c-e-p-t

"*soft* c" is an alternative spelling of the "s" sound.

then th-e-n

clear c-l-ear

far f-ar
tar t-ar

too t-oo

IRREGULAR WORDS.

These are the words that don't follow the phonic rules completely. Usually, the consonants are regular but the vowels represent different phonemes. You'll need to teach your child how to pronounce these words and to recognize the unexpected parts.

Here are the irregular words you'll find in *Toad Makes a Road*:

comes

I

I'll

into

me

no

of

one

only

rolls

says

she

so

the

there's

to

today

welcome

what

where

you