

Pronounce and then write  
more words for  
each vowel sound

/i/ me tree three people thy \_\_\_\_\_

/I/ ship ticket this king shilling \_\_\_\_\_

/ε/ bed pen yes well \_\_\_\_\_

/æ/ Paris can Spanish \_\_\_\_\_

/ɑ/ past dark arm car hard \_\_\_\_\_

/ɑ:/ knot wash song from rock coffee \_\_\_\_\_

/ɒ/ all small ball morning \_\_\_\_\_

/ʊ/ full look good foot book \_\_\_\_\_

/u/ who move noon blue two \_\_\_\_\_

/ə/ up cup sun some her Thursday burn work \_\_\_\_\_

/ə/ under father address servant Saturday \_\_\_\_\_

/e/ say baby drain late table waiter \_\_\_\_\_

/o/ no smoke motor hotel \_\_\_\_\_

/ai/ ice eye side \_\_\_\_\_

/aʊ/ flower cloud hour now \_\_\_\_\_

/ɔI/ boy noise boil voice \_\_\_\_\_

/I/ dear clear beer ear \_\_\_\_\_

/ε/ chair hair care \_\_\_\_\_

/ɔ/ for door floor \_\_\_\_\_















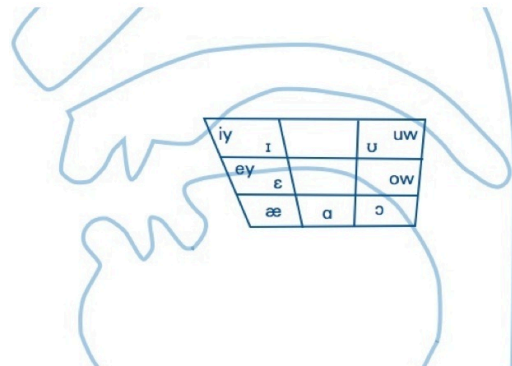
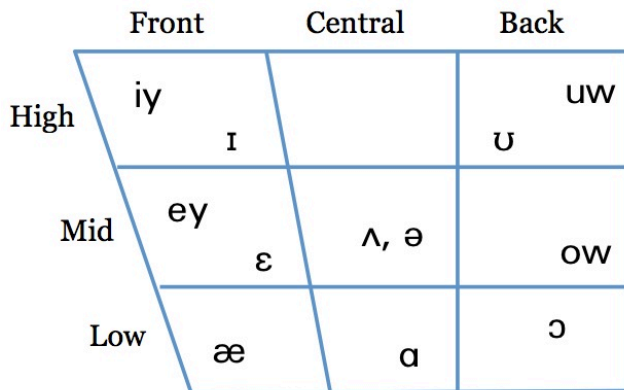




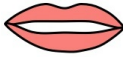











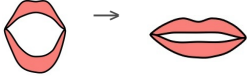

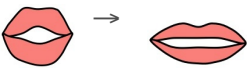


| Vowels of American English |                   |         |                     |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---------|---------------------|
| Example                    | Symbols           | Example | Symbols             |
| beat                       | /iy/ /i:/         | boot    | /uw/ /u:/           |
| bit                        | /ɪ/ /i/           | book    | /ʊ/ /u/             |
| bait                       | /ey/ /eɪ/         | boat    | /ow/ /ou/           |
| bet                        | /ɛ/ /e/           | bought  | /ɔ/ /ɔ:/            |
| bat                        | /æ/ /æ/           | box     | /ɑ/ /ɑ/             |
| but                        | /ʌ/ /ə/           | by      | /ay/ /ai/ /aɪ/      |
| sofa                       | /ə/ /ə/           | cow     | /aw/ /au/ /aʊ/      |
| her                        | /ɝ/ /ɜ/ /ɛr/ /ɜr/ | boy     | /oy/ /ɔy/ /ɔi/ /ɔɪ/ |

| Vowels in unstressed syllables |                         |                               |                           |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| More Common Unstressed Vowels  |                         | Less Common Unstressed Vowels |                           |
| Vowel                          | Examples                | Vowel                         | Examples                  |
| /ə/                            | sófa, glásses, abóut    | /ey/                          | maíntáin, rótae           |
| /ɝ/                            | wáter, curtáil, órderly | /ɛ/                           | Septémber, medicátion     |
| /ɪ/                            | músic, vánish, intéense | /ʊ/                           | chíldhood, hándbook       |
| /iy/                           | cítty, háppy, twéntieth | /ay/                          | librárían, citátion       |
| /ow/                           | sháadow, hotél, piáno   | /aw/                          | éyebrow, outsíde          |
| /uw/                           | ménu, usúrpp, vénue     | /oy/                          | hárd-boíled, exploitátion |



## Lip positions for the vowels of English

| Vowel    | Lip Position                      | Picture   |
|----------|-----------------------------------|---|
| /i:/     | Unrounded, can be stretched a bit |    |
| /ɪ/      | Unrounded, can be stretched a bit |    |
| /e:/     | Unrounded, not so stretched       |    |
| /ɛ/      | Unrounded, not so stretched       |    |
| /æ/      | Unrounded, open wide              |    |
| /ɑ/      | Unrounded, open wide              |    |
| /ʌ/, /ə/ | Unrounded, neutral and relaxed    |  |
| /u:/     | Very rounded                      |  |
| /ʊ/      | Moderately rounded                |  |
| /ow/     | Rounded at the end of the vowel   |  |
| /ɔ/      | Open and a bit rounded            |  |
| /ɔ̃/     | A bit rounded                     |  |
| /ay/     | Unrounded → unrounded             |  |
| /aw/     | Unrounded → rounded               |  |
| /oy/     | Rounded → unrounded               |  |

# Please visit us!

The largest and most complete lesson library on the web.

ELT

buzz 

Everything in English language teaching



Follow Us On

Teachers Pay Teachers