Part B: Exercises

Vowels and Diphthongs

1. Vowels /iː/ /ɪ/

Which of the following words include these sounds?

/iː/ keep – night – lit – late – fry

/ɪ/ feet – sit – night – keen – sigh

2. Vowels /e/ /ə/ /ɜː/

Which of the following words include these sounds?

/e/ gate – feel – bell – grass – fade

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

/ɜː/ feed – bad – food – fate – bird

3. Vowels /ɑː/ /ʌ/ /æ/

Which of the following words include these sounds?

/ɑː/ water – night – cat – stars – paper

/ʌ/ fat – bet – look – food – cut

/æ/ late – cat – laugh – best – tea

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4. Vowels /ɒ/ /ɔː/

Which of the following words include these sounds?

/ɒ/ room – dog – card – word – soil

/ɔː/ father – glass – law – hot – world

5. Vowels /ʊ/ /uː/

Which of the following words include these sounds?

/ʊ/ cut – work – love – food – book

/uː/ 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

/ʊə/ tower – tour – two – tooth – hand

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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 /iː/	ship /ɪ/	bed /e/	bad /æ/	father /ɑː/	bird /ɜː/
sleep					
pot /ɒ/	**caught /ɔː/**	**put /ʊ/**	**boot /uː/**	**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.

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

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

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

/uː/	/eɪ/	/aɪ/	/ʌ/	/iː/	/aʊ/	/ɔː/	/ɜː/	/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/	/ʊ/	/iː/	/ʌ/	/ɪ/	/ə/	/æ/	/ɔː/	/ɑː/	/ɜː/	/uː/
bring												
box												
artist												
mother												
stamp												
daughter												
thirdly												
sugar												
breakfast												
blue												
police												
woman												

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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: /I/: is – sing – it – big
Group 2: /aɪ/: my – right – bike – nice
Group 3: /ɜ:/: bird – first – girl

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 2: /ɑ:/: car – grass – arm – father
Group 3: /ə/: about – Japan – grammar – woman
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:	

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