

HOW NARDAGANI WORKS. 26 letters make up our alphabet. 14 of our letters play fair: B, F, H, J, K, L, M, P, Q, R, V, W, X and Z, they only make one sound. The other 12 letters do not play fair, they make more than one sound: A, C, D, E, G, I, N, O, S, T, U and Y. Whenever a letter makes more than one sound it gets a symbol. With just 12 symbols reading is easy.

Nardagani rules:

- 1) Whenever you see a letter or a symbol below a letter, make the sound below.
- 2) All letters & vowels say their name when alone.
- 3) Whenever a letter is underlined it is silent, it does not make a sound.

Practice pages are on the back of each page of the sound map.  
The sound map pulls apart for easy use.

Page 1: Here you see all the letters play fair except "N." When you say "needle" the "N" is in the front of your mouth. When you say "pink" the "N" is in the back of your mouth. Try it!

Page 2: Here all the letters play fair except "TH." The soft "Th" sound in "teeth" is made by pushing the air out; the symbol is two lines underneath. The hard "Th" sound in "feather" is made with a hum; the symbol is three lines underneath. Try it!

Page 3: All these letters play fair. But watch out, the "Y" sometimes has a vowel underneath, as in "they<sub>a</sub>" "very<sub>e</sub>" "sky<sub>i</sub>" and "symbol<sub>o</sub>."

Page 4: The Square under the letters "ch" and "t" makes the sound as in "chair" and "vulture." Curiously "C" "K" and "Q" all make the same sound.

Page 5: On page 5 we have the fifth symbol, it is a simplified version of your finger over your lips saying "Shhh." The "SH" sound can be made 4 different ways: "Sh" as in "sheep," "S" as in "sugar," "T" as in "Education" and "C" as in "social." The "Z" with a line through it is the sound "S" makes in "Asia" and "G" as in "garage."

Page 6: Now we learn about the many sounds of vowels. There are 5 vowels: A, E, I, O and U. Without a symbol, vowels say their name. A, E and I have a short sound which is symbolized by a "rocker" underneath as in "cat" "pet" and "sit."

Page 7: Here "O" and "U" say their name. The upside-down small e is a sound every vowel can make as in "about" "the" "family" "cover" and "summer."

Page 8: Here "O" makes its short sound, "A" can also make this sound. Two dots underneath is the symbol. The second sound has the symbol of a backwards "E," no real need for this symbol. The third sound is called a slider; your mouth changes shape when you say it; it slides. The symbol looks like a slide ~.

Page 9: Here the "O" is making its fourth and fifth sounds. The triangle makes the sound "oo" as in "food." The diamond makes the sound "oo" as in "good."

The last page is a quick reference you can pull off and use as you read.