

Short and Long Vowels		
Phonemes	Spellings	Examples
/i:/	ee	canteen /kænti:n/, cheek, deep, feed, fifteen
	ea	beast, breathe /bri:ð/, cream, each, please
	e	complete /kəmpli:t/, <u>even</u> , <u>fever</u> , these
	ie	brief, niece, piece, thief
	c + ei	ceiling, conceive, deceive, receive; caffeine
	i (+ cons. +e)	machine, magazine, police, unique; ski, visa
	other	<u>key</u> , <u>people</u>
/ɪ/	i	since, sit, wish
	e	houses, ticket; England, English, pretty
	y	city, rhythm /rɪðm/
	ie	cities, ladies, movies
	a (+ cons. +e)	image, village, private
other	orange, spinach /spɪnɪdʒ/, business /bɪznɪs/, busy /bɪzi/, lettuce, minute /mɪnɪt/; women; biscuit /bɪskɪt/, build; coffee, committee /kəmɪti/	
/ɛ/	e	set, bed, flesh
	ea	bread, breath /brɛθ/, dead, head, sweat
	other	<u>ate</u> , <u>many</u> , <u>Thames</u> ; <u>bury</u> ; <u>friend</u> , <u>leisure</u> ; <u>says</u> , <u>said</u>

/æ/	a	ant, frank, hand, maths, sand, sat, stamp, wax
/ʌ/	u	fun, hunt, jug, jungle, uncle
	o	brother, mother, other; nothing; colour, worry
	o + m / n	come, company; done, front, son, won, wonder
	o + v	above, glove, love, oven, recover
	ou	country, couple, cousin, double, enough, young
	oo	blood, flood
/ɑ:/	a + r	car, charge, hard, jar, large
	a + n / m	can't, plant, advantage, answer; example
	a + s	ask, castle, class, fast, grass, last
	other	calm /kɑ:m/, half /hɑ:f/, palm /pɑ:m/; after, staff; father; bath, path
	au, er, ear	aunt, laugh; clerk, sergeant; heart

/ɒ/	o	colleague /kɒli:g/, cost, holiday; gone, shone
	a	quality, want, wash, watch, what, yacht /jɒt/
	au, ou, ow	because, cauliflower, sausage; cough; knowledge
/ɔ:/	or	fork, horse, pork, storm, sword /sɔ:d/
	aw	awful, draw, jaw, law, saw
	ou, au	bought, four, pour; caught, daughter, pause
	a (+ ll / lk)	all, call, small, wall; talk, walk; war, warm, water
	ore, oor	before, more; door, poor
	oar, our	board, roar; four, pour

/ʊ/	u (+ l)	bull, full, pull; butcher, cushion, push, sugar
	oo	cook, foot, look, stood, took, wood, wool
	ou	could /kʊd/, should /ʃʊd/, would /wʊd/
	o	wolf, woman
/u:/	oo	choose, cool, food, fool, moon, shoot, soon
	ou	group, route, soup, through, youth
	u	June, rude, rule, Susan
	o (+ cons. +e)	do, tomb /tu:m/, who, whom; lose, move, whose
	ew, ue, ui, oe	drew, threw; glue, true; fruit, juice; shoe; two

/ɜ:/	ir	bird, first, girl, shirt, thirsty
	er, ear	certain, serve; early, earn, earth, heard, learn
	ur	burn, church, nurse, surf, surname, turn
	w + or	word, world, work, worm, worse, worst, worth
	our	journalist, journey
	other	colonel /kɜ:nəl/

/ə/	<i>Prepositions, conjunctions, articles, pronouns and auxiliary verbs are not usually stressed: a, am, and, are, as, at, but, can, for, must, of, or, shall, than, the, them, us, was, were.</i>	
	<i>This sound is very common in unstressed syllables:</i>	
	a, e, i, o, u	America, cinema, possible, London, industry
	two vowels	surgeon, parliament, region, tortoise, famous
	vowel + r	particular, paper, doctor, figure
initial a, o, u	about, accept, machine, correct, gorilla, suppose	

Diphthongs		
Phonemes	Spellings	Examples
/eɪ/	a	lake, late, take, wake, lady, waste
	ai, ay	aim, rain, train; day, may, play, stay, tray
	ei, ey	eight, veil, weight; grey, prey, they
	ea	break, great, steak
/aɪ/	i, y	drive, fine, shine, time, kind, pint; cry, dry, try
	igh, eigh	high, might, night; height
	ie, ye	die, lie, tie, pie; dye
	ei, ai	either, neither; aisle
/ɔɪ/	oi, oy	join, noise, oil, point, voice; boy, joy, toy
/əʊ/	o	home, hope, rope, stone, old, both, host, so
	oa	boat, coat, float, road, soap, throat, toast
	oe	foe, toe
	ou, ow	shoulder, though; flow, grow, know, low, own
/aʊ/	ou, ow	found, loud, mouth, shout; allow, crowd, now
/ɪə/	eer, ear, ere	beer, deer; ear, dear, hear; here, mere
	eir, ier, ir	weird; fierce, pierce; fakir /fɛɪkɪə(r)/
	ea, ia, eu, eo	beard, clear, idea; lan; museum; theological
/ɛə/	are	care, dare, fare, rare, share, spare, square
	air	air, chair, fair, hair, pair
	ear	bear, pear, wear
/ʊə/	oor	poor
	ure	assure, cure, mature, pure, sure
	ur	curious, furious, jury, security
	ual	casual, punctual, usual
	ewer	fewer
	our	tour, tourist

Consonants		
Phonemes	Spelling	Examples
/p/	p, pp	play, Spain, cheap, apple, happen
/b/	b, bb	big, husband, rob, blow, rubber
/t/	t, tt, th	take, stone, boat; letter, little; Thomas, Thames
	-ed	jumped, looked, laughed, fetched
/d/	d, dd	do, London, road, suddenly, middle
	-ed	rubbed, loved, raised

Pronunciation: Vowel and consonant sounds

/k/	k	kind, cake, desk
	c/cc + a, o, u	cake, account
	qu, ch	queue; character, technique, psychology, stomach
/g/	g, gg	go, begin, leg, egg, bigger
/tʃ/*	ch, tch	church, chair, watch
	t+ure	adventure, culture, departure, feature, furniture, future, gesture, lecture, literature, nature
	s+tion	digestion, exhaustion, question, suggestion
/dʒ/*	j, g, gg, dg, di	jar; gin, large; suggest; knowledge; soldier
/f/	f, ff, ph, gh	feet, fat; off, offer; photo, telephone; laugh, cough
/v/	v, f, ph	voice, ever, give; of; nephew
/θ/*	th	thick, author, fourth
/ð/*	th	than, that, the, their, them, then, there, these, they, this, those, though; although, bother, breathe, brother, clothes, either, father, further, leather, other, rather, together, weather, smooth
/s/	s, ss, sc, c	mouse, smoke, cats; essay, pass; science; niece
/z/	s, ss, x	roses, easy, husband, scissors, exact
	z, zz	zoo, lazy, dizzy
/ʃ/*	sh, ch	shoes, bishop, finish; brochure, machine
	ss, s	discussion, impression, mission, obsession, passion, pressure, profession; sugar, sure
	-ti-	accommodation, action, addition, ambition
	-ci-, -ce-	crucial, official, racial, social, special, ocean
/ʒ/*	-si-	confusion, decision, explosion, occasion, vision
	s	casual, measure, pleasure, treasure, usual
/h/	h, wh	how, behave, who, whom
/m/	m, mm	meat, Pamela, dream, summer
/n/	n, nn	now, know, run, funny, dinner
/ŋ/*	ng, nk, nc, nx	sing, finger, monkey, uncle, anxious
/l/	l, ll	light, island, oil, fill, yellow
/r/	r, rr	red, very, carry, arrive

* These are the basic consonant sounds for the PAEU exam: tʃ dʒ θ ð ʃ ʒ ŋ