## **English Vowel Sounds**

#### a

### This is a long "a" sound.

Keep your mouth open with jaws far apart (like yawning)

Car	Wasp	Market	Father
Heart	Watch	Ap <u>a</u> rt	Wash
Start	March	Hard	Gar <u>ag</u> e
Calm	Want	Farm	<b>Balmy</b>
Arm	Wallet	Barbara	Bar
Are	Pardon	Bargain	Star
Artist	Dark	Path	Palm

#### æ/Æ

ad	than	at	am
ham	man	ask	apple
mass	clam	after	actor
ladder	sandwich	absent	map
Sally	Andy	Brandon	Brad
angry	animal	cat	and
have	Dad	last	black
bat	mat	fat	rat
can't	lad	class	flag
happy	rapid	had	pat
land	sand	bad	sad
rap	add	hat	jam
back	rack	lack	pack
match	catch	bank	stand
practice	cab	carrot	married
Jack	Ralph	Al	Allen
jacket	glance	chance	tan
last	fast	glass	stand
racket	laugh	math	hand
tap	snack	past	mad

gas	plan	after	drank
ran	sank	sang	pass
nap	ladder	band	vaccine
Dan	rather	track	tamper

ε / e This is a short sound (similar to Spanish e)

bet	breakfast	dead	head
blend	end	yes	ready
ten	edge	red	met
led	else	sell	fed
meddle	every	fender	less
net	effort	dead	pen
step	elephant	measure	wet
dress	bed	ag <u>ai</u> n	get
<b>Dennis</b>	next	guest	wed
Fred	west	leopard	lettuce
egg	rest	let	best
head	bent	plenty	bent
pet	many	felt	letter
never	bread	well	better
error	leather	seldom	get
any	fence	thread	ten
bread	present	ahead	seven
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This is a long sound. Keep your lips in "smile" position

Knee	Even	Mean	Lean
Keep	Equal	Need	Reach
East	Eagle	Keen	Scene
Easy	Eager	Deep	Please
Each	Either	Seal	He

Bee	We	Peach	Cream
Key	Steve	Niece	Lee
Tea	See	People	Reason
Fee	Deed	Green	Teaching
Tree	Heel	Feet	Degree
Eat	Need	Freedom	Peace
Heat	Leave	Receive	Dean
She	Bean	<b>These</b>	Be
Agree	Team	Cheap	Eel
Me	Cheap	Cheese	Sheep

## I This is a short sound. Do not smile

it	live	this	ill
hit	been	chip	ship
is	little	timid	pistol
if	gym	win	quit
itch	syrup	women	sixty
window	symbol	trip	sill
into	system	sister	sympathy
ink	rhythm	Smith	flip
inch	build	big	pity
issue	quick	business	widow
instant	quilt	Bill	fiddle
pin	guilty	still	tickle
lift	guitar	ill	symbol
give	sin	Jim	whistle
miss	liquid	bitter	brittle
simple	lips	list	lift
winter	with	Lynn	tip
listen	gift	finish	criminal
minute	signal	did	myth
sip	fifty	him	busy

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I	Dry	Flight	Pile
My	Die	Right	Finding
Eye	Tie	<b>Delight</b>	Kind
Ice	Lie	Wild	Mind
Item	Den <u>y</u>	Fine	Sign
Aisle	Fire	Rise	Cite
Island	Nice	Shine	Knife
Bite	Fly	Nine	Try
Five	Why	Friday	Res <u>ig</u> n
Life	Type	Jul <u>y</u>	Bye
Mind	Style	Driver	Dying
Sign	Pie	License	L <u>i</u> kew <u>i</u> se
Rhyme	Fry	Price	Mike
While	High	Item	Tired
Light	Sight	Buy	<b>Ireland</b>
$\mathbf{B}\mathbf{y}$	Night	Time	Arr <u>i</u> ve
Cry	<b>Fight</b>	Crime	Dive

## eI / e This is a long, double sound

make	game	same	lay
great	they	rain	May
paper	ape	came	safe
Blake	age	lake	hate
raisin	aim	date	lady
shame	ale	table	main
late	able	place	fail
paper	ache	break	wait
say	eight	paint	gain
ate	April	paper	raise
way	apron	day	train

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Girl	Verb	Curb	Worm
First	Third	Purple	Dess <u>e</u> rt
Third	Curve	Purse	Irma
Serve	Circus	Turkey	Her
Learn	Thursday	Fern	Thirty
Certain	Fur	Term	Birthday
Herb	Blur	German	Church
Earn	Stir	Servant	Skirt
Earth	Occur	Heard	Des <u>e</u> rve
Early	Bird	Journey	Reserve
Urgent	Firm	Work	N <u>e</u> rve
Earnest	Circle	Turn	World
Turn	Hurt	Turtle	Word
Word	Curl	Worst	Whirl

# D Lips in yawning position (wide open jaws)

Not	F <u>o</u> llow	Got	Dolphin
Hot	Cop	<b>Possible</b>	<b>O</b> ctopus
Lot	Mop	<b>Positive</b>	<b>O</b> ctober
Spot	Pot	Population	<b>O</b> culist
On	Log	Vermont	Offer
Odd	Cob	<b>Moscow</b>	Operate
Oxen	Solid	Scotland	Politician
<b>O</b> ption	Clock	Holland	Honest
Top	Stock	<u>O</u> slo	Bomb
Lock	<b>Bottom</b>	Robin	Collar
Shop	Robbers	Rod	Tom
Block	<b>Doctor</b>	Stop	C <u>o</u> ndor
Rocket	Honest	Pocket	Pond
Problem	Don	<b>Position</b>	Bond
Fox	Forgot	Cr <u>o</u> codile	Slob
Opera	Gossip	<b>Lobster</b>	Bob

# Similar to Spanish O

Forge	Always	<u>Aw</u> esome	Long
More	August	Raw	Offer
Cord	<b>Audience</b>	Law	Call
Claw	Boss	Saw	Mall
Bought	Fall	Flaw	Salt
Jaw	Song	Draw	Stall
Or	Store	Claw	Lawn
All	Wrong	Thaw	Dawn
Off	Broad	Straw	Drawn
Awful	<b>Taught</b>	Dog	Awful
Often	Acr <u>o</u> ss	<u>Au</u> ral	fault
Ought	<b>Naughty</b>	<u>O</u> ral	flaw

# ∧ A short, quick sound

Us	Come	Does	Monday
Up	Done	Thumb	Such
Under	Just	Much	Wonder
Uncle	Run	Suck	Hut
Does	Trouble	Summer	Country
Blood	Oven	Love	Money
Flood	Usher	Dust	Pup
But	En <u>oug</u> h	Couple	Muffin
Cut	<u>O</u> nion	L <u>o</u> ndon	<b>Bubble</b>
Sun	Cover	<b>D</b> ouble	Plug
Lucky	Hug	Rug	Gum
Funny	Glove	Fun	Plus
Ugly	Nut	Mother	Thus
Duck	Young	<b>Brother</b>	Plunge
Rough	Fudge	Pulse	Cousin

# U A long sound (rounded lips)

Food	Too	Tooth	Clue
Tool	Shoe	Rule	Glue
Room	Flew	Rude	Aven <u>ue</u>
Suit	Chew	June	Do
Truth	Threw	Tune	To
Goose	Can <u>oe</u>	Tuna	Who
Group	Noon	Drew	<b>Tomb</b>
Ruler	Stool	Stew	Lose
School	Cool	Knew	Choose
Do	Boom	News	Flu
New	Boot	Due	Juice
Pool	Fool	Blue	Cruise

## U A short sound (relaxed lips)

Pull	Full	Hood	Hook
Push	Could	Woman	Cookie
Book	Put	Cushion	Should
Good	Wood	Cook	Soot
Stood	Took	Bullet	Root
Look	Foot	Pudding	Wood
Shook	Brook	Wool	Hood

## ΟU

Ok	Over	Both	Known
Oat	Oval	Coat	Spoke
Own	Open	Nose	Soul
Old	Ocean	Roam	Go
Omen	Boat	Loan	So

No	Though	Goat	Throw
Toe	Rope	Load	Bowl
Sew	Vote	Owe	Foe
Snow	Home	Own	Goes
Hell <u>o</u>	Fold	Grow	Dough
Shoulder	Roasting	Told	Al <u>o</u> ne
Phone	Toaster	Blown	Tone
Note	Cold	<b>Boast</b>	Hole
Coal	Soldier	Gold	Broke
Low	Below	Stove	Sofa
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Oil	Noise	<b>Decoy</b>	Joyce
Oink	Poison	<b>Destroy</b>	Soil
Oyster	Choice	Detr <u>oi</u> t	Coil
Ointment	Toy	Voice	Moist
Join	Boy	Void	Lloyd
Broil	Joy	Toil	Royce
Boil	Ploy	Spoil	Floyd
Foil	Enjoy	Illin <u>oi</u> s	V <u>oy</u> age
Coin	Ann <u>oy</u>	Point	Loyal
Av <u>oi</u> d	Alloy	App <u>oi</u> nt	Royal

Schwa: <u>weak vowel</u> (sometimes the sound disappears)

<u>Ag</u> ain	Comfort <u>a</u> ble	Michael	Action
<u>A</u> head	Remark <u>a</u> ble	<b>Jackson</b>	Reaction
Butt <u>e</u> r	Dispos <u>a</u> ble	Newton	Possession
Wat <u>e</u> r	Respectable	Jord <mark>a</mark> n	Port <mark>io</mark> n
Pap <u>e</u> r	Dependable	Gord <mark>o</mark> n	<b>Cushion</b>
Lat <u>e</u> r	Eaten	<b>Pencil</b>	<b>Fashion</b>
Understand	Button	Rat <mark>io</mark> n	<b>Motion</b>
Notic <u>ea</u> ble	Rotten	Posit <mark>io</mark> n	Lot <mark>io</mark> n
Transfer <u>a</u> ble	Lesson	Transit <mark>io</mark> n	<b>Notion</b>

## **English Consonant Sounds b/p** *These are plosive sounds*

baby	bible	paper	pop up
baseball	biplane	pope	preposition
Barbara	bipedal	pebble	prepare
Bob	bleeper	people	prepaid
bubble	bad / pad	pepper	propagate
bumblebee	bin / pin	pipe	propel
bribe	bit / pit	power	propane
blob	probability	point	popeyed
blip	probation	popular	shepherd
blabber	probity	population	hiccou <u>gh</u>

## f/v These are labiodental sounds

fifty	fat / vat	verbatim
fifteenth	fase / vase	vibraphone
fizzle	fission /	very / bury
freezing	vision	vow / bow
fruitful	verify	vowel /
frivolous	Vancouver	bowel
five	viceversa	vase / base
favor	vapor	vegan /
favorite	viper	began
fever	visible	vent / bent
flavor	vulnerable	vet / bet
fan / van	verbal	vile / bile
file / vile	verbiage	volt / bolt
fine / vine	verbalize	van / ban
	fifteenth fizzle freezing fruitful frivolous five favor favorite fever flavor fan / van file / vile	fifteenth fase / vase fizzle fission / freezing vision fruitful verify frivolous Vancouver five viceversa favor vapor favorite viper fever visible flavor vulnerable fan / van verbal file / vile verbiage

## θ

#### Put your tongue between your teeth (like Spaniard Z)

thick	thirsty	theory	bathroom
thief	thirteen	thorax	nothing
thigh	thirty	thought	mythology
thin	thank	thousand	method
thing	thaw	think	breath
thinner	theme	thirst	wrath
third	therapist	thrilling	mouth

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## Roughly similar to Spanish D, with your tongue between your teeth, but you must bring it further on

the	them	thus	leather
than	theirs	though	brother
that	there	they	bother
this	therefore	mother	gather
these	those	father	rather
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rational	creation	sheep	fashion
position	shrink	ship	cushion
transition	shrank	she	rush
action	shrunk	shade	push
reaction	Shreck	shark	flash
possession	shrimp	shell	crash
portion	shroud	shine	trash
notion	shuttle	shut	slash
lotion	shower	shock	smash
potion	shave	Shanghai	splash

## Z

razor	resent	lazy	xenophobia
result	reserve	measles	xerox
rise	resemble	phase	xenon
risen	reservist	phrase	Zambia
risible	reservoir	physical	Zealand
resignation	resume	physician	zebra
resilient	résumé	<b>Physics</b>	zen
resident	rose	physiology	zero
resin	resistance	present	zigzag
resistor	resentment	preserve	zip
resolution	reservation	puzzle	zipper
resolve	resultant	sunri <u>s</u> e	zombie
resonance	resumption	these	zone
resort	reason	visible	<b>Z00</b>
resound	busy	visitor	zoology
resource	crazy	xylophone	zoom
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union	usa	useless	yield
unique	used	yawn	yoghurt
unit	useful	year	yield
universe	usual	yeast	you
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yellow

yesterday

yes

advantage	sol <u>die</u> r	german	jack
budget	spongy	geology	journal
edge	region	genetics	jewel
Egypt	gem	gauge	jealous
enjoy	ginger	gigantic	judge

uterus

utilize

utopian

university

unusual

urine

young

yo-yo

yet