



WEEK 2: ENGLISH PRONUNCIATION

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WHAT IS 'GOOD' PRONUNCIATION?

- Speak exactly like a 'native'?
- Speak like your English teacher?



WHAT IS TRANSCRIPTION?

- a written record of words or music.

(according to Cambridge Dictionary)



WHY IS TRANSCRIPTION IMPORTANT?








- Transcription **turns spoken words into written text, making it easier to manage and access important information.**
- Whether you're transcribing meetings, interviews, or podcasts, it helps solve the challenge of dealing with audio by giving you a written record to refer back to.

WHAT ARE THE CONSONANTS?

- **Consonants** are letters of the **alphabet** that represent **speech sounds** produced by **obstructing** the **breath** in the **vocal tract**.
- For example (S, P, F, T...)



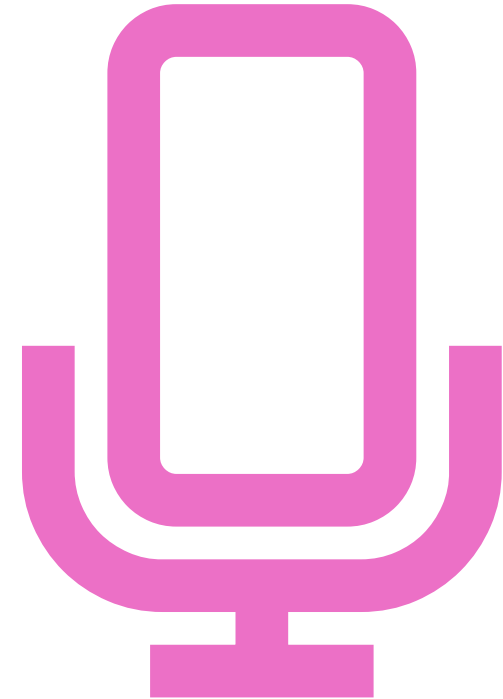
a	apple	
e	Eddie	
i	itchy	
o	olive	
u	upper	

WHAT ARE VOWELS?

- Vowels are **letters that represent speech sounds where air leaves the mouth without any blockage by the tongue, lips, or throat.**
- For example (A, E, I, O, U)

WHAT IS A PHONEME?

- A phoneme is the minimal sound unit in the sound system.
- For example, pin and bin are different only by the two phonemes /**p**/ and /**b**/



Spot 10 Differences in 25 Seconds



VOWEL & CONSONANTS


- **Vowel Letters:** A, E, I, O, U





- **Consonants:**

B, C, D, F, G, H, J, K, L, M, N, P, Q, R, S, T,
V, W, X, Y, Z.

English consonants

consonants

IPA	examples
b	<u>b</u> ad, lab <u>b</u>
d	<u>d</u> id, lad <u>y</u>
f	<u>f</u> ind, if <u>f</u>
g	give, flag
h	<u>h</u> ow, <u>h</u> ello
j	<u>y</u> es, <u>y</u> ellow 
k	<u>c</u> at, bac <u>k</u>
l	<u>l</u> eg, <u>l</u> ittle
m	<u>m</u> an, le <u>m</u> on
n	<u>n</u> o, te <u>n</u>
ŋ	<u>s</u> ing, <u>f</u> inger
p	<u>p</u> et, ma <u>p</u>

ɹ / r	<u>r</u> ed, tr <u>y</u>
s	<u>s</u> un, miss <u>s</u>
ʃ	<u>sh</u> e, cr <u>ash</u> 
t	<u>t</u> ea, get <u>ting</u>
tʃ	<u>ch</u> eck, <u>ch</u> urch 
θ	<u>th</u> ink, bo <u>th</u>
ð	<u>th</u> is, mo <u>th</u> er
v	<u>v</u> oice, fi <u>v</u> e
w	<u>w</u> et, <u>w</u> indow
z	<u>z</u> oo, laz <u>y</u>
ʒ	pleas <u>ure</u> , vis <u>ion</u> 
dʒ	<u>ju</u> st, lar <u>ge</u> 

vowels

IPA	examples
ʌ	<u>cup</u> , <u>luck</u>
a:	<u>arm</u> , <u>father</u>
æ	<u>cat</u> , <u>black</u>
ə	<u>away</u> , <u>cinema</u>
e	<u>met</u> , <u>bed</u>
ɜ:	<u>turn</u> , <u>learn</u>
ɪ	<u>hit</u> , <u>sitting</u>
i:	<u>see</u> , <u>heat</u>
ɒ	<u>hot</u> , <u>rock</u>
ɔ:	<u>call</u> , <u>four</u>
ʊ	<u>put</u> , <u>could</u>
u:	<u>blue</u> , <u>food</u>
aɪ	<u>five</u> , <u>eye</u>
aʊ	<u>now</u> , <u>out</u>
əʊ	<u>go</u> , <u>home</u>
eə	<u>where</u> , <u>air</u>
eɪ	<u>say</u> , <u>eight</u>
ɪə	<u>near</u> , <u>here</u>
ɔɪ	<u>boy</u> , <u>join</u>
ʊə	<u>pure</u> , <u>tourist</u>

consonants

IPA	examples
b	<u>bad</u> , <u>lab</u>
d	<u>did</u> , <u>lady</u>
f	<u>find</u> , <u>if</u>
g	<u>give</u> , <u>flag</u>
h	<u>how</u> , <u>hello</u>
j	<u>yes</u> , <u>yellow</u>
k	<u>cat</u> , <u>back</u>
l	<u>leg</u> , <u>little</u>
m	<u>man</u> , <u>lemon</u>
n	<u>no</u> , <u>ten</u>
ŋ	<u>sing</u> , <u>finger</u>
p	<u>pet</u> , <u>map</u>
r	<u>red</u> , <u>try</u>
s	<u>sun</u> , <u>miss</u>
ʃ	<u>she</u> , <u>crash</u>
t	<u>tea</u> , <u>getting</u>
tʃ	<u>check</u> , <u>church</u>
θ	<u>think</u> , <u>both</u>
ð	<u>this</u> , <u>mother</u>
v	<u>voice</u> , <u>five</u>
w	<u>wet</u> , <u>window</u>
z	<u>zoo</u> , <u>lazy</u>
ʒ	<u>pleasure</u> , <u>vision</u>
dʒ	<u>just</u> , <u>large</u>

HOMEWORK:

- WRITE AND REVISE THE TRANSCRIPTION OF THE CONSONANT LETTERS.
- SEND YOUR HOMEWORK ON GOOGLE CLASSROOM.