# Phonics Sound-Spelling Rules Reference Sheet

Worked example / complete source key

A learner reads the word boat and says the vowel sound as two separate sounds, then reads the word thin and says t and h separately. Identify the patterns involved and explain how to correct each reading.

Answer: In boat, the letters oa form a vowel team representing one vowel sound. The learner should say the oa sound as a unit and blend it with b and t. In thin, the letters th form a consonant digraph representing one sound. The learner should say the th sound as a unit and blend it with i and n. Correcting both requires recognizing the letter pair as a single sound unit and confirming with example words for oa and th.