

Practice for Problem Contrasts and Sounds

ā/a

fade fad
rain ran
rake rack
mate mat
lace lass

bake back
base bass
played plaid
brain bran
gale gal

cape cap
haze has
shame sham
slate slat
aid add

ā/e

late let
raid red
fade fed
sale sell
wade wed

bait bet
aid Ed
Paper Pepper
Yale yell
taste test

gate get
rake wreck
wait wet
lace less
waist west

a/e

mass mess
lad led
land lend
pat pet
laughed left

pack peck
sat set
mat met
dance dense
pan pen

dad dead
vary very
bag beg
land lend
past pest

a/ī

mat might
fan fine
dad died
back bike
mack Mike

cat kite
dam dime
bran brine
clam climb
lack like

fat fight
Dan dine
flat i-, flight
grand grind
man mine

a/i

ban bin
fat fit
pack pick
wax wicks
drank drink

pan pin
sat sit
stack stick
draft drift
slam slim

knack nick
cat kit
cast kissed
track trick
dad did

a/o

pat pot
mass moss
bag bog
cad cod
racket rocket

hat hot
hag hog
rat rot
rack rock
black block

cat cot
lack lock
flack flock
ax ox
chap chop

a/u

calf cuff
branch brunch
track truck
dance dunce
rash rush

rag rug
back buck
lag lug
patter putter
badge budge

ankle uncle
gal gull
slam slum
rang rung
bank bunk

ē/i

meat mitt
deep dip
sleep slip
week wick
sleek slick

Pete pit
feet fit
seek sick
teen tin
bean bin

read rid
seen sin
seat sit
wheeze whiz
fleet flit

e/i

let lit
check chick
hell hill
weather wither
better bitter

pet pit
ten tin
peg pig
left lift
bell bill

set sit
spell spill
etch itch
mess miss
lest list

e/o

Pep pop
check chock
said sod
yet yacht
leg log

den Don
net not
penned pond
debt dot
keg cog

get got
deck dock
pet pot
fleck flock
bend bond

e/u

bed bud
meddle muddle
desk dusk
dead dud
check chuck

pep pup
pen pun
dell dull
dense dunce
deck duck

best bust
pedal puddle
flesh flush
bench bunch
bet but

i/o

pit pot
nib knob
flick flock
click clock
rickets rockets

tip top
kid cod
tick took
Nick knock
spit spot

clip clop
Sid sod
lick lock
picket pocket
slit slot

i/u

pin pun
sin sun
bid bud
lick luck
miss muss

bin bun
din done
tin ton
trick truck
tress truss

rim rum
biddy buddy
fin fun
stick stuck
mitt mutt

ō/o

road rod
folks fox
slope slop
robe rob
coat cot

hope hop
holy holly
smoke smock
cloak clock
mope mop

goat got
note not
soak sock
cone con
tote tot

o/aw

odd awed
tot taught
hock hawk
fond fawned
body bawdy

Don dawn
cot caught
stock stalk
clod clawed
pod pawed

not naught
sod sawed
knotty naughty
collar caller
pond pawed

o/u

pot put
boss bus
dog dug
pop Pup
cot cut

lost lust
model muddle
hot hut
shot shut
dock duck

lock luck
rot rut
gosh gush
robbed rubbed
smog smug

o/ōō

pull pool
look Luke
but boot

full fool
hood who'd
stood stewed

soot suit
could cooed
should shoed

u/oo

tuck took
stud stood
cud could

luck look
putt put
huff hoff

buck book
Huck's hooks
shuck shook

u/aw

cull call
cruller crawler
bud baud
hunch haunch

gull gall
bus boss
thud thawed
lunch launch

fun fawn
flood flawed
bubble bauble
punch paunch

ōō/oo

woed would
pool pull

cooed could
stewed stood

shoed should
Luke look

b/p

bade paid
cub cup
by pie
bale pale
beach peach

bin pin
back pack
beat Pete
boast post
batter patter

big pig
bet pet
mob mop
bony pony
bee pea

b/v

boat vote
berry very
bat vat
bolt volt
saber savor

bet vet
bend vend
ban van
curb curve
bicker vicker

robe rove
cabs calves
best vest
bane vane
lobes loaves

ch/j

chin gin
choke joke
chill Jill
char jar
cinch singe

chain Jane
cheap jeep
cheer jerr
chunk junk
choice Joyce

chest jest
etch edge
chip gyp
searches surges
chug jug

ch/sh

chew shoe
witch wish
choose shoes
chore shore
cherry sherry

chop shop
cheap sheep
much mush
cheer sheer
chew shoe

chip ship
match mash
chair share
chin shin
watch wash

d/th

den then
dough though
bade bathe
Dan than
loads loathes

dine thine
dare their
seed seethe
dense thence
wordy worthy

day they
ladder lather
breed breathe
die thy
ride writhe

f/th

fin thin
fret threat
Fred thread
oaf oath
deaf death

free three
fought thought
first thirst
reef wreath
half hath

frill thrill
fresh thresh
miff myth
roof Ruth
laughs laths

l/r

loyal royal
led red
list wrist
lap Wrap
late rate

lay ray
low row
lake rake
goal gore
lung rung

law raw
lax racks
sill sir
load road
tile tire

s/sh

same shame
sign shine
sock shock
save shave
sigh shy

sack shack
self shelf
sift shift
seer sheer
sell shell

seat sheet
sealed shield
sake shake
sore shore
sail shale

s/th

sigh thigh
sank thank
sink think
sump thump
mass math

sick thick
saw thaw
sought thought
face faith
mouse mouth

seem theme
sin thin
some thumb
pass path
moss moth

s/z

bus buzz
hiss his
sue zoo
seal zeal
since sins

sip zip
close clothes
dice dies
sewn zone
fuss fuzz

peace peas
face phase
sink zinc
price prize
rice rise

sh/th

shy thigh
shin thin
shrew through
lash lath

shred thread
sheaf thief
frosh froth
mash math

shrill thrill
shank thank
harsh hearth
rash rath

t/th

tin thin
true threw
tank thank
tong thong
tug thug

tick thick
tinker thinker
tie thigh
taught thought
tree three

taught thought
teem theme
ticket thicket
trash thrash
true threw

th/th

thigh thy
sooth soothe

teeth teethe
ether either

lath lathe
bath bathe

th/z

lather lazer
teethe tease

seethe seize
then Zen

thee Z
breathe breeze

PHONEME PRACTICE

CONSONANTS

b

bat	bay	boy	bit	bug
bee	bun	belt	bike	box
bake	bail	boar	bath	bow
boat	bone	bar	beat	bough

c, k

can	cane	corn	cub	cone
connect	cube	code	cot	call
country	come	car	cash	cool
cater	coast	cause	curl	cat
kit	kite	key	kind	kiss
kick	keep	kettle	kale	keel
kennel	kidney	kilt	king	kink
kin	kill	kindle	kitchen	kitty

ch

check	chair	chin	cheat	chum
chess	chap	chime	choose	chill
child	choice	chomp	chick	chat
chuck	chain	char	chose	charm

d

dad	dare	door	daze	day
deep	dell	do	dough	die
dirt	dim	doll	deer	dune
dot	dust	dean	dump	dash

f

fat	for	fir	fine	fast
feet	find	fun	food	foot
fed	fate	fall	fence	faint
feather	foil	fear	fire	foe

g

got	get	gold	good	game
girl	gun	gather	geese	goal
gauge	gall	gore	gutter	gash
gain	gape	gone	gave	gift

h

hat	head	heed	hug	his
hate	herd	hurt	have	hope
hive	hilt	hero	hag	harm
hire	high	howl	horse	hoe

j, g

jam	jet	joy	jetty	joke
jaw	January	juice	jute	jaunt
jeans	jolly	jeep	jail	jig
jack	junk	jelly	Jew	jury

gem	gym	gentle	ginger	germ
gypsy	gin	gene	giant	geode
general	gender	generous	gerbil	gent
gist	giraffe	gyrate	genius	gyp

l

lit	late	lost	load	light
low	loose	lime	library	let
lease	lead	lack	limb	law
lay	loom	lush	lug	lock

m

mat	meet	made	music	metal
more	mitten	much	might	most
moth	mink	mine	mix	mute
mood	mourn	mere	malt	myth

n, gn, kn

net	nice	nature	north	not
neat	neither	now	new	nag
numb	notice	nick	never	naked
near	noose	nine	node	nurse

gnash	gnarl	gnome	gnaw	gnat
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knit	knee	knot	knock	known
kneel	knight	knack	knob	knave
knead	know	knoll	knuckle	knew
knowledge	knife	knapsack	knickers	knell

p

path	pain	peat	pen	pit
pine	pose	point	power	Paul
paw	pallor	purse	port	poem
pot	paste	pass	perk	pun

qu

quick	queen	quasar	quest	queer
quack	quaint	quite	qualify	quote
quadrant	quantum	queasy	quart	quiz
quilt	question	quiet	quality	quit

r, wr

rest	rose	rain	rattle	rib
ride	rein	reach	report	ruin
run	room	rob	rabbit	rape
right	route	row	raw	roar
write	wring	wrestle	wren	wreck
wrap	wrath	wreath	wrench	wry
wrong	writer	wriggle	wretch	wrist

s, c

set	soft	south	sane	seek
seat	sow	sand	sable	said
say	sign	sight	sick	saw
symbol	sore	suds	sure	sue

c (soft - like s)

city	circle	celery	celebrate	cell
cement	century	cemetery	center	cent
cyclone	certain	citrus	cirrus	civil
cite	circulate	circuit	circus	cycle

sh

show	share	sheet	shame	ship
shop	shape	Shetland	shine	shear
shed	sheep	shepherd	shy	shell
shoal	shin	shackle	shrimp	shark

t

teeth	tone	tether	tons	table
tan	tame	tune	tunnel	tax
tooth	touch	tow	two	tide
toe	tire	tied	talk	took

th

think	thistle	thief	thieves	thin
thatch	thank	thaw	theater	theme
theory	theology	theorem	thermal	thick
thesis	thimble	thigh	thicket	thorn

th

these	they	those	this	then
the	than	their	thence	that
there	thine	thou	thy	thus

V

vain	vegetable	violet	visor	vet
verb	veer	View	vex	verse
vote	voice	vow	vat	vigor
volt	vying	vein	vent	vapor

W

wish	want	wane	wax	wet
we	wire	wore	won	would
wood	worry	war	wall	woe
win	woman	wail	wine	worse

Y

yet	yam	yeast	yore	Yale
yak	yard	yawn	yellow	yea
you	yolk	yacht	yowl	yell
year	young	youth	yodel	yen

Z

zoo	zero	zip	zest	zebra
zipper	zenith	zinc	zoom	zany
zeal	Zing	zone	zodiac	zip
Zen	zephyr	zither	zinnia	Zeus

Vowels

a, ai, a_e

able	aim	ate	acre	Asia
age	ache	ailment	aid	ace
acorn	acreage	aorta	agency	ain't
angel	ancient	amen	Amish	ale

a

apple	accident	advice	alcove	add
actress	acrobat	animal	attic	as
activity	adhere	afghan	aggravate	after
album	alto	amble	anarchy	apt

au, aw, al

auto	awful	autumn	automatic	awe
always	awning	awkward	author	all
audience	audit	audible	authentic	also
almost	almanac	audition	augment	alter

e, ea, ee

equal	ego	easy	eel	each
even	evil	east	eagle	ear
easel	evenly	edict	equinox	eaten
either	eerie	ether	evening	ethos

e

exit	edit	epic	empty	elk
elbow	edge	elder	emphasis	else
enemy	educate	embalm	empathy	ebb
endive	essay	ethnic	every	etch

i, i_e

ice	icy	icing	idle	ideal
identity	idea	island	iodine	idol
ion	irate	iris	iron	ivory
ivy	item	isotope	isle	ire

i

ignite	itch	idiom	ignore	ill
image	imagine	impact	improve	ink
inch	indeed	Indian	index	inept
induct	invest	install	insure	if

o, oa, o_e, ow

oasis	oats	opus	over	obey
open	own	ocean	oboe	okra
odor	omit	owe	oak	oath
owner	old	opium	ode	opal

o

otter	opera	option	observe	odd
opt	optical	opposite	oxygen	oxide
Oscar	osprey	osmosis	opulent	oxen
operate	ominous	octopus	onto	olive

or

orchid	orchestra	orate	orator	orb
order	orange	ordeal	orderly	orbit
ornate	oregano	organ	organize	ore

u

unit	uniform	union	united	usual
universe	utilize	unique	unicorn	unity
unanimous	unify	unison	universal	uses
uranium	Uranus	Utopia	utility	use

u

ugly	ulna	ugh	udder	uncle
ulcer	ultra	umbrella	umpire	under
upper	uphold	upward	upset	upon
utter	usher	uprise	ultimate	until

schwa a, o, u

about	affront	afford	amend	adapt
abuse	amuse	among	apart	apply
appear	assist	astound	address	aside
assault	attest	astute	avoid	away
object	opossum	oblige	observe	occur
occult	oppress	oppose	obsession	obtain
umbrella	unarmed	upon	unwise	untie

CONSONANTS

b

pebble	number	rubber	object	Bobby
bribe	problem	probably	rabbit	robber
babble	bible	embryo	terrible	ruby
robbery	acrobat	hobbled	treble	table

c, k

picture	pucker	decree	backer	uncap
preclude	because	second	attacker	acorn
package	sticky	spackle	speckle	picky
pocket	picket	parking	tractor	liked

ch

purchase	merchant	preacher	teacher	achoo
hunches	trenches	benches	beaches	inches
bleacher	exchange	recharge	unchain	itchy

d

daddy	bleeding	siding	ladder	tidal
trader	bidder	garden	pudding	codes
fading	buddy	under	undress	hides
muddy	wedding	cuddle	seedling	raids

f

offer	after	effort	effect	oft
infidel	infest	afford	differ	rifle
refuse	safety	sniffle	refine	unfed
crafty	leftist	sifter	shifty	lofty

g

giggle	logger	regress	English	anger
region	danger	origin	ogre	rigor
juggle	baggage	digger	rigging	wagon
piggy	stagger	argon	organ	muggy

h

behave	inhale	unhinge	unhappy	ahead
adhere	rehire	behold	inhabit	ahoy
inherent	rehash	behalf	behead	unhook
beholden	behind	unhealthy	perhaps	unholy

j, g, dg

wager	aging	ranger	merger	ajar
adjourn	adjacent	adjust	adjunct	agent
larger	margin	badger	fragile	angel
agile	agitate	agenda	paging	fudgy

l

million	fellow	follow	mallard	silly
gallon	felon	melody	stellar	melon
feeling	teller	bailer	ballot	oily
ballast	bowler	crawling	wallet	jelly

m

hammer	steamer	amend	stammer	homey
steamy	clammy	number	example	mommy
chemical	tremor	calmer	stampede	army
cramming	trample	sample	stamina	armor

n, gn, kn

minute	winning	chinning	ground	any
frown	sinner	banner	thinner	tiny
handy	window	winter	banana	tenor
dinner	slander	calendar	lender	dense

ng

singing	wings	bands	clanged	fangs
single	finger	winged	mingle	tongs
bringing	langor	languish	tingle	pings
springy	spangled	language	linguist	anger

p

paper	dapper	zipper	competent	opera
depend	caption	happy	impress	apple
Preppy	upper	helpless	puppy	super
pepper	copper	sweeper	important	caper

qu

acquaint	acquire	acquit	inquire
require	request	aqua	inquiry

r

mirror	earring	warrior	warts	party
jarring	berry	furry	prying	fury
correct	error	sherry	sorry	worry
curry	bury	carry	boring	barn

s, c

assent	acid	fussy	sissy	also
assist	aside	mossy	sister	list
mister	slicer	absent	abscissa	nicer
racer	accent	twisted	brisk	ask

sh

lashes	worship	kinship	crashed	wishes
bushy	crushed	finishing	fresher	mashed
freshman	fashion	marshes	cashes	mushy
ashore	seashore	wishing	leashed	washer

s

measure	treasure	pleasure	vision	fissure
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t

chatter	matter	pattern	little	actor
faster	mortar	mitten	tomato	motor
sitting	gifted	mountain	attend	meter
catalog	notebook	cottage	lettuce	altar

th

author	authentic	athlete	rethink	ether
nothing	python	faithful	bathroom	Cathy
moths	something	Ethan	anthem	ethic

th

either	bathers	lather	father	mother
clothing	brother	weather	other	bother

v

invade	invoice	evolution	evolve	evade
evening	event	eventual	evergreen	even
every	every	Everest	avarice	aver
adverse	adversary	invert	covert	cover

W

reward	rewind	forward	awaken
inward	halfway	sidewalk	midway
Darwin	dogwood	Edward	coward
bewilder	beeswax	aware	away

Y

lawyer	beyond	canyon	vineyard
mayor	sawyer	payee	backyard

Z, S

lazy	busy	puzzle	pretzel
embezzle	jazzy	quizzical	fizzy
wizard	fuzzy	wisdom	wizen
buzzard	citizen	scissors	dozen

VOWELS

a, ai, a_e

table	rain	fame	bathe	gable
baby	save	place	trade	grave
dame	face	slain	matron	lake
grain	brace	shade	slate	fade

a

crab	glad	grand	scrap	flat
span	bran	rack	stack	drab
captive	tractor	cabin	flag	pass
Patty	jacket	spackle	class	snag

au, aw, al

drawn	lawn	pawn	stalled	salt
brawn	yawn	clawed	called	malt
halted	fault	vault	cauldron	Walt

e, ee, ea

behold	beef	veer	meat	keep
teach	wheat	squeal	speak	rerun
redeem	greeting	steeple	really	deal
sweet	streak	speed	spear	leaky

e

best	spend	smell	letter	send
better	lesson	pedal	federal	shred
vest	sled	text	quest	then
strength	stench	crest	fender	fret

i, i_e, igh

tripod	bicycle	dime	shrine	wide
spicy	rice	crime	diner	tiny
mind	prime	bright	might	fighter
sight	size	drive	quite	five

i

sit	trip	grip	knit	skit
skid	sick	skinny	bitter	kick
timid	victim	vigor	wicker	gin
mitten	mist	middle	mixture	kiss

o, oa, o_e

gold	zone	phone	boat	moldy
goat	clone	joke	coke	cone
stolen	bolt	broke	coat	bone
gross	toast	bloat	hope	home

o

crop	frog	bottle	copper	body
rocky	Bobby	robber	jogger	jock
jolly	shot	drop	blotter	shop
box	stock	snob	block	copy

oi, oy

royal	boil	soil	cloister	toil
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oo

book	foot	brook	took	good
hood	crook	wool	goodbye	hoof

oo

soon	balloon	school	noon	tool
cool	smooth	goose	mood	choose

u, u_e

June	flume	usual	suing	tune
flute	dues	glued	prunes	nude
rude	bluish	truth	crude	jute
bugle	prude	fluid	glucose	clues

u

numb	mustard	lunch	hunter	rusty
trust	number	putter	butter	just
thunder	hundred	punch	crust	bust
budget	thumb	fudge	judge	lust

schwa a, e, o

cadet	thousand	balance	banana	balloon
item	chapel	shovel	mitten	open
beacon	honey	method	octopus	atom

CONSONANTS

b

stab	verb	carob	bulb	tub
crib	nib	suburb	orb	bib
drab	robe	bribe	globe	swab
babe	slab	cob	cube	tube

c, k

back	crack	stack	stick	thick
block	book	cake	hike	trick
croak	smoke	coke	Mike	tack
spike	truck	tuck	speak	trek

ch, tch

touch	breach	reach	clutch	catch
ditch	pitch	much	inch	cinch
punch	ranch	stench	stitch	itch
couch	grouch	such	branch	ouch

d

dad	dead	deed	did	died
dude	dud	wood	could	blood
scold	around	code	shod	hound
bland	brood	blade	dyed	breed

f

leaf	chief	off	brief	half
proof	relief	safe	life	thief
roof	laugh	fife	self	wolf
muff	staff	rough	graph	goof

g

stag	flag	fig	sprig	bag
log	hug	drug	brig	slag
frog	slug	fatigue	grog	fog
beg	drag	league	i-,og/////	peg

j, g, dg

badge	sludge	fudge	cringe	rage
large	surge	singe	edge	lunge
bridge	hedge	pledge	wedge	barge
lodge	purge	page	stage	ridge

l

keel	doll	pole	school	mile
style	mole	dill	goal	shoal
still	shale	smile	trill	tile
kale	kennel	tunnel	title	trial

m

scream	drum	prom	swim	trim
room	broom	loam	storm	some
problem	cram	cream	crime	crumb
stem	deem	inform	dome	slum

n

learn	turn	tan	tine	torn
corn	nine	stone	mine	moan
grown	drown	sane	drain	tune
spoon	dragon	plankton	mourn	phone

ng

sing	bang	tong	sung	bring
sting	stung	song	lung	gang

p

scoop	drop	whip	swipe	drape
ripe	limp	flip	crop	grope
trap	lump	loop	pup	crape
grape	pipe	ship	thump	troup

r

mirror	warrior	washer	flyer	error
dear	over	editor	mayor	roar
beer	fire	inspire	October	water
stir	star	sire	sir	smear

s, c

trace	use	class	coarse	race
juice	miss	abuse	bus	mice
twice	boss	abyss	lass	loss
truce	hearse	worse	curse	ice

sh

wish	cash	stash	gosh	blush
mush	crush	dish	fish	frosh
flash	trash	swish	posh	lush
slush	flush	fresh	finish	mesh

t

habit	treat	skit	crate	write
blot	foot	blunt	coat	quart
stint	vote	flute	suit	shot
fleet	edit	state	about	riot

th

tooth	twelfth	truth	booth	sleuth
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v

sleeve	gave	give	slave	glove
dove	cave	eve	Steve	love
believe	twelve	stove	drive	move
have	leave	wave	prove	five

z, s

clothes	froze	doze	shows	toes
rose	graze	dresses	maze	farms
firs	praise	eyes	years	hers
flaws	dens	prize	rise	fleas

VOWELS

a, ay

ray	stray	clay	bay	quay
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aw

saw	straw	claw	flaw	squaw
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e, ee, ea, y

me	bee	tree	knee	he
tiny	busy	flea	plea	silly

i, ie, igh, y

tie	lie	quasi	alumni	pie
sty	sigh	sky	high	thigh

o, oe, ow

stow	go	snow	toe	mow
blow	slow	hoe	hello	jello

oy

toy	boy	soy	coy	joy
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u, ue, ew

mew	true	flue	clue	renew
new	gnu	emu	crew	stew

International Phonetic Alphabet and Orthographic Equivalents

CONSONANTS SOUNDS

IPA Symbol

	<u>Orthographic</u>	
	<u>Equivalents</u>	
<u>IPA Symbol</u>		<u>Example</u>
v	v	v

b	b	box
d	d	do
f	f	fast
g	g	gone
h	h	hat
k	k	book
l	l	lit
m	m	me
n	n	now
ŋ	ng	ring
p	p	pit
r	r	red
s	s	sit
ʃ	sh	shed
t	t	tack
θ	th	think
ð	th	they
v	v	vast
w	w	west
y	y	yet
z	z,s	zoo, rise
ʒ	s	treasure
ʃ	ch	cheat
ʒ	dg	fudge

VOWELS

IPA Symbol

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Orthographic

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Equivalents

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Example

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v

v

v

a	o	hot
æ	a	hat
e	ā	ate
ɛ	e	met
i	ē	each
I	i	fit
ɔ	aw	saw
0	ō	hold
u	ōō	soon
U	oo	foot
ə	u	but
ə	a,e,i,o,u	about

DIPHTHONGS

aI	i	tie
aU	ow	cow
ɔI	oi,oy	boy