

Pronunciation Tasks

1. Put the following words into the correct box according to the underlined sound. Use a dictionary to check your answers.

steam flood turn asleep sleep flew should saw
 cough heart bread flat busy poor shirt path
 stamp system teacher does shoe said wood hot

sheep /i:/	ship /ɪ/	bed /e/	bad /æ/	father /ɑ:/	bird /ɜ:/
sleep					
pot /ɒ/	caught /ɔ:/	put /ʊ/	boot /u:/	cut /ʌ/	camera /ə/

(Optional) Extension: Add two more words that you know for each sound. Use a dictionary to check.

2. Odd One Out. Circle the word with a different sound. Use a dictionary to check.

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| 1. dead | mean | bread | head |
| 2. fruit | suit | juice | built |
| 3. half | have | has | ham |
| 4. horse | history | story | cord |
| 5. look | good | foot | blood |
| 6. country | young | youth | couple |
| 7. oven | colour | son | gone |
| 8. talk | chalk | calm | fall |

3. Fill in the blanks with the word which has got a different phonetic sound.

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| 1. | heart | nothing | love | come | _____ |
| 2. | bird | word | bed | earth | _____ |
| 3. | look | pool | full | foot | _____ |
| 4. | dog | fox | cough | caught | _____ |
| 5. | now | voice | out | cow | _____ |
| 6. | idea | volunteers | where | near | _____ |
| 7. | hear | beer | chair | year | _____ |
| 8. | enjoy | boy | point | brown | _____ |
| 9. | asked | looked | worried | hooked | _____ |
| 10. | goes | introduces | loses | dresses | _____ |

4. Group the following words according to the underlined sounds.

each blue tray flight worry house straw turn silly
found learn caught ill quite just free eight June
bee ugly soup sixty shirt ought tale bicycle mouse

/u:/	/eɪ/	/aɪ/	/ʌ/	/i:/	/aʊ/	/ɔ:/	/ɜ:/	/ɪ/

5. Identify the vowel sounds in each word and tick (✓) the correct box. For some words, you will have to tick two boxes.

Words	/e/	/ɒ/	/ʊ/	/i:/	/ʌ/	/ɪ/	/ə/	/æ/	/ɔ:/	/ɑ:/	/ɜ:/	/u:/
bring												
box												
artist												
mother												
stamp												
daughter												
thirdly												
sugar												
breakfast												
blue												
police												
woman												

6. Identify the diphthong sounds in each word and tick (✓) the correct box.

Words	/aʊ/	/aɪ/	/eə/	/əʊ/	/ɔɪ/	/ʊə/	/eɪ/	/ɪə/
theatre								
care								
security								
mountain								
lake								
nose								
height								
choice								

7. Which groups do these words belong to?

<u>Group 1</u> : /ɪ/: <u>i</u> s – <u>si</u> ng – <u>it</u> – <u>bi</u> g	<u>Group 3</u> : /ɜ:/: <u>bi</u> rd – <u>fi</u> rst – <u>gi</u> rl
<u>Group 2</u> : /aɪ/: <u>my</u> – <u>ri</u> ght – <u>bi</u> ke – <u>ni</u> ce	

video:	tie:	rich:
shirt:	sit:	cry:
wine:	skirt:	river:
kind:	why:	build:
dirty:	like:	might:
write:	live:	ship:
Italy:	life:	five:

8. Which groups do these words belong to?

<u>Group 1</u> : /æ/: <u>c</u> at – <u>b</u> ag – <u>th</u> at – <u>f</u> at	<u>Group 3</u> : /ə/: <u>a</u> bout – <u>J</u> apan – <u>g</u> rammar – <u>w</u> oman
<u>Group 2</u> : /ɑ:/: <u>c</u> ar – <u>g</u> ra <u>s</u> s – <u>a</u> rm – <u>f</u> ather	<u>Group 4</u> : /ɔ:/: <u>f</u> all – <u>s</u> mall – <u>a</u> ll – <u>s</u> aw

grandmother:	apple:	talk:
tomato:	dawn:	have:
man:	happy:	walk:
ball:	hand:	sat:
park:	start:	hat:
are:	again:	can:
cathedral:	bank:	ask:
tall:	dark:	dance:
half:	war:	warm:
bad:	March:	