1 PHONETIC SYMBOLS AND SOUNDS

International phonetic alphabet symbols

Vowels

/ɪ/ pin, English, business

/e/ bed, head, bury, exit

/æ/ cat, bag, apple, black

/ə/ the, a, woman, banana

/ʊ/ look, put, could, cushion

/ɒ/ clock, what, because

/ʌ/ cut, come, mother

/ɜː/ girl, burn, word, heard

/ɑː/ car, art, heart, half

/ɔː/ or, board, door, small

/ɪː/ sea, bee, people, receive

/uː/ too, blue, fruit, fool

Dipthongs

/eɪ/ take, pay, wait, ballet

/ɑɪ/ five, sigh, height, buy

/ɔɪ/ noise, boy, lawyer

/əʊ/ no, road, sew, broken

/ɑʊ/ round, renown, doubt

/ɪə/ here, deer, dear, fierce

/eə/ care, air, mayor, prayer

/ʊə/ poor, insure, tour, moor

Consonants

/h/ hot, hair, whole, whose

/m/ moon, lamp, lamb

/n/ can, snow, pneumonia

/ŋ/ string, singer, tongue

/tʃ/ chair, match, future

/dʒ/ just, general, age, soldier

/l/ look, small, bottle, isle

/r/ real, train, wrong, write

/j/ yes, Europe, university

/w/ window, twin, quick, why 5

/p/ play, stop, speak, power

/b/ bad, baby, big, object

/t/ ten, later, little, pot

/d/ day, advice, bed

/k/ character, quick, taxi

/g/ got, exam, ignore, finger

/f/ food, laugh, telephone

/v/ vain, over, Stephen

/θ/ thin, earth, method, both

/ð/ they, father, breathe, with

/s/ small, since, scene, psalm

/z/ zoo, goes, xenophobe

/ʃ/ shell, nation, machine

/ʒ/ genre, measure, vision

Exercise 1 Match the phonetic transcriptions with the words.

1. /ʃʌt/ a. later

2. /hɑːt/ b. joke

3. /θɪŋk/ c. heart

4. /wɜːk/ d. there

5. /leɪtə/ e. doubt

6. /bɔːt/ f. work

7. /puːl/ g. shut

8. /dɑʊt/ h. think

9. /dʒəʊk/ i. pool

10. /ðeə/ j. bought

Exercise 2 Listen to the following words and circle the sound that you hear.

1. /æ/ /ʌ/

2. /æ/ /e/

3. /ʊ/ /ɒ/

4. /ɪː/ /ɪ/

5. /ɜː/ /ɔː/

6. /eɪ/ /ɑɪ/

7. /ʊ/ /uː/

8. /ɪə/ /eə/

9. /θ/ /ð/

10. /ʃ/ /ʒ/

Exercise 3 Complete the transcriptions with one of the following dipthongs:

/eɪ/ /ɑɪ/ /ɔɪ/ /əʊ/ /ɑʊ/ /ɪə/ /eə/ /ʊə/

1. make /m \_ \_ k/

2. sure /ʃ \_ \_/

3. bear /b \_ \_/

4. island /- - lənd/

5. employ /ɪmpl \_ \_/

6. hear /h \_ \_/

7. town /t \_ \_ n/

8. home /h \_ \_ m/

9. sight /s \_ \_ t/

10. know /n \_ \_ /

Exercise 4 Write out the correct spelling of these place names.

1. /kæntəbrɪ/ 2. /grenɪtʃ/ 3. /lestə/ 4. /edɪnbrə/ 5. /wɒrɪk/

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