

Unit 2- Oral Presentations

Phonetics:

Phonetics is the study of speech sounds. It is a branch of linguistics.

Phonetic transcription;

Phonetic is the study of linguistics or speech sounds and *transcription* is to write down the speech sounds

It is the visual representation of speech sounds by means of *symbols*

The symbols and sounds needed for pronouncing any word is known as speech sounds. In English when a word is pronounced it needs speech sounds. The study of such symbols and sounds is Phonetics .

There are three divisions of speech sounds:

1. Vowels
2. Consonants
3. Diphthongs

Vowels:

i: sheep	ɪ ship	ʊ good	u: shoot
e bed	ə teacher	ɜ: bird	ɔ: door
æ cat	ʌ up	ɑ: far	ɒ on

Consonants:

<i>Consonants</i>	
p as in pen /pen/	s as in so /səʊ/
b as in bad /bæd/	z as in zoo /zu:/
t as in tea /ti:/	ʃ as in she /ʃi:/
d as in did /dɪd/	ʒ as in vision /'vɪʒn/
k as in cat /kæt/	h as in how /haʊ/
g as in got /gɔ:t/	m as in man /mæn/
tʃ as in chin /tʃɪn/	n as in no /nəʊ/
dʒ as in June /dʒu:n/	ŋ as in sing /sɪŋ/
f as in fall /fɔ:l/	l as in leg /leg/
v as in voice /voɪs/	r as in red /red/
θ as in thin /θɪn/	j as in yes /jes/
ð as in then /ðen/	w as in wet /wet/

ɪ SEE	ɪ SIT	ʊ BOOK	uː TOO	ɪə HERE	eɪ DAY		
e MEN	ə AMERICA	ɜː WORD	ɔː SORT	ʊə TOUR	ɔɪ BOY	əʊ GO	
æ CAT	ʌ BUT	ɑː PART	ɒ NOT	eə WEAR	aɪ MY	aʊ HOW	
p FIG	b BED	t TIME	d DO	tʃ CHURCH	dʒ JUDGE	k KILO	g GO
f FIVE	v VERY	θ THINK	ð THE	s SIX	z ZOO	ʃ SHORT	ʒ CASUAL
m MILK	n NO	ŋ SING	h HELLO	l LIVE	r READ	w WINDOW	j YES

Pronouncing phonetic vowels:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QxQUapA-2w4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=0HeujZ45OZE>

Diphthongs

When there is a combined sound of two vowels it is known as a diphthong. There are 8 diphthongs

Each of the following diphthongs is represented by its phonetic symbol.

/aɪ/

This diphthong creates sounds similar to "eye" and most often occurs with letter combinations that include /i/, /igh/, and /y/. Examples: crime, like, lime

/eɪ/

This diphthong creates sounds similar to "great" and is most often used with letter combinations that include /ey/, /ay/, /ai/ and /a/. Examples: break, rain, weight

/əʊ/

This diphthong creates sounds similar to “boat” and most often occurs with letter combinations that include /ow/, /oa/ and /o/. Examples: slow, moan, though

/aʊ/

This diphthong creates sounds similar to “ow!” and most often occurs with letter combinations that include /ou/ and /ow/. Examples: brown, hound, now

/eə/

This diphthong creates sounds similar to “air” and most often occurs with letter combinations that include /ai/, /a/, and /ea/. Examples: lair, stair, bear

/ɪə/

This diphthong creates sounds similar to “ear” and most often occurs with letter combinations that include /ee/, /ie/ and /ea/. Examples: beer, near, pier

/ɔɪ/

This creates sounds similar to “boy” and most often occurs with letter combinations that include /oy/ and /oi/. Examples: oil, toy, coil

/ʊə/

This diphthong creates sounds similar to “sure” and most occurs with letter combinations that include /oo/, /ou/, /u/, and /ue/. Examples: lure, pure, fur

International Phonetic Alphabet Sounds

Short Vowels

IPA Symbol Word examples

e	Went, intend, send, letter.
æ	Cat, hand, nap, flat, have.
ʌ	Fun, love, money, one, London, come.
ʊ	Put, look, should, cook, book, look.
ɒ	Rob, top, watch, squat, sausage.
ə	Alive, again, mother.

Long Vowels

IPA Symbol Word examples

i:	Need, beat, team.
ɜ:	Nurse, heard, third, turn.
ɔ:	Talk, law, bored, yawn, jaw.
u:	Few, boot, lose, gloomy, fruit, chew.
ɑ:	Fast, car, hard, bath.

Diphthong Vowels

IPA Symbol Word examples

ɪə	Near, ear, clear, tear, beer, fear
eə	Hair, there, care, stairs, pear
eɪ	Face, space, rain, case, eight
ɔɪ	Joy, employ, toy, coil, oyster.
aɪ	My, sight, pride, kind, flight
əʊ	No, don't, stones, alone, hole
aʊ	Mouth, house, brown, cow, out

Consonants Sounds: Fricatives

IPA Symbol Word examples

f	Full, Friday, fish, knife.
v	Vest, village, view, cave.
θ	Thought, think, Bath.
ð	There, those, brothers, others.
z	Zoo, crazy, lazy, zigzag, nose.
ʃ	Shirt, rush, shop, cash.
ʒ	Television, delusion, casual
h	High, help, hello.

Consonants Sounds: Plosives

IPA Symbol Word examples

p	Pin, cap, purpose, pause.
b	Bag, bubble, build, robe.
t	Time, train, tow, late.
d	Door, day, drive, down, feed.
k	Cash, quick, cricket, sock.
g	Girl, green, grass, flag.

Consonants Sounds: Affricates

IPA Symbol Word examples

tʃ Choose, cheese, church, watch.
dʒ Joy, juggle, juice, stage.

Consonants Sounds: Nasals

IPA Symbol Word examples

m Room, mother, mad, more.
n Now, nobody, knew, turn.
ŋ King, thing, song, swimming.

Consonants Sounds: Approximants

IPA Symbol Word examples

r Road, roses, river, ring, ride.
j Yellow, usual, tune, yesterday, yard.
w Wall, walk, wine, world.
l and ɫ Law, lots, leap, long, pill, cold, chill, melt.