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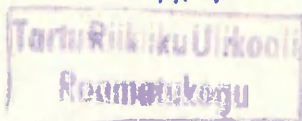
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## PREFACE

"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.

N.T.

Abbreviations:    C - consonant  
                  vC - voiced consonant  
                  v̥C - voiceless consonant  
                  CCI - consonant cluster  
                  V - vowel

## V O W E L S

Vowel No. 1

[i]

- a front close (high) unrounded  
diphthongised (long) vowel.

### Variants:

- (1) long [i:] ( [i:] + C, C + [i:], C + [i:] + vC):  
eve, eel, ease, v, knee, tea, pea, ski, lead, need,  
veal, feel, feed, week,
- (2) reduced [i] (v1C + [i] + v1C, CC1 + [i] + C):  
seat, keep, street, treat, speak, seek, peak, leap,  
thief, streak.

Compare: [i:] - [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

[ɪ]

- 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 [ɪ] is not palatalized by [ɪ̟] :

hilly, silly, lily, filling, millinery, willing, willily-nilly, 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

[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



- a front fully open (low) un-  
rounded (semilong) vowel.

Variants:

- (1) long [æ:] ([æ:] + vC, C + [æ:] + vC):  
add, as, and, am, bad, bag, gad, nag, sag, sad, van,
- (2) short [æ] ([æ] + v1C, C + [æ] + v1C):  
at, ass, ant, ample, pat, cat, lass, pack, sack, nack,  
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



- 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 back open (low) unrounded (long) vowel.

Variants:

- (1) long [a:] (C + [a:], C + [a:] + vC):  
ma, barn, darn, far, car, tar, farm, vase, hard,
- (2) reduced ([a] + v1C, C + [a] + v1C):

ask, cask, past, last, fast, aunt, vast, mark, laugh,  
nasty, pass, part, pardon, half, lark, arch.

Compare [ɑ:] - [ɑ]:

card	- cart	large	- larch	cars	- cast
hard	- heart	parse	- pass	halves	- half
carve	- calf	vase	- vast	tar	- tart

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. Farm-  
yards are large. Pa harkens to far larks. I shan't sing at  
the garden party on my aunt's farm.

Vowel No. 7



- 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, trop-  
ic, 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 [ɔ:] (C + [ɔ:], C + [ɔ:] + 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 [ɔ:] - [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.

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

Phrases and Sentences:

Good cook, woollen 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! Woollen hoods look good. The woman pulled on the woollen 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 [u:] - [u]:

shoe	- shoot	use (v.)	- use (n.)	prove	- proof
rude	- root	due	- duke	Jews	- juice
lose	- loose	soothe	- sooth	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) unrounded (long) vowel. The lips are neutrally spread.

Variants:

- (1) long [3:] (C + [3:], C + [3:] + vC):  
fir, sir, blur, bird, earn, turn, worm, serve, firm, surge, stern, turn, merge, burn, world, surgeon,
- (2) reduced (C + [3] + v1C):  
birch, lurch, search, thirst, thirty, dirty, work, version, verse, first, earth, worse, purse, hurt.

Compare [3:] - [3]:

curd	- curt	purrs	- purse	Thursday-	thirsty
heard	- hurt	serve	- surf	bird	- birch
surge	- search	burn	- burnt	fir	- first

### 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



- 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

(1) [ɪ - i]	(2) [ɪ - e]	(3) [e - æ]
till - eel	bill - bell	pen - pan
sill - seal	sill - sell	Ben - ban
mill - meal	pin - pen	ten - tan
kin - keen	knit - net	pet - pat
sin - seen	sit - set	men - man
sit - seat	pit - pet	hen - hand
bit - beat	if - f	set - sat
knit - neat	fill - fell	ate - at
bid - bead	win - when	kettle - cattle
pit - Pete	lit - let	bet - bat
(4) [ɪ - e - æ]		
tin - ten - tan	lit - let - latter	
pin - pen - pan	fill - fell - fallible	
sit - set - sat	bid - bed - bad	
kin - Ken - can	Jim - gem - jam	
fit - felt - fat	miss - mess - mass	
sill - sell - Sal	big - beg - bag	
(5) [ɒ - ʌ]	(6) [ɒ - ɔ]	(7) [ɒ - ɑ]
gone - gun	stock - stalk	cough - calf
cot - cut	pot - port	cot - cart
song - sung	sod - sought	lock - lark
fond - fund	body - board	mock - mark
boss - bus	shot - short	bomb - balm
not - nut	long - lawn	hot - heart
lock - luck	John - jaw	shop - sharp
hot - hut	rot - raw	shock - shark
wander - wonder	cod - cord	lodge - large
(8) [ɔ - ɑ]	(9) [ʊ - u]	(10) [ʌ - ɑ]
board - barred	pull - pool	hum - harm
port - part	full - fool	luck - lark
paw - pa	look - Luke	cut - cart
born - barn	soot - suit	must - mast
lord - lard	foot - food	hut - heart
caught - cart	book - rebuke	stuff - staff
short - sharp	wood - woo	jump - jar
score - scar	shook - shoot	us - ask
ought - art	wood - wooed	bun - barn
launch - larch	hood - hoot	much - march

## (11) [i - ɪ - e]

neat	- knit	- net	seat	- sit	- set
reach	- rich	- wretch	keen	- kin	- Ken
read	- rid	- red	seal	- sill	- sell
feel	- fill	- fell	team	- tin	- ten
Pete	- pit	- pet	lean	- link	- Len

## (12) [æ - ʌ]

cat	- cut
lamp	- lump
match	- much
back	- buck
lack	- luck
sack	- suck
Sam	- some
ham	- hum
ban	- bun
mass	- must

## (13) [ɜ - ʌ]

curt	- cut
fern	- fun
turf	- tough
hurt	- hut
girl	- gull
turn	- ton
Bertie	- but
search	- such
sturdy	- study
yearn	- young

## (14) [ɜ - ɔ]

burn	- born
turn	- torn
birth	- bought
sir	- saw
shirt	- short
fir	- four
bird	- board
worm	- warm
firm	- form
work	- walk

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.

## D I P H T H O N G S

I. Gliding to [ɪ].

[eɪ]

### Variants:

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

Compare [e:ɪ] - [eɪ] :

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.

# [aɪ]

## Variants:

- (1) long [a:ɪ] (C + [a:ɪ] , C + [a:ɪ] + vC):  
I, idle, ivy, die, tie, lie, sky, spy, tile, pile, wine,  
line, try, cry, time, nine, mine, pine, try,
- (2) reduced [aɪ] (C + [aɪ] + vC):  
item, ice, icicle, fight, ripe, like, bike, light,  
might, cycle, sipher, wipe, slight, night, sight.

## Compare [a:ɪ] - [aɪ] :

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

# [ɔɪ]

## Variants:

- (1) long [ɔ:ɪ] (C + [ɔ:ɪ] , C + [ɔ:ɪ] + vC):

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

(2) reduced [ɔɪ] (C + [ɔɪ] + v1C):

hoist, oyster, ointment, boisterous, moist, loiter,  
voice, voices, poisonous, choice, joist, joint.

Compare [ɔ:ɪ] - [ɔɪ] :

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 [ʊ].

[əʊ]

Variants:

(1) long [ə:ʊ] (C + [ə:ʊ], C + [ə:ʊ] + vC):

oh, so, low, now, know, go, snow, known, own, over,  
phone, stone, home, prone, scone, scold, cold, told,  
fold, alone, lonely, mole, moment, foam, drone,

(2) reduced [əʊ] (C + [əʊ] + v1C):

oats, oak, coat, coast, most, post, folk, both, goat,  
rope, soap, moat.

Compare [ɑ:ʊ] - [əʊ] :

robe	- rope	Joan	- joke
toes	- toast	oh	- oak
grows	- gross	Goad	- goat
road	- 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.

[aʊ]

Variants:

- (1) long [ɑ : ʊ] (C + [ɑ : ʊ], C + [ɑ : ʊ] + vC):  
bow, cow, how, now, bough, owl, town, loud, fowl, cloud, sound, bound, pound,
- (2) reduced [aʊ] (C + [aʊ] + v1C):  
out, oust, house, mouse, mouth, south, shout, stout, mount, mountain, count, scowl, scoundrel, pout, ounce, about.

Compare [ɑ : ʊ] - [aʊ] :

found	- fount	mouth (v.)	- mouth (n.)
loud	- lout	pound	- pout
how	- house	bow	- about

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].

[Iə]

Variants:

(1) long [I:ə] (C + [I:ə], C + [I:ə] + 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 [Iə] (C + [Iə] + v1C):

pierce, fierce.

Compare [I:ə] - [Iə] : 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.

[eɜ]

Variants:

- (1) long [ɛ:ə] (C + [ɛ:ə] , C + [ɛ:ə] + vC):  
 air, there, mayor, fair, chair, stairs, blare, flare,  
 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 [ɛ:ə] - [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?

[ʊə]

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.

## V O W E L C O M B I N A T I O N S

- [eɪə] - player, say<sup>er</sup>, gay<sup>er</sup>, lay<sup>er</sup>, pay-  
able, pray<sup>er</sup>.
- [aɪə] - tired, sigh<sup>er</sup>, diary, inquiry,  
Irish, Byron, fire, tyrant, fly<sup>er</sup>,  
trial.
- [ɔɪə] - employ<sup>er</sup>, royal, buoyant, en-  
joyable, joyous, Foy<sup>ers</sup>.
- [əʊə] - low<sup>er</sup>, gow<sup>er</sup>, mow<sup>er</sup>, sow<sup>er</sup>, slow-  
er.
- [aʊə] - tow<sup>er</sup>, tow<sup>el</sup>, sour, cow<sup>ard</sup>, flow<sup>er</sup>,  
our, show<sup>er</sup>, hour, devour, pow<sup>er</sup>.

### Phrases and Sentences:

Tired player, buoyant employ<sup>er</sup>, powerful employ<sup>er</sup>, our  
flowers, low<sup>er</sup> lay<sup>er</sup>, gay<sup>er</sup> mow<sup>er</sup>.

A tired player sat on the low<sup>er</sup> bench. The Foy<sup>ers</sup> thought  
him a cow<sup>ard</sup>. Take the tow<sup>el</sup> before going to take a show<sup>er</sup>.  
He is a gay<sup>er</sup> chess-play<sup>er</sup>. We visited the low<sup>er</sup> tow<sup>er</sup>.  
Byron's diary was inquir<sup>ed</sup> about. We gave our flow<sup>ers</sup> to  
the tired but happy fly<sup>er</sup>. The Foy<sup>ers</sup> are great theat<sup>re</sup>  
go<sup>ers</sup>.

EXERCISES ON DIPHTHONGS

(1) [eɪ - aɪ]	(2) [əʊ - aʊ]	(3) [eɪ - ɛə]
tame - time	load - loud	day - dare
Kate - kite	sow - sow	play - glare
say - sigh	row - row	k - care
plate - plight	vote - vouch	May - mayor
fate - fight	bow - bow	stays - stairs
pray - pry	low - allow	bay - bear
tail - tile	know - now	lay - lair
mate - might	drone - drown	pay - pair
(4) [aɪ - aʊ]	(5) [ɪə - ɛə]	(6) [eɪ - eɪə]
time - town	ear - air	play - player
sigh - sow	hear - hair	say - sayer
buy - bow	really - rarely	gay - gayer
aisle - owl	spear - spare	lay - layer
hies - house	cheer - chair	pray - prayer
mice - mouse	fear - fair	pay - payable
kite - count	dear - dare	
high - how	clear - declare	
(7) [aɪ - aɪə]	(8) [əʊ - əʊə]	(9) [aʊ - aʊə]
fight - fire	go - goer	sow - sour
tie - tyre	mow - mower	cow - coward
sigh - sigher	sow - sower	town - towel
high - higher	low - lower	how - Howard
buy - buyer	show - shower	bound - bowel
(10) [ʌ - ɔʊ]	(11) [ɪ - ɪə]	(12) [u - ʊə]
but - about	bead - beard	cues - cures
cup - cow	bees - beers	due - during
nut - now	ease - ears	pew - pure
rust - row	fees - fears	shoes - assures
done - down	he's - hears	too - tour
ton - town	peace - pierce	boo - boor
some - sow	me - mere	pool - poor
(13) [e - ɛə]	(14) [æ - ɛə]	(15) [aɪ - aɪə]
very - vary	carry - Cary	lie - liar
merry - Mary	marry - Mary	fine - fire
ferry - fairy	Harry - hairy	tied - tired
cherry - chair	sparrow - sparing	high - higher
berry - bearing	charity - chair	sigh - sigher
herring - hairy	comparative - compare	died - diary

(16) [a - aɪ]

far - fight  
tar - tight  
bar - bite  
scar - sky  
ma - my  
mark - Mike  
lark - like  
bark - bike

(17) [ɔ - əʊ]

saw - sow  
pause - pose  
tore - toe  
more - mow  
caught - coat  
bald - bold  
called - cold  
raw - row

(18) [ʌ - aɪ - ə]

cut - kite - cart  
luck - like - lark  
but - bike - bart  
hut - hike - heart  
must - mice - mast  
nut - night - nark  
sun - sign - sark

(19) [ʌ - ɒ - ɔ - əʊ]

cut - cot - court - coat  
puck - pock - pork - poke  
but - bot - bought - boat

          cud - cod - cord - code  
          stuck - stock - stork - stoke  
          nut - not - naught - note

### 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, labtools, rubdown, Bobtells, labdoor, globetrotter, 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, rottenly,

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], [ð] :  
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 kit-  
tens, 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 techni-  
cal students. I've told him not to put tin-tacks on the ten-  
nis 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.

[d]

- 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 mem-  
ber, 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 gar-  
den.

[k]

- 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, back-  
bone, 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.



- 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 l :  
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.

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 Mag gie Gates.

### EXERCISES ON PLOSIVE STOP CONSONANTS

#### (1) [p - b]

pin	- bin	nip	- nib	happy	- Abbey
pack	- back	carp	- garb	lopping	- lobby
pit	- bit	cup	- cub	hopper	- hobby
pill	- bill	pup	- pub	sopping	- sobbing
pit	- bit	pulp	- bulb	shopping	- shabby
part	- but	pipe	- babe	chopping	- chubby
push	- bush	dip	- dib	Epping	- ebbing
pear	- bear	lap	- lab	poppy	- bobby
pea	- bee	lop	- lob		

#### (2) [t - d]

tea	- deed	heat	- heed	fatty	- faddy
tick	- Dick	kit	- kid	latter	- ladder
till	- dill	get	- head	Lottie	- body
toll	- doll	pot	- pod	duty	- Judy
ten	- den	cot	- cod	potter	- fodder
tomb	- doom	foot	- food	metal	- medal
tart	- dart	beat	- bead	writer	- rider
tense	- dense	feet	- feed	traitor	- trader
time	- dime	sat	- sad	utter	- udder

#### (3) [k - g]

call	- gall	pick	- big	bicker	- bigger
kite	- guide	beck	- beg	docker	- dogger
cot	- got	back	- bag	locker	- logger
cave	- gave	lack	- lag	stacker	- stagger
coat	- goat	pick	- big	Becky	- beggar
call	- goal	duck	- dug	lucky	- luggage
kettle	- get	pluck	- plug	backing	- baggy
came	- game	cock	- cog		
come	- gum	lock	- log		

#### (4) [pl - bl]

plain	- blain
plead	- bleed
ploughs	- blouse
plunder	- blunder
ample	- amble
dapple	- dabble
simple	- symbol

#### (5) [tl - dl]

settle	- saddle
cattle	- coddle
mettle	- middle
metal	- medal
nettle	- noddle
petal	- pedal

#### (6) [kl - gl]

class	- <del>glass</del>
clean	- glean
clue	- glue
Clide	- glide
clear	- gleam
close	- glows

(7) [p - sp]	(8) [t - st]	(9) [k - sk]
park - spark	team - steam	key - ski
peak - speak	tool - stool	cool - school
pill - spill	till - still	Kate - skate
pick - spick	tale - stale	cone - scone
pool - spoon	tone - stone	cat - scatter
pot - spot	tell - Stella	kill - skill

### Sentences:

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 fingering 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 back-ground 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.

[n]

- 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.

[ŋ]

- 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.

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.

[ð]

- 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,

fast, last, essential, possible, conversation, vessel, lesson, listen, fasten, crossing, sausage, icy, icicle, necessary, sits, stain, score, smoke, scale, snake, splice, stew.

Phrases and Sentences:

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, fizzle.

Phrases and Sentences:

These vases, dozens of buckles, his possessings, 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.

[ʃ]

- 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 conscience, 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.

[ʒ]

- a forelingual apical palato-alveolar lenis fricative consonant.

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

Phrases and Sentences:

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. Eat with measure, drink with pleasure. There was an explosion and the gendarmes rushed to the spot.

[h]

- a glottal fortis fricative consonant.

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.

Phrases and Sentences:

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. Win-  
nie 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 fri-  
cative 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.

[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 [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 [tr] , [pr] , [kr] , [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, crip-  
ple, crane, crown, crowd, creek, crisp, crack, friend,  
frost, fruit, fret, frilly, freeze, frozen;

- (4) in consonantal clusters [dr] , [br] , [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 [θ] , with alveolar tap:

three, threat, through, threw, thrust, throng, thrill,  
throat, throb, throve, 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  
blouse, 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  
traffic. 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.

[ɹ]

- a forelingual apical alveolar lateral sonorous consonant.

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 [ɹ̥], 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 [ɹ̥] :  
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

[tʃ]

- 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.

[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, margine, 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

(1) [θs]	(2) [sθ]	(3) [zθ]
fifths	pass through	these things
lengths	nice thought	these thoughts
depths	this theatre	his thumb
breaths	six threads	is thinking
births	nice things	is thirsty
smiths	six thirty	was thin
moths	it's thundering	was thick
the North Sea	horse thief	these things
twelfths	boss thundered	his thesis
eighths	miss Thorn	those thistles
(4) [ðz]	(5) [fθ]	(6) [fð]
baths	fifth	if this
paths	monophthong	if that
truths	diphthong	if the other
clothes	triphthong	if there
months	diphthongize	if the table

(7) [zð]		(8) [sð]		(9) [v - w]	
is this		it's this	v	- we	
is that		it's that	vent	- went	
was this		it's the other	vine	- wine	
was that		brakes the ice	verse	- worse	
plans the day		what's the matter	vest	- west	
does the man		what's this	village	- William	
does this		what's that	visit	- whisper	
means this		treats the child	avail	- away	
(10) [f - v]		(11) [f - v - w]			
few	- view	fail	- vail	- wail	
force	- divorce	fain	- vain	- wane	
belief	- believe	fairy	- vary	- wary	
leaf	- leave	feel	- veal	- wheel	
proof	- prove	file	- vile	- while	
reef	- reeve	fine	- vine	- wine	
safe	- save	firs	- verse	- worse	
surface	- service	few	- view	- woo	
effort	- ever	fee	- v	- we	
offer	- hover	foe	- vogue	- woe	
(12) [s - z]		(13) [θ - s]		(14) [ʒ - ʒ]	
cups	- cubs	myth	- miss	vision	- fission
carts	- cards	tenth	- tense	decision	- mission
kites	- guides	path	- pass	pleasure	- pressure
niece	- knees	mouth	- mouse	conclusion	- solution
ice	- eyes	south	- souse	fusion	- revolution
sink	- zink	thick	- sick	occasion	- nation
sip	- zip	think	- zink		
said	- zed	thumb	- sum		
sown	- zone	thimble	- symbol		
fussy	- fuzzy	thing	- sing		
decease	- disease	thought	- sought		
muscle	- muzzle	worth	- worse		
(15) [θ - ð]		(16) [dʒ - dr]		(17) [t] - tr]	
theme	~ these	judge	- drudge	ohain	- train
thistle	- this	jug	- drug	cheat	- treat
Arthur	~ father	jest	- dressed	cheese	- trees
author	~ mother	jaw	- draw	chip	- trip
bath	~ bathe	Jill	- drill	chance	- trance
cloth	- clothe	Jane	- drain	chew	- true
sooth	~ soothe	jam	- drum	chap	- trap
thigh	~ thy	jeer	- drear	chuck	- truck
ether	~ breather	Jew	- drew	chop	- trot

(18) [ʃ - tʃ]	(19) [l - l]	(20) [dʒ - tʃ]
sheep - cheap	fully - full	jeep - cheap
sheet - cheat	Billy - Bill	gin - chin
ship - chip	Miller - mill	jest - chest
shoe - chew	feeling - feel	Jill - chill
shop - chop	telling - tell	Jane - chain
share - chair	silly - sill	joke - choke
sheer - cheer	pulley - pull	pidgeon - kitchen
shatter - chatter	village - will	bridges - breeches
shin - chin	valley - Val	region - reaching

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.

NURSERY RHYMES AND NONSENSE VERSE

- [i]- 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.
- [i]- 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.
- [e]- 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."
- [x]- Mix a pancake,  
Stir a pancake,  
Pop it in the pan.
- Fry the pancake,  
Toss the pancake,  
Catch it if you can.
- [a]- 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.
- [p]- 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.



- [uə] - 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 Bumping,  
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 Bumping 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?
- [θ] - 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 ....

[r] - 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.

[ai] - 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."

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