

## Part B: Exercises

### Vowels and Diphthongs

#### 1. Vowels /i:/ /ɪ/

Which of the following words include these sounds?

/i:/ keep – night – lit – late – fry

/ɪ/ feet – sit – night – keen – sigh

#### 2. Vowels /e/ /ə/ /ɜ:/

Which of the following words include these sounds?

/e/ gate – feel – bell – grass – fade

/ə/ book – street – name – father – sun

/ɜ:/ feed – bad – food – fate – bird

#### 3. Vowels /ɑ:/ /ʌ/ /æ/

Which of the following words include these sounds?

/ɑ:/ water – night – cat – stars – paper

/ʌ/ fat – bet – look – food – cut

/æ/ late – cat – laugh – best – tea

**4. Vowels /ɒ/ /ɔ:/**

Which of the following words include these sounds?

/ɒ/ room – dog – card – word – soil

/ɔ:/ father – glass – law – hot – world

**5. Vowels /ʊ/ /u:/**

Which of the following words include these sounds?

/ʊ/ cut – work – love – food – book

/u:/ food – luck – lost – burn – first

**6. Diphthongs**

Which of the following words include these diphthongs?

/eɪ/ feed – bed – food – fight – say

/aɪ/ said – read – high – food – says

/ɔɪ/ should – boy – though – blood – so

/əʊ/ through – there – here – so – hot

/aʊ/ now – hair – face – tour – lower

/ɪə/ there – seed – hair – late – here

/eə/ there – say – get – first – shoulder

/oʊ/ tower – tour – two – tooth – hand

## Pronunciation Tasks

1. Put the following words into the correct box according to the underlined sound. Use a dictionary to check your answers.

steam    flood    turn    asleep    sleep    flew    should    saw  
 cough    heart    bread    flat    busy    poor    shirt    path  
 stamp    system    teacher    does    shoe    said    wood    hot

sheep /i:/	ship /ɪ/	bed /e/	bad /æ/	father /ɑ:/	bird /ɜ:/
sleep					
pot /ɒ/	caught /ɔ:/	put /ʊ/	boot /u:/	cut /ʌ/	camera /ə/

(Optional) Extension: Add two more words that you know for each sound. Use a dictionary to check.

2. Odd One Out. Circle the word with a different sound. Use a dictionary to check.

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|------------|---------|-------|--------|
| 1. dead    | mean    | bread | head   |
| 2. fruit   | suit    | juice | built  |
| 3. half    | have    | has   | ham    |
| 4. horse   | history | story | cord   |
| 5. look    | good    | foot  | blood  |
| 6. country | young   | youth | couple |
| 7. oven    | colour  | son   | gone   |
| 8. talk    | chalk   | calm  | fall   |

3. Fill in the blanks with the word which has got a different phonetic sound.

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|----------|------------|---------|---------|-------|
| 1. heart | nothing    | love    | come    | _____ |
| 2. bird  | word       | bed     | earth   | _____ |
| 3. look  | pool       | full    | foot    | _____ |
| 4. dog   | fox        | cough   | caught  | _____ |
| 5. now   | voice      | out     | cow     | _____ |
| 6. idea  | volunteers | where   | near    | _____ |
| 7. hear  | beer       | chair   | year    | _____ |
| 8. enjoy | boy        | point   | brown   | _____ |
| 9. asked | looked     | worried | hooked  | _____ |
| 10. goes | introduces | loses   | dresses | _____ |

4. Group the following words according to the underlined sounds.

each    blue    tray    flight    worry    house    straw    turn    silly  
found    learn    caught    ill    quite    just    free    eight    June  
bee    ugly    soup    sixty    shirt    ought    tale    bicycle    mouse

/u:/	/eɪ/	/aɪ/	/ʌ/	/i:/	/aʊ/	/ɔ:/	/ɜ:/	/ɪ/

5. Identify the vowel sounds in each word and tick (✓) the correct box. For some words, you will have to tick two boxes.

Words	/e/	/ɒ/	/ɔ/	/i:/	/ʌ/	/ɪ/	/ə/	/æ/	/ɔ:/	/ɑ:/	/ɜ:/	/u:/
bring												
box												
artist												
mother												
stamp												
daughter												
thirdly												
sugar												
breakfast												
blue												
police												
woman												

6. Identify the diphthong sounds in each word and tick (✓) the correct box.

Words	/aʊ/	/aɪ/	/eə/	/əʊ/	/ɔɪ/	/ʊə/	/eɪ/	/ɪə/
theatre								
care								
security								
mountain								
lake								
nose								
height								
choice								

7. Which groups do these words belong to?

Group 1: /ɪ/: is – sing – it – big

Group 3: /ɜ:/ bird – first – girl

Group 2: /aɪ/: my – right – bike – nice

video:

tie:

rich:

shirt:

sit:

cry:

wine:

skirt:

river:

kind:

why:

build:

dirty:

like:

might:

write:

live:

ship:

Italy:

life:

five:

8. Which groups do these words belong to?

Group 1: /æ/: cat – bag – that – fat

Group 3: /ɔ/: about – Japan – grammar – woman

Group 2: /ɑ/: car – grass – arm – father

Group 4: /ɔ:/ fall – small – all – saw

grandmother:

apple:

talk:

tomato:

dawn:

have:

man:

happy:

walk:

ball:

hand:

sat:

park:

start:

hat:

are:

again:

can:

cathedral:

bank:

ask:

tall:

dark:

dance:

half:

war:

warm:

bad:

March: