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"Exercises in English Phonetics" is chiefly meant for the first and the second year students of the department of English. Special emphasis has been laid on the differences between the Estonian and English sounds, on the difficulties for the Estonian learner. The study aid is provided with tape which enables students to work independently. In compiling "Exercises in English Phonetics" the latest contemporary changes and tendencies in English pronunciation have been taken into consideration.

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Abbreviations:

- C - consonant
- vC - voiced consonant
- vlC - voiceless consonant
- CCI - consonant cluster
- V - vowel
Vowel No. 1

\[ \text{[i]} \] - a front close (high) unrounded diphthongised (long) vowel.

Variants:

eve, eel, ease, v, knee, tea, pea, ski, lead, need, veal, feel, feed, week,

2. Reduced [i] (v1C + [i] + v1C, C1 + [i] + C):
seat, keep, street, treat, speak, seek, peak, leap, thief, streak.

Compare: [iː] - [i]:
me    meat
see   seat
knee  neat
wee   wheat
pea   Pete
key   keep
bee   beat
d     deep

Phrases and Sentences:

Eve and Pete, lean meat, clean seat, east, breeze, neat street, meat and peas, wheat seeds, knee-deep.

Meet me! Keep clean! He needs wheat. Speak next week!

Eve and Pete, please be neat! Eat meat and don't speak, please! He even keeps bees. Believe me, she deceives me.
The need to read was pleaded by the chief. These trees have been beaten by the breeze. Do you agree, if you're free, to come to tea with me by the sea?
Vowel No. 2

\[ \text{I} \] - a front-retracted close (high) unrounded (short) vowel.

Variants:

(1) stressed:
ill, in, it, kill, fill, din, bid, pill, fit, tin, pit, till, sit, lid, pit, pity, city, Kitty,

(2) unstressed (somewhat more centralized, far from the stressed syllable the tongue has often a position lower than half-close):

system, physics, minimum, linen, village, willing, festivity, useless, goodness, private, possible, problem, Mississippi, sinister.

Note: the consonant [l] is not palatalized by [i]:
hilly, silly, lily, filling, millinery, willing, will-y-nil, Millie.

Phrases and Sentences:

Little system, hilly city, at the millinery, this minimum, little village, spilt milk, visiting ships.

Lily is willing. It's an interesting system. Finish it, it isn't difficult! Kitty sings a ditty. It's a pity, Pitt's busy. It fits him. The ship was hit and began to drift. Lily is so silly, she isn't willing to work at the village millinery. The skipper persisted that his own business fitted in with his ship's visit to the Mississippi. My sister was sick, so she had to take a pill which she did with ill-will. Will you come in, he is swimming in the river with Tim.

Vowel No. 3

\[ \text{e} \] - a front mid-open (-low) unrounded (short) vowel.
bed, dead, lead, pet, beg, men, tend, set, let, meant, peck, net, get, sell, tell, better, pepper, melt, ate, clever, heavy, desert.

**Phrases and Sentences:**

Very well, better tent, Ned said, Ted's letter, many hens, mended net, heavy tent, clever sentence.

Get into bed! Lead's heavy. Let's get set. Better late than never. Ted ate many eggs. Terry was on the ferryboat. Yes, terrible weather last Wednesday. For his breakfast he ate herrings and bread and went back to bed. "Get ready," he said, "else the hens won't be fed." He sent ten men to mend the tent. He sells the best hens' eggs every Wednesday.

**Vowel No. 4**

\[\text{æ} \]  
- a front fully open (low) unrounded (semilong) vowel.

**Variants:**

(1) long \[\text{æː} \] (\[\text{æː} \] + vC, C + \[\text{æː} \] + vC):
- add, as, and, am, bad, bag, gad, nag, sag, sad, van,

(2) short \[\text{æ} \] (\[\text{æ} \] + v1C, C + \[\text{æ} \] + v1C):
- at, ass, ant, ample, pat, cat, lass, pack, sack, lack, sat, lap, mat, lack, fat, apple, Jack, match, trap, classic, natural, cash.

**Phrases and Sentences:**

Black cattle, rabbit-trap, fat man, black jacket, ample cash, sad man, fat cat, bad practice, happy Jack.

Pack that bag. The man had a hammer in his hand. Habit cures habit. A fat cat sat on the mat. That's the fat man that took off his jacket in the tram. I'm glad to see you happy on a Saturday. It's sad that the weather's bad. Can apple
salad go bad? I'm gald we've had a chat. Perhaps you can have that hat, madam? You haven't met Pat, have you? She let the cat out of the bag. He attacked the man in the van with a hammer in his hand. There was a sack in the pack.

Vowel No. 5

[ʌ] - a front-retracted open (low) (or mid-low) unrounded (short) vowel.

up, cup, cut, but, supper, upper, bus, must, nut, hut, ton, summer, some, tuck, tub, trust, sun, such, hum, substance, subject, study, stuff, stub, luxury, hubbub.

Phrases and Sentences:

Sunday bus, stuffy study, cups for supper, some hubbub, sunny Sunday, such stuff, upper hut, run and jump.

He must run to the hut. It's fun to run and jump in the sun. The bus was very rusty and covered with mud. Don't trouble trouble until trouble troubles you. A dozen young doves is enough. It's lovely, honey and butter. Cut up the tough stuff. It was such luck to find you up in London on Monday. What fun to give the monkeys buns! If you touch the money, you'll be punished. You must come to supper with us and join in the fun.

Vowel No. 6

[a] - a back open (low) unrounded (long) vowel.

Variants:

1. long [aː] (C + [aː], C + [aː] + vC):
   ma, barn, darn, far, car, tar, farm, vase, hard,
2. reduced ([a] + vlC, C + [a] + vlC):
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ask, cask, past, last, fast, aunt, vast, mark, laugh,

nasty, pass, part, pardon, half, lark, arch.

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Phrases and Sentences:

Fast car, ask Ma, nasty laugh, vast park, grass in the park, after dark, aunt's car, tar in the barn.

Ma parks Pa's car. Aunt asked Ma if the farm was far. He runs fast into the barn of the farm. Ask at the next grass path that you pass. You can't dance if you get here after dark. Half the class laughed. Last dance, last chance. Farmyards are large. Pa harkens to far larks. I shan't sing at the garden party on my aunt's farm.

Vowel No. 7

[ə] - a back open (low) almost unrounded (short) vowel.

on, odd, pond, got, lot, pot, pod, cot, job, bond, nod, not, hot, blot, knock, body, bomb, rock, glossy, glottis, offer, oral, profit, proper, promise, rotten, rocket, scholar, tropical, volume.

Phrases and Sentences:

Not hot, oral promise, lots of ostriches, boggy plot, from the top, rotten profit, hot pot, long song.

Copy the song, it isn't long. A little pot is soon hot. He got a long song. The mose covered the rock. The pot is hot. John stopped the clock. Bob's watch has stopped. Have you got a stop-watch? The scholar was fond of wandering in the tropics. What a lot of clocks and watches in that shop. He
was shocked to find a box of chocolates in the tropical forest. The robber dropped the box into the pond and hopped off. Where's the watch I put in my pocket to take to the shop because it had stopped?

Vowel No. 8

- a back mid-open (-low) (long) vowel with medium lip-rounding.

Variants:

(1) long [ɔː] (C + [ɔː], C + [ɔː] + vC):
  saw, law, raw, draw, score, jaw, lord, board, all, call, pause,

(2) reduced ( [ɔ] + v1C, C + [ɔ] + v1C):
  ought, bought, port, sought, naughty, sort, retort, horse, talk, short, scorch, porch, north, launch.

Compare [ɔː] - [ɔ]:

saw - sort  saws - sauce  wall - walk
war - wart  shore - short  pour - port
board - bought  tall - talk  law - launch

Phrases and Sentences:

Naughty Paul, Lord Gordon, raw straw, walk north, short talk, adorned doors, all talk, more pork, short walk. She's short of cord. In the morning there was an awful storm. They talked about Maud's naughty daughter. Paul played the organ in the orchestra. I saw some trawlers in the port. Bores talk you're caught. Shaw fought laws. Maud saw four boars before dawn. More sauce for pork. Lord Gordon caught naught. Paul swallowed a lot of salty water. He yawned before them all as he thought it a bore. Right across the hall floor he crawled on all fours. It wasn't my fault that the wall round the orchard was much too tall.
Vowel No. 9

- a back-advanced close (high) slightly rounded (short) vowel.

bush, bull, pull, full, foot, look, book, soot, brook, bush, room, cook, good, hood, push, put, nook, could, should, bullet, bully, cushion, pudding, woolen, pussy, woman, wolf, wood, sugar.

Phrases and Sentences:

Good cook, woolen hood, wolf in the bush, woman-cook, cushioned room, good food, full room, sugar pudding.

Look, full of books! Fred stood by the brook baiting his hook. Eat the pudding! Woolen hoods look good. The woman pulled on the woolen hood. The butcher pushed the pussy into the room. Mind where you put your foot. The cook took the book but had no time to look at it. Have a good look at the cookery book! To put sugar in that pudding shows that the cookery book was not understood. Have a look at this book which I found near the brook and gave to our cook!

Vowel No. 10

- a back close (high) rounded diphthongized (long) vowel.

Variants:

(1) long \([u:]\) \((C + [u:], C + [u:] + vC)\):

do, tool, soon, moon, doom, stool, fool, pool, noon, school, prove, boom, loop, wound, threw,

(2) reduced \((C + [u] + v1C)\):

scoop, droop, hoop, loop, loose, noodle, beauty, proof, prudent, root, shoot, sooth, soup, boot, group, hoof.
Compare [uː] - [u]:

shoe - shoot 
ru de - root 
lose - loose 
prove - proof 
due - duke 
soothe - sooth 
Jews - juice 
nude - newt

Phrases and Sentences:

Cool soup, blue pool, stupid pupil, two schools, loose roots, noodle soup, beautiful moon, new boots.

Once in a blue moon. Do you shoot? Go to school at noon! Sue stooped to scoop soup with a big spoon. Who said the soup was too cool? Loose shoes doom you, too. Do you assume these roses bloom in June? It's true the tools were loose. I'd hate to lose the blue beauty of the view. I'd choose blue shoes to take to school to use if I were you. Hugh's tune is due in June. Whose shoe's loose?

Vowel No. 11

[3] - a mixed mid-open (-low) un-rounded (long) vowel. The lips are neutrally spread.

Variants:

(1) long [ɔː] (C + [ɔː], C + [ɔː] + vC):
  fir, sir, blur, bird, earn, turn, worm, serve, firm, surge, stern, turn, merge, burn, world, surgeon,

(2) reduced (C + [ɔ] + v1C):
  birch, lurch, search, thirst, thirty, dirty, work, version, verse, first, earth, worse, purse, hurt.

Compare [ɔː] - [ɔ]:

curd - curt 
heard - hurt 
surge - search 
- purrs - purse - surf - bird - burnt - fir

Thursday - thirsty 
- first

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Phrases and Sentences:
Dirty work, thirty firs, first verse, dirty earth, verbal version, birds chirp, burnt firm, thirsty surgeon.

First come, first served. It's the early bird that catches the worm. Learn the affirmative of the verb to stir. Burn the dirty ferns there under the firs. What an absurd word I heard. The surly merchant twirled his moustache as he purchased the first thirty pearls. He searched and searched for the bird he heard behind the church. Percy turned when he heard the girl's words. Words hurt more than swords.

Vowel No. 12
[[ə]] - a mixed mid-open (-low) unrounded (short) vowel.

again, about, asleep, ago, abreast, approve, away, avoid, moment, citizen, capable, cookery, convince, comical, partial, interval, cooler, grammar, director, teacher, diploma, sofa, worker, extra, fender.

Phrases and Sentences:
About the worker, a capable teacher, on the sofa, some extra grammar, a week ago, a moment ago, approve of it.
The infant was asleep on the sofa. A boy and a girl and their father and mother stood near the water. Neither father nor mother likes this weather. Another concert performance was accepted by the singer. He was amazed at the variety of addresses you sent. He built a protecting wall of shingle and mortar to defend the coast. The director handed the diploma to the teacher of grammar.
EXERCISES ON VOWELS

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### Miscellaneous Sentences:

We had some fun. It's not short. Cut it short! The sun is not hot. Lock the door! He fell ill. Win the battle! A fat girl sat on the stool. You must ask the teacher. Sell the pan! Sing a song! The boss is on the bus. Let him cut it. He took the kettle. The cat and the dog are on the grass. John yawned. Ken is fond of larks. It is a hot meal. The cat ate a bat. There is much soot in the port. He was shocked by the sharks. Ask us to come. A jar of jam is on the shelf. Shoot the rabbit. Ken can sing well. Meg lit the lamp. Jim ate some jam. Pete has seen Jean. Polly put the kettle on. Pat shook the tree. Seal the letter! The cat’s paws are wet. The bus stopped at the sea. Such ponds are not muddy. I bet that the bad lad is wet. This tea is a bit weak and milky. The meal consisted of three dishes: beef-tea, fish and chips, and meat. Ten fat hens pecked at the rag-bag. When Jack gets back he’ll lend a hand. Certainly Sue and Sally thought that. Some seem to think we are thankless. Lend us a hand! My bed isn’t bad. She has a bad leg. The man had ten tin cans in his bag. I'll pack my bag and send it back. The gun has gone off. She’s sung a song. The shops are shut at one o’clock. Tom got a shock in the hot hut. I wonder why he wanders in the hot sunshine.
DIPHTHONGS

I. Gliding to [ɪ].

Variants:

(1) long [e:i] (C + [e:i] , C + [e:i] + vC):
   day, say, pay, lay, bay, ail, rain, paid, pay, age,
   mail, aid, play,
(2) reduced [ei] (C + [ei] + v1C):
   eight, date, sake, late, bait, cake, lake, take, pace,
   plate, ache, face paper, great.

Compare [e:i] - [ei]:

| played    | - plate   | day    | - date   |
| ray       | - race    | laid   | - late   |
| way       | - wait    | phase  | - face   |
| save      | - safe    | raid   | - rate   |

Phrases and Sentences:

Famous lake, May Day, eight, plays, pay day, safe game,
great pain, aged face, eight cakes, wasted aid.

Kate paid for the plate. Kate and May were gay. It’s
great to stay out late. The rain in Spain stays mainly in
the plains. James paints May’s straight face. Let’s play a
game. Haste makes waste. I’ll be late, so don’t wait! An
apple a day keeps the doctor away. Kate came straight to the
races. It rained and rained and rained on that April day.
A penny saved is a penny gained. He lay awake from eight till
eight without a break. They waited and waited for the train
but it was late. Kate lost weight and was in a great state.
They painted the table grey the other day to save it from
staining.
**[ai]**

**Variants:**

(1) long [a:i] (C + [a:i], C + [a:i] + vC):
- I, idle, ivy, die, tie, lie, sky, spy, tile, pile, wine, line, try, cry, time, nine, mine, pine, try,

(2) reduced [ai] (C + [ai] + v1C):
- item, ice, icicle, fight, ripe, like, bike, light, might, cycle, cipher, wipe, slight, night, sight.

**Compare [ai] - [ai]:**

- tied - tight
- tidal - title
- ride - write
- lied - light
- my - might
- eyes - ice
- spy - spite
- fry - fright

**Phrases and Sentences:**

Icy wine, night sky, line by line, night sight, wide eyes, white mice, nine times, my bike, mighty sight.

I like bikes. A stitch in time saves nine. Once bitten, twice shy. I like life. Mike's my size. Buy my nice pies! Science fights lies. High minds like my shy type. My height isn't quite right. At five on Fridays my wife likes to go for a drive. Try as I might, I could not hide my delight at the sight. I'd drive five miles on Friday nights to see a fight that I like. Five guides ride on the right side.

**[ci]**

**Variants:**

(1) long [ci] (C + [ci], C + [ci] + vC):

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boy, toy, annoy, joy, oil, toil, spoil, noise, avoid, boil, coil, void, coin,

(2) reduced [ɔi] (C + [ɔi] + vlC):
hoist, oyster, ointment, boisterous, moist, loiter, voice, voices, poisonous, choice, joist, joint.

Compare [ɔi] - [ɔi]:
noise - voice spoil - spoilt
joys - Joyce join - joint
hoy - hoist

Phrases and Sentences:
Boys' toys, boisterous voices, annoying noise, avoid poison, noisy boys, spoilt choice, moist soil, noisy voices.
Avoid speaking in a boisterous voice. The spoilt boy destroyed the toys. Boys' voices are joyous. Boy, Loy has choice coins. Who enjoys poisonous oysters? Noisy toys point to boys. He toiled all day in the oil shop. He has a noisy voice and spoils our enjoyment. Their hands were oily and soiled their toil. I was annoyed at the boy for spoiling the toy which belonged to Joy. The noise of his voice is annoying.

II. Gliding to [u].

[ɔu]

Variants:
(1) long [ɔ:u] (C + [ɔ:u], C + [ɔ:u] + vlC):
oh, so, low, mow, know, go, snow, known, own, over, phone, stone, home, prone, scone, scold, cold, told, fold, alone, lonely, mole, moment, foam, drone,

(2) reduced [ɔu] (C + [ɔu] + vlC):
oats, oak, coat, coast, most, post, folk, both, goat, rope, soap, moat.
|rob| - |rop|  |Joan| - |joke|
|toe| - |toast|  |oh| - |oak|
|gro| - |gross|  |Goad| - |goat|
|roa| - |wrote|  |pose| - |post|
|cold| - |colt|  |mow| - |moat|

Phrases and Sentences:
Open door, cold toast, snowy coast, home phone, so low, cold snow, coat of gold, oak doors, rolling stone.

As you sow you shall mow. A rolling stone gathers no moss. Nobody knows how lonely the road is. Oh, no, don't go home alone! - No, I won't. Joe gave a low groan as he fell over the stone. Row, brothers, row, we've got a long way to go. Go slowly, it's a lonely road. The thing won't grow even slowly in this cold, you know. Joe opened the oak door and took up the phone. He told me to fold the newspaper and hold it for a moment. So the old boat floated slowly to the coast. I don't smoke. The boat floated on the moat. He showed us the Pole on the globe.

Variants:

1) long [a :u] (C + [a :u], C + [a :u] + vC):
   bow, cow, how, now, bough, owl, town, loud, fowl, cloud, sound, bound, pound,

2) reduced [au] (C + [au] + v1C):
   out, oust, house, mouse, mouth, south, shout, stout, mount, mountain, count, scowl, scoundrel, pout, ounce, about.

Compare [a :u] - [au]:

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Phrases and Sentences:
Loud sound, count now, pouting mouth, shout loud, house in town, outward bound train, count cows, loud shout.

The shower lasted an hour. Out of sight, out of mind. Don't shout when pronouncing sounds. Out, out, town mouse. Flowers count now. McGown announced, "Clouds and showers." Counts shout loud. Don't shout with your mouth full. The owl sat on a bough. The scouts are bound for mountains where there are cows but no houses. The crowd were shouting outside County Hall. We had now found the roundabout without any doubt. The girl gave a howl. There was a mouse in the fowl-house. People crowded round the clown.

III. Gliding to [ə]

Variants:
(1) long [iː] (C + [iː] , C + [iː] + vC):
hear, dear, near, fear, spear, pier, sphere, steer, engineer, frontier, mere, skier, weird, leer, mountaineer, theatre, period, serious, queer, shear, zero, inferior, material, imperialism, jeer,

(2) reduced [ɪə] (C + [ɪə] + v1C):
pierce, fierce.

Compare [iː] - [ɪə]: fears - fierce, piers - pierce

Phrases and Sentences:
Steer here, dear engineer, skier at the theatre, near the frontier, mere fear, dear mountaineer, weird leer.
The theatre and the museum are near here. He is an experienced engineer. They steered nearer and nearer to the pier. Shed no tear, oh, shed no tear, the flower will bloom another year. He fears the mere idea of tears. He merely peered at the deer. His fear was clear as they steered near the pier. It was queer to see him leer and hear him jeer. A weird light appeared near the seer. The end of the pier is near, I fear, and the mist hasn’t cleared. The fierce storm filled us with fears. The engineer disappeared in the rear. The interior of the theatre was seriously damaged.

Variants:

(1) long [ɛː] (C + [ɛː], C + [ɛː] + vC):
air, there, mayor, fair, chair, stairs, blare, glare, care, bear, lair, pair, dare, hair, parents, spare, tear, aerial, dairy, various, Mary, compare, rare, pair, share, affair,

(2) reduced [ɛə] (C + [ɛə] + v1C):
scarce.

Compare [ɛː] - [ɛə] : scares - scarce

Phrases and Sentences:
Fair hair, flaring hair, the bear in the lair, their parents, careful mayor, chairs on the stairs, rare affair.
Mother takes care of Mary. If there’s a bear in that lair, we’d better take care. Mary has fair hair. Take care or you’ll tear what you wear! I dare say it’ll stand up to a fair share of wear and tear. That’s a rare pair to wear. Their parents have a fair share in this affair. They could barely spare the money for their fare. Where are their parents? Mary is upstairs, airing the room and dusting the chairs. The air
flares her fair hair. I'm scared the chair will tear what I wear. I swear and declare that I'll be fair. They glared and stared at the bear. The blame must be placed fairly and squarely on the mayor. Could you spare a pair of shoes?

[σθ]

poor, sure, tour, gourd, moor, curious, Europe, pure, cure, during, furious, sewer, lure, jury, fewer, cruel, plural, rural, assure, tourist, dual, fuel, truant, secure, endure.

Phrases and Sentences:

Poor Muriel, pure water, fewer tours, during the tour, cruel brewer, newer cure, tourist from Europe.

Don't be cruel to poor Muriel. It is a sure tour. Are you sure the tours are newer? Fewer and fewer are lured by the big moor. Who was cured during the tour? I can't endure cruel people. Rural tourists assured that their tour to Europe was a sure failure. I'm sure poor Muir was furious. It's a newer cure with fewer tours. You'll surely endure a pure cure. What can't be cured, must be endured. Are you sure the doors are secure? He assured me that fuel would be procured. She insured her jewels. The Stewarts are quite sure their poor son will be cured. During the holidays many tourists go to Europe. The purest uranium ore has been found in the Urals.
VOWEL COMBINATIONS

- player, sayer, gayer, layer, payable, prayer.

- tired, sigher, diary, inquiry, Irish, Byron, fire, tyrant, flyer, trial.

- employer, royal, buoyant, enjoyable, joyous, Foyers.

- lower, gower, mower, sower, slower.

- tower, towel, sour, coward, flower, our, shower, hour, devour, power.

Phrases and Sentences:

Tired player, buoyant employer, powerful employer, our flowers, lower layer, gayer mower.

A tired player sat on the lower bench. The Foyers thought him a coward. Take the towel before going to take a shower. He is a gayer chess-player. We visited the lower tower. Byron's diary was inquired about. We gave our flowers to the tired but happy flyer. The Foyers are great theatre goers.
### Exercises on Diphthongs

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Sentences:

I bought a boat. The porter had mown the lawn all alone. The motor of the lawn-mower broke down. He is always moaning and groaning. A straw shows where the wind blows. I'm sure this is a tour for you two. I fear it's not fair. He brushes his hair and combs his beard. They rarely rear more than a pair a year. The Mayor of Windermere has rarely been here. The merry Mary has married Harry. Dear Mary, sit on that chair and comb your hair. They are there paying their fare. Now I know their parents fairly well. We rarely visit Mary.

- Really?
CONSONANTS

I Plosive Stop Consonants

[p] - a bilabial fortis plosive stop consonant.

Variants:

1. initial, accented, aspirated:
   pea, paw, pay, pie, poor, pair, pillow, purse, pill,
   pen, pad, pull, pool, pearl, peel, pot, pick, peck,
   park, put,

2. after [s], accented, unaspirated:
   spin, spill, Spain, speak, spear, spoke, spark, spare,

3. in the middle of the word, weakly accented, relatively
   unaspirated:
   pepper, puppy, poppy, upper, supper, tipper, copper,
   simply, apricot,

4. final:
   up, lap, cup, wrap, cap, sop, mop, hop, shape, pump

5. with no audible release:
   captain, helped, topcoat, top boy, top girl, ripe cheese,
   top dog, lapdog,

6. followed by a nasal consonant:
   topmost, happen, ripen, open, cheap meat, halfpenny,
   up North, top man,

7. followed by [l]:
   apple, please, play, couple, up late, plenty, plough,
   plea, pluck, plot.

Phrases and Sentences:

Poor Peter, pepper-pot, pool in the park, upper part, Pete's
puppy, open purse, puppy's paw, spick and span.
Pick the poppies. Wrap up that cup. Pay for the pies. Put the coppers into the purse. Polly peeled potatoes for supper. The happy puppy played among the poppies. Pennies and pearls are in the purse. Peter lost his cap in the upper part of the park. Put pen to paper. Paul's picking pears. She got a packet of pins and a couple of papers.

\[ b \] - a bilabial lenis plosive stop consonant.

Variants:

(1) initial, partially devoiced:
bee, bow, boo, bay, bear, beer, boy, bill, bell, bag,
bet, back, ball, begin, boast, blow,

(2) intervocalic, voiced:
shabby, abbey, lobby, hobby, chubby, baby, rubber,
labour, symbol,

(3) final, voiceless:
Hob, cab, lab, sob, dab, ebb, robe, globe, Bob,

(4) with no audible release:
dubbed, rubbed, obtain, subconscious, lab tools, rub down, Bob tells, lab door, globe trotter, obviously,

(5) followed by a nasal consonant:
ribbon, submarine, submerge, hobnailed, robe mistress, dab noses, submit,

(6) followed by \([l]\):
able, cable, bubble, blow, rub lightly, blur, blot.

Phrases and Sentences:
Bob's bag, Hob's hobby, shabby looking boy, big balloons, big bells, hobnail boots, babe unborn, bad boy.
Becky sobbed in the lab. The cab took him to the lab. The boy blows bubbles. Buy those big balloons. To beat about the bush. He bought a bag of buns to give to the bears. You'd better not play badminton with a ball. Do you like butter with your biscuit? The farmer banged and battered on the barn door and bellowed like a bull. He was able to beat Bill at billiards. Bob took it badly.

[t] - a forelingual apical alveolar fortis plosive stop consonant.

Variants:
(1) initial, accented, aspirated:
  tea, too, toe, tie, tour, tear, Ted, take, tap, tip,
  till, tell, table, top,
(2) after [s], accented, unaspirated:
  stay, stop, stoop, stear, stare, stem, stamp, stone, stock,
(3) weakly accented, relatively unaspirated (intervocalic, beginning an unstressed syllable):
  kitty, city, pity, butter, utter, letter, better, latter, matter, after, phonetic, interval,
(4) final, slightly aspirated:
  at, bat, sat, get, let, met, boot, soot, foot, pat, got, lot,
(5) with no audible release:
  football, sitdown, hatpin, that dog, fat cat, white chalk, great joke, what not, outpost, let Pete, get some, meat counter, at table, sit straight, boot jack, let go,
(6) with nasal release, followed by a nasal consonant:
  utmost, that man, let me, get me, lightning, rotten,
brighten, button, beaten, Britain, written, forgotten, certain, curtain, mutton, kittens,

(7) with lateral release, followed by [l]:
kettle, prattle, settle, little, cattle, presently, quietly, at last,

(8) dental, followed by [θ], [ʒ]:
what thoughts, at three, eighth, at the table, at them, get thick, got the book, put the letter, that thought.

Phrases and Sentences:

Till ten, rusty tap, tea-kettle, certain tour, Ted’s kittens, better letter, Tom’s table, stained table.

Let Kitty take the tour. Tell Tom to do it better. A fat cat sat on the mat. What’s the matter with the kettle? Ted and Tom sat in the boat. Kitty and Kate like kittens. Terry tapped on the table with a tablespoon. Take those better tulips. Let meat boil in the pot. Tom was certainly behind the curtain. Put the kettle on! Tom teaches art to technical students. I’ve told him not to put tin-tacks on the tennis court. What a terribly tight-fitting hat is that. Time and tide wait for no man. The black cat tried to catch a rat to-night. The tomatoes didn’t ripen but became rotten and opened. I’ve forgotten to put the button on. He hadn’t got any written orders.

[ḍ]

- a forelingual apical alveolar lenis plosive stop consonant.

Variants:

(1) initial, partially devoiced:
do, day, dear, dare, die, dept, dot, dull, date, deck, damp, deep, duck, dam, dine, dim,
(2) intervocalic, voiced:
ladder, sadder, madder, adding, body, fodder, daddy,

(3) final, voiceless:
add, bad, lead, sad, lad, mad, good, made, road, old,
raised, head, bed,

(4) with no audible release:
head boy, bad girl, bad pain, red cloth, good taste,
bed time, good bread, bad cheese, sad smile, old table,
bedpost, red frock,

(5) with nasal release (followed by a nasal consonant):
road map, admit, add meat, red nose, old man, sad member,
bad movie, sudden, wooden, harden, maiden,

(6) with lateral release (followed by [l]):
cuddle, saddle, middle, padlock, headless, badly, good luck,

(7) dental, followed by [θ], [ð]:
dad thought, bade them, made that, bad thoughts, and think, add this.

Phrases and Sentences:
bad day, dull day, mad lad, good deed, had done, damp and dark, dim ideas, deeds and words, double bed, dear dad.

Did dad add anything? The lad made us sadder. The dog was dead. "You bad boy," said Dad. Why does David do these dare-devil deeds? Dick didn't want to do what he was told to do. He rode down the way looking dazed in the December dawn. In the middle of the night the lad suddenly saddled the horse and rode into the wood. He was hidden in the garden.
a backlingual velar fortis plosive stop consonant.

Variants:

(1) initial, accented, aspirated:
key, car, care, cure, cow, queue, cat, kick, cart, coast, cup, kite, coat, calm, cake,

(2) after [s], accented, unaspirated:
sky, skate, skill, skim, score, scar, scope, ski, sketch, scorn, skin,

(3) weakly accented, relatively unaspirated (intervocalic, beginning an unstressed syllable):
Becky, lucky, locker, soccer, baker, income, bequest, hockey, American,

(4) final, slightly aspirated:
bank, leak, rock, back, luck, sick, pick, book, bark, lark, oak, lick,

(5) with no audible release:
blackboard, worked, picked, blackbird, blackmail, backbone, back door, thick dust, locked, black cat, deck chair, bank note, oak door, sick person, pick berries, book cover,

(6) with nasal release (followed by a nasal consonant):
darkness, beacon, sick man, dark night, black magic,

(7) followed by [l]:
buckle, blackleg, close, clips, clap, clever, clay, clear.

Phrases and Sentences:
Lucky Becky, coffee cup, oak cart, Becky’s locker, black cloth, clever cat, blinking beacon, clear brook.

Cut your coat according to your cloth. Pick up Becky’s book.
I can neither skate nor ski. Kitty came to ask if you'd come and bake the cake. Don't you keep that kind of lock in stock? The cook gave us cocoa and caviare. Come into the kitchen and look at the mark on the carpet. Kitty worked under the clear sky. The clips are in the locker. In the darkness lightning brightened the beacons.

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g
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\] - a backlingual velar lenis plosive stop consonant.

**Variants:**

(1) *initial, partially devoiced:*

- go, gayer, goal, gossip, gold, gild, game, get, got, give, gave, gable, gum, gain, gobble,

(2) *intervocalic, voiced:*

- bigger, baggy, again, begin, eager, figure, ago, foggy,

(3) *final, voiceless:*

- bag, log, fog, big, bog, hog, dog, dig, egg, beg,

(4) *with no audible release:*

- bagpipe, begged, big_kite, log_cabin, big_chin, rugby, big_game, egg_shell, dog_kennel,

(5) *with nasal release (followed by a nasal consonant):*

- ignore, dogma, drag_net, big_man, big_nut, beg_Nancy, big_mole, big_net,

(6) *followed by 1:*

- goggles, giggle, struggle, gleam, glass, glue, glove, glossy, globe.

**Phrases and Sentences:**

Big goggles, go again, big bag, gay game, good beginning, ignoring gossip, golden egg, baggy gown.

I've got to go. Girls giggle gaily. Give girls the goggles.

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A good beginning makes a good ending. Golf is a game for grandfathers. He gained nothing by going to the garage. He got a bigger wig. He got a bag of sugar and gave it to Maggie Gates.

EXERCISES ON PLOSIVE STOP CONSONANTS

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class - glass
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clear - gleam
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He worked hard, kept hens and slept little. He stopped and helped us. He hoped to understand the dubbed film. She looked at the blackboard at the same time fingerling her inkpot. The fact is that this actor is a good football player. He looked at the book-case and said good-bye. In the background there was a bent lamp-post. He was dog-tired. Don't get too upset. I don't take them. Sit down! I've got to get down there. Did you see the big car? They talked too much.

II Sonorous Stop Consonants

[m] - a bilabial nasal sonorous consonant.

may, me, mow, more, met, miss, dim, am, come, bum, mum, foam, sum, summer, dummy, swimmer, glimmer, grammar, hammer, member, remember, number, woman.

Phrases and Sentences:

Common number, remember me, innumerable committees, dim memories, many women, simple symbol, much money.

May I come in summer? Give me some more marmelade. May met Madam Mill on Monday. The man had only a hammer in the room. Do you remember the number of the swimmer? Mary has the most remarkable manners. The amount of the material the woman managed to accumulate was amazing. Manners make man. Mind you! It's not the money that matters. I'm amused at the man's manners.
a forelingual apical alveolar nasal sonorous consonant.

no, knee, near, now, might, net, nurse, nod, not, knob, gun, sun, bun, pan, can, man, ban, none; nine, gone, inn, unknown, unnerve, unnatural, funny, Lanny, skinny, manner, sonny, runner, finish, minute, winter.

Note: dental, when followed by [θ], [ð]:

anthem, month, on them, when the, on the, in that, tenth.

Phrases and Sentences:
Skinny woman, unknown anthem, funny runner, unnatural sight, winter night, nine bands, night nurse, man's gun, turn the knob, nasty month.

Nobody knows Lanny. There are plenty of unknown runners. Lanny nodded to the funny man. You know those naughty lines about the new gnu. Another cannon announced the noon. It's unkind to ban vans and caravans on Wednesdays. November is a nasty month. The nurse told nursery tales to Nancy and Netty. No pains, no gains. What's done cannot be undone. Well begun is half done.

a backlingual velar nasal sonorous consonant.

king, sing, wing, song, long, young, wedding, writing, nothing, something, think, sank, tank, thank, bank, stink, singing, longing, singer, linger, linking, thankless, bringing, English, finger, hunger, language, anchor, tanker.

Phrases and Sentences:
Long wing, singer's finger, stinking tank, thankless young man, young singer, long song, English wedding.

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The singer was thinking. His writing was in ink. She was thinking about her wedding. They sang a long song. The king went to the right wing. The young are thankful to their parents. There is no meaning in asking the singer. He was muttering something about preferring a wringer to a mangle. Look how he is fretting. Did you keep ringing? Yes, I rang and rang and rang. He got the ring. It's a fine thing to sing in the spring and to linger in the fields. The proof of the pudding is in the eating. Nothing doing. Better die standing than live kneeling. I think things are changing. I think something is wrong.

III Fricative Consonants

[/f] - a labio-dental fortis fricative consonant.

fee, foe, fear, fair, far, four, flow, fly, enough, laugh, loaf, life, knife, puff, deaf, safe, rough, sofa, effect, coffee, offer, laughter, fifth, often, before, different, offend, far-off, off-hand.

Phrases and Sentences:
Four fast flying fish, fine flowers, fair offer, enough coffee, fine effect, life for life, fat figures, fulfil.
This fine jacket fits Fred. Fear seized Fatty. He felt the fork under his fingers. Fifteen fine flowers were on the coffee table. The flour factory furnished him with a terrific fortune. He found the full fruit flavour fascinating. Famine and failure faced the frenzied farmer. The flames flickered in the fireplace and fascinated fantastic forms among the furniture.
[V] - a labio-dental lenis fricative consonant.

V, Vy, vow, van, veil, very, vase, village, vessel, vain, vast, voice, visit, verse, verb, eve, ever, even, eves, average, available, oval, knives, calves, lives, five, liver, event, over, avoid, cover, advice.

Phrases and Sentences:
Every verb, in vain, five lives, average village, very average, over the vase, five events, lively village.

Even Vy's oval face is very average. The veil is in the van. Knives are available in the village store. Avoid Vy's advice. Everything was in vain. In a variety of villages it was observed that the vermin had vanished. They violently deprived their victim of his vest. He was very vague about varnishing the floor. Vim and vigour and plenty of drive.

[θ] - a forelingual apical interdental fortis fricative consonant.

Thaw, thin, thick, thank, thought, think, thief, thumb, thirty, thing, thorough, myth, bath, earth, breath, path, tooth, death, both, oath, moth, tenth, fourth, fifth, lethal, author, lengthy, method, ethical, sympathy, diphthong.

Phrases and Sentences:
Thin and thick, thorough method, thoughtless smith, worthless author, thirty diphthongs, breathtaking myth, moth-eaten cloth.
Think about that method. Thin ice thaws fast. I found a moth in the bath. Thank you for the bath. Both muddy paths go through his park. Through thick and thin. I thought about it very thoroughly. "In good faith", said the smith. Just think of the things we'll do on Thursday if nothing else turns up. Authors think deep thoughts. A bath may be both thin and thick. Thousands in the theatre thundered their thanks. Good health is above wealth. Things worth thinking about.

[Ø]  - a forelingual apical interdental lenis fricative consonant.

Though, thee, this, that, these, those, then, thus, with, bathe, seethe, breathe, smoothe, soothe, weather, mother, father, lather, leather, feather, brother, gather, worthy, although, rhythm, either.

Phrases and Sentences:
Either mother or father, this leather, withering flowers, those leather shoes, these rhythms, worthy brother.

Mother these others then. Whoever swathes their babies in clothes these days? Mother and the others dealt with thirty thousand feathers. Neither father nor mother wished the boy to bathe. Honour thy father and mother. Aunt Jane is my father's mother's brother's cousin. I'd rather not play the role of the barber and lather my father. Thus they breathe and bathe there. The weather is not worthy of that bother. Birds of a feather flock together.

[S]  - a forelingual apical alveolar fortis fricative consonant.

Sea, saw, say, sow, sigh, silver, snow, seen, cease, says, ass, lass, farce, boss, force, pass, fuss, loose, goose,
sound, sleep, essential, lesson, soup for supper, simple symbols, last lesson, last vessel, possible conversation.

Sally sits in the sun. He seems to be seasick. I've never seen such a sunset. The least said the soonest mended. Sally saw the stormy sea for the first time. Sue sat on the stool. The lass makes much fuss about the vessel. We passed the slope. Fasten the loose vessel. Listen to some songs. Pass me the sauce. The sinister hiss of serpents in their pits disturbed the summer peace. How silly he seemed to be sitting there in the sunshine sucking cider through a straw. Thoughts seem solid things. "Think of a simple path," said Seth. Thora saw Athens last month.

- a forelingual apical alveolar lenis fricative consonant.

Z, zoo, zero, zebra, zone, zinc, zip, seize, houses, fees, these, craze, amuse, jazz, presume, apples, buckles, please, means, clothes, dozen, possess, plays, days, vase, drizzle, sizzle,izzle.

Phrases and Sentences:

These vases, dozens of buckles, his possessions, lazy boys, uncle's rings, girl's hands, these clothes.

Please, look at those houses. He plays all days long. Please, give your fees, he doesn't need theirs. Is it drizzling? Zip your clothes. You can be amused by chimpanzees in dozens of zoos. He peruses the news and then chooses the views. Nowadays boys and girls rarely hesitate to seize
their opportunities. I'm amazed, it's a craze these days to
dance to jazz-bands. As busy as a bee. Pause between these
rows, then. These noises arouse from the clothes.

\[\text{a forelingual apical palato-alveolar fortis fricative consonant.}\]

Shoe, she, Shaw, show, shy, sure, shall, ship, shot, shut,
shine, share, shatter, assure, pressure, social, nation,
cushion, machine, partial, revolution, fashionable, fiction,
portion, ash, dish, sash, rush, fish, lash, cash, mash, push,
furnish, punish, finish.

Phrases and Sentences:
Fashionable cushions, social pressure, revolutionary con­
science, washed ash-tray, mashed potatoes, sure punishment.
Furnish the shop. Shops are shut. Fish are in the ship. Show
your cash. A big portion of mashed potatoes. Does she fish?
She shouted passionately, "Push the shovel under the door
of the shop." Washing is a sure punishment for boys. Sharp
noises of the machine shattered the shed. Shakespeare and
Shaw gave surely their big share to the world fiction. Shall
I show you the shop for shoes and Shetland wool? I wish she
were shy.

\[\text{a forelingual apical palato-alveolar lenis fricative consonant.}\]

Gigue, genre, giraffe, gendarme, pleasure, measure, trea­
sure, vision, leisure, explosion, occasion, usual, invasion,
confusion, rouge, garage, beige, barrage, prestige.

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Leisure time, dreadful vision, beige toy giraffe, unmeasurable genre, usual occasion, unusual confusion.

I’ll measure the garage with pleasure. I find great pleasure in "measure for measure." What confusion there is in defining leisure and pleasure. She died of seizure. What treasure, we can’t even measure it. The treasure is in the garage. Bat with measure, drink with pleasure. There was an explosion and the gendarmes rushed to the spot.

He, here, hair, how, who, whom, him, house, horse, hip, hop, happy, hobby, human, hue, host, home, ham, hiss, hit, hat, hot, honey, hand, inherit, inhale, hurt, half, high.

**Note:** a lenis variant may be used in intervocalic position:

ahead, behold, beheld, behind, behave, anyhow, perhaps, prohibit, apprehend.

How happy, behind the house, perhaps him, hobby horse, horse hair, his happy boyhood, ahead of her.

How happy he was! He heard some hissing behind the beehive. He liked a straw hat on a hot day. Hob was happy sitting behind the house and feeding his horse. With my hand on my heart I hoped to look honest. How can you hope Henry to help with the honey on a holiday? The hail held off. She was happy looking at her wavy hair. Who’s humming and hissing? There’s no ham at home. Every man has his hobby horse. My heart’s in the Highlands, my heart is not here.
[w] - a bilabial velar fricative sonorous consonant.

Variants:
(1) semi-vowel:
we, woe, were, woo, way, why, woman, word, when, which, what, win, winter, worm, warm, want, wound, woollen, window, away, aware, awake, jewel, swim, swan, sweet, swill, swollen, dwarf, dwell, dwindle,
(2) devoiced, following [t], [k], [sk]:
twice, twig, twins, twinkle, twist, twenty, twirl, twilight, tweed, quick, quack, question, quite, queen, quote, request, quiet, quarter, square, squash, squirrel.

Phrases and Sentences:
Swollen wound, warm winter, twenty woollen jackets, twelve questions, betwixt and between, which twins.
Where there is a will, there's a way. They will want worms. Tweed wears well. We went away. When will Wally quote those words? The woman's eye twinkled. We quickly whipped the cream. In winter the weather in Wales is wild. I wonder if they would wait for a week. The wicked wolf was quick to attack. In France they frequently take water with their wine. Why won't you wait until Wednesday? We can't swallow, our throats are swollen. "It's quite a question," said the queen. Winnie will wait while we walk. Why would women wish for war? No sweet without sweat. He gives twice who gives quickly.

[j] - a mediolingual palatal fricative sonorous consonant.
Yard, yes, yoke, yeoman, you, yet, yacht, yellow, yesterday, yell, you’re, your, young, usually, useful, human, music, huge, humour, beauty, duty, new, suit, view, abuse, beyond.

Note: slightly devoiced when following [p], [t], [k]: student, stew, askew, opulent, oculist, help you.

Phrases and Sentences:
Huge yard, new suit, useful humour, yellow yacht, young student, humorous view, beautiful music, yellow book.

You don’t usually wear yellow, do you? Useful and useless things were on sale yesterday. I yearn for the beauty of the Ukraine. He used to go to New York in his younger days. It was only a yarn that it took him a year to build the yacht. Do you usually yawn at the yarns with which your ears are daily abused? The humour of the young is beyond me. You may yell as loud as you like and yet the young in the yacht won’t hear you. Your yarn abused Hughie yesterday. Eustace saw a yellow yacht.

[\text{r}] - a forelingual apical post-alveolar frictionless sonorous consonant.

Variants:
(1) initial and intervocalic:
rye, raw, row, rare, rear, ring, roll, red, rip, rabbit, rob, rest, right, merry, Harry, very, hurry, lorry, sorry, sorrow, current, marrow, tomorrow,

(2) linking [\text{r}] :
far away, poor old man, answer it, once for all, for example, poor Ann, here at last, father and mother, wear it, there are two, near us,
(3) in consonantal clusters \([\text{tr}]\), \([\text{pr}]\), \([\text{kr}]\), \([\text{fr}]\):
devoiced:
tree, try, troop, trip, trap, tramp, tram, true, trem­
ble, translate, trousers, pry, pretty, press, proof, 
price, proud, prick, prim, prove, prone, prosper, pram, 
cry, crash, credit, crawl, crime, cricket, cross, crisp­
ple, crane, crown, crowd, creek, crisp, crack, friend, 
frost, fruit, fret, frilly, freeze, frozen;

(4) in consonantal clusters \([\text{dr}]\), \([\text{br}]\), \([\text{gr}]\):
dry, drop, drink, droop, drive, drove, drone, dream, 
drum, brown, bring, brought, brilliant, brisk, broom, 
bright, brief, bread, grey, grow, grew, green, grove, 
grip, grasp, great, ground, grumble,

(5) preceded by \([\theta]\), with alveolar tap:
three, threat, through, threw, thrust, throng, thrill, 
throat, throb, thrave, thrush.

Phrases and Sentences:
Frozen fruit, great hurry, green grove, pretty prosperous, 
tram driver, dreamy Harry, very pretty, brown broom, for 
hours, more and more, far away, brilliant proof, drip-dry 
bouse, down the throat, through and through, crowded street.

There are some raw and ripe berries. Sorry, I have to borrow 
your broom. Harry is in a great hurry. Bring me some brown 
bread. I see the rabbit very well. She got through. The three 
grils thrilled with delight. Robin wrote a rude note to the 
ruler. He’d rather risk ruin than reveal their whereabouts.
He raised an eyebrow but refrained from words. It’s round 
and very raw. Read my writing. Try to get into the tram. A 
crowd tramped on the banks of the creek. Travelling by train 
is very trying. Try to train your child to take care of 
taffic. What a trial and strain was the travelling by the 
train at the end of the trip. She dreamed of a great drama­
tic career. Every cook praises his own broth. As the tree, 
so the fruit. As merry as a cricket. I can read and write
Russian. We’re right and you’re wrong. My French is rather rusty. He ran across the road.

Variants:

(1) clear - initial, intervocalic or followed by [j]:
lee, lay, lie, law, low, late, lamp, lit, light, look, lip, live, lily, silly, Polly, valley, village, Millie, pulley, Sally, yellow, collar, foolish, oily, sailor,

(2) voiceless, following [p], [k]:
clay, clear, clap, clean, clock, climb, clip, clench, plead, plate, plant, please, play, plough, platter,

(3) dark [z], final or followed by a consonant:
sill, kill, mill, will, well, scull, bell, pull, full, milk, child, cold, belt, film, bulk, pulp, felt,

(4) syllabic [z]:
apple, table, little, middle, uncle, simple, angle, needle, buckle, final, mantle, fiddle.

Phrases and Sentences:

Yellow light, lily of the valley, oily collar, willy-nilly, bulky Bill, clean clay, foolish sailor, little mill.

Sally’s lips trembled. Will you call Polly, please! Millie plays volley-ball. The little lass lay in a clean bed. Will you live in the old mill? The pot calls the kettle black. A lovely glade of larches and poplars was in the distance. We’ll paddle lazily along the lake. All low glens fall deeply. It’s a really large and special meal. He’ll sell all my eels. At last I’ve got leave. What’ll rattle the little bottle? She’ll like looking at the lilies in the lake. The lamb bleated loudly. Look at Lou wallowing...
in the little lake like a crocodile in the Nile. Live and learn. Let sleeping dogs lie. Many words will not fill a bushel.

IV Affricates

\[\text{[ts]}\] - a forelingual apical palato-alveolar fortis affricate.

chair, chin, chip, cheer, choose, choice, chose, chick, chain, chat, cheese, chalk, teacher, kitchen, itching, touchy, butcher, catcher, Fitchett, capture, picture, lecture, ditch, match, catch, watch, much, pitch, larch, coach, bench, culture, gesture.

Phrases and Sentences:

Much chatter, much cheese, rich teacher, itchy chin, touchy butcher, picture in the kitchen, cheap cherries.

Little Charlie chattered in church. He chose to do research on speech in Chile. It's presumptuous to challenge Charlie. The chirruping in the thatch could not be checked. Watch the children playing catch on the beach. He purchased a lunch of chips and cheese. An itchy chin is touchy. Chickens can't chew much chaff. Try to catch the coach. Watch the dog catch the match. The butcher sat on the chair chattering and munching a sandwich. He chucked the child under the chin. Charles is quite charming.

\[\text{[dʒ]}\] - a forelingual apical palato-alveolar lenis affricate.

Jane, Jill, Jack, joy, jeep, jump, jet, jest, just, jolly,
jewel, joke, jerk, June, July, journey, manage, badge, large, barge, bridge, edge, language, page, village, Podger, lodgings, dodger, pidgeon, region, imagine, hinges, danger, soldier, margin, urgent.

Phrases and Sentences:
Large barge, jolly dodger, edge of the bridge, gentleman’s language, June and July, joyful journey, imaginary village.

The judge and jury adjourned. Follow the edge of the hedge until you reach the bridge. It is George who runs the forge. Jam in sandwiches is not ideal for a journey. George and Jean can judge. Boys like badges sewn on their jerseys. John can’t just stand the weather in January and gets quite on edge. Join a larger bridge club, Jack and Jill laughed at the joke. Uncle Podger got a large jewel. A large barge floated under the bridge. Jane had just managed to jump on the barge. Jim jumped for joy. Will you join us, George? Jack and Jim enjoyed their juice and jam.

EXERCISES ON FRICATIVE CONSONANTS

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Sentences:

His job was chopping wood. The joke almost choked him. Jerry bought cherries for the children. What a wonderful voice! We waited in vain for William and his wife Vic. You won’t find any house vacant in this village. He won’t venture a word. This word is a verb but that word is an adverb. We never know the value of water till the well is dry. Love will find a way. Steve wants to quit at once. We’ve won the game. William wears a tweed overcoat. The wind swept his hat off. The cheat was treated much too kindly. It’s true I don’t trust him. It’s true, the chap has never judged. The child tried to dress to draw Jane’s attention. Jill missed her train.

The trees are bright green in spring. A crust of dry and stale bread is no breakfast. He tried to mend the broken drum. The track crossed the broad road to Brighton.
Speak roughly to your little boy,  
And beat him when he sneezes.  
He only does it to annoy  
Because he knows it teases.

I speak severely to my boy,  
I beat him when he sneezes;  
For he can thoroughly enjoy  
The pepper when he pleases.

When the wind is in the East  
It's good for neither man nor beast;  
When the wind is in the North  
The skilful fisher goes not forth;  
When the wind is in the South  
It blows the bait in the fish's mouth;  
When the wind is in the West  
Then it's at its very best.

There was an old man who said, "Well!  
Will nobody answer this bell?  
I have pulled day and night  
Till my hair has gone white,  
But nobody answers the bell."

Mix a pancake,  
Stir a pancake,  
Pop it in the pan.  
Fry the pancake,  
Toss the pancake,  
Catch it if you can.

The Queen of Hearts she made some tarts  
All on a summer's day,  
The Knave of Hearts he stole the tarts  
And took them right away.  
The King of Hearts he found the tarts  
And beat the Knave full sore!  
The Knave of Hearts brought back the tarts  
And vowed to steal no more.

Pease pudding hot,  
Pease pudding cold,  
Pease pudding in the pot  
nine days old.  
Some like it hot,  
Some like it cold,  
Some like it in the pot  
nine days old.
The Owl and the Pussy-Cat went to sea
In a beautiful pea-green boat:
They took some honey and plenty of money
Wrapped up in a five-pound note.
The Owl looked up to the stars above,
And sang to a small guitar,
O lovely Pussy, O Pussy my love,
What a beautiful Pussy your are,
you are,
you are,
What a beautiful Pussy you are!

The Early Bird

Poor Mr Worm! - he does not see
The Early Bird upon the tree,
But with unswerving eye and grim
The Early Bird's observing him.

A worm may turn, some persons tell -
If this one's turned, he's turned too late.
Before he can as much as squirm,
The Early Bird has caught the worm.

Gone are the joys of terra firma!
Down he goes without a murmur -
While, from his perch, The Early Bird
Chirps as if nothing had occurred.

The Holly and the Ivy

Holly stands in the hall, fair to behold,
Ivy stand without the door, very, very cold.
Holly Hath berries as red as any rose -
The forester and hunters keep them from the does
Then comes the owl and eats them as she goes.

I shall not see the shadows,
I shall not feel the rain,
I shall not hear the nightingale.
Sing on as if in pain,
And dreaming through the twilight
That doth not rise nor set,
Haply I may remember,
And haply may forget.

There was an old person of Troy
Whose drink was brandy and soy;
Which he took with a spoon
By the light of the moon
In sight of the city of Troy.
[va] - There once was a lady from Clewer
    Whose virtues grew fewer and fewer.
    She would speak out of turn
    And when you looked stern
    Would simper and just act demure.

[ei] - Simple Simon went a-fishing,
    For to catch a whale.
    All the water he had got
    Was in his mother’s pail.

^[ - Bye, Baby Bumpting,
    Father’s gone a-hunting,
    Mother’s gone a-milking,
    Sister’s gone a-silking,
    Brother’s gone to buy a skin
    to wrap the Baby Bumpting in.

[p] - Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers,
    A peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked,
    If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers,
    Where is the peck of pickled peppers
    That Peter Piper picked?
    Peter, Peter, pumpkin-eater,
    Had a wife and couldn’t keep her.
    Put her in a pumpkin shell —
    There he kept her very well.

[t] - Where are you going, my little cat?
    I’m going to town to get me a hat.
    What? A hat for a cat? A cat get a hat?
    Whoever could think of a cat with a hat?
    Where are you going to, my little kittens?
    We’re going to town to fetch us some mittens.
    What? Mittens for kittens! Do kittens sell mittens?
    Whoever could think of a kitten in mittens?

[e] - I passed by his garden; and marked with one eye
    How the Owl and the Panther were sharing a pie:
    The Panther took pie-crust and gravy, and meat
    While the Owl had the dish as its share of the treat.
    When the pie was all finished, the Owl, as a boon,
    Was kindly permitted to pocket the spoon;
    While the Panther received the knife and fork
    with a growl,
    And concluded the banquet ....
- And out of the houses the rats came tumbling,
  Great rats, small rats, lean rats, brawny rats,
  Brown rats, black rats, grey rats, tawny rats,
  Grave old plodders, gay young friskers,
  Fathers, mothers, uncles, cousins,
  Cocking tails and pricking whiskers,
  Families by tens and dozens;
  Brothers, sisters, husbands, wives —
  Followed the Piper for their lives.

(by R. Browning)

- If I had a donkey and he wouldn’t go,
  Do you think I would hit him?
  No, no, no.
  I’d put him in the stable
  And give him some straw,
  And the poor little donkey
  Wouldn’t work any more.

- Boys and girls, come out to play,
  The moon does shine as bright as day.
  Leave your supper and leave your sleep,
  Come with your playfellows into the street.
  Come with a hoop, come with a call,
  Come with a good-will or not at all.

- Simple Simon met a pie-man going to the Fair.
  Said Simple Simon to the pie-man, "Let me taste your ware."
  Said the pie-man to Simple Simon, "Show me first your penny."
  Said Simple Simon to the pie-man, "Indeed, I haven’t any."