

English Phonetics and Phonology

Exercise 1

Identification. How many phonemes do you think there are in the following words? Diphthongs and triphthongs count as one single phoneme. Listen and count.



- 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____ 5) _____
6) _____ 7) _____ 8) _____ 9) _____ 10) _____

Exercise 2

Identification. Now do the same, but without listening to the words at first; watch out for silent letters. Then, listen to the word and decide

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| 1. should | 2. bottle | 3. answer | 4. people | 5. aren't |
| 6. hero | 7. heir | 8. guitar | 9. nation | 10. sign |



- 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____ 5) _____
6) _____ 7) _____ 8) _____ 9) _____ 10) _____

Exercise 3

Production. Short vowels. Read aloud the following words from the transcription; then, listen and repeat. Provide the spelling

1. /bɪd/

2. /gʊd/

3. /pæd/

4. /kɒd/

5. /grɪv/

6. /rʌf/

7. /hʌt/

8. /sed/

9. /bʊk/

10. /hænd/



1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____ 5) _____
6) _____ 7) _____ 8) _____ 9) _____ 10) _____

Exercise 4

Production. Long vowels. Read the following words from the transcription; then, listen and repeat. Provide the spelling

1. /bi:d/

2. /fu:d/

3. /kɑ:d/

4. /kɔ:d/

5. /hɑ:t/

6. /wɜ:d/

7. /blu:/

8. /sɔ:d/

9. /ʃru:d/

10. /kla:k/



1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____ 5) _____
6) _____ 7) _____ 8) _____ 9) _____ 10) _____

Exercise 5

Production. Diphthongs. Read the following words from the transcription; then, listen and repeat again. Provide the spelling.

1. /laɪf/

2. /həʊm/

3. /wəʊ/

4. /hɪə/

5. /keə/



1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____ 5) _____

Exercise 6

Give the phonetic symbol for the vowel sound in each of the following words you hear.



1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____ 5) _____

6) _____ 7) _____ 8) _____ 9) _____ 10) _____

Exercise 7

Identification. Give the phonetic symbol for the initial consonant sound in each of the following words you hear. There are ten



1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____ 5) _____

6) _____ 7) _____ 8) _____ 9) _____ 10) _____

Exercise 8

Identification. Give the phonetic symbol for the medial consonant sound in each of the following words you hear. There are ten



1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____ 5) _____

6) _____ 7) _____ 8) _____ 9) _____ 10) _____

Exercise 9

Identification. Give the phonetic symbol for the final consonant sound in each of the following words you hear. There are ten



1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____ 5) _____

6) _____ 7) _____ 8) _____ 9) _____ 10) _____

Exercise 10

Read the following passage written in broad phonetic transcription. Then, listen and provide the spelling.

|| ə fəʊn z ə 'sɪŋɡl̩ fə'netɪk seg'ment | vju:d̩ ɪn tɜ:mz əv ɪts fə'netɪk
'kærəktə wɪð'əʊt rɪ'gɑ:d tu ɪts 'pɒsəbəl ,fəʊnə'lɒdʒɪk 'steɪtəs || ðə tɜ:m
fəʊn z rɪ'leɪtɪd tə 'fəʊni:m ɪn ðə seɪm 'weɪ mɔ:f s rɪ'leɪtɪd tə 'mɔ:fi:m ||

