

Phonetics 5: /ɒ, ʌ, əʊ, ʊ, ɪə, ʊə, θ, h, b, k/

1. Four of these words are pronounced with the sound /ɒ/. Identify the word where the syllable in **red** is pronounced with a different vowel sound:

dog **door** **bottom** **rock** **hot**

2. Four of these words are pronounced with the sound /ʌ/. Identify the word where the syllable in **red** is pronounced with a different vowel sound:

some **money** **thumb** **come** **call**

3. Four of these words are pronounced with the sound /əʊ/. Identify the word which is pronounced with a different vowel sound:

comb **hope** **cough** **go** **load**

4. Four of these words are pronounced with the sound /ʊ/. Identify the word which is pronounced with a different vowel sound:

foot **full** **fool** **hook** **look**

5. Four of these words are pronounced with the sound /ɪə/. Identify the word which is pronounced with a different vowel sound:

clear **dear** **hear** **here** **hair**

6. Four of these words are pronounced with the sound /ʊə/. Identify the word where the syllable in **red** is pronounced with a different vowel sound:

poor **tourist** **sure** **future** **mature**

7. Four of these words are pronounced with the sound /θ/. Identify the word which is pronounced with a different consonant sound:

thin thigh myth theme therefore

Silent consonants:

8. In four of these words the letter H is silent (it is “not pronounced”), so it does **not** represent the consonant sound /h/. Identify the word which **is** pronounced with the sound /h/.

honest inherit heir honour hour

9. In four of these words the letter B is silent. Identify the word which **is** pronounced with the sound /b/.

subtle plumber debt doubt symbol

10. In four of these words the letter K is silent. Identify the word which **is** pronounced with the sound /k/.

knee knife weakness unknown knowledge