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English Alphabet #1

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"Phonic"

#	Capital Letter	Small Letter	Pronunciation	Name
1	A	a	/eɪ/, /æ/	a
2	B	b	/bi:/	bee
3	C	c	/si:/	cee
4	D	d	/di:/	dee
5	E	e	/i:/	e
6	F	f	/ɛf/	ef
7	G	g	/dʒi:/	gee
8	H	h	/(h) eɪtʃ/	(h) aitch
9	I	i	/aɪ/	i
10	J	j	/dʒeɪ/	jay
11	K	k	/keɪ/	kay
12	L	l	/ɛl/	el
13	M	m	/ɛm/	em
14	N	n	/ɛn/	en
15	O	o	/oʊ/	o
16	P	p	/pi:/	pee
17	Q	q	/kju:/	cue
18	R	r	/ɑ:r/	ar
19	S	s	/ɛs/	ess
20	T	t	/ti:/	tee
21	U	u	/ju:/	u
22	V	v	/vi:/	vee
23	W	w	/'dʌbəl.ju:/	double-u
24	X	x	/ɛks/	ex
25	Y	y	/waɪ/	wy
26	Z	z	/zi:/, /zɛd/	zee/zed

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"Introduction"

1. The English alphabet consists 26 letters.
 2. Each letter has an uppercase ("capital letter") and a lowercase ("small letter") form.
 3. Five of the letters in the English Alphabet are vowels:
A, E, I, O, U.
 4. The remaining 21 letters are consonants:
B, C, D, F, G, H, J, K, L, M, N, P, Q, R
S, T, V, X, Z and usually W and Y.
 5. Two letters, "A" and "I" also constitute words.
 6. Until fairly recently (until 1835), the 27th letter of the alphabet (right after "z") was the ampersand (&).
 7. The English Alphabet is based on the Latin script, which is the basic set of letters common to the various alphabets originating from the classical Latin alphabet.
 8. There are 44 sounds in English:
+ 24 consonant sounds
+ 20 vowel sounds
-
- 44
9. In British English we say Zed.
 10. In American English we say Zee.
 11. The English word "alphabet" comes from the first two letters of the Greek alphabet: alpha, beta
 12. The letters don't always represent the same sounds of English.

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Pronunciation Table #1

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Consonants "Phonemic Chart" Vowels

Symbol	Key words	Symbol	Key words
p	pull, stop, apple	iː	seat, green, tree
f	four, food, fish	ɪ	sit, grin, fish
t	tree, stop, want	ʊ	good, foot, pull
θ	earth, thing, throw	uː	food, rule, shoe
tʃ	chair, choice, teacher	e	head, bet, said
s	stop, sit, fast	ə	about, teacher, observer
ʃ	fish, shoe, sure	ɜː	girl, nurse, earth
k	cup, dark, walk	ɔː	walk, door, four
b	bet, about, beer	æ	had, Lamb, apple
v	vow, vote, observer	ʌ	cup, Love, money
d	door, food, said	ɑː	heart, dark, fast
ð	they, there, bathe	ɒ	hot, stop, want
dʒ	joke, joy, Lounge	Diphthongs	
z	noise, president, zero		
ʒ	casual, measure, pleasure	Symbol	Key words
g	grin, girl, green	ɪə	year, beer, ear
h	hot, head, heart	eə	chair, where, there
m	money, my, Lamb	əʊ	joke, vote, throw
n	nurse, grin, green	aʊ	vow, out, Lounge
ŋ	sing, English, drank	eɪ	they, bathe, way
r	rule, tree, grin	aɪ	my, dice, thigh
l	pull, Love, rule	ɔɪ	joy, noise, choice
w	want, way, where		
j	year, yellow, yes		

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Sounds of English

"The 44 Sounds"

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Facts on Letters and Sounds:

1. Letters are written, sounds are spoken.
2. When we write we use the writing (spelling) alphabet which consists of 26 letters.
3. When we speak we use the speaking (phonetic) alphabet which consists of 44 sounds.
4. There are 44 sounds in English which are divided into 3 namely:
 1. Vowel sounds.
 2. Consonant sounds.
 3. Diphthongs.
5. Alphabet Letters = 26 Letters = 44 sounds.
6. Vowels = 5 Letters = 20 sounds.
7. Pure vowels = 12 sounds, Diphthongs = 8 sounds.
8. Long sounds of vowels = 5 sounds, Short sounds = 7 sounds.
9. Consonants = 21 letters = 24 sounds.
10. Voiced sounds of consonants = 15 sounds.
11. Voiceless sounds of consonants = 9 sounds.
12. Vowel: a sound we make when the breath flows out through the mouth freely, without being blocked. The English letters a, e, i, o, u are called Vowels, because they represent such sounds.
13. Consonant: a sound we make that isn't a vowel. The breath is somehow blocked on its way out of the mouth. The English letters b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, p, q, r, s, t, v, x, z and usually w and y are called Consonants.

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The 44 Sounds

#	The 18 Consonant Sounds		The 5 Short Vowel Sounds	
1	b	bag, bed, ribbon	1	a bat, after
2	k	cat, pick, kite	2	e egg, pet, bread, friend
3	d	dog, add, dig	3	i pig, in, busy, happy
4	f	fast, fan, phone, laugh	4	o hop, off, hot, cough
5	g	get, guest, good	5	u fun, monkey, trouble, cut other
6	h	hot, him, who	The 6 Long Vowel Sounds	
7	j	jet, giant, giraffe		
8	l	Lip, fell, Lamp	1	a made, maid, day
9	m	man, map, climb	2	e feet, bean, me, eat, feet
10	n	net, know, gnat	3	i cry, pie, like, might, type
11	p	pan, happy, pig	4	o go, boat, home, snow, dough
12	r	rat, wrist, rug	5	u music, cube, few, feud, rescue
13	s	sip, ice, city, sun	6	oo few, blue, soup
14	t	top, Thomas, helped	The 7 Digraphs Sounds	
15	v	van, of, five		
16	w	wet, queen, wait	1	ch chip, each, much, future
17	y	yes, opinion, year	2	sh fish, dish, ship, shop, shoe
18	z	zoo, has, cheese	3	th thing, think, thought, both
			4	th the, than, this, them, they
			5	wh what, when, white, whale
			6	ng King, wing, sing, ring
			7	nk bunk.

The 3 R-Controlled Vowel Sounds

1	ar	car, part
2	or	fork, north
3	er	her
	ir	bird
	ur	hurt

The 5 Special Sounds

1	oi	oil, toy
2	ow	cow, pouch
3	oo	book, pull
4	aw	raw, haul
5	zh	vision, treasure

A digraph is a combination of two letters that make one completely speech sound: "sh" in "shoe".

Digraphs

Consonant Digraphs

ch: chair, each, much, chore
ck: back, rock, neck, duck
gh: tough, laugh, rough, cough
kn: know, knife, knot, knee
ll: wall, fall, ball, all
ng: wing, sing, ring, King
ph: phone, photo, graph, gopher
qu: queen, quiz, quiet, quack
sh: ship, shoe, dish, fish
th: thing, than, both, bath
wh: what, when, white, whale
wr: write, wrist, wrap, wreath

Vowel Digraphs

ai: train, rain, main, paint
ay: stay, play, today, day
ea: team, read, eat, seat
ee: free, tree, see, bee
oa: road, boat, goat, soap
ue: true, glue, clue, blue

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Diphthongs

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- Diphthong is a vowel sound in which the tongue changes position to produce the sound of **2 vowels**.
- There are **8 diphthongs** commonly used in English.

aw	au	ew	oo
straw	haul	brew	food
claw	fault	chew	room
law	vault	blew	soon
thaw	pauper	cashew	zoo
hawk	author	stew	taboo
saw	cause	few	kazoo
draw	pause	dew	bamboo
crawl	applause	drew	shampoo

oi	oy	ow	ou
boil	boy	cow	out
point	toy	how	house
coin	coy	bow	found
brail	joy	growl	round
spoil	soy	down	cloud
noise	oyster	brown	loud
oil	decoy	plow	ouch
join	enjoy	flower	cough

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Vowels

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Vowel: a sound we make when the breath flows out through the mouth freely, without being blocked.

The English letters **a, e, i, o, u** are called **Vowels**, because they represent **such sounds**.

There are **20** vowel sounds in English, divided into **3** types of vowel sounds:

Pure Vowels {

- 1. Long vowel sounds = 5 sounds
- 2. Short vowel sounds = 7 sounds
- 3. Diphthongs = 8 sounds

Vowels $\Rightarrow$ 5 letters $\Rightarrow$ 20 sounds

Vowels = 20 sounds

Pure Vowels = 12 sounds

Diphthongs = 8 sounds

Short = 7 sounds

/ɪ/ bit, busy, started
 /e/ bed, said, dead
 /æ/ cat, mat, apple
 /ʌ/ cup, up, money
 /ʊ/ good, put, should
 /ɒ/ got, what, because
 /ə/ about, the, police

Long = 5 sounds

/a:/ bath, car, safari
 /ɔ:/ door, saw, walk
 /ɜ:/ bird, work, hurt
 /i:/ sheep, eagle, field
 /u:/ moon, grew, through

/ɪə/ year, beer

/eə/ chair, there

/əʊ/ joke, vote

/eɪ/ they, bathe

/aɪ/ my, dice

/ɔɪ/ joy, noise

/aʊ/ out, vow

/ʊə/ poor, moor

Consonant: a sound we make that *isn't* a vowel. The breath is somehow blocked on its way out of the mouth. The English letters **b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, p, q, r, s, t, v, x, z** and usually **w** and **y** are called **Consonants**.

There are **24** consonant sounds in English, divided into **2** types of consonant sounds:

1. Voiced sounds = 15 sounds

2. Voiceless sounds = 9 sounds

Consonants $\Rightarrow$ 21 letters $\Rightarrow$ 24 sounds

Consonants = 24 sounds

Voiced sounds = 15 sounds

/b/ ball, hobby, herb
 /d/ dog, added, played
 /dʒ/ jam, fudge, danger
 /g/ green, hug, league
 /v/ video, move, of
 /ð/ this, with, mother
 /z/ has, cosy, zebra
 /ʒ/ visual, leisure, television
 /m/ man, lamb, tummy
 /n/ no, funny, knife
 /ŋ/ sing, uncle, angry
 /j/ yes, onion, view
 /l/ light, feel, smelly
 /r/ right, berry, wrong
 /w/ win, one, where

Voiceless sounds = 9 sounds

/p/ pen, jump, hopping
 /t/ table, little, watched
 /tʃ/ itch, chips, picture
 /k/ key, car, luck
 /f/ fire, laugh, phone
 /θ/ thick, teeth, healthy
 /s/ see, city, notice
 /ʃ/ shop, nation, special
 /h/ house, hungry, who

Note:

Every voiceless sound has a similar voiced sound.

Homophones

sea/see

bee/be

to/two/too

ate/eight

one/won

pair/pear

wood/would

you/ewe

there/their

do/dew

way/weigh

by/bye

ant/aunt

weather/whether

threw/through



wait/weight

here/hear

flour/flower

our/hour

night/knight

days/daze

eye/I

one/won

past/passed

nose/knows

tee/tea

tail/tale

steal/steel

or/oar

