PHONETICS: ENGLISH VOWEL SOUNDS

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# 1. VOWEL SOUNDS

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2. PURE SHORT VOWELS (Lax)

Phonemes (short vowels)

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Lax
Phonemes (short vowels)

Pen = [pen]  
Bell = [bel]  
Jelly = [ˈdʒelɪ]  
Address = [əˈdrɛs]  
Twelve = [twɛlv]  
Message = [ˈmesɪdʒ]  

Set = [set]  
Empty = [ˈemptɪ]  
Ever = [ˈevər]
æ

Phonemes
(short vowels)

Cat = [kæt]
Bag = [bæg]
Pan = [pæn]

Dad = [dæd]
Sand = [sænd]

Jack = [dʒæk]
Bank = [bæŋk]

Hang = [hæŋ]

Frank = [fræŋk]
At = [æt]
Man = [mæn]
Phonemes (short vowels)

Hot = [hɔt]
Of = [ɔv]
One = [wʌn]
Spot = [spɔt]
What = [wɔt]
Top = [tɔp]
Got = [ɡɔt]
Drop = [drɔp]
Dog = [dɔɡ]
Chop = [tʃɔp]
Body = [ˈbɒdɪ]
Phonemes (short vowels)

Put = [pʊt]

Book = [bʊk]

Foot = [fʊt]

Cook = [kʊk]

Stood = [stʊd]

Look = [lʊk]

Could = [kʊd]

Should = [ʃʊd]
Phonemes (short vowels)

Hut = [hʌt]  
Fun = [fʌn]  
Other = [ʌðər]  
Jump = [dʒʌmp]  
Some = [sʌm]  
Butter = [bʌtər]  
Sun = [sʌn]  
Junk = [dʒʌŋk]  
Up = [ʌp]  
Mother = [mʌðər]
Ə (schwa)

Phonemes
(short vowels)

Ago = [əˈɡəʊ]
Ever = [ˈevər]
Yoga = [ˈjəʊɡə]
Under = [ˈʌnder]
Never = [ˈnevər]

Actor = [ˈæktər]
Doctor = [ˈdɒktər]
Dinner = [ˈdɪnər]
Cinema = [ˈsɪnəmə]
Over = [ˈəʊvər]
Soda = [ˈsəʊdə]
3. PURE LONG VOWELS (Tense)

Phonemes (long vowel sounds)

Tree = [triː]  
Three = [θriː]  
Read = [riːd]  
Keys = [kiːz]  
Thirteen = [θɜːˈtiːn]

Be = [biː]  
We = [Wiː]

Cheese = [tʃiːz]  
Cheap = [tʃiːp]  
Sunsuncreen = [ˈSʌnskriːn]  
These = [ðiːz]
ɑ:

Phonemes
(long vowel sounds)

Laugh = [laːf]
Arm = [aːm]
Calm = [kaːm]

After = [ˈaːftər]
Sharp = [ʃaːp]

Chart = [tʃaːt]

Palm = [paːm]

Rather = [ˈraːðər]

Carpenter = [ˈkaːpɪntər]

Bar = [baːr]
O = [ɔː]  All = [aː]  Four = [fɔː]  
Saw = [sɔː]  
Tall = [tɔː]  
Wall = [wɔː]  Walk = [wɔːk]  
Fortune = [ˈfɔːtjʊn]  Order = [ɔːdə]  
Caught = [kɔːt]  Port = [pɔːt]
Phonemes (long vowel sounds)

Too = [tuː]  
Blue = [bluː]  
You = [juː]  
Flew = [fljuː]  
Soon = [suːn]  
Use = [juːz]  
Who = [huː]  
True = [truː]  
Through = [θruː]  
Noon = [nuːn]
Phonemes (long vowel sounds)

Her = [hɜːr]  Bird = [bɜːd]  First = [fɜːst]

Sir = [sɜːr]  Worse = [wɜːs]

Turn = [tɜːn]  Hurt = [hɜːt]

Thirty = [ˈθɜːtɨ]  Dirty = [dɜːtɨ]

Virtual = [ˈvɜːtjuːl]  Earth = [ɜːθ]
4. DIPHTHONGS

Phonemes (diphthongs)

Day = [deɪ]
Make = [meɪk]
Same = [seɪm]
Faith = [feɪθ]
Cake = [keɪk]

Eight = [eɪt]
Yale = [jeɪl]
Date = [deɪt]
Late = [leɪt]
Train = [treɪn]
Whale = [weɪl]
Phonemes (diphthongs)

Home = [həʊm]
Own = [əʊn]
Tee = [t ee]
No = [nəʊ]
Alone = [ə ˈl eɪn]
Go = [gəʊ]
Compose = [kəmˈpɹeɪz]
Mozambique = [məʊzəmˈbiːk]
Phonemes (diphthongs)

Hi = [haɪ]  
My = [maɪ]  
Eye = [aɪ]  
Why = [waɪ]  
Dinosaur = [ˈdaɪnəsər]  

Night = [naɪt]  
Lie = [laɪ]  
White = [waɪt]  
By = [baɪ]  
Wine = [waɪn]  
Finally = [ˈfɪnəli]
Phonemes (diphthongs)

How = [hau̯]

Out = [aʊt]

Town = [taʊn]

Doubt = [daʊt]

Sound = [saʊnd]

Mouth = [maʊθ]

Ground = [graʊnd]

Towel = [ˈtaʊəl]

Compound = [ˈkɒmpaʊnd]

Without = [wɪˈðaʊt]
Phonemes (diphthongs)

Boy = [bɔɪ]
Toy = [tɔɪ]
Enjoy = [ɪn'dʒɔɪ]
Oil = [ɔɪl]
Toilet = ['tɔɪlɪt]
Ointment = ['ɒɪntmənt]
Loyal = [ˈlɔɪəl]
Coin = [kɔɪn]
Joy = [dʒɔɪ]
Oyster = ['ɒɪstər]
Voyage = ['vɔɪdʒ]
Phonemes (diphthongs)

Here = [hɪər]
Beer = [bɪər]
Fear = [fɪər]
Tear = [tɪər]
Deer = [dɪər]
Near = [nɪər]
Ear = [ɪər]
Career = [kəˈriər]
Year = [jɪər]
Sphere = [sfɪər]
Hear = [hɪər]
Phonemes (diphthongs)

Hair = [heəʳ]
Air = [eəʳ]
Rare = [reəʳ]
Where = [weəʳ]

Fair = [feəʳ]
Yep = [jeə]

There = [ðeəʳ]
Yeah = [jeə]

Share = [ʃeəʳ]
Care = [keəʳ]
Chair = [tʃeəʳ]
Phonemes (diphthongs)

Poor = [pʊəɹ]
Sure = [ʃʊəɹ]
Pure = [pjuəɹ]
Visual = [ˈvɪʒuəl]

Mature = [məˈtʃʊəɹ]

Tourist = [ˈtʊəɹɪst]
Cure = [kjʊəɹ]
Ensure = [ɪnˈʃʊəɹ]

Usually = [ˈjuːʒuəli]
Intellectual = [ɪntəˈlɛktʃʊəl]
5. TRIPHTONGS

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