

# Revision phonetics

## Part B: Exercises

### Vowels and Diphthongs

#### 1. Vowels /i:/ /ɪ/

Which of the following words include these sounds?

/i:/ keep – night – lit – late – fry

/ɪ/ feet – sit – night – keen – sigh

#### 2. Vowels /e/ /ə/ /ɜ:/

Which of the following words include these sounds?

/e/ gate – feel – bell – grass – fade

/ə/ book – street – name – father – sun

/ɜ:/ feed – bad – food – fate – bird

#### 3. Vowels /ɑ:/ /ʌ/ /æ/

Which of the following words include these sounds?

/ɑ:/ water – night – cat – stars – paper

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/æ/ late – cat – laugh – best – tea

**4. Vowels** /ɒ/ /ɔ:/

Which of the following words include these sounds?

/ɒ/ room – dog – card – word – soil

/ɔ:/ father – glass – law – hot – world

**5. Vowels** /ʊ/ /u:/

Which of the following words include these sounds?

/ʊ/ cut – work – love – food – book

/u:/ food – luck – lost – burn – first

**6. Diphthongs**

Which of the following words include these diphthongs?

/eɪ/ feed – bed – food – fight – say

/aɪ/ said – read – high – food – says

/ɔɪ/ should – boy – though – blood – so

/əʊ/ through – there – here – so – hot

/aʊ/ now – hair – face – tour – lower

/ɪə/ there – seed – hair – late – here

/eə/ there – say – get – first – shoulder

/ʊə/ tower – tour – two – tooth – hand

**Pronunciation Tasks**

1. Put the following words into the correct box according to the underlined sound. Use a dictionary to check your answers.

steam      flood      turn      asleep      sleep      flew      should      saw  
cough      heart      bread      flat      busy      poor      shirt      path  
stamp      system      teacher      does      shoe      said      wood      hot

sheep /i:/	ship /ɪ/	bed /e/	bad /æ/	father /ɑ:/	bird /ɜ:/
sleep					
pot /ɒ/	caught /ɔ:/	put /ʊ/	boot /u:/	cut /ʌ/	camera /ə/

(Optional) Extension: Add two more words that you know for each sound. Use a dictionary to check.

2. Odd One Out. Circle the word with a different sound. Use a dictionary to check.

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|------------|-------------|-------|--------|
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| 2. fruit   | suit        | juice | built  |
| 3. half    | have        | has   | ham    |
| 4. horse   | history     | story | cord   |
| 5. look    | good        | foot  | blood  |
| 6. country | young       | youth | couple |
| 7. oven    | colour      | son   | gone   |
| 8. talk    | chalk       | calm  | fall   |

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6. /eɪ/ say	/aɪ/ high	/ɔɪ/ boy
/əʊ/ so	/aʊ/ now	/ɪə/ here
/eə/ there	/ʊə/ tour	

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cough	heart	bread	flat	busy	poor	shirt	path
stamp	system	teacher	does	shoe	said	wood	hot

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1. sheep:	sleep, steam	father:	heart, path	put:	should, wood
ship:	busy, system	bird:	turn, shirt	boot:	flew, shoe
bed:	bread, said	pot:	cough, hot	cut:	flood, does
bad:	flat, stamp	caught:	saw, poor	camera:	asleep, teacher

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