

## **PH sounds like F**

P and h combined as ph works just like f does. This set of exercises draws attention to words with ph:

- At the start of words. Example: phone, Philip
- In the middle of words. Example: nepphew
- At the end of words. Example: autographph, geographphy.

**Answers** to the exercises are to be found on last page

In passing, you might note that in a limited number of words, GH at the **end** of a word also sounds as if it should be spelled with an F.

<b>Sounding like:</b>	<u>off</u>	<u>uff</u>	<u>aff</u>
	cough	rough	laugh
	trough	tough	laughter
		enough	laughing

**Exercise 1: Ph sounding like F at the start of words**

phone	phrase	photos	phoney	
pharmacy	phantom	physical	Philip*	phase

*Write out these sentences again, finding the word that fits the gap:*

1. I was talking to him on the \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday.
2. They keep telling me it's a \_\_\_\_\_ that all children go through.
3. Did you take many \_\_\_\_\_ at the wedding?
4. You can get this prescription filled at the \_\_\_\_\_ downstairs.
5. I can't stand his fancy manners and that \_\_\_\_\_ accent.
6. There are some beautiful songs in "The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Opera".
7. Queen Elizabeth of England is married to Prince \_\_\_\_\_.
8. "I can't" is a \_\_\_\_\_ we don't allow around here.
9. He is in great \_\_\_\_\_ shape after all that training.

\* The first name is usually spelled Philip, the surname Phillips.

**Exercise 2: Ph sounding like F in the middle of words**

telephone	nephew	alphabet	elephant
prophet	orphanage	emphasis	
sophisticated	trophy	dolphin	

*Write out the sentences, filling in the gap with the appropriate word*

1. It is impossible to run a business without a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. There are twenty-six letters in the \_\_\_\_\_
3. They say an \_\_\_\_\_ never forgets.
4. His parents died when he was three and he was brought up in an \_\_\_\_\_.
5. A \_\_\_\_\_ is never honoured in his own country.
6. The Department places great \_\_\_\_\_ on retraining workers.
7. My sister's son is my \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Fungie the \_\_\_\_\_ is famous in Dingle.
9. He came back to visit his old school and put up a silver \_\_\_\_\_ for running to be awarded on Sports Day.
10. She looked very elegant and \_\_\_\_\_ in her new black cocktail dress

### **Exercise 3 Word Find - Words with ph in the middle/end of words**

Find the words in the grid. The words can be horizontal, vertical or diagonal, and forwards or backwards.\* When you find the words on the grid, draw a line along them and also write them out again.

1. triumph
2. graph
3. prophet
4. autograph
5. nephew
6. telephone
7. paragraph
8. geography
9. alphabet
10. emphasis

T H P M U I R T O S W  
E E M P H A S I S P A  
A A L P H A B E T O Y  
U R A E G B O W R R H  
T G R A P H E S A H P  
O L B J P H E N O P A  
G R S E P T O R A H R  
R O W E V R T N S O G  
A L N P R O P H E T O  
P A R A G R A P H O E  
H F E R T P H E I R G

Need a little help?\*

1. triumph - horizontal, r to l.
2. graph - horizontal, l to r
3. prophet - horizontal, l to r
4. autograph - vertical, down
5. nephew - diagonal, up, l to r
6. telephone - diagonal down l to r.
7. paragraph - horizontal, l to r
8. geography - vertical, up
9. alphabet - horizontal l to r
10. emphasis - horizontal l to r.

#### **Remember:**

Horizontal means in a straight line across. Could be from left to right (as in reading) or from right to left - (l to r, r to l).

Vertical means in a straight line up or down.

Diagonal means at an angle. This could be up or down and from left to right or from right to left.

# Answers:

Exercise 1:

1. phone
2. phase
3. photos.
4. pharmacy
5. phoney
6. Phantom
7. Philip
8. phrase
9. physical

Exercise 2:

1. telephone
2. alphabet
3. elephant
4. orphanage
5. prophet
6. emphasis
7. nephew
8. dolphin
9. trophy
10. sophisticated.

Exercise 3: Wordfind

T	H	P	M	U	I	R	T	O	S	W
E	E	M	P	H	A	S	I	S	P	A
A	A	L	P	H	A	B	E	T	O	Y
U	R	A	E	G	B	O	W	R	R	H
T	G	R	A	P	H	E	S	A	H	P
O	L	B	J	P	H	E	N	O	P	A
G	R	S	E	P	T	O	R	A	H	R
R	O	W	E	V	R	T	N	S	O	G
A	L	N	P	R	O	P	H	E	T	O
P	A	R	A	G	R	A	P	H	O	E
H	F	E	R	T	P	H	E	I	R	G