

**THE SOUND SYSTEM OF ENGLISH
LANGUAGE**

12 pure vowels

1. [ɪ] 2. [i:] 3. [æ] 4. [ɑ:] 5. [ɒ/ɔ] 6. [ɔ:]

7. [ʊ] 8. [u:] 9. [e] 10. [ɜ:] 11. [ʌ] 12. [ə]

8 diphthongs

13. [eɪ] 14. [aɪ] 15. [aʊ] 16. [ɪə]

17. [eə] 18. [oʊ/əʊ] 19. [ɔɪ] 20. [ʊə]

24 consonant sounds

21. [tʃ] 22. [ʃ] 23. [dʒ] 24. [ʒ]

25. [j] 26. [ŋ] 27. [θ] 28. [ð]

29. [b] 30. [d] 31. [f] 32. [g]

33. [h] 34. [k] 35. [l] 36. [m]

37. [n] 38. [p] 39. [r] 40. [s]

41. [t] 42. [v] 43. [w] 44. [z]

VOWEL SOUNDS
PURE VOWELS OR MONOPHTHONGS

NO.	SOUND	AS IN :
1.	[ɪ]	Bit, hit ship, sit, fit, hill, rich, bitch, shit, pretty, busy, symbol, build, women,
2.	[i:]	Beat, heat, sheep, seat, feet, heel, reach, beach, people, receive, key, piece
3.	[æ]	Cat , fat, hat, mat, bag, black, man, pack, ant, ran ,
4.	[ɑ:]	Cart, fart, heart, mart, bar, palm, calm, aunt, laugh, past, car,
5.	[ʊ]	Pull, full, woman, book, good, could,
6.	[u:]	Pool, fool, crew, chew, coup, group, move, suit, rude, include
7.	[ɒ/ɔ]	Pot, cot, lot, got, top hot, job, lost, population, gone, honest
8.	[ɔ:]	Port, court, because, talk, small, law, more, fought
9.	[e]	Bed, ten, get, let, bury, said, says
10.	[ɜ:]	Bird, turn, shirt, girl , nurse, chirp
11.	[ʌ]	Cut, nut, sun, son, uncle, uncomfortable, come, love, blood, flood, couple, cousin, does , onion, London, other
12.	[ə]	Father, centre, doctor, pastor, culture, lecture, neighbor, labour, mortar, beggar, particular, special, mental, focus, campus, lianas, fiction

13.	[eɪ]	Mate, late, great, break, mail, fail, jail, gaol, day, eight, weight, they, survey, neighbour
14.	[aɪ]	Site, iron, idea, biology, pie, height, spy, buy, guy, high, night, kind, find, dial, dialogue
15.	[aʊ]	Out, loud, plough, how, kowtow, cow, house, thousand,
16.	[ɪə]	Near, fear, year, clear, beer, steer, idea, mere,
17.	[eə]	Bear, swear, wear, care fare, share, spare, heir, air,
18.	[oʊ/əʊ]	Goat, boat, goal, pole, hole, though, soul, shoulder, told, hold, blow, bowl, foe, toe,
19.	[ɔɪ]	Boy, joy , employ , toy, oil, spoil, coin, join, point
20	[ʊə]	Sure , pure , cure, mature, endure, poor, tour, moor,

examples with [i]	Phonetic	French
Rich	[ri:tʃ]	riche
hit	[hit]	frapper
sit	[sit]	s'asseoir
bitch	[bitʃ]	Chienne/garce
shit	[ʃit]	Chier/merde
ship	[ʃip]	Navire/bateau
hill	[hil]	colline
fit	[fit]	Convener/adapter
bit	[bit]	Bout/peu
Women	[wimin]	les femmes
English	[ɪŋɡlɪʃ]	l'anglais
fish	[fiʃ]	le poisson

DIPHTHONGS

Examples with [i:]	Phonetic	french
Reach	[ri:tʃ]	atteindre
Heat	[hi:t]	Chauffer/chaleur
Seat	[si:t]	Siege/asseoir
beach	[bi:tʃ]	plage
Sheet	[ʃi:t]	le drap/ la feuille
Sheep	[ʃi:p]	le mouton
Heel	[hi:l]	talon
feet	[fi:t]	Pied/patte
Beat	[bi:t]	frapper/battre/vaincre
Meat	[mi:t]	la viande
Meal	[mi:l]	le repas
Sea	[si:]	la mer

Examples with [æ]	Phonetic	French
Cat	[kæt]	chat
Mat	[mæt]	Natte/tapis
hat	[hæt]	chapeau
mat	[mæt]	la natte/ le tapis
Man	[mæn]	l'homme
Hand	[hænd]	la main
Map	[mæp]	la carte/le plan
Sad	[sæd]	triste / affligé
Bad	[bæd]	mauvais
Sand	[sænd]	le sable
Bag	[bæg]	le sac/ la valise

Examples with [ɑ:]	Phonetic	French
cart	[kɑ:rt]	charrette
mart	[mɑ:rt]	marché
heart	[hɑ:t]	coeur
Art	[ɑ:t]	l'art / le dessin/l'habileté
car	[kɑ:]	la voiture/ l'automobile/ l'auto
Part	[pɑ:t]	la parte/ le rôle /la pièce
Park	[pɑ:k]	garer /le parc / le jardin public
Arm	[ɑ:m]	le bras
Calm	[kɑ:m]	Paisible/calme/calmer
Laugh	[lɑ:f/læf]	rire
Ark	['ɑ:rk]	arche
Arch	[ɑ:tʃ]	

Examples with [ʊ]	Phonetic	French
Pull	[pʊl]	tirer / traîner
Full	[fʊl]	plein / rempli /plein de
Woman	[wʊmən]	la femme
Look	[lʊk]	regarder/ chercher
Wool	[wʊl]	la laine
Foot	[fʊt]	le pied / la patte
Good	[gʊd]	bon /agréable/ belle
Book	[bʊk]	le livre
Wood	[wʊd]	le bois
Push	[pʊʃ]	pousser /enfonce

Examples with [u:]	Phonetic	French
Pool	[pu:l]	la mare/l'étang/le bassin/la flaque/la piscine
Fool	[fu:l]	idiot (e) / l'imbécile
Two	[tu:]	deux
Too	[tu:]	aussi/ également/trop
Tool	[tu:l]	l'outil /le fer de relire
Soon	[su:n]	bientôt / sous peu
School	[sku:l]	l'école /l'établissement scolaire
Spoon	[spu:n]	la cuiller /la cuillère
Food	[fu:d]	la nourriture / les vivres
Moon	[mu:n]	la lune

Examples with [ɔ/v]	Phonetic	French
Pot	[pɒt]	le pot /la théière/la cafetière/la casserole/la poterie
Cot	[kɒt]	le lit d'enfant /le lit de camp
spot	[spɔ:t]	Endroit/point
shot	[ʃɒt]	Fusiller/tirer
Shop	[ʃɒp]	le magasin /la boutique
On	[ɒn]	sur /par terre
Of	[ɒv]	de
Off	[ɒf]	Annulé/ en dehors...
Often	[ɒfn/AM ɔ:fn]	souvent
Hot	[hɒt]	chaud

Examples with [ɔ:]	Phonetic	French
Port	[pɔ:t]	le port
Court	[kɔ:t]	la cour
sport	[spɔ:t]	le sport
Short	[ʃɔ:t]	court / petit
Law	[lɔ:]	la loi
Dawn	[dɔ:n]	l'aube
Warm	[wɔ:m]	Réchauffer/chaud
Warn	[wɔ:n]	avertir/prévenir
Worn	[wɔ:n]	porté /usé

Examples with [e]	Phonetic	French
Bed	[bed]	le lit
ten	[ten]	dix
Says	[sez]	dit
Pet	[pet]	l'animal domestique/le favori/la favorite
Get	[get]	recevoir/avoir/toucher/suivre/trouver/obtenir
Let	[let]	laisser/permètre/laisser partir/relâcher
Set	[set]	mettre/poser/situer/régler/fixer/placer/déterminer
Dead	[ded]	mort/fané/le mort/ la morte
Leopard	[lepəd]	le leopard
Bet	[bet]	parier
Bury	[beri]	enterrer /ensevelir

said	[sed]	Dire/indiquer/énoncer
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Examples with [ɜ:]	Phonetic	French
Bird	[bɜ:d]	l'oiseau / la volaille
Turn	[tɜ:n]	tourner /faire tourner /retourner
Work	[wɜ:k]	le travail
Word	[wɜ:d]	le mot / la parole
World	[wɜ:ld]	le monde
Girl	[gɜ:l]	la fille
Shirt	[ʃɜ:t]	la chemise
Earth	[ɜ:θ]	la terre
Hurt	[hɜ:t]	faire mal à / blesser/ nuire

Examples with [ʌ]	Phonetic	French
cut	[kʌt]	Couper/coupe
sun	[sʌn]	soleil
Love	[lʌv]	aimer / adorer
Dove	[dʌv]	la colombe
Tough	[tʌf]	solide/résistant/robuste/dur
Come	[kʌm]	venir
Country	[kʌntri]	le pays /la partie
Rough	[rʌf]	rugueux/ rêche /accidenté/ rocailleux
Cup	[kʌp]	la tasse / le calice/ la coupe
Double	[dʌbl]	double
Couple	[kʌpl]	le couple

Examples with [ə]	Phonetic	French
water	['wɔ:.tər]	L'eau
Teacher	[ti:tʃə]	l'instituteur/institutrice/le maître /la maîtresse
Farmer	[fɑ:mə]	le fermier/la fermière/l'agriculteur /l'agricultrice
Mother	[mʌðə]	la mère
Doctor	[dɒktə]	le docteur / le /la médecin
Above	[əbʌv]	au-dessus de/plus que/au-delà de
Neighbour	[neibə]	le voisin/ la voisine/ le /la prochain (e)
Actor	[æktə]	l'acteur/ le comédien
Allow	[əlaʊ]	permettre/autoriser
Among	[əmʌŋ]	parmi / au milieu de
About	[əbaʊt]	à propos de / au sujet de /concernant
Pastor	['pɑ:.stər]	pasteur
London	[lʌndən]	Londres
Stomach	[stʌm.ək]	Estomac/ventre
Police	[pə'li:s]	police
Principal	['prɪnt .sɪ.pəl]	principal

Examples with [aʊ]	Phonetic	French
out	[aʊt]	Dehors/ éteint/ publié
loud	[laʊd]	Bruyant/ fort(son)
Kowtow	[kaʊtaʊ]	faire des courbettes à
Bow	[baʊ]	incliner de la tête/saluer/se courber / ployer
Cow	[kaʊ]	la vache
Owl	[aʊl]	l'hibou/ la chouette
Mountain	[maʊntɪn]	la montagne /le tas
Plough	[plaʊ]	labourer/creuser/investir/emboutir/percuter
Sound	[saʊnd]	le bruit /le son
Oust	[aʊst]	evincer/chaser/déloyer/expulser/déposséder
Endow	[ɪndaʊ]	doter /fonder
Bounce	[baʊns]	rebondir /bondir/ sauter

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Examples with [eɪ]	Phonetic	French
great	[greɪt]	Grand/formidable
break	[breɪk]	Casser/briser
take	[teɪk]	prendre
Fate	[feɪt]	le destin /le sort
Weight	[weɪt]	le poids/ l'influence
Say	[seɪ]	dire
Day	[deɪ]	le jour /la journée
pray	[preɪ]	prier
Way	[weɪ]	le chemin / la voie/la rue/ la route
Stay	[steɪ]	rester
Sage	[seɪdʒ]	le sage /sage
Case	[keɪs]	la caisse/la boîte/le cageot/le cas/ l'affaire/ le procès

Examples with [aɪ]	Phonetic	French
rice	[raɪs]	Le riz
Lime	[laɪm]	le citron vert/la lime/la limette
Dry	[draɪ]	sec/la sèche/la période sèche
Ivory	[aɪvəri]	l'ivoire / d'ivoire/en ivoire
Why	[ˈwaɪ]	pourquoi
Height	[haɪt]	la taille/la grandeur /l'hauteur
Tie	[taɪ]	la cravate/l'attache/le cordon/le lacet/le lien
Right	[raɪt]	droit/ juste /exact /bon /vrai /bien/ à droite
Siren	[saɪərən]	la sirène
Knight	[naɪt]	le chevalier/le cavalier

Examples with [ɪə]	Phonetic	French
Dear	[dɪə]	cher /précieux/ adorable/ charmant
Clear	[klɪə]	transparent/ clair/limpide/dégagé
Tear	[tɪə]	la larme
Fear	[fɪə]	la crainte /la peur
Shear	[ʃɪə]	tondre/ être dépouillé
Weird	[wɪəd]	mystérieux /surnaturel/bizarre/étrange
Deer	[dɪə]	le cerf /la biche
Beer	[bɪə]	la bière
Peer	[pɪə]	le pair /le/la noble
Cheer	[tʃɪə]	remonter le moral à /réconforter/ acclamer
Mere	[mɪə]	seul / simple pur

Examples with [ɔɪ]	Phonetic	French
boy	[bɔɪ]	le garçon /l'enfant
Toy	[tɔɪ]	le jouet
Joy	[dʒɔɪ]	la joie/ le plaisir
Coy	[kɔɪ]	qui fait/ le/la timide /faussement timide/coquet/évasif
Choice	[tʃɔɪs]	le choix /l'option
Join	[dʒɔɪn]	adhérer/rejoindre/joindre/raccorder/relier/unir
Loiter	[lɔɪtə]	traîner/ rôder
Employ	[ɪmplɔɪ]	employer /utiliser
Deploy	[dɪplɔɪ]	déployer
spoil	[spɔɪl]	Gâter/ abîmer

Examples with [eə]	Phonetic	French
Fare	[feə]	le prix du billet ou ticket /le prix de la course
Fair	[feə]	juste /équitable /loyal /correct /honnête
Care	[keə]	s'intéresser à ou se soucier de / aimer....
Wear	[weə]	porter /aborder
Bear	[beə]	porter /apporter/transporter/supporter/tolérer
Heir	[eə]	l'héritier
Air	[eə]	l'air
Tear	[teə]	déchirer /froisser/arracher/tirrailler
Share	[ʃeə]	partager
Pear	[peə]	la poire /le poirier

Examples with [ou/əu]	Phonetic	French
Goat	[gout]	chèvre
Hole	[houl]	le trou/ l'éclaircie
Foe	[fou]	l'ennemi (e) / l'adversaire
Bold	[bould]	intrépide /hardi /assuré/ effronté
Boast	[boost]	se vanter /fanfaronner
Blow	[blou]	le coup/ le coup de poing/souffle
Smoulder	[smouldə]	couver /fumer
Oaf	[ouf]	le lourdaud/ le rustre/le goujat
road	[rood]	Route/rue/chemin
Bowl	[boul]	le bol / le bassin /le cuvette /la jatte
Doe	[dou]	la lapine /l'hase/ la rate /la ratte
Toe	[tou]	l'orteil /le doigt de pied/ le bout

Examples with [ʊə]	Phonetic	French
Sure	[ʃʊə]	sûr /certain
Pure	[pjʊə]	pur
Cure	[kjʊə]	guérir /éliminer/remédier à /traiter
Tour	[tʊə]	visiter / voyager
Poor	[pʊə /pɔ:]	pauvre /maigre
Endure	[ɪndʊə /AM ɪndʊr]	endure /subir/supporter/souffrir
Obscure	[ɒbskjʊə]	obscure / sombre
Moor	[mʊə]	amarrer / mouiller
Virtuous	[vɜ:tʃʊəs]	vertueux
Allure	[əljʊə /AM əlor]	attirer/ séduire

CONSONANT SOUNDS

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VL= voiceless consonants VD= **Voiced consonants**

Place of Articulation	Bilabial		Labio - Dental		Dental		Alveolar		Palato-Alveolar		Palatal		Velar		Glottal	
Manner of Articulation	VL	VD	V L	V D	V L	V D	VL	VD	VL	VD	V L	V D	V L	V D	V L	V D
Plosive	p	b					t	d					k	g		
Affricate									tʃ	dʒ						
Nasal		m						n						ŋ		
Lateral								l								
Fricative			f	v	θ	ð	z	ʒ	ʃ	ʒ						h
Frictionless-Continuant								r								
Semi-																

Vowel		w									j				
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Examples with [p]	Phonetic	French
Pit	[pɪt]	la fosse/ le trou/ le nid de poule
Put	[pʊt]	mettre
Pin	[pɪn]	l'épingle/ la punaise /la broche
Peel	[pi:l]	se peler / s'écailler / se craqueler
Pat	[pæt]	la tape
Preach	[pri:tʃ]	prêcher
Pray	[preɪ]	prier
Play	[pleɪ]	jouer à /contre
Push	[pʊʃ]	pousser / enfoncer
Pull	[pʊl]	tirer / traîner

Examples with [b]	Phonetic	French
Bat	[bæt]	la batte / la chauve-souris
Beach	[bi:tʃ]	la plage /le rivage
Bus	[bʌs]	le bus
Bet	[bet]	parier
Book	[bʊk]	le livre
Bleed	[bli:d]	saigner
Bell	[bel]	la cloche /la clochette /la sonnette
Bill	[bɪl]	la facture / la note / l'addition
Bin	[bɪn]	la poubelle / la boîte à ordures
Bit	[bɪt]	le bout / le passage / la séquence

Examples with [t]	Phonetic	French
Tall	[tɔ:l]	grand /de grande taille
Take	[teɪk]	prendre /saisir
Try	[traɪ]	essayer
Tree	[tri:]	l'arbre
Tail	[teɪl]	la queue
Trouble	[trʌbl]	les ennuis/les problèmes/ la discorde
Teeth	[ti:θ]	les dents
Tale	[teɪl]	le conte / l'histoire
Talk	[tɔ:k]	parler /discuter/ s'entretenir

Examples with [d]	Phonetic	French
Drive	[draɪv]	conduire
Decide	[dɪsaɪd]	décider
Divide	[dɪvaɪd]	Diviser/partager
Die	[daɪ]	mourir / décéder /caler
Dry	[draɪ]	sécher /essuyer
Den	[den]	le repaire /la tanière
Do	[du:]	Faire/effectuer
Dip	[dɪp]	tremper /plonger/teindre

Examples with [k]	Phonetic	French
Come	[kʌm]	venir
Kick	[kɪk]	donner un coup de pied à ou dans /lancer un coup de pied
Coin	[kɔɪn]	la pièce (de monnaie)
King	[kɪŋ]	le roi
Peak	[pi:k]	le pic / le sommet
Pack	[pæk]	faire...
Park	[pɑ:k]	le parc / le jardin public/ le domaine
Luck	[lʌk]	la chance
Cock	[kɒk]	le coq /le robinet/ le chien /la bitte
Lick	[lɪk]	lécher /humecter

Examples with [g]	Phonetic	French
Gate	[geɪt]	la porte/ la barrière/ le portail /la cochère
Go	[ɡoʊ]	aller
Give	[ɡɪv]	donner /offrir /conférer
Again	əgeɪn/ əgen]	encore une fois / de nouveau
Bag	[bæg]	le sac/ la valise
Ghost	[ɡoʊst]	le revenant / le fantôme
Beg	[beg]	mendier /supplier
Glass	[ɡlɑ:s /glæs]	le verre
Grow	[ɡroʊ]	croître/ pousser /

Examples with [tʃ]	Phonetic	French
Church	[tʃɜ:tʃ]	l'église /le temple
Teach	[ti:tʃ]	apprendre/ enseigner
Chicken	[tʃɪkɪn]	le poulet / le poussin
March	[mɑ:tʃ]	la marche /la manifestation / la mars
Watch	[wɒtʃ]	regarder /observer /surveiller
Catch	[kæʃ]	attraper /prendre
Chair	[tʃeə]	la chaise /le fauteuil

Examples with [dʒ]	Phonetic	French
George	[dʒɔ:dʒ]	Un nom
Judge	[dʒʌdʒ]	le/la juge
Jump	[dʒʌmp]	sauter / bondir
Bridge	[brɪdʒ]	le pont / le rapprochement
Village	[vɪlɪdʒ]	le village
Join	[dʒɔɪn]	adhérer à/ rejoindre/joindre/raccorder
Soldier	[soʊldʒə]	le soldat /le militaire
Budget	[bʌdʒɪt]	le budget
Germ	[dʒɜ:m]	le microbe /le germe /le ferment

Examples with [m]	Phonetic	French
Map	[mæp]	la carte / le plan
Man	[mæn]	l'homme
Womb	[wu:m]	l'utérus
Tomb	[tu:m]	le tombeau /la tombe
Mate	[meɪt]	le pote /le copain /l'aide /le second maître
Meet	[mi:t]	rencontrer
Climb	[klaɪm]	monter/prendre de l'altitude / augmenter/ grimper
Comb	[kəʊm]	la peigne
Mat	[mæt]	la natte /le tapis
Sum	[sʌm]	la somme

Examples with [n]	Phonetic	French
Need	[ni:d]	avoir besoin de
Note	[nəʊt]	la note
Name	[neɪm]	le nom
Now	[naʊ]	maintenant
Nine	[naɪn]	neuf
Neck	[nek]	le cou
Nipple	[nɪpl]	le mamelon /la tétine /la mamelle
Gnat	[næt]	le moustique

Examples with [ŋ]	Phonetic	French
Sing	[sɪŋ]	chanter
singing	[sɪŋ.ɪŋ]	Chant
Song	[sɒŋ /AM sɔ:ŋ]	la chanson /le chant
Young	[jʌŋ]	jeune
Long	[lɒŋ /AM lɔ:ŋ]	long /la longue
Tongue	[tʌŋ]	la langue
Finger	[fɪŋgə]	le doigt
Hunger	[hʌŋgə]	la faim
Anger	[æŋgə]	la colère /la fureur
Ringing	[rɪŋɪŋ]	sonore / retentissant la sonnerie
Running	[rʌnɪŋ]	la course (à pied)/la gestion/la direction/l'organisation

Examples with [l]	Phonetic	French
Little	[lɪtl]	petit
Live	[lɪv]	vivre /habiter /se nourrir
Leave	[li:v]	partir /quitter /laisser
Leaf	[li:f]	la feuille / le feuillet / la page
Love	[lʌv]	aimer / adorer
Light	[laɪt]	la lumière /la lampe
Feel	[fi:l]	avoir /toucher /se sentir/ tâter /palper sentir
Seal	[si:l]	le phoque/le sceau/le cachet/le plombage/la bande de garantie/le plom
Hill	[hɪl]	la colline /le coteau /la côte /la pente
Halt	[hɔ:lt]	arrêter /immobiliser /interrompre

Examples with [f]	Phonetic	French
Fly	[flaɪ]	voler /filer
Photo	[fəʊtəʊ]	la photo
Laugh	[lɑ:f /læf]	rire
Offer	[ɒfə / ɔ:fə]	offrir /proposer
Frown	[fraʊn]	froncer les sourcils /se renfrogner
Front	[frʌnt]	le devant /l'avant /le début /la façade
Fan	[fæn]	l'enthousiaste/le/la passionné (e)/le/la fan/le supporteur /la supportrice /le ventilateur
Fight	[faɪt]	se battre contre/ combattre /lutter contre
Trophy	[trəʊfi]	le trophée
Enough	[ɪ.nʌf]	assez de / assez / suffisamment

Examples with [v]	Phonetic	French
Love	[lʌv]	l'amour
Visit	[vɪzɪt]	la visite
Vehicle	[vi:ɪkl]	le véhicule
Voice	[vɔɪs]	la voix
Five	[faɪv]	cinq
Invite	[ɪnvaɪt]	inviter/demander solliciter
Vain	[veɪn]	vaniteux /vain/ en l'air
Vice	[vaɪs]	le vice
Wives	[waɪvz]	les femmes /les épouses

Examples with [θ]	Phonetic	French
Think	[θɪŋk]	penser /raisonner /réfléchir
Three	[θri:]	trois
Thirty	[θɜ:ti]	trente
Thing	[θɪŋ]	la chose /l'objet /la créature /l'être
Thought	[θɔ:t]	la pensée /la réflexion /la considération
Through	[θru:]	à travers /dans
Youth	[ju:θ]	jeunesse
Truth	[tru:θ]	la vérité
Path	[pa:θ /pæθ]	l'allée /le chemin/le sentier/ le passage
Cloth	[klɒθ/ klɔ:θ]	le tissu /l'étoffe /la toile

Examples with[ð]	Phonetic	French
This	[ðɪs]	ce/ceci/celui-ci/celle-ci/cet/cette
That	[ðæt /ðət]	cela/ce/ça/celui-là/celle-là
These	[ði:z]	ces /ceux-ci / celles-ci
Those	[ðoʊz]	ceux-là/celles-là /celui/celle
The		
them	[ðem/ ðəm]	les /leur
they	[ðeɪ]	Ils/elles/on
there	[ðeə r]	Là/y/ allons/voyons
their	[ðeə r]	Leur/leurs
then	[ðen]→	alors /à ce moment-là/à l'époque/à cette époque/à cette époque-là
mother	['mʌð.ə r]	mère
Brother	[brʌðə]	le frère /le camarade
Another	[ənʌðə]	un...de plus une ...de plus/encore un/encore une
Bother	[bʌðə]	prendre de la peine/ennuyer/embêter/harceler/déranger

Examples with [s]	Phonetic	French
Son	[sʌn]	le fils
Sun	[sʌn]	le soleil
See	[si:]	voir /rencontrer/ comprendre
Less	[les]	moins de
Fast	[fɑ:st / fæst]	rapide /vite
Loss	[lɒs / lɔ:s]	la perte/le malheur /le chagrin
Loose	[lu:s]	desserré
Slap	[slæp]	donner une claque à
Single	[sɪŋɡl]	seul/unique/individuel/particulier/simple/célibataire
Sign	[saɪn]	le signe/ le geste/ le signal /le panneau
nurses	[nɜ:sɪz]	Les Infirmières

Examples with [z]	Phonetic	French
Buzz	[bʌz]	bourdonner /vrombir /tinter
Zip	[zip]	la fermeture éclair
Please	[pli:z]	s'il vous ou te plaît
Scissors	[sɪzəz]	les ciseaux
Possess	[pəzes]	posséder/détenir/ avoir
Muzzle	[mʌzl]	la muselière/le bâillon /la censure/le canon/ la gueule
Exact	[ɪgzækt]	exact /juste/précis
Crazy	[kreɪzi]	fou /folle
Zeal	[zi:l]	le zèle / la ferveur / l'ardeur

Examples with [ʃ]	Phonetic	French
shoes	[ʃu:]	chaussure
wish	[wɪʃ]	Souhait
Sheep	[ʃi:p]	le mouton /le brebis
Ship	[ʃɪp]	le navire / le vaisseau /le bateau
She	[ʃi:]	elle
Shut	[ʃʌt]	fermer
Shout	[ʃaʊt]	crier/ hurler
Should	[ʃʊd /ʃəd]	devrais
Sugar	[ʃʊgə]	le sucre
Chute	[ʃu:t]	la glissière /le toboggan/le rapide/le parachute
machine	[mə'ʃi:n]	Machine/ appareil
champagne	[ʃæm'peɪn]	champagne

Examples with [ʒ]	Phonetic	French
Vision	[vɪʒn]	la vision / la vue/la clairvoyance
Pleasure	[pleʒə]	le plaisir
Measure	[meʒə]	la mesure /le mètre /la règle
Leisure	[leʒə /li:ʒə]	le loisir
Decision	[dɪsɪʒn]	la décision
Treasure	[treʒə]	le trésor
Seizure	[si:ʒə]	la saisie/la capture/l'arrestation/ la crise
Garage	[gæra:ʒ/gærɪdʒ]	le garage
Prestige	[presti:ʒ]	le prestige
Regime	[reɪʒi:m]	le régime

Examples with [h]	Phonetic	French
Who	[hu:]	qui/qui est-ce qui /qui est-ce que (Sujet)
Whom	[hu:m]	Qui/ que (objet du verbe placer avant le verbe)
Whose	[hu:z]	A qui / de qui/ dont/ a qui appartenir
Hat	[hæt]	le chapeau /la casquette
heart	[hɑ:t]	cœur
Whole	[hoʊl]	entière/tout/indemne/sain et sauf
Harm	[hɑ:m]	le mal / le tort/faire du mal
Behalf	[bihɑ:f/ bihæf]	de la part de / au nom de
Behave	[biheɪv]	se comporter /se conduire /se tenir bien
Behind	[bihaɪnd]	derrière/en retard sur/en arrière/en retard

Examples with [r]	Phonetic	French
Sorry	[sɒri]	désolé navré/ pardon !
Carry	[kæri]	porter/ transporter/transmettre
Worry	[wʌri /wɜ:ri]	inquiéter /tracasser /ennuyer
Drive	[draɪv]	conduire / piloter
Race	[reɪs]	la course /la race
Try	[traɪ]	essayer
Cry	[kraɪ]	pleurer /crier
Rhyme	[raɪm]	la rime /les vers/ poème
Write	[raɪt]	écrire
bribe	[braɪb]	Corrompre/ soudoyer

Examples with [w]	Phonetic	French
Work	[wɜ:k]	le travail /l'œuvre
Walk	[wɔ:k]	marcher/ se promener / aller à pied
Wake	[weɪk]	se réveiller /s'éveiller /le réveiller
war	[wɔ: r]	guerre
Swear	[sweə]	jurer /prêter serment
Wash	[wɒʃ]	laver/ se laver/ baigner
Awake	[əweɪk]	réveiller /éveiller /faire renaître
Word	[wɜ:d]	le mot /la prole
what	[wɒt]	quel
which	[wɪtʃ]	Que/qui/ quel /lequel...
Where	[^h weə]	où
When	[^h wen]	quand
why	[waɪ]	pourquoi

Examples with [j]	Phonetic	French
You	[ju:]	vous /tu /te
yes	[jes]	Oui/ si
Ewe	[ju:]	la brebis
Yam	[jæm]	l'igname
Young	[jʌŋ]	jeune
Year	[jiə]	l'an /l'année
Argue	[ɑ:gju:]	se disputer /argumenter/discuter/débattre
Unity	[ju:nɪti]	l'unité /l'union /l'harmonie
Beauty	[bju:ti]	la beauté /la merveille
yacht	[jɒt]	yacht

LETTERS OF ALPHABET

The five vowel letters of the 26 alphabet are: a, e, i, o, u. which represent the Pure Vowels/Monophthong and Diphthongs the rest are consonant letters which represent the consonant sounds

A a [eɪ]	B b [bi:]	C c [si:]	D d [di:]	E e [i:]	F f [ef]
G g [dʒi:]	H h [eɪf]	I i [aɪ]	J j [dʒeɪ]	K k [keɪ]	L l [el]
M m [em]	N n [en]	O o [oʊ]	P p [pi:]	Q q [kju:]	R r [ɑːr]
S s [es]	T t [ti:]	U u [ju:]	V v [vi:]	W w [dʌblju]	X x [eks]
Y y [waɪ]	Z z [zed] or AM [zi:]				

PRONUNCIATION OF THE PAST TENSE MARKER –D OR –ED

The past tense marker –d or –ed is pronounced in three different ways:

It is pronounced [t] after voiceless consonants sounds apart from [t] as in :			
Combinations : ‘ched’, ‘shed’, ‘ped’, ‘ked’, ‘ced’, ‘ssed’, ‘ghed’, ‘fed’, ‘th(θ)ed’			
WORD	PHONETIC	WORD	PHONETIC
watched	[wɑ:tʃt]	placed	[pleɪst]
rushed	[rʌʃt]	passed	[pɑ:st]
finished	[ˈfɪn.ɪʃt]	laughed	[lɑ:ft]
clapped	[klæpt]	handcuffed	[ˈhænd.kʌft]
looked	[lʊkt]	bathed	[bɑ:θ t]
It is pronounced [d] after voiced sounds apart from [d]. NB: All vowel sounds are voiced			
Combinations : ‘bed’, ‘ged’, ‘led’, ‘med’, ‘ned’, ‘red’, ‘ved’, ‘yed’, ‘ued’, ‘ied’, etc			
WORD	PHONETIC	WORD	PHONETIC
Described	[dɪˈskraɪbd]	lived	[lɪvd]
Tagged	[tægd]	Prayed	[preɪd]
Called	[kɔ:ld]	Sued	[su:d]
Ashamed	[əˈʃeɪmd]	Tried	[traɪd]
Shined	[ʃaɪnd]	Raised	[reɪzd]

It is pronounced [ɪd] after [t] and [d]			
Combinations : ted , ded			
WORD	PHONETIC	WORD	PHONETIC
Wanted	[ˈwɒn.tɪd]	Needed	[ˈni:.dɪd]
Invited	[ɪnˈvaɪtɪd]	Decided	[dɪˈsaɪ.dɪd]
Insisted	[ɪnˈsɪstɪd]	Hated	[ˈheɪ.tɪd]
Hated	[ˈheɪ.tɪd]	Tasted	[teɪstɪd]
Educated	[ˈed.jʊ.keɪ.tɪd]	ended	[endɪd]
waited	[weɪtɪd]	divided	[dɪˈvaɪdɪd]

PRONUNCIATION OF –S Marker (es/'s/s')

The –s marker or –es which is used to form plural nouns in Regular Nouns or which is used in the third person in Present Tense formation in verbs and the suffix – 's or s' which show possessive case have three different ways of pronunciation.

It is pronounced [ɪz] after [s, z, ʃ, ʒ, tʃ, dʒ]			
WORD	PHONETIC	WORD	PHONETIC
Hedges	[hedʒɪz]	Garages	[gærɑ:ʒɪz]
Bushes	[bʊʃɪz]	Fetches	[fetʃɪz]
Benches	[benʃɪz]	Witches	[wɪtʃɪz]
Crosses	[krɒsɪz]	Witch's	[wɪtʃɪz]
Roses	[roʊzɪz]	Judges	[dʒʌdʒɪz]
Chooses	[tʃu:zɪz]	Judge's	[dʒʌdʒɪz]
Rushes	[rʌʃɪz]	Houses	[haʊzɪz]

It is pronounced [z] after a voiced sound, that is all vowel sounds and consonant voiced sounds apart from [z, ʒ, dʒ]			
WORD	PHONETIC	WORD	PHONETIC
Boys	[bɔɪz]	Wears	[weəz]
Bags	[bægz]	Sings	[sɪŋz]
Girls	[gɜ:lz]	Boy's	[bɔɪz]
Airlines	[eəlaɪnz]	Boys'	[bɔɪz]
Leaves	[li:vz]	Officer's	[ɒfɪzəz]
Goes	[ɡoʊz]	Officers'	[ɒfɪzəz]
Buds	[bʌdz]	Employee's	[ɪmplɔɪi:z]
Shines	[ʃaɪnz]	Employees	[ɪmplɔɪi:z]
Loves	[lʌvz]	Man's	[mænz]
Stands	[stændz]	Men's	[menz]

It is pronounced [s] after voiceless sounds apart from [s, ʃ, tʃ]			
WORD	PHONETIC	WORD	PHONETIC
Walks	[wɔ:ks]	Books	[bʊks]

Laughs	[lɑ:fs]	Cats	[kæts]
Stops	[stɒps]	Fits	[fits]
Taps	[tæps]	Dick's	[dɪks]
roofs	[ru:fs]	Cloths	[klɒθs]

'a ' between 2 consonants is pronounced [æ] [æ]
fat, cat , sat, mat , bat, tap, rat, fan, sad, black , glad, plan, hand, clap, flash, marriage, mansion, jazz, fax, match , bad, flag, back, The fat cat sat on the mat Exceptions: star taste etc

'a ' between consonants followed by 'e' is pronounced [ei] [ei]
Date, fate, late , take mate, plane, game, hate, make, made, page, blade, whale, escape, celebrate, grape, undertake, tape, cake, cave, state, name, fame, lame, rake, base, pavement, Exceptions: have, surface, private, fare, water, etc

"age" is pronounced [ɪdz] [ɪdʒ]
Village , manage, damage, homage, advantage, disadvantage, passage, marriage, language, pilgrimage, percentage, wastage, message, cottage, luggage, cabbage, discourage, encourage The wastage of money by the villager is likely to damage his image and marriage

"age" is pronounced [eɪdz] [eɪdʒ]
Page, stage, wage, engage, agent, cage, wages, teenage, agency, rampage, gage, stages

"age" is pronounced [a: ʒ] [a: ʒ]
Barrage, camouflage, entourage, espionage, garage, reportage, massage, sabotage, mirage, chantage, collage, montage, These words are borrowed from French.

"ai" is pronounced [ei] [ei]
Fail , tail, rail , mail , again, snail, wait, aid, drain , rain , saint, daily, plain, railway, raid, ascertain, complain, stain, pain, Spain, retail, proclaim,

railway, remain, tailor, prevail, cocktail, saint
Exceptions: mountain, fountain, certain, curtain, uncertain, captain,

“al” is pronounced [ɒl] [ɔ:l]

Tall, fall, ball, small, call, stall, hall, almost, although, altogether, already, altar, always, false, almighty, malt, altar, alright, also, alternatives,
Exceptions: special, animal, alcohol, talk, fatal

“au” is pronounced [ɒ] [ɔ:]

Because, cause, pause, clause, taught, daughter, fault, author, authentic, applause, audacity, fauna, August, audacious, audience, audit, baulk, sauce, launch
Exceptions: aunt, laugh, draught, etc

“aw” is pronounced [ɒ] [ɔ:]

Saw, law, draw, lawyer, flaw, paw, pawpaw, raw, hawk, hawker, jaw, dawn, crawl, pawn, lawn, drawn, dawn, claws, brawl, fawn, gawp

“ea” is pronounced [i] [i:]

Beat, meat, seat, teach, steal, beach, bleach, meal, eat, deal, dream, each, increase, decrease, jeans, scream, leave, reason, leader, team, read, weak, peace, tea, weave, feature, easy, creature

“ea” is pronounced [ei] [ei]

Break, breakage, breakable, breakdown, breakout break-in, great, greatly, greatness, greater, greatest, steak

“ea” is pronounced [iei] [iei]

Create, creation, creator, creating, creativeness, creativity, recreate, recreation, permeate
Exception: creature [kri:tʃə]

“ea” is pronounced [ɜ] [e]

Bread, dead, breakfast, head, already, weather, wealth, leather, steady, spread, treachery, treasure, deaf, breath, thread, sweat,
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"ea" is pronounced [i ə] [i ə]

Area, idea, miscellanea, nausea, trachea, urea, weary, tears, appear, theatre, Korea media [mi:diə]

"e" between 2 consonants is pronounced [ɜ] [e]
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Set, bet, let, pet, get, led, pen, den jet, peg, men, slept, felt, leg, excel, delegate, special, sell, telephone, met
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"e" is pronounced [i] [i]

Behave, between, become, begin, degree, delay, independent, believe, reply, repair, repeat, report, replace

"ee" is pronounced [ii] [i:]

Sheep, green, see, seen, queen, flee, knee, bee, sleep, teeth, meet, glee, heel, need, creep, keen, needle, peep, peel, teen, degree, sleeve, kneel-down
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"em" is pronounced [ɜm] [em]

Member, remember, temple, contempt, September, November, temptation, tempt, empty, embassy, emperor, emblem, them, December,
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"em" is pronounced [i] [i]

Embezzlement, embrace, employ, employment, unemployment, embarrassment, embellish

"en" is pronounced [ɜn] [en]

end, engine, enterprise, content, bend, bent, send, sent, went, tent, then, bench, enter, intelligent, centre, century, pen, pencil, lend, fence, mental, gender, rent, pension, envelop, centre, indigent, insolent, render
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"en" is pronounced [in] [in]
enjoy, enlarge, enrich, entire, enclose, encourage, engage, enforce, English, enhance, enquire, environment, engage, engagement, encouragement

"eau" is pronounced [iu] [ju:]
beauty, beautiful, beautify, beautifully, beautician, beautifies, beautification, beaut exceptions: plateau, beaux, chateaux, bureaucratic, bureau

"ol" is pronounced [ɒl] [əʊl]
old, sold, told, bold, gold, hold, fold, cold, folder, old man , holder Exceptions: golf, dollar, colony. dolphin

"eer" is pronounced [iɜ] [iə]
Peer, steer, deer, volunteer, pioneer, overseer, seer, beer, leer, jeer, volunteering, steering, queer, engineer, engineering, seer

"ew" is pronounced [iu] [ju:]
New, news, few, knew, view, interview, dew, fewer, fewest, ewe, pew, newcomer, newborn, newsreader, new town , nephew

"ew" is pronounced [uu] [u:]
Blew, threw, flew, grew, crew, brew, jewel jewelry, Hebrew, Andrew, Mathew, cashew, chew gum, screw, screwed Exceptions: sew, sewed, sewn, sewing machine

"ear" is pronounced [iɜ] [iə]
Dear, near, fear, year, clear, spear, gear, nearby, appear, beard, dearly, fearful, tears, disappear

"ear" is pronounced [ɜː] [eə]
Wear, swear, bear, bearable, wearable, pear, pearson, to tear, tearing, bearing, search, research, underwear, sportswear, forbear, forbearance Exceptions: [3:] learn, earth, earn [a:] heart, heartily, etc

Consonant + "are" is pronounced [ɜː] [eə]
Care , fare, dare, share, declare, barefoot, carefree, shareholder, warfare, compare, snare, scare, rare, prepare, flare, warehouse,

"ch" is pronounced [tʃ] [ʃ]
French, church, change, teach, teacher, charge, chalk, each, search, fetch, watch, match, China, Chinese, children, child, such, cheap, chapter, charcoal, bachelor, touch, check, kitchen, chicken The chicken is in the kitchen

"ch" is pronounced [k] [k]
Chemical, chemistry, technology, technical, technics, mechanic, Christmas, ache, headache, stomach ache, Arch, architect, archeology, chronicle, psychology, psychiatry , charisma, orchestra, psychic character, cholesterol monarchy, anarchy, hierarchy, toothache, chameleon, mechanical, characteristics , cholera, schedule

is pronounced [sh] [ʃ]
Chef, chute, parachute, chic, chauffeur, machine, machete, champagne, charlatan, chandelier, chaperone, cachet, chagrin, cache, brochure, mustache, quiche, chagrin, Chauvinist, cachet, chiffon

"sh" is pronounced [sh] [ʃ]
Fish, dish, wish, finish, Spanish, English, Irish, British, brush, polish, sharp, ash, ship, sheep, shadow, shame, wash, shop, share, shoes, washing, fresh, shock, dash, lash, harsh, shake I choose my shoes

“th”is pronounced/ tongue between teeth [θ] [ð]
Think, thin, three, both, thank , bath, month, mouth, thirty, thief, death, tenth, fifth, throw, earth, mathematics, health, seventieth, authentic, Thursday, wealth, thinking

is pronounced [ð] [θ]
Mother, father, brother, The, this that, these, those, with, weather, then, them, there, their, though, although, another, either, further, gather, rather, whether, thus, other, leather
Exceptions: [t] Seth, Thomas, Thailand, Theresa, Ruth

“l” between 2 consonants is pronounced [i] [i]
Big, sit, dig, lip, shit, pin, did, fish, kick, milk, nip, quick, clip, kitchen. Hit, sin, fit, zip, lick, dig, pick,

“l” between 2 consonants is pronounced [ai] [ai]
Climb, Christ, indict, child, wild, sign, resign, design, Exceptions: [3:] flirt, sir, chirp, girl, shirt,

“l” between 2 consonants followed by “e”is pronounced [ai] [ai]
Time, site, rice, nice, fine, side, ride, bride, wine, shine, drive, bite, strike, wise, mine, pipe, write, bike, line, vice, live, shine, mice, file, nine, price, side, crime, hide, tide
Exceptions: [i] driven, office, river, police, service, practice, mixed, opposite, promise

“ie”is pronounced [ai] [ai]
Pie, lie, tie, vie, die, science, tried, cried, replied, justified, applies, spies, notified, lies, flies, tries, untie, bowtie

“ie”is pronounced [ii] [i:]
Niece, piece, believe, chief, field, thieves, priest, series, movie, carried, hurried, marries, countries, handkerchief, achievements, brief, sieve, briefly, married, relief, unbelievable, carrier

Exception: friend

“in” is pronounced [inn] [in]

Insolent, intelligent, skin, wind, independent, increase, index, indeed, interview, incorrect, incomplete, inflation, instrument, install, incomprehensible, invitation, indolent, inside, imagine, information, , install,

“im” is pronounced [imm] [im]

Important, improve, image, impossible, him, impact, imprison, imperial, impress, imply, immigration, impossible, immediate, impound, immense, impoverish, import, imagination, immature, impotent

“ism ” at the end of a word is pronounced [izim] [izəm]

Nationalism, journalism, socialism, capitalism, racism, materialism, tribalism, radicalism, regionalism, communism, terrorism, nepotism, colonialism, imperialism, pluralism, lesbianism, sectionalism, neocolonialism, individualism,

“dg” is pronounced [dz] [d ʒ]

Edge, knowledge, wedge, judge, lodge, judgment, badge, gadget, fridge, hedge, acknowledge, acknowledgement, cartridge, loge, dodge, bridge

“gh” is pronounced [f] [f]

Enough, cough, laugh, rough, laughable, roughage, laughter, toughen,

“ gh” is silent [] [Ø]

Though, though, daughter, light, bright, weigh, weight, slaughter, thought, bought, fought, sought, brought, high, higher, highest, dough, delight,

“ gh” is pronounced [g] [g]

Ghana, Ghanaian , Afghan, Afghanistan, ghetto, ghastly, Shanghai, ghost,

“o” between 2 consonants is pronounced [ɒ] [ʊ/ɔ]
Pot, dot, hot, job, drop, sport, slot, dog, cost, cot, rot, body, comma, lock, population, dialogue, drop, spot, model, modify, philosophy, top , Exceptions: son, post, work. Word, world, comfortable, both

“o” between 2 consonants followed by “e” is pronounced [ou] [əʊ]
Hope, hole, role, sole, cope, pope, drove, wrote, dose, tone, pose, joke , ozone, promote, rope, dole, poke, zone, promote, oppose Exceptions: poverty, lose, move, score, property, power, gone etc

“o” between 2 consonants/ followed by “e” is pronounced [a] [ʌ]
Love, come, dove, glove, some, cover, money, above, honey, done, cover, discover, govern, coverage, lover, government, none, mother, brother

“oa” is pronounced [ou] [əʊ]
Goat, goal, boat, road, coach, cocoa, oat, coat, poach, cockroach, soap, toad, roast, toast, reproach, foam, bloat, moan, Exceptions: abroad, coagulate, broad

“oo” is pronounced [uu] [u:]
Food, mood, choose, spoon, Google, roof, loose, hoof, tool, root, classroom, school, balloon, groove, kangaroo, boot, loot, doom, pool, moo, loo

“oo” is pronounced [u] [ʊ]
Good, goods, goodness, goodwill, goodies, foot, book, look, motherhood, wool, woolen, undertook, bookshop, cook Exceptions: [ɔ:] door, floor [ʌ] flood, blood

“ph” is pronounced [f] [f]
Telephone, pharmacy, prophet, alpha, elephant, nephew, orphanage, photo, photocopy, paragraph, phrase, orphan, triumph, alphabet, phosphate, phobia, physics, geography, phenomenon, emphasis, philosophy

Exceptions: shepherd, hip-hop, uphold, haphazardly, loophole

“qua” is pronounced [kwɔ] [kwɒ]

Quality, quantity, qualification, quadruple, quadruped, qualitative, squad, quantifier, quash, quarry, quarantine, quarter, quarrel, quantification
Exception: quack, equal, quay, quake, equate

“que ” is pronounced [kwɜ] [kwe]

Quest, question, request, questionnaire, consequence, quench, questionnaire, quench, questionable, frequently, sequence
Exceptions: queen, queue, unique, critique, query

“qui” is pronounced [kwi] [kwi]

Quick, quit, quiz, quicker, quickly, equip, equipment, quizzical, quinsy quibble, quid, quince, quicken,
Exceptions: quiet, quietly

“quo” is pronounced [kuou] [kwəʊ]

Quotation, quote, quotable, quo, quota, quotative, quotion, quotient, quote worthy, quoter,
Exceptions: quorum, quod, quorn

“oi” is pronounced [ɔi] [ɔi]

Oil, toil, soil, spoil, voice, boil, choice, coin, foil, hoist, toilet, oilfield, poison, noise, anointing, adjoining, quoin, oily, goitre , joining, ointment, coinage

“oy” is pronounced [ɔi] [ɔi]

boy, toy , enjoy, destroy, gloy, boycott, boyish, joy, joyful, joyous, loyalty, oyster, joystick, deploy, goy
exceptions

“u” between 2 consonants is pronounced [ʌ] [ʌ]
But, cut, fun, run, gun, rub, sum, bus, dull, brush, hurry, butter, shut, refund, cub, mud, public, gum, summary, ruff, rush, lust, rust, butter, nut, groundnut, funny
Exceptions
[ʊ] put, push, pull, bull, bush, bulletin, supreme, [ju:] human, cubic, music, humid,
[i] busy, business, minute [e] bury, burial [ə] focus, campus, maximum
[ɜ:] nurse, turn [u:] brutal

“u” between 2 consonants followed by “e” is pronounced [iu] [ju:]
Cute, reduce, mute, huge, duke, introduce, tune, refuge, abuse, misfortune, tribute, misfortune, introduce, produce, duke, acute, fume, muse, resume, consume, tube, confuse
Exceptions: [u:] rule, rude, crude, truce, brute, interlude [ʊə] sure, pure, cure, mature [i] minute
[ə] future, picture, measure

“oar” is pronounced [ɔɔ] [ɔ:]
Board, boarder, boarding, blackboard, springboard, keyboard, hoard, hoarding, roar, roaring, uproar, soar, aboard, oar, hoarse, boar, coarse
Exception: cupboard /'kʌb.əd/

“ou” is pronounced [ʊ] [ʊ]
Would, wouldn't, could, couldn't, should, shouldn't, wound,

“ou” is pronounced [ɔɔ] [ɔ:]
Fought, thought, sought, bought, brought, source, resource, four, besought

"ou" is pronounced [ou] [əʊ]
Though, although, dough, poultry, soul, shoulder, mould, moulder

"ou" is pronounced [au] [aʊ]
Cloud, aloud, shout, out, about, louder, doubt, hour, mouth, noun, south, thousand, louse, plough, outer, outside, loud, louder, loudest, mouse, bough, shouted, our, house, ours

"ou" is pronounced [a] [ʌ]
Cousin, touch, couple, double, trouble, enough, tough, rough, southern, encourage, young, courage,

"ou" is pronounced [uʊ] [u:]
Group, soup, coup, boutique, you, youth, routine, youthful, youthfulness, roulette, Boulevard

"ous" is pronounced [əs] [əʊs]
dangerous, , famous, nervous, scandalous, jealous, amorous, curious, oblivious, hilarious, , suspicious, , obvious serious

"oun" is pronounced [aʊn] [aʊn]
Found, round, count, account, accountant, accounting, mount, mountain, fountain, foundation, ground, groundnut, roundabout, mound, pound, bounce, hound, bound, pounce, noun Exception: country /'kʌn.tri/

"ches" is pronounced [tʃɪz] [tʃɪz]
Watches, matches, catches, touches, patches, hatches, witches, bitches, beaches, riches, fetches, launches, branches, bleaches, clutches, teaches, preaches

“shes” is pronounced [shɪz] [ʃɪz]
Finishes, pushes, brushes, washes, dishes, polishes, nourishes, rushes, wishes, astonishes, banishes,

“ges” is pronounced [dzɪz] [dʒɪz]
Languages, villages, manages, damages, stages, pages, cottages, challenges, bridges, oranges, charges, hostages, marriages, hostages, fridges, bridges, advantages

“ses” is pronounced [sɪz] [siz]
Cases, loses, buses, nurses, tenses, senses, courses, promises,

“ses” is pronounced [zɪz] [zɪz]
Causes, Loses, refuses, pauses, clauses, revises, uses, surprises, accuses, praises, rises,

“ces” is pronounced [sɪz] [siz]
Places, sentences, races, dances, resources, offices, prices, paces, vices, advances , pronounces, pieces, traces, laces, fences, chances

“ched” is pronounced [tʃt] [tʃt]
Watched, matched, touched, preached, punched, fetched, launched, patched, bewitched , reached, NB: [NOT caught/ taught] but [caught/taught]

“shed” is pronounced [ʃɪt] [ʃɪt]
abolished, dashed, vanished, polished, finished, published, fished, crashed, wished, washed, pushed, brushed, punished, diminished, flashed, astonished

‘ged’ is pronounced [dʒd] [dʒd]
Changed, paged, staged, aged, arranged, exchanged, managed, waged,

challenged, damaged Exceptions: [gd] begged, legged, rigged, flagged

"sed" is pronounced [zɪd] [zɪd]
Used, praised, phrased, raised, paused, caused, advised, phased, confused Exceptions: [st] passed, kissed, promised , missed, hissed, blessed, dismissed

"ced" is pronounced [st] [st]
Forced, placed, faced, raced, danced, replaced, spiced, pronounced, announced, spaced, voiced, glanced, chanced, replaced

"our" is pronounced [ə] [ə]
Labour, favour, humour, rigour, amour, colour, colourless, flavour, coloured, colourful, courageous, behaviour, neighbour, glamour, armour, honour

"our" is pronounced [ʒ] [ʒ]
Journalist , journal, journalism, journey, courtesy, scourge, courteous, courteously, bourbon

"our" is pronounced [ɔ] [ɔ]
Source, court, resource, four, your, yourself, mourn, fourteen, mourners, courtroom

"our" is pronounced [aʊ] [aʊ]
Hour, hourly, our, ours, ourselves, scour, devour, flour, hourglass

"our" is pronounced [u] [u]

Tour, tourism, tourist, tournament, gourd,
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"own' is pronounced [aʊn] [aʊn]
Down, crown, downfall, frown, downhill, town, township, brown, countdown, downward

" own" is pronounced [əʊn] [əʊn]
Grown, known, shown, unknown, own, owner, disown, thrown, overthrown, blown, mown,

"ng' is pronounced [ŋ] [ŋ]
King, singing, song, young, bring, kingdom, smoking, making, ring, cling, speaking, eating, The singer is singing a song. Bring your belongings.

"ur" is pronounced [ʊ] [3:]
Burn, Thursday, furnish, further, urgent, burst, curve , surf, surfing, surface, Turkey, urban, urge, burglar, turn, nurse, curse

"ir" is pronounced [ɜ] [3:]
Girl, shirt, dirt, bird, first, thirst, thirsty, thirty, circle, virgin, sir, Flirt, third, chirp, skirt, birth, firstly The birds are chirping.

"ted" at the end of a regular verb is pronounced [tɪd] [tɪd]
Wanted, invited, shouted, waited, rated, jacketed, hated, aborted, heated, lighted , highlighted ,spotted , blotted, slighted ,batted , netted, knitted, hooted, tooted, audited

"ded" at the end of a regular verb is pronounced [dɪd] [dɪd]
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Needed, decided, waded, nodded, coded, landed, flooded, shaded, loaded, blinded, muddled
--

"kn" is pronounced [n] [n]

Knew, know, knife, knee, knowledge, knot , knack, knacker, knit, unknown, kneel down, knickers, knuckle, know-how, knight, knock
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"psy" is pronounced [sai] [sai]

Psychiatry, psychiatric, psychology, psychologist, psychic, psychological, psychopath, psychosis, psychotherapy,
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"pn" is pronounced [n] [n]

Pneumonia, pneumatic, pneumatically, pneumonic , pneumologist

"igh" is pronounced [ai] [ai]

High, thigh, nigh, flight, highland, highly, fight, light, highway, right,
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"nk" is pronounced [ŋk] [ŋk]

Bank, link, ink, think, thank, wink, sank, rank, blank,

"h" is [silent] []

Hour, hourly, honour, honest, honestly, honorable, honorary, heir,
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"h" is pronounced [h] [h]

Homage, house, hit, hide, hot, head, honey, hind, home,

"y" is pronounced [ai] [ai]

Dry, try, sly, by, pry, spy, shy, guy, sky, cry, fly, reply,
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"y" is pronounced [i] [i]

Sorry, pity, empty, country, slowly, silly, pretty, city, quickly, merry,

Read the following words/ sentences correctly

1. I choose my shoes
2. He is singing a song
3. Witches, wishes, which, wish, witch, wished
4. Wastage, villager, image, marriage
5. Fool, stool, pull, full, cool, could, pool, good wooden
6. Through thick and thin

Practise

Word	phonetic	Word	phonetic
Awry	[əraɪ]	Rancour	[ræŋkə]
Blessed	[blest]	Read	[ri:d]
Blessed	[blesɪd]	Read	[red]
Buoy	[bɔɪ /bu:i]	Record (n)	[rekɔ:d]
Commandant	[kɒməndənt]	Record (v)	[rɪkɔ:d]
Commander	[kəma:ndə]	Rebel (n)	[rebəl]
Conflict (n)	[kɒnflɪkt]	Rebel (v)	[rɪbel]
Conflict (v)	[kənflɪkt]	Walk	[wɔ:k]
Count	[kaʊnt]	Work	[wɜ:k]
Country	[kʌntri]	Weak	[wi:k]
Dioxin	[daɪ'ɒk.sɪn]	Weapon	[wepən]
Donkey	[dɒŋki]	Womb	[wu:m]
Ewe	[ju:]	Their	[ðeə]
Feather	[feðə]	there	[ðeə]
Feature	[fi:tʃə]	Lamb	[læm]
Kowtow	[kaʊtaʊ]	Live (v)	[lɪv]
Monkey	[mʌŋki]	Live (adj)	[laɪv]
Money	[mʌni]	Quixotic	[kwɪksɒtɪk]
Quran	[kɔ:ra:n]	plough	[pləʊ]

SILENT LETTER

'b' after 'm' : comb, combing, lamb , thumb. Tomb, plumb, plumbing, dumb,

'b' before 't': doubt, debt, debtor

'ch' : yacht,

‘g’ before ‘n’ and ‘m’ gnat, gnaw, gnash, feign, champagne, campaign, coign, impugn, design, align, consign, foreign, alignment, foreigner
‘gh’(final): plough, dough, though, thorough, through, high, nigh, thigh, bough,
‘gh’(before ‘t’): taught, bought, fought, brought, sought, right, height, night
‘h’: hour, heir, honest, honour, John
‘k’: (before) : know, knack, knee, knot, knuckle, knife, knoll, knight, knapsack,
‘l’: could, should, would, walk, talk, psalm, half, Lincoln, chalk, folk
‘n’: (after ‘m’) hymn, damn, condemn, autumn, limn, column
‘p’: psalms, pneumonia, pneumatic, psyche, psychiatry, psychology, psalmist, psycho-
‘s’: island, isle, aisle, puisne, viscount
‘t’ after ‘s’ and / before ‘l’ and ‘n’: listen, wrestle, moisten, often, castle, battle, nestle, pestle, epistle, whistle, Christmas, soften, christen,
‘w’ (before ‘r’) wrap, wretch, wrath, write, wrist, wrong, wreck, wrought, awry
‘w’: who, sword, two, answer,

PROBLEMATIC SOUNDS

ADEPTS SPECIAL DRILLS FOR YOU TO MASTER YOUR PRONUNCIATION OF CERTAIN PROBLEMATIC SOUNDS

Certain words pose a lot of problems to speakers of English Language because as seen in the production of Vowel and Consonant Sounds, some of them are very close in terms of place and manner of articulation and if you do not take care, you may end up pronouncing them wrongly. You are therefore advised to study the words below carefully and master their pronunciations such that you will be able to differentiate between them in pronunciation. These sounds which confuse users because of their closeness in terms of production are referred to as problematic sounds. In problematic sounds, if you are not careful, you will substitute the pronunciation of one word for another word and this confuses your listeners thereby tarnishing your image.

WORD	PHONETIC	WORD	PHONETIC
Tank	[tænk]	thank	[θæŋk]
Tree	[tri:]	three	[θri:]
Ant	[ænt]	aunt	[ɑ:nt]
Tin	[tɪn]	thing	[θɪŋ]
Tin	[tɪn]	thin	[θɪn]
Done	[dʌn]	than	[ðæn]
Each	[i:tʃ]	itch	[ɪtʃ]
Order	[ɔ:də]	other	[ʌðə]
Day	[dei]	they	[ðei]
Dose	[dous]	those	[ðouz]
Deaf	[def]	death	[deθ]
Dare	[deə]	there	[ðeə]
Dough	[dou]	though	[ðou]
Ease	[i:z]	Is	[ɪz]
Faith	[feiθ]	fate	[feɪt]
Kiss	[kɪs]	Keys	[ki:z]
Key	[ki:]	quay	[ki:]
Tie	[taɪ]	thigh	[θaɪ]
Lip	[lɪp]	leap	[li:p]
March	[mɑ:tʃ]	match	[mætʃ]
True	[tru:]	through	[θru:]
Rich	[rɪtʃ]	reach	[ri:tʃ]
Through	[θru:]	threw	[θru:]
Thought	[θɔ:t]	taught	[tɔ:t]
Since	[sɪns]	sins	[sɪnz]
Leave	[li:v]	Live	[lɪv]
Peel	[pi:l]	pill	[pɪl]
Feel	[fi:l]	fill	[fɪl]
Heal	[hi:l]	hill	[hɪl]
Peace	[pi:s]	piss	[pɪs]
Field	[fi:ld]	filled	[fɪld]
Face	[feɪs]	Phase	[feɪz]
Tie	[taɪ]	Tyre /tire	[taɪə]
Root	[ru:t]	Ruth	[ru:θ]
Tarty	[ta:ti]	thirty	[θɜ:ti]
Thesis	[θi:sis]	Theses	[θi:si:z]
Believe	[bɪli:v]	Belief	[bɪli:f]
Please	[pli:z]	Police	[pəli:s]

Safe	[seɪf]	Save	[seɪv]
People	[pi:pl]	pupil	[pju:pl]
Excise	[eksəɪz]	Exercise	[eksəsaɪz]
Bath	[bɑ:θ]	bathe	[beɪð]
Tick	[tɪk]	thick	[θɪk]
Sheet	[ʃi:t]	shit	[ʃɪt]
Won	[wʌn]	one	[wʌn]
Cause	[kɔ:z]	course	[kɔ:s]
Gone	[ɡɒn]	gun	[ɡʌn]
Team	[ti:m]	theme	[θi:m]
Rare	[reə]	Rear	[rɪə]

Practice to be adept at Pronunciation

WORD	PHONETIC	WORD	PHONETIC
creature	/ˈkri:.tʃə r /	Mental	/ˈmen.təl/
Breakfast	/ˈbrek.fəst/	Hospital	/ˈhɒs.pɪ.təl/
Comfort	/ˈkʌm.fət/	total	/ˈtəʊ.təl/
uncomfortable	/ʌnˈkʌm f.tə.bl/	monumental	/ˈmɒn.jʊˈmen.təl
Woman	/ˈwʊm.ən/	mountain	/ˈmaʊn.tɪn/
Women	/ˈwɪmɪn/	contain	/kənˈteɪn/
Prophet	/ˈprɒf.ɪt/	community	/kəˈmjʊ:ˌnə.ti/
love	/lʌv/	Animal	/ˈæn.ɪ.məl/
gloves	/ɡlʌvz/	formal	/ˈfɔ:ˌməl/
Cousin	/ˈkʌz. ə n/	Normal	/ˈnɔ:ˌməl/
dove	/dʌv/	Oral	/ˈɔ:ˌrəl/
Rough	/rʌf/	Rural	/ˈrʊə.rəl/
Tough	/tʌf/	Vandal	/ˈvæn.dəl/
Enough	/ɪˈnʌf/	Scandal	/ˈskæn.dəl/
Encourage	/ɪnˈkʌr.ɪdʒ/	Bridal	/ˈbraɪ.dəl/
couple	/ˈkʌp.l/	Royal	/ˈrɔɪ.əl/
Trouble	/ˈtrʌb.l/	loyal	/ˈlɔɪ.əl/
Psychology	/saɪˈkɒl.ə.dʒi/	dismissal	/dɪˈsmɪs/
pneumonia	/nju:ˈmæʊ.ni.ə/	reprisal	/rɪˈpraɪ.zəl/
Pamphlet	/ˈpæm.flət/	negative	/ˈneg.ə.tɪv/
Singing	/ˈsɪŋ.ɪŋ/	Global	/ˈɡləʊ.bəl/
Wrong	/rɔ:ŋ/	Herbal	/ˈhɜ:ˌbəl/
carpet	/ˈkɑ:ˌpɪt/	Tribal	/ˈtraɪ.bəl/

bulletin	/ˈbʊl.ə.tɪn/	Arrival	/əˈraɪ.vəl/
Correction	/kəˈrek.ʃən/	survival	/səˈvaɪ.vəl/
Democracy	/dɪˈmɒk.rə.si/	Withdrawal	/wɪðˈdrɔː.əl/
Particular	/pəˈtɪk.jʊ.lər/	Renewal	/rɪˈnjuː.əl/
honestly	/ˈɒn.ɪst.li/	Legal	/ˈliː.gəl/
Question	/ˈkwes.tʃən/	Illegal	/ɪˈliː.gəl/
Village	/ˈvɪl.ɪdʒ/	Prodigal	/ˈprɒd.ɪ.gəl/
Wastage	/ˈweɪ.stɪdʒ/	Whimsical	/ˈwɪm.zɪ.kəl/
massage	/ˈmæs.ɑːdʒ/	Local	/ˈləʊ.kəl/
Painted	/peɪntɪd/	Political	/pəˈlɪt.ɪ.kəl/
Invited	/ɪnˈvaɪtɪd/	Principal	/ˈprɪnt.sɪ.pəl/
Needed	/ˈniː.dɪd/	papal	/ˈpeɪ.pəl/
Decided	/dɪˈsaɪ.dɪd/	Pastor	/ˈpɑː.stər/
boasted	/bəʊstɪd/	Doctor	/ˈdɒk.tər/
frown	/fraʊn/	Financial	/faɪˈnæn.tʃəl/
Thank	/θæŋk/	Official	/əˈfɪʃ.əl/
Thin	/θɪn/	Judiciary	/dʒuːˈdɪʃ.ər.i/
Three	/θriː/	Beneficiary	/ˌben.ɪˈfɪʃ.ər.i/
Bomb	/bɒm/	Journalism	/ˈdʒɜː.nə.lɪ.zəm/
Combing	/kooɪmɪŋ/	Regionalism	/ˈriː.dʒən.əl.ɪ.zəm/
tomb	/tuːm/	socialism	/ˈsəʊ.ʃəl.ɪ.zəm/
womb	/wuːm/	Dangerous	/ˈdeɪn.dʒərə.s/
Listen	/ˈlɪs.ən/	Famous	/ˈfeɪ.məs/
castle	/ˈkɑː.səl/	Picture	/ˈpɪk.tʃər/
whistle	/ˈwɪm.zɪ.kəl/	Future	/ˈfjuː.tʃər/
palm	/pɑːm/	indenture	/ɪnˈden.tʃər/
Market	/ˈmɑː.kɪt/	boulder	/ˈbəʊl.dər/
Miserable	/ˈmɪz.ərə.ə.bl/	smoulder	/ˈsməʊl.dər/
miracle	/ˈmɪr.ɪ.kl/	adjournment	/əˈdʒɜː.n.mənt/
Vehicle	/ˈviː.ɪ.kl/	journalist	/ˈdʒɜː.nə.lɪ.zəm/
wizard	/ˈwɪz.əd/	Suspicious	/səˈspɪʃ.əs/
hazard	/ˈhæz.əd/	Delicious	/dɪˈlɪʃ.əs/
Stomach	/stʌm.ək/	Visionary	/ˈvɪʒ.ən.ri/
London	/lʌndən/	Dictionary	/ˈdɪk.ʃən.ər.i/
Lincoln	/lɪŋkən/	Water	/ˈwɔː.tər/
Courage	/ˈkʌr.ɪdʒ/	Sister	/ˈsɪs.tər/
Vegetable	/ˈvedʒ.tə.bl/	Wednesday	/ˈwenz.deɪ/
Ewe	/juː/	National	/ˈnæʃ.nəl/
Debt	/det/	Final	/ˈfaɪ.nəl/
bigot	/ˈbɪɡ.ət/	Traditional	/trəˈdɪʃ.ən.əl/
christmas	/ˈkrɪs.məs/	hopped	/hɒpt/
lunch	/lʌntʃ/	hoped	/həʊpt/

launch	/lɔːntʃ/	ignored	/ɪgˈnɔːrd/
Create	/kriˈeɪt/	Sign	/saɪn/
crate	/kreɪt/	Pursuit	/pəˈsjuːt/
coward	/ˈkaʊ.əd/	significant	/sɪgˈnɪf.ɪ.kənt/
Ceiling	/ˈsiː.lɪŋ/	insisted	/ɪnˈsɪstɪd/
Louse	/laʊs/	Contractor	/kənˈtræk.tər/
shepherd	/ˈʃep.əd/	Forestall	/fɔːˈstɔːl/
breaches	/briːtʃɪz/	Nearby	/ˌniəˈbaɪ/
Reached	/riːtʃt/	consequence	/ˈkɒnt.sɪ.kwənt s/
perished	/priːtʃt/	character	/ˈkær.ɪk.tər/
remained	/rɪˈmeɪnd/	thinking	/ˈθɪŋ.kɪŋ/
insisted	/ɪnˈsɪstɪd/	laugh	/lɑːf/
decided	/dɪˈsaɪdɪd/	aunt	/ɑːnt/

DIFFERENCE IN PRONUNCIATION BETWEEN BRITISH ENGLISH AND AMERICAN ENGLISH

Word	British	American
body	/ˈbɒd.i/	/ˈbɑː.di/
water	/ˈwɔː.tər/	/ˈwɑː.t̬ə/
madam	/ˈmæd.əm/	/ˈmæ.r.əm/
tune	/tjuːn/	/tuːn/
education	/ˌed.jʊˈkeɪ.ʃən/	/ˌed.ʊˈkeɪ.ʃən/
during	/ˈdjʊə.rɪŋ/	/ˈdʊr.ɪŋ/
either	/ˈaɪ.ðər/	/ˈiː.ðər/
neither	/ˈnaɪ.ðər/	/ˈniː.ðər/
schedule	/ˈʃed.juːl/	/ˈsked.juːl/
Anti-	/æn.ti-/	/æn.tər-/
multi	/mʌl.ti-/	/mʌl.tər-/
simultaneously	/ˌsɪm.əlˈteɪ.ni.əs.li/	/ˌsaɪm.əlˈteɪ.ni.əs.li/
vitamin	/ˈvɪt.ə.mɪn/	/ˈvaɪ.t̬ə.mɪn/
yeah	/jeə/	/jæ/
Get out	/get/ /aʊt/	/geraʊt/

Some Tips:

1. **The sound /ɒ/ is pronounced as /ɑ/ in American English**

Somebody, everybody, anybody, God, bob, john, tom, Robert, top, bottom

2. **t' /d' between 2 vowels is pronounced /r/ in American English**

Water, city, better, letter, later, party, potato, tomato peter, Madam, daddy, Friday

3. **The sound /tʃ/or /tj/ is pronounced /t/ in American English**

Tune, Fortunate, fortune, congratulate, opportunity, student

4. The sound / dʒ / or/ dj/ is pronounced /d/ in American English

Educate, Education, duration, during, graduate, graduation

5. There is Joining (liaison) in American English but not in British English

Get out, shut up, get up, sit down, I don't know, give me the book, let me see,

I want to go home, what are you going to do tonight?

PROFICIENCY EXAMINATION

WORD	PHONETIC	WORD	PHONETIC
creature	/ˈkriː.tʃə r /	Mental	/ˈmen.təl/
Breakfast	/ˈbrek.fəst/	Hospital	/ˈhɒs.pɪ.təl/
Comfort	/ˈkʌm.fət/	total	/ˈtəʊ.təl/
uncomfortable	/ʌnˈkʌm f.tə.bl /	monumental	/ˈmɒn.jʊˈmen.t əl
Woman	/ˈwʊm.ən/	mountain	/ˈmaʊn.tɪn/
Women	/ˈwɪmɪn/	contain	/kənˈteɪn/
Prophet	/ˈprɒf.ɪt/	community	/kəˈmjuː.nə.ti/
love	/lʌv/	Animal	/ˈæn.ɪ.məl/
gloves	/glʌvz/	formal	/ˈfɔː.məl/
Cousin	/ˈkʌz. ə n/	Normal	/ˈnɔː.məl/
dove	/dʌv/	Oral	/ˈɔː.rəl/
Rough	/rʌf/	Rural	/ˈrʊə.rəl/
Tough	/tʌf/	Vandal	/ˈvæn.dəl/
Enough	/ɪˈnʌf/	Scandal	/ˈskændəl/
Encourage	/ɪnˈkʌr.ɪdʒ/	Bridal	/ˈbraɪ.dəl/
couple	/ˈkʌp.l /	Royal	/ˈrɔɪ.əl/
Trouble	/ˈtrʌb.l /	loyal	/ˈləɪ.əl/
Psychology	/saɪˈkɒl.ə.dʒi/	dismissal	/dɪˈsmɪ.səl/
pneumonia	/njuːˈmæʊ.ni.ə/	reprisal	/rɪˈpraɪ.zəl/
Pamphlet	/ˈpæm.flət/	negative	/ˈneg.ə.tɪv/
Singing	/ˈsɪŋ.ɪŋ/	Global	/ˈgləʊ.bəl/
Wrong	/rɔːŋ/	Herbal	/ˈhɜː.bəl/

carpet /'kɑː.pɪt/
bulletin /'bʊl.ə.tɪn/
Correction /kə'rek.fən/
Democracy /dɪ'mɒk.rə.si/
Particular /pə'tɪk.jʊ.lər/
honestly /'ɒn.ɪst .li/
Question /'kwes.tʃən/
Village /'vɪl.ɪdʒ/
Wastage /'weɪ.stɪdʒ/
massage /'mæs.ɑːdʒ/
Painted /peɪntɪd /
Invited /ɪn'vaɪtɪd /
Needed /'niː.dɪd/
Decided /dɪ'saɪ.dɪd/
boasted /boʊstɪd /

Tribal /'traɪ.bəl/
Arrival /ə'reɪ.vəl/
survival /sə'vaɪ.vəl/
Withdrawal /wɪð'drɔːəl/
Renewal /rɪ'njuːəl/
Legal /'liː.gəl/
Illegal /ɪ'liː.gəl/
Prodigal /'prɒdɪ.gəl/
Whimsical /'wɪm.zɪ.kəl/
Local /'ləʊ.kəl/
Political /pə'ltɪ.kəl/
Principal /'prɪnt.sɪ.pəl/
papal /'peɪ.pəl/
Pastor /'pɑː.stər/
Doctor /'dɒk.tər/

frown /fraʊn/
Thank /θæŋk/
Thin /θɪn/
Three /θriː/
Bomb /bɒm/
Combing /koumɪŋ/
tomb /tuːm/
womb /wuːm/
Listen /'lɪs.ən/
castle /'kɑː.sl /
whistle /'wɪs.l /
palm /pɑːm/
Market /'mɑː.kɪt/
Miserable /'mɪz.ər.ə.bl /
miracle /'mɪr.ɪ.kl /
Vehicle /'viː.ɪ.kl /
wizard /'wɪz.əd/
hazard /'hæz.əd/

Financial /faɪ'næn.tʃəl/
Official /ə'fɪ.əl/
Judiciary /dʒuː'dɪ.ər.i/
Beneficiary /,ben.ɪ'fɪ.ər.i/
Journalism /'dʒɜː.nə.lɪ.zəm/
Regionalism /'riː.dʒən.əlɪ.zəm/
socialism /'səʊ.ʃəlɪ.zəm/
Dangerous /'deɪn.dʒərəs/
Famous /'feɪ.məs/
Picture /'pɪk.tʃər/
Future /'fjuː.tʃər/
indenture /ɪn'den.tʃər/
boulder /'bəʊl.dər/
smoulder /'sməʊl.dər/
adjournment /ə'dʒɜːn.mənt/
journalism /'dʒɜː.nə.lɪ.zəm/
Suspicious /sə'spɪ.əs/
Delicious /dɪ'lɪ.əs/

Stomach	/ˈstʌm.ək/	Visionary	/ˈvɪʒ.ən.ri/
London	/ˈlʌndən/	Dictionary	/ˈdɪk.ʃən.ər.i/
Lincoln	/lɪŋkən/	Water	/ˈwɔː.tər/
Courage	/ˈkʌr.ɪdʒ/	Sister	/ˈsɪs.tər/
Vegetable	/ˈvedʒ.tə.bl /	Wednesday	/ˈwenz.deɪ/
ewe	/juː/	National	/ˈnæʃ.nəl/
Debt	/det/	Final	/ˈfaɪ.nəl/
bigot	/ˈbɪg.ət/	Traditional	/trəˈdɪʃ.ən.əl/
christmas	/ˈkrɪs.məs/	hopped	/hɒpt/
lunch	/lʌntʃ/	hoped	/həʊpt/
launch	/lɔːntʃ/	ignored	/ɪgˈnɔːrd/
Crate	/kreɪt/	Sign	/saɪn/
create	/kriˈeɪt/	Pursuit	/pəˈsjuːt/
coward	/ˈkaʊ.əd/	significant	/sɪgˈnɪf.ɪ.kənt/
Ceiling	/ˈsiː.lɪŋ/	insisted	/ɪnˈsɪstɪd/
Louse	/laʊs/	Contractor	/kənˈtræk.tər/
shepherd	/ˈʃep.əd/	Forestall	/fɔːˈstɔːl/
breaches	/brɪˈtʃɪz/	Nearby	/ˌniəˈbaɪ/
Reached	/riːtʃt/	consequence	/ˈkɒnt.sɪ.kwənt s/
perished	/prɪːtʃt/	character	/ˈkær.ɪk.tər/
remained	/rɪˈmeɪnd/	thinking	/ˈθɪŋ.kɪŋ/
insisted	/ɪnˈsɪstɪd/	laugh	/lɑːf/
decided	/dɪˈsaɪdɪd/	aunt	/ɑːnt/

Homonym homophones sound alike but different spellings

blue	blew	knew	new
principal	principle	Steal	steel
there	their	weather	whether
peace	piece	whole	hole
write	right	led	lead
coarse	course	here	hear
week	weak	wait	weight
miner	minor	capital	capitol
passed	past	died	dyed
aloud	allowed	dying	dyeing

Homonym homographs have the same spellings but different pronunciation and meaning

Row	/rəʊ/	Row	/raʊ/
Sow	/səʊ/	Sow	/saʊ/
Read	/ri:d/	Read	/red/
Tear	/teə r /	Tear	/teə r /
Wind	/wind/	Wind	/waɪnd/
Record	/rɪ'kɔ:d/	Record	/'rek.ɔ:d/
Wound	/wu:nd/	Wound	/waʊnd/
Bow	/baʊ/	Bow	/bəʊ/

Some structural words in English have weak form and strong form of pronunciation

Word	Strong form	Weak form
to	/tu:/	/tə/
the	/ði:/	/ðə/
but	/bʌt/	/bət/
can	/kæn/	/kən/
them	/ðem/	/ðəm/
etc		

Intonation

When you speak your voice rises and falls. Thus falling tone and rising tone. Using intonation properly makes you communicate effectively. Discuss the use of tones with examples.

Word stress / sentence stress in English

Discuss : Tonic stress, emphatic stress, contrastive stress, new information stress

Most two syllable words ending in –ATE are stressed on the second syllable

E.g. DoNATE, dicTATE, roTATE, inFLATE, deFLATE, neGATE, coLLATE,

In three syllable words ending in –ATE are stressed on the first syllable

E.g. PERforate, CaLculate, DEcorate, MASTicate

In four syllable words ending in –ATE are stressed on the second syllable

E.g. InVEStigate, anticipate, AmELiorate, coOPerate

This helps to identify the emphasis or contrast in sentences

Diallo stole my newspaper yesterday.

Diallo **stole** my newspaper yesterday.

Diallo stole my **newspaper** yesterday.

Diallo stole my newspaper **yesterday**.

A number of two-syllabled words can be noun when stress is on first syllable and verb when stress is on second syllable

Noun	Verb	Noun	Verb
import	import	Escort	Escort
Record	Record	Rebel	Rebel
Produce	Produce	Conduct	Conduct
Transport	Transport	Convert	Convert
Conflict	Conflict	Suspect	Suspect
Insult	Insult	present	present
permit	permit	review	review

DIFFERENCE IN SPELLINGS BETWEEN BRITISH ENGLISH AND AMERICAN ENGLISH

British ‘our’[]	American ‘or’[]	British	American
Labour	Labor	Annexe	Annex
neighbour	neighbor	Cheque	Check
Honour	Honor	Tyre	Tire
Colour	Color	draught	draft
flavour	flavor	Plough	plow
British	American	British	American
Dialogue	Dialog	Centre	Center
Synagogue	Synagog	Metre	Meter
Pedagogue	Pedagog	litre	liter
Homologue	Homolog	theatre	theater
analogue	analog	centimetre	centimetre
British	American	British	American
Anaemia	Anemia	Organise	Organize
Anaesthesia	Anesthesia	Colonise	Colonize
encyclopaedia	encyclopedia	Realise	Realize
Amoeba	Ameba	civilise	civilize
Diarrhoea	Diarrhea	Analyse	Analyze
British	American	British	American
Traveller	Traveler	Defence	Defense
Programme	Program	Pretence	Pretense
judgement	judgment	offence	offense
Computer	Computer	Training	Training program
program	program	programme	
oesophagus	esophagus	counselling	counseling
Aeroplane	airplane	cosy	cozy

Phoney British	phony American	kerb British	curb American
Word	British	American	
body	/'bɒd.i/	/'bɑ:.di/	
water	/'wɔ:.tər/	/'wɑ:.t̬ə/	
madam	/'mæd.əm/	/'mæ r.əm/	
tune	/tju:n/	/tu:n/	
education	/,ed.jʊ'keɪ.fən/	/,ed.ʊ'keɪ.fən/	
during	/'djʊə.rɪŋ/	/'dʊr.ɪŋ/	
either	/'aɪ.ðər/	/'i: ðər /	
neither	/'naɪ.ðər/	/'ni:ðə /	
schedule	/'fed.ju:l/	/'sked ju:l /	
Anti-	/æn.ti-/	/æn. taɪ- /	
Acknowledgement	acknowledgment	Meagre	Meager
Judgement	judgment	Organisation	Organization
Aluminium	aluminum	Practice/practise	practice
Cancelled	Canceled	pyjamas	pajamas
Co-operation	Cooperation	sulphur	sulfur
Jail/gaol	Jail	instalment	installment
Fulfill	Fulfil	manoeuvre	maneuver

DIFFERENCE IN PRONUNCIATION BETWEEN BRITISH ENGLISH AND AMERICAN ENGLISH

multi	/mʌl.ti-/	/mʌl. taɪ-/
simultaneously	/,sɪm.əl'teɪ.ni.ə.sli/	/,saɪm.əl'teɪ.ni.ə.sli/
vitamin	/'vɪt.ə.mɪn/	/'vaɪ.t̬ə. mɪn/
yeah	/jeə/	/jæ/
Get out	/get/ /aʊt/	/geraʊt/
semi	/sem.i-/	/sem aɪ- /
lieutenant	/lef'ten.ənt/	/lu:ten.ənt
Missile	/'mɪs.aɪl/	/'mɪs. ə l/
news	/nju:z/	/nu:z/

Teacher	/ˈtiː.tʃər/	/-tʃə/
knew	/njuː/	/nuː/

Some Tips:

1. **The sound /ɔ/ə/ is pronounced as /a/ in American English**

Somebody, everybody, anybody, God, bob, john, tom, Robert, top, bottom

2. **t' /'d' between 2 vowels is pronounced /r/ in American English**

Water, city, better, letter, later, party, potato, tomato peter, Madam, daddy, Friday

3. **The sound / tʃ /or / tj / is pronounced /t/ in American English**

Tune, Fortunate, fortune, congratulate, opportunity, student

4. **The sound / dʒ / or/ dj/ is pronounced /d/ in American English**

Educate, Education, duration, during, graduate, graduation

5. **There is Joining (liaison) in American English but not in British English**

Get out, shut up, get up, sit down, I don't know, give me the book, let me see,
I want to go home, what are you going to do tonight?

Exercise 1 Read the following words/ sentences correctly to your teacher's satisfaction.

1. I choose my shoes
2. He is singing a song
3. Witches, wishes, which, wish, witch, wished
4. Wastage, villager, image, marriage
5. Fool, stool, pull, full, cool, could, pool, good wooden
6. Through thick and thin
7. Some people eat raw cassava.
8. I can see the sea
9. My neighbor is a foreign student
10. You must cook before noon.
11. Three things are free under that tree.
12. A hungry man is an angry man.
13. I can hear you from here.
14. Wait a minute, please
15. I saw **kofi** yesterday.
16. From top to bottom
17. He is an Ewe man .

18. A ewe is not a dangerous animal.

EXERCISE 2 . Read out aloud

Ten. Tarn. Torn. Ton. Turn.

Ben. Barn. Born. Bun. Burn.

Bed. Bard. Board. Bud. Bird.

Beck. Bark. Baulk. Buck. Burqa

Pet. Part. Port. Putt. Pert.

READ OUT

Awry	[əraɪ]	Rancour	[ræŋkə]
Blessed	[blest]	Read	[ri:d]
Blessed	[blesɪd]	Read	[red]
Buoy	[bəɪ /bu:i]	Record (n)	[rekɔ:d]
Commandant	[kɒməndənt]	Record (v)	[rɪkɔ:d]
Commander	[kəmə:ndə]	Rebel (n)	[rebəl]
Conflict (n)	[kɒnflɪkt]	Rebel (v)	[rɪbel]
Conflict (v)	[kɒnflɪkt]	Walk	[wɔ:k]
Count	[kaʊnt]	Work	[wɜ:k]
Country	[kʌntri]	Weak	[wi:k]
Dioxin	[daɪ'ɒk.sɪn]	Weapon	[wepən]
Donkey	[dɒŋki]	Womb	[wu:m]
Ewe	[ju:]	Their	[ðeə]
Feather	[feðə]	there	[ðeə]
Feature	[fi:tʃə]	Lamb	[læm]
Kowtow	[kaʊtaʊ]	Live (v)	[lɪv]
Monkey	[mʌŋki]	Live (adj)	[laɪv]
Money	[mʌni]	Quixotic	[kwɪksɒtɪk]
Quran	[kɔ:ra:n]	plough	[pləʊ]

Part 1: write down the pronunciation sounds of the following combinations and give 4 examples in each case.

- 1- "eau" []
- 2- "ol" []
- 3- "ew" grew []
- 4- "ear" tears []
- 5- "th" though []
- 6- "th" three []
- 7- "eer" []
- 8- "sh" []
- 9- "ch" church []
- 10- "ie" []

Part 2: Classify the words below according to their phonetics rules (20 marks)

List of words: crew, news, few, jewel, screw, knew, grew, nephew, year, clear, swear, dear, wear, pear, bear, disappear, French, church, chaos, stomach, teach, chemical, watch, architect, think, three, month, both, other, mother, them, with

[tʃ] _____

[k] _____

[ɪə] _____

[eə] _____

[ð] _____

[θ] _____

[u:] _____

[ju:] _____

Underline the words in which we can find the sound indicated in parenthesis

1.[eə] clear, appear, rear, dearly, bear

2.[k] machine, French, chemistry, school, chef

3.[u:] threw, sew, dew, ewe, drew

4.[θ] thinks, this, clothes, thought, another

5.[əʊ] hold, dollar, wolf, gold, golf

Part 2: Underline only one word which does not belong to the group and give the main rule

1. Witch, character, church, children

2. Brew, interview, new, pew

3. Choose, cheap, chip, machine

4. Both, myth, father, three

5. bit, fish, child, quick

Pronunciation	Word	meaning
1. /tʃɜ:tʃ/		
2. /wɒtʃ/		
3. /θɪŋk/		
4. /həʊld/		
5. /klɪə r /		

Word	Pronunciation	meaning
Church		
Please		
Stomach		
Breakfast		
London		

SECTION A: PROVIDE THE PHONETIC SOUNDS FOR THESE LETTERS**COMBINATIONS AND GIVE 4 EXAMPLES FOR EACH OF THEM.**

1. "Ph" []
2. "in" []
3. "im" []
4. "oi" []
5. "oy" []
6. "gh" []
7. "qua" []
8. "dg" []
9. "qui" []
10. "quo" []

Part 2: Classify the words below according to their phonetics rules (20 marks)

List of words: good, food, look, cook, mood, spoon, foot, school,
Move, done, love, prove, discover, whole, role, improve, joke, pole, come, remove

[u:] _____

[u] _____

[u:] _____

[ʌ] _____

Underline the words in which we can find the sound indicated in parenthesis

- 1.[ʌ] mood, good, blood, pool, flood
- 2.[u:] food, look, cook, mood, good
- 3.[aʊ] cow, grow, how, sow, blow
- 4.[f] laugh, daughter, paragraph, light, bath
- 5.[əʊ] love, hole, come, pole, move

Part 2: Underline only one word which does not belong to the group and give the main rule

1. world, word, sport, worse, work
2. done, drove, love, honey, come
3. spoon, root, room, pool, cook
4. quiet, quit, equip, quiz, quibble
5. oil, toil, soil, tortoise, boiling

Pronunciation**Word****meaning**

1. /mu:n/

2. /lʌv/

3. /blæk.bɔ:d/

4. /kɒk/

5. /'tɔː.təs/

Word	Pronunciation	meaning
Boy		
Enough		
Bought		
Flood		
Question		

PROVIDE THE PHONETIC OF THE FOLLOWING COMBINATIONS AND GIVE FOUR EXAMPLE

1- “u” between 2 cons.

2- “u” between 2 cons.

3- “u” between 2 cons. + “e”

4- “u” between 2 cons. + “e”.

5- ‘oar’

6- ‘ou’

7- ‘ou’

8- ‘ou’

9- ‘ou’

10-‘ou’

11-‘oun’

12-‘ches’

13-shes

14- 'ges'

15- 'ces'

16- 'ses'

17- 'ses'

18- 'ched'

19- 'shed'

20- 'ed' at the end of a regular verb.

Part 2: Classify the words below according to their phonetics rules

List of words: put, cut, push, house, rude, plough, huge, crude, plough, rush, full, mouse, brute, reduce, rule, truce, cloud, brush, butter, cute, mute,

[ʊ] _____

[ʌ] _____

[aʊ] _____

[u:] _____

[ju:] _____

Underline the words in which we can find the sound indicated in parenthesis

1. [ʌ] country, house, double, thousand, south
2. [ju:] mud, music, bush, human, supreme
3. [sɪz] tenses, uses, clauses, nurses, loses
4. [u:] group, loud, dough, enough, soup
5. [t] lived, ashamed, finished, called, laughed

Part 2: Underline only one word which does not belong to the group and give the main rule

1. wanted, needed, invited, decided, prayed
2. proud, poultry, shoulder, though, boulder
3. found, sound, country, round, ground
4. tenses, loses, senses, loses, nurses
5. board, springboard, cupboard, soar, hoarding

Pronunciation

1. /kʌp/

2. /gru:p/

3. /pleɪsɪz/

4. /'læŋ.gwɪdʒɪz/

5. /'graʊnd.nʌt/

Word**Translation in French****Word**

1. country

2. cupboard

3. nurses

4. though

5. cut

Pronunciation**Translation in French**

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