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

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)_____

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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. /gɪv/
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. /biːd/	2. /fuːd/	3. /kɑːd/	4. /kɔːd/	5. /hɑːt/
6. /wɜːd/	7. /bluː/	8. /sɔːd/	9. /ʃruːd/	10. /klɑːk/

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

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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)_____

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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)_____

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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 ˈsɪŋgl̩ fəˈnetɪk segˈment | vjuːd ɪn tɜːmz əv ɪts fəˈnetɪk ˈkærəktə wɪðˈaʊt rɪˈgɑːd tu ɪts ˈpɒsəbl̩ ˌfəʊnəˈlɒdʒɪkl̩ ˈsteɪtəs || ðə tɜːm fəʊn z rɪˈleɪtɪd tə ˈfəʊniːm ɪn ðə seɪm ˈweɪ mɔːf s rɪˈleɪtɪd tə ˈmɔːfiːm ||

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