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ПЕРЕДМОВА

He who knows not, and knows not that he knows not, he is a fool, shun him.

He who knows not, and knows that he knows not, he is simple, teach him.

He who knows, and knows not that he knows, he is asleep, wake him.

He who knows, and knows that he knows; he is wise, follow him.

Philosophic advice

Мета запропонованого посібника – подати основні відомості про специфіку мовних і мовленнєвих аспектів англійської мови (АМ), під час вивчення яких нерідко виникають труднощі в учнів середніх шкіл (СШ), студентів ВНЗ і користувачів АМ, що допоможе уникнути типових помилок.

У першій частині пропонується фонетичний аспект АМ. Мовні одиниці, вміщені у посібнику, відібрані в результаті аналізу типових помилок в усному мовленні користувачів АМ.

Працюючи над фонетичним аспектом, ми пропонуємо читачам британський та американський варіанти вимови.

Посібник містить вірші і скоромовки, що можуть використовуватися як для самостійної роботи (оскільки до кожного вірша подається транскрипція), так і на уроках у СШ, заняттях з АМ у ВНЗ, а також у позакласній роботі.

У наступних посібниках ми плануємо подати лексико-граматичні та мовленнєві одиниці, що викликають найбільше сумнівів і помилок у мовленні користувачів АМ.

Pronunciation table

Consonants		Vowels	
Symbol	Keyword	Symbol	Keyword
p	pen	short	i bit
b	back		e bed
t	ten		æ cat
d	day		ɒ dog (BrE)
k	key		ʌ cut
g	get		ʊ put
f	fat		ə about
v	view		i happy
θ	thing		u actuality
ð	then	long	i: sheep
s	soon		ɑ: father
z	zero		ɒ: dog (AmE)
ʃ	ship		ɔ: four
ʒ	pleasure		u: boot
h	hot		ɜ: bird
x	loch	diphthongs	eɪ make
tʃ	cheer		aɪ lie
dʒ	jump		ɔɪ boy
m	sum		əʊ note (BrE)
n	sun		oʊ note (AmE)
ŋ	sung		aʊ now
w	wet		ɪə real
l	let		eə hair (BrE)
r	red		ʊə sure (BrE)
j	yet		uə actual
			ɪə peculiar
Special signs			
\$	separates British and American pronunciations, British on the left, American on the right		
//	shows main stress		
/, /	shows secondary stress		
/◀ /	shows stress shift		
/ɪ/ə/	means that some speakers use /ɪ/ and some use /ə/		
/ʊ/ə/	means that some speakers use /ʊ/ and some use /ə/		
/ə/	means that /ə/ may or may not be used		

PART I. MIND YOUR PRONUNCIATION

1.1. Words commonly mispronounced

The work at English is: to work with gusto, to work with real, to perform shock work

500 Words Most Often Mispronounced

A		apathy	/'æpəθi/
absurd	/əb'sɜ:d, -'zɜ:d \$ -ɜ:rd/	apparel	/'æpərəl/
abyss	/ə'bɪs/	apparent	/'æpərənt/
accent, n	/'æksənt \$ 'æksent/	apron	/'eɪprən/
ache	/eɪk/	architect	/'ɑ:kɪtəkt \$ 'ɑ:r-/
acid	/'æsi/əd/	argot	/'ɑ:gəʊ \$ 'ɑ:rgət/
acute	/ə'kjʊ:t/	argumentative	/'ɑ:gjʊ/əmentətɪv \$
admirable	/'ædmərəbəl/		\$ ɑ:r-/
ado	/ə'du:/	arithmetic	/'æriθmətik/
adult	/'ædʌlt, ə'dʌlt/	array	/'əreɪ/
advantageous	/'ædvəntə'ʒiəs, 'ædvən'teɪdʒəs, 'ædvən-/	assemble	/'æsembəl/
afford	/ə'fɔ:d \$ -ɔ:rd/	assent	/'əsent/
agenda	/ə'dʒendə/	atom	/'ætəm/
aghost	/ə'gɔ:st \$ ə'gəst/	attorney	/'ətɔ:ni \$ -ɜ:r-/
agony	/'ægəni/	audible	/'ɔ:diəbəl \$ 'ɔ:-/
aisle	/aɪl/	august, adj	/ɔ:'gʌst \$ ɔ:-/
alas	/ə'læs/	autumnal	/ɔ:'tʌmnəl \$ ɔ:-/
alibi	/'æliəbaɪ/	awe	/ɔ: \$ ɔ:/
align	/ə'laim/	awry	/'ɔ:raɪ/
allege	/ə'ledʒ/	B	
ally	/'ælaɪ \$ 'ælaɪ, ə'lai/	bald	/bɔ:ld \$ bɔ:ld/
altar	/'ɔ:lts \$ ɔ:ltər/	balmy	/'bɑ:mi \$ 'bɑ:mi, 'bɑ:mi/
altitude	/'æltɪtju:d \$ -tu:d/	banal	/'bɑ:nəl, bə'næl/
amateur	/'amətə, -tʃʊə, -tʃə, 'æmə'tɜ: \$ 'æmətʃʊr, -tər/	barbarity	/'bɑ:bəriəti \$ bɑ:r-/
amenity	/ə'mɪnə'tɪ \$ ə'me-/	bargain	/'bɑ:ɡɪən \$ 'bɑ:r-/
amiability	/ɪ'miə'bɪlə'ti/	base	/beɪs/
amiable	/'ɪmiəbəl/	basin	/'beɪsən/
amity	/'æmiə'ti/	basis	/'beɪsɪ/əs/
ancient	/'eɪnʃənt/	baths	/'bɑ:ðz, bɑ:θs \$ bæðz, bæθs/
angel	/'eɪndʒəl/	battalion	/'bætəlɪən/
anomaly	/ə'nɒməli \$ ə'nɑ:-/	beard	/'biəd \$ bɪrd/
anxiety	/æŋ'zaiəti/	bomb	/'bɒm \$ bɑ:m/
		booths	/'bu:ðz \$ bu:θs/

bosom	/'buzəm/	chocolate	/'tʃɒklət \$ 'tʃɑ:kəli/ət, 'tʃɒk-/
boulevard	/'bu:lveɪd \$ 'bu:ləvɑ:rd, 'bu-/	chorus	/'kɔ:rəs/
bow, n уклін	/baʊ/	Christ	/'kraɪst/
bow, v кла-	/baʊ/	christen	/'krɪsən/
НЯТИСЯ		Christian	/'krɪstʃən, -tʃən/
bravado	/'brævɑ:dəʊ \$ -dɔ:/	Christmas	/'krɪsməs/
breath	/'breθ/	chrysanthemum	/'krɪ'sænθɪ/əməm/
breathe	/'bri:ð/	cigar	/'si:gɑ: \$ -'gɑ:r/
brochure	/'brəʊʃə, -ʃuə \$ brɔ:'ʃʊr/	cigarette	/'sɪgə'ret \$ 'sɪgə,ret, 'sɪgə'ret/
brooch	/'brəʊtʃ \$ brɔ:tʃ/	circumference	/'sə:kəm'fərəns \$ sər-/
brow	/'braʊ/	clasp	/'klɑ:sp \$ klæsp/
bull	/'bʊl/	clerk	/'klɑ:k \$ klɜ:rk/
bullet	/'bʊlɪt/	close, adj, adv	/'kləʊs \$ klɔ:ʊs/
bully	/'bʊli/	closet	/'klɒzɪt \$ 'kla:-, 'klɒ:-/
bury	/'berɪ/	colleague	/'kɒli:ɡ \$ 'kɑ:-/
butcher	/'bʊtʃə \$ -ər/	colonel	/'kɔ:nl \$ 'kɜ:r-/
C		colossal	/'kɒləsəl \$ kə'lɑ:-/
café	/'kæfeɪ \$ kə'feɪ, kə-/	comb	/'kəʊm \$ kɔ:ʊm/
calamity	/'kæləmi/əti/	comely	/'kɒmli/
calendar	/'kælɪ'ændə \$ -ər/	command	/'kɒmɑ:nd \$ kə'mænd/
camel	/'kæmə/	commence	/'kɒmens/
canal	/'kə'næl/	comment	/'kɒment \$ 'kɑ:-/
canary	/'kə'neəri \$ -'neri/	commerce	/'kɒmɜ:s \$ 'kɑ:mɜ:rs/
caress	/'kə'res/	company	/'kʌmpəni/
cashier	/'kæʃɪə \$ -'ʃɪr/	comparable	/'kɒmpərəbəl \$ 'kɑ:m-/
cast	/'kɑ:st \$ kæst/	compass	/'kʌmpəs/
casualty	/'kæʒʊəlti/	component	/'kɒmpəʊnənt \$ -'pɔ:-/
catastrophe	/'kætəstrəfi/	conclusive	/'kɒn'klu:sɪv/
catholic	/'kæθəlɪk/	concrete	/'kɒŋkri:t \$ kən'kri:t/
cavity	/'kævɪə'ti/	condolence	/'kɒndəʊləns \$ -'dɔ:-/
cease	/si:s/	conduct, n	/'kɒndʌkt \$ kɑ:n-/
channel	/'tʃænl/	confer	/'kɒn'fɜ: \$ -'fɜ:r/
chaos	/'keɪ-ɒs \$ -ɑ:s/	connoisseur	/'kɒnə'sɜ: \$,kɑ:nə'sɜ:r/
chapel	/'tʃæpəl/	consequently	/'kɒnsɪ'əkwəntli \$ 'kɑ:nsɪ/əkwenti/
chauffeur	/'ʃəʊfə, ʃəʊ'fɜ: \$ 'ʃɔ:fər, ʃɔ'fɜ:r/	content, n	/'kɒntent \$ 'kɑ:n-/
Chicago	/'ʃɪ'kɑ:gəʊ \$ ʃɪ'kɑ:gou/	с о н т р а р у ,	/'kɒn'treəri \$
chivalrous	/'ʃɪvəlɜ:s/	капризный	/'kɑ:n'treəri, kən'treəri/
		control	/'kɒn'trəʊl \$ -'trɔ:l/

Admit your mistakes. H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

inquisitive	/in'kwɪzɪətɪv/	malevolently	/mə'levələntli/
instinct	/'ɪnstɪŋkt/	malice	/'mæli/əs/
instinctive	/'ɪnstɪŋktɪv/	malign	/'me'lain/
insult, n	/'ɪns.ʌlt/	mamma	/'mɑ:mə/
intimacy	/'ɪntɪ'æməsi/	mankind	/'mænkaind/
intrusive	/'ɪn'tru:sɪv/	mannequin	/'mæni/əki:n/
iron	/'aɪən S 'aɪərn/	mansion	/'mænjən/
irreparably	/'ɪrɪpərəbəl/	mass	/'mæs/
irritable	/'ɪrɪ'ætəbəl/	matinée	/'mæti/ənei S ,mætn'ei/
isolate	/'aɪsələt/	medieval	/'medɪ'ɪ:vəl ◀ S ,mi:-/
J		melancholy	/'melənkəli S -kə:li/
jealous	/'dʒeləs/	menace	/'meni/əs/
jewels	/'dʒu:əlz/	mesmerize	/'mezməraɪz/
K		metallurgy	/'mi/ətælədʒɪ S 'metəls:rɔdʒɪ/
kaleidoscope	/kə'laɪdəskəup S -skəup/	metallurgy	/'mi/ətælədʒɪ S 'metəls:rɔdʒɪ/
kindle	/'kɪndl/	middle-aged	/'mɪdl'eiɔdʒd/
knitting	/'nɪtɪŋ/	millionaire	/'mɪljə'neə S -'ner/
knob	/'nɒb S nɑ:b/	mischievous	/'mɪʃɪvəs/
L		mishap	/'mɪʃəp/
laboratory	/'ləbərətɪ S 'ləbrətɔ:ri/	mobile	/'məʊbaɪl S 'məʊbəl-, -bi:l/
landscape	/'lændskeɪp/	model	/'mɒdl S mɑ:d/
laurel	/'ləʊrəl 'lə:-, 'lɑ:-/	momentary	/'məʊməntəri/
leaden	/'ledn/	monsieur	/'mɒsjɜ: S -'sjɜ:r/
learned, adj	/'lɜ:nɪ/əd S 'ɜ:r-/	morose	/'mɔ:ʁəs S -'rɔ:ʊs/
lieutenant	/'lef'tenənt S lu:'ten-/	mouths	/'maʊðz/
linear	/'li:niə S -ər/	muscle	/'mʌsəl/
line	/'li:nɪ/ən/	N	
linger	/'lɪŋgə S -ər/	naiveté	/'naɪ'ɪvətɪ/
liqueur	/'lɪ'kjuə S lɪ'kɜ:r/	nephew	/'nefju:, 'nev- S 'nef-/
loose	/'lu:s/	news-monger	/'nju:z,mʌŋgə S -ər/
lunatic	/'lu:nətɪk/	news-stand	/'nju:zstænd S 'nu:z-/
luxurious	/'lʌg'zjuəriəs, ləg'zjuəriəs S ləg'zjuəriəs/	niece	/'ni:s/
luxury	/'lʌkʃəri/	numbness	/'nʌmnɪs/
M		O	
magazine	/'mægə'zɪn S 'mægəzɪn/	oaths	/'əʊðz S ɔʊðz/
		obtrusive	/'ɒb'tru:sɪv/
		occur	/'ə'kɜ: S ə'kɜ:r/

occurrence	/'ə'kʌrəns S ə'kɜ:-/
odour	/'əʊdə S 'əʊdər/
omelette	/'ɒmli/ət S 'ɑ:m-/
organism	/'ɔ:gənɪzəm S 'ɔ:r-/
ornament	/'ɔ:nəmənt S 'ɔ:r-/
owl	/'aʊl/

P

perfect, v	/'pə'fekt S pər-/
permeate	/'pɜ:miət S 'pɜ:r-/
phoenix	/'fi:niks/
pigeon	/'pɪdʒɪ/ən/
pint	/'paɪnt/
placard	/'plækɑ:d S -ərd/
plague	/'pleɪg/
plough	/'plau/
pneumonia	/'nju:'məʊniə S nʊ'mou-/

poignant	/'pɔɪnjənt/
police	/'pə'li:s/
politics	/'pɒli/ətɪks S 'pɑ:-/
portray	/'pɔ:'treɪ S pɔ:r-/
precious	/'preʃəs/
prejudice	/'preɔdʒɪ/ədi/əs/
priest	/'pri:st/
primarily	/'praɪmə'ri:li S praɪ'merəli/
primitive	/'prɪmɪ/ətɪv/
privation	/'praɪ'veɪʃən/
procedure	/'prə'si:dʒə S -ər/
produce, n	/'prɒdʒɪs S 'prɒdu:s/
profile	/'prəʊfaɪl S 'prɒu-/
promenade	/'prɒmə'neɪd ◀ , 'prɒmə'nɑ:d ◀ S ,pra:mə'neɪd ◀ /

protest, n	/'prəʊtest S 'prɒu-/
protest, v	/'prə'test/
pull	/'pʊl/
purchase	/'pɜ:tʃɪ/əs S 'pɜ:r-/
pursue	/'pɜ:ʃju: S pər'su:/

Q

qualms	/'kwɑ:mz S kwa:mz, kwɑ:lmz/
quandary	/'kwɒndəri S 'kwɑ:n-/

R

ragged	/'ræɡɪ/əd/
rainbow	/'reɪnbəʊ S -bəʊ/
rarity	/'reəri/əti S 'rer-/
rascal	/'rɑ:skəl S 'ræs-/
ration	/'ræʃən S 'ræ-, 'rei-/
realm	/'relm/
receipt	/'ri:si:t/
recompense	/'rekəmpens/
record, n	/'rekɔ:d S -ərd/
regime	/'reiʒi:m/
rehearsal	/'ri'hɜ:səl S -ɜ:r-/
release	/'ri:li:s/

remonstrate	/'remənstreɪt S rɪ'mɑ:n-/
Renaissance	/'ri'neɪsəns S 'renə'sɑ:ns/
rendezvous	/'rɒndr/əvu:, -der- S 'rɑ:ndər-/
renegade	/'renɪ'ægəd/
reputable	/'repju/ətəbəl/
rescue	/'reskjʊ:/
resent	/'ri'zent/
roll	/'rəʊl S rou/
rouge	/'ru:ʒ/
routine	/'ru:'ti:n/
row	/'rəʊ S rou/
ruefully	/'ru:fəli/
rummage	/'rʌmɪdʒ/

S

salesman	/'seɪlzmən/
saloon	/'sə'lu:n/
salutary	/'sælju/ətəri S -teri/
salute	/'sə'lu:t/
sandwich	/'sændwɪdʒ S 'sændwɪtʃ, 'sændwɪtʃ/
sang-froid	/'sɒŋ'frwa: S 'sɑ:ŋ-/

satire	/'sætəɪə \$ -taɪr/
satirical	/sə'tɪrɪkəl/
savage	/'sævɪdʒ/
scarce	/skeəs \$ skers/
scheme	/ski:m/
scissors	/'sɪzəz \$ -ərz/
secretive	/'si:kri/ətɪv, sɪ'kri:tɪv/
sever	/'sevə \$ -ər/
sew	/səʊ \$ sou/
shove	/ʃʌv/
sincerity	/sɪn'serɪ/əti/
siren	/'saɪərən \$ 'saɪr-/
sonata	/sə'nɑ:tə/
sour	/sauə \$ saur/
souvenir	/,su:və'nɪə, 'su:vənɪə \$ -nɪr/
staff	/stɑ:f \$ stæf/
static	/'stætɪk/
statue	/'stætʃu:/
stealthy	/'stelθi/
sterile	/'sterɪl \$ -rəl/
sterilize	/'sterɪləɪz/
stomach	/'stʌmək/
stratum	/'strɑ:təm \$ 'streɪ-/
stroll	/strəʊl \$ stroul/
suave	/swɑ:v/
subject, adj.	/səb'dʒekt/
subsequent	/'sʌbsɪ/əkʃənt/
subsidence	/səb'saɪdəns, 'sʌbsɪ/ədəns/
subtle	/'sʌtl/
suffice	/sə'faɪs/
suite	/swi:t/
supercilious	/'su:pə'sɪliəs \$ -pər-/
survey, n	/'sɜ:vɪ \$ 'sɜ:r-/
suspense	/sə'spens/
suspicious	/sə'spɪʃəs/
sustenance	/'sʌstənəns/
swan	/swɒn \$ swɔ:n/
sweat	/swet/
sword	/sɔ:d \$ sɔ:rd/

T	
talisman	/'tæli/əzmən/
technique	/tek'ni:k/
temperament	/'tempərəmənt/
tenacity	/tɪ/ə'næsɪ/əti/
tirade	/taɪ'reɪd, tɪ/ə- \$ 'taɪreɪd, tɪ/ə'reɪd/
tomb	/tu:m/
tough	/tʌf/
tour	/tuə \$ tur/
tow	/təʊ \$ tou/
towards	/tə'wɔ:dz \$ tɔ:rdz, twɔ:rdz/
tradesman	/'treɪdzmən/
transaction	/træn'zækʃən/
transit	/'trænsɪ/ət, -zɪ/ət/
transparency	/træn'spærənsɪ, -'spær- \$ -'spær-, 'sper-/
transparent	/træn'spærənt, -'spær- \$ -'spær-, 'sper-/
trivial	/'trɪvɪəl/
triumphant	/traɪ'ʌmfənt/
tryst	/trɪst, traɪst/
twopence	/'tʌpəns/
tyranny	/'tɪrəni/
U	
uncombed	/ʌn'kəʊmd \$ ʌn'koumd/
uncouth	/ʌn'ku:θ/
V	
vague	/veɪg/
valet	/'væli/ət, 'væleɪ \$ væ'leɪ/
vase	/vɑ:z \$ veɪs, veɪz/
vaudeville	/'vɔ:ðvɪl \$ 'vɔ:-/
vehement	/'vi:əmənt/
visa	/'vi:zə/
vitality	/'vaɪ'tælɪ/əti/
W	
waistcoat	/'weɪskəʊt, 'weskət \$ 'weskət/

wander	/'wɒndə \$ 'wɑ:ndər/	wretched	/'retʃɪ/əd/
ward	/wɔ:d \$ wɔ:rd/	wrinkle	/rɪŋkəl/
weary	/'wɛəri \$ 'wɪr-/	X	
whistle	/'wɪsəl/	xenophobia	/'zenə'fəʊbiə \$ -'fou-/
wicked	/'wɪkɪ/əd/	Xerox	/'zɪərəʊks \$ 'zɪrɑ:ks, 'zi:-/
wind, v	/waɪnd/	Y	
wisdom	/'wɪzdəm/	yawn	/jɔ:n \$ jɔ:n/
wonder	/'wʌndə \$ -ər/	youths	/ju:ðz \$ ju:ðz, ju:θs/
worry	/'wʌri \$ 'wɜ:ri/	Z	
wrath	/rɒθ \$ ræθ/	zenith	/'zenɪ/əθ \$ 'zi:-/
wrestle	/'resəl/	Zeus	/zju:s, zu:s/

1.2. Mind the pronunciation of the following words

The stress differs

Verbs	Nouns	Adjectives
to ab'stract	'abstract	'abstract
to co'mmune	'commune	—
to com'pound	'compound	'compound
to con'duct	'conduct	—
to con'flict	'conflict	con'flicted
to con'tent	'content	con'tent
to con'test	'contest	—
to de'sert	'desert	de'serted
to ex'ploit	'exploit	—
to ex'port	'export	—
to fre'quent	'frequency	'frequent
to i'mmobilise	immo'bility	i'mmobile
to im'port	'import	—
to in'crease	'increase	—
to in'sult	'insult	in'sulting
to ob'ject	'object	'object-oriented
to per'fect	'perfect	'perfect
to pre'sent	'present	'present
to pro'duce	'produce	—
to pro'test	'protest	—
to per'mit	'permit	—
to re'bel	'rebel	—
to re'cord	'record	—
to re'fuse	'refuse	—
to trans'fer	'transfer	—
to sub'ject	'subject	'subject (be subject to sth, be subject to a rule/law/tax etc), sub'jective
to sur'vey	'survey	—

The stress is the same

Verbs	Nouns
to dis'pute sth	dis'pute
to con'sent to sth	con'sent
to 'comment (on) sth	'comment
to 'forecast	'forecast

Mind the vowel gradation

grave /eɪ/	'gravity /æ/
nation /eɪ/	'national /æ/
occur /ɜ:/	o'ccurrence /ɪ/
prov'oke /əʊ/ or /ou/	pro'vocative /ɒ/
supreme /i:/	su'premacy /e/
zeal /i:/	'zealous /e/

Mind the consonant gradation

/s/	/z/
advice	to advise
use, adj.	to use
a house	to house, houses
an excuse	to excuse
a device	to devise
loose, adj.	to lose
close, adj.	to close, a close
refuse	to refuse

Do not mispronounce these words

cigarette	/,sɪgə'ret S'sɪgə,ret, ,sɪgə'ret/
familiar	/fə'mɪliə S-ə-/
hotel	/həu'tel S hou-/
infamous (ви- домий своею дурною репу- тациєю)	//ɪnfəməs/
nuclear	//nju:kliə S'nu:kliə-/
similar	//sɪmələ, 'sɪmələ S-ə-/

EXCEPTIONS (words with no such distinction) are **base**, **promise** (always with /s/)

Mind the pronunciation of adjectives ending in -ate

accurate	/ɪ/ət/
affectionate	
degenerate	
deliberate	
desperate	
delicate	
desolate	
inarticulate	
moderate	
obstinate	

Mind the pronunciation of nouns ending in -ate

affricate	/ɪ/ət/
associate	
baccalaureate	
doctorate	
delegate	
degenerate	
pirate	
NOTE:	
magnate	//mæɡneɪt, -ɪ/ət/
phosphate	//fɒsfet S'fɑ:s-/

Mind the pronunciation of adjectives ending in -ed

beloved	/ɪ/əd/
a bearded man	
crooked	
dogged	
kind-hearted	
learned	
naked	
ragged	
wretched	

Mind the stress in nouns ending in -eer

auctioneer	/ɪ... 'ɪə/
career	
engineer	
pioneer	
profiteer	
racketeer	

Do not voice the final consonant

to	base	/s/
	cease	
	crease	
	dose up	
	grease	
	increase	
loose		
release		

Mind the stress

'admirable	/əbəl/	
'comfortable		
'comparable		
'irritable		
'knowledgeable		
'loveable		
'memorable		
'preferable		
'vegetable		
'washable		
in'explicable		
in'comparable		
ir'reparable		
ir'revocable		
'reputable		
un'breakable		
to	contain	//tem/
	entertain	
	maintain	
	obtain	
	retain	
	sustain	

See to it that you pronounce "o" as /ə/ in the following words in the unstressed position

co'coon	political
coed	
coeducation	
coefficient	
coexist	
coexistence	
coincide	
coincidence	
conceal	
conveniences	
convenient	
convince	
consume	
command	
to contain	
to conduct	
to complain	
to conclude	
to collect	

Mind the vowel length

SHORT vowel:	LONG vowel:	SHORT vowel:	LONG vowel:
bid	bead	done	darn
biff	beef	duck	dark
bin	bean, been	fill	feel
bit	beat, beet	fist	feast
biz	bees	fit	feet
blip	bleep	fizz	fees, feeze
body	bawdy	flit	fleet
brunch	branch	fox	forks
bubble	barbel	full	fool
buck	bark	gin	jean
bud	bard	grid	greed
bun	barn	grin	green
butter	barter	grit	greet
chick	cheek	hill	heel
chip	cheap, cheep	hip	heap
chit	cheat	hit	heat
chock	chalk	hock	hawk
chum	charm	hod	horde
chut	chart	huff	half
cock	cork, caulk	hum	harm
cod	cord, chord	hush	harsh
come	calm	hut	heart
con	corn	ill	eel
cops	corps	itch	each
cot	caught, court	kick	keek
cox	corks	kill	keel
crick	creak, creek	kin	keen
cud	card	knit, nit	neat
cuff	calf	knot, not	nought
cup	carp	lick	leak, leek
cut	cart, carte	lid	lead
cutter	carter	linn	lean
did	deed	lip	leap
dill	deal	list	least
dim	deem	live	leave
din	dean	looker	lucre
dip	deep		

SHORT vowel:	LONG vowel:	SHORT vowel:	LONG vowel:
lover	larva	shot	short
luck	lark	sick	seek
lust	last	sill	seal
mid	mead, meed	sin	seen
mill	meal	sip	seep
mince	means	sit	seat
(it) mizzles	measles	six	(he/she) seeks
much	march	skim	scheam
musk	mask	slick	sleek
must	mast	slip	sleep
nill	kneel	slippy	sleepy
nip	neap	slit	sleet
odder	order	smut	smart
pick	peak, peek	snick	sneak
pill	peel, peal	sot	sort/sought
pip	peep	spot	sport
pitch	peach	still	steal/ steel
pock	pork	stock	stork
pot	port	stuck	stark
pull	pool	tick	teak
putt	part	toss	torse
rich	reach	tot	tort
rick/ wrick	reek/ wreak	tut	tart
rid	read/reed	twit	tweet
rill	reel	whip	weep
scuff	scarf	wick	weak/ week
ship	sheep	will	wheel
shit	sheet	wit	wheat

Mind the difference between vowel sounds

/e/	/æ/	/e/	/æ/
beck	back	kettle	cattle
bed	bad	led (past and past participle from lead)	lad
beg	bag	leg	lag
ben	ban	lend	land
bend	band/banned	letter	latter
best	bast	men	man
bet	bat	mess	mass
better	batter	met (past and past participle from meet)	mat
blend	bland	peck	pack
bread	brad	pedal	paddle
deb	dab	pen	pan
dead	dad	pet	pat
effluent	affluent	reck, wreck	rack
ember	amber	reddish	radish
end	and	rent	rant
expend	expand	said (Past and Past participle from say)	sad
fellow	fallow	sec	sack
flex	flax	send	sand
gem	jam	set	sat
guess	gas	then	than
head	had		
heck	hack		
hem	ham		
ketch	catch		

Mind the difference between consonant sounds

/s/, /z/	/ð/
base /s/	bathe
booze /z/	booth
breeze /z/	breathe
cease /s/ /si:s/	seethe
close /s/ /kləʊz/	clothe
say	they
seize /si:z/	seethe
size	scythe /saɪð/
so	though
whiz(z)	with

/s/	/θ/	/v/	/w/
burse	birth		
force	forth, fourth		
miss	myth		
moss	moth	vac	whack
mouse	mouth	vale, veil	wail, whale
pass	path	vain, vane, vein	wane
sawn (Past participle from saw)	thorn	veal	weal, wheel
seem, seam	theme	vend	wend
sick	thick	vent	went (past from go)
sickness	thickness	vest	west
sigh	thigh	vet	wet
sin	thin	vile	while
sing	thing	vine	whine, wine
some, sum	thumb	viper	wiper
song	thong		
sought	thought		
sump	thump		

Silent (Mute) letters

In English there are many cases when some consonants are not pronounced. The so-called true silent graphemes usually represent "scribal pedantries" or sounds that have been lost in the pronunciation of a word, usually, of a borrowed one. Other silent graphemes are eliminated at a phonological level. Here is a list of the main initial, medial and final clusters (unpronounceable element of the cluster is given in bold & italics):

Initial clusters/single silent graphemes	Medial clusters/single silent graphemes	Final Clusters/single silent graphemes
<gn>, as in <i>gnarled</i> , <i>gnat</i> , <i>gnash</i> , <i>gnaw</i> , <i>gnome</i> , <i>gnu</i>	<bt>, as in <i>subtle</i>	<bt>, as in <i>debt</i>
<kn>, as in <i>knack</i> , <i>knee</i> , <i>knight</i> , <i>know</i>	<sc>, as in <i>disciple</i>	<gm>, as in <i>phlegm</i>
<mn>, as in <i>mnemonic</i>	<ft>, as in <i>soften</i>	<mb>, as in <i>lamb</i> , <i>comb</i> , <i>climb</i> , <i>tomb</i> , <i>bomb</i>
<pn>, as in <i>pneumonia</i>	<st>, as in <i>fasten</i>	<mn>, as in <i>autumn</i> , <i>solemn</i>
<ps>, as in <i>psalm</i> /sɑ:m/, <i>psychology</i>	<th>, as in <i>asthma</i>	<ng>, as in <i>string</i>
<pt>, as in <i>pterodactyl</i>	<ch>, as in <i>Ohm</i> , <i>exhibit</i> , <i>vehicle</i> , <i>yoghourt</i> /'jɒgət/	<rrh>, as in <i>catarrh</i>
<rh>, as in <i>rhetorical</i>	<gh> in <augh>, as in <i>daughter</i>	<h> final, as in <i>hurrah</i> , <i>oh</i>
<sc>, as in <i>scene</i>		<gn> <i>design</i>
<wr> as in <i>wrist</i> , <i>write</i> , <i>writer</i>		<t> in <stle>, as in <i>whistle</i> , <i>castle</i>
<h> initial, as in <i>honest</i> , <i>herb</i> /hɜ:b \$ ɜ:rb, hɜ:rb/, <i>heir</i> , <i>hour</i>		<l> in <ould>, as in <i>should</i> , <i>would</i>
<w> followed by <ho>, as in <i>who</i> , <i>whose</i>		<l> in <alf>, as in <i>half</i> ; <alk>, as in <i>walk</i> ; <alm>, as in <i>calm</i> , <i>psalm</i> /sɑ:m/;
<h> preceded by <w> and followed by <e>, <i>, <y>, <a>, as in <i>when</i> , <i>which</i> , <i>why</i> , <i>what</i>		<olk>, as in <i>folk</i> /fəʊk/ <gh> in <igh>, as in <i>right</i> , <i>sigh</i> in <ough>, as in <i>bought</i>

■ Try to add two or three words to each section of the table.

1.3. Some proper names commonly mispronounced

STATE	CAPITAL	POPULAR NAMES	THE LARGEST CITY/CITIES
Alabama (22 nd) (Ala)	Montgomery	the Heart of Dixie	Birmingham
Alaska (49 th) (Alas)	Juneau	the Great Land	Anchorage
Arizona (48 th) (Ariz)	Phoenix	the Grand Canyon State	Phoenix
Arkansas (25 th) (Ark)	'Little Rock	the 'land of Opportunity	Phoenix
California (31 st) (Ca)	Sacramento	the Golden Gate	'Little Rock
Colorado (38 th) (Colo)	Denver	the Centennial State	San Francisco, San Diego (the second largest city), Los Angeles (LA)*
Connecticut (5 th) (Conn)	Hartford	the Constitution State	Denver
Delaware (1 st) (Del)	Dover	the First State	Bridgeport
Florida (27 th) (Fla)	Tallahassee	the Sunshine State, the Peninsula State	Wilmington
Georgia (4 th) (Ga)	Atlanta	Peach State, the Empire State of the South	Miami, Jacksonville

* Los Angeles - full name is "El Pueblo de Nuestra Señora la Reina de los Angeles de Porciuncula" and can be abbreviated to 3.63% of its size, "L.A."

Hawaii (50 th)	/he 'wa:ɪ/ \$ 'mi:zʊəri	Honolulu	/hə'neɪ'lu:lʊ: \$ 'hɑ:nə'lu:lʊ:/ 'boɪ-si/ or 'boɪ-zɪ/ 'sprɪŋfi:ld/ 'ɪndiə'næpəlɪs/ 'de'moɪn/ 'toʊpɪ'ke/ 'fræŋk'fət/ 'bætən 'ru:dʒ/ or /bətə'ru:ʒ/ 'e'næpəlɪs/ 'bɒstən \$ 'bɔ:stən/ 'læŋsɪŋ/ 'seɪnt 'pɔ:l/ 'dʒæksn/ 'mɪ'zʊəri \$ 'mi:zʊəri/ 'mɒn'tæne \$ 'mɑ:n'tæne/ 'nə'bræskə/ 'nə'vɪ:de/ 'hæmpjə(r)/ 'dʒɜ:ʒi \$ 'dʒɜ:rɪzɪ/ 'mekstəʊ \$ 'meksɪkəʊ/ 'jɔ:k \$ 'jɔ:rk/ 'kæər'læmə/ 'de'kəʊtə \$ 'de'kəʊtə/ 'əʊ'həʊ \$ 'əʊ'həʊ/ 'aʊklə'həʊmə/ \$ 'aʊklə'həʊmə/ 'brɪɡən \$ 'ɔ:rɪɡən/	the Aloha State the Gem State the Prairie State the Booster State, the Hoosier State the Hawkeyes the Sunflower State the Bluegrass State the Pelican State the Pine Tree State the Old Lime State, the Free State the Bay State, the Old Colony the Wolverine State, the Great Lakes State the North Star State, the Gopher State the Magnolia State	Honolulu Boise Chicago Indianapolis Des Moines Wichita, Kansas City Louisville New Orleans Portland Baltimore Boston Detroit Minneapolis Jackson	/hə'neɪ'lu:lʊ: \$ 'hɑ:nə'lu:lʊ:/ 'boɪ-si/ or 'boɪ-zɪ/ 'sprɪŋfi:ld/ 'ɪndiə'næpəlɪs/ 'de'moɪn/ 'wɪtʃɪ'tɑ: /, 'kænzəs 'sti/ 'lu:ɪvɪl/ 'ɔ:'lienz \$ 'ɔ:r'lienz/ 'pɔ:'rliænd \$ 'pɔ:r'riænd/ 'bɔ:ɪtæmə:(r)/ 'bɒstən \$ 'bɔ:stən/ 'dɪ'trɔɪt/ 'mɪni'æpəlɪs/ 'dʒæksn/
Idaho (43 rd) (Id)	/aɪ'də'həʊ \$ 'aɪdehəʊ/ 'ɪlɪ'nɔɪ/ 'ɪndi'æne/ 'aɪəʊə \$ 'aɪəʊə/ 'kænzəs/ 'kən'tɪki/ 'lu:ɪ:zɪ'æne/ 'meɪn/ 'meɪrɪlənd \$ 'meɪrɪlənd/ 'mæse'tʃu:stɪs/ 'merɪlənd/ 'mæse'tʃu:stɪs/ 'merɪlənd/ 'mɪdʒən/ 'mɪnɪ'səʊte \$ 'mɪnɪ'səʊte/ 'mɪsɪ'sɪpɪ/ 'mɪsɪ'sɪpɪ/	Honolulu Boise Springfield Indianapolis Des Moines Topeka Frankfort Baton Rouge Augusta Annapolis Boston Lansing St Paul Jackson	the Aloha State the Gem State the Prairie State the Booster State, the Hoosier State the Hawkeyes the Sunflower State the Bluegrass State the Pelican State the Pine Tree State the Old Lime State, the Free State the Bay State, the Old Colony the Wolverine State, the Great Lakes State the North Star State, the Gopher State the Magnolia State	Honolulu Boise Chicago Indianapolis Des Moines Wichita, Kansas City Louisville New Orleans Portland Baltimore Boston Detroit Minneapolis Jackson	/hə'neɪ'lu:lʊ: \$ 'hɑ:nə'lu:lʊ:/ 'boɪ-si/ or 'boɪ-zɪ/ 'sprɪŋfi:ld/ 'ɪndiə'næpəlɪs/ 'de'moɪn/ 'toʊpɪ'ke/ 'fræŋk'fət/ 'bætən 'ru:dʒ/ or /bətə'ru:ʒ/ 'e'næpəlɪs/ 'bɒstən \$ 'bɔ:stən/ 'læŋsɪŋ/ 'seɪnt 'pɔ:l/ 'dʒæksn/ 'mɪ'zʊəri \$ 'mi:zʊəri/ 'mɒn'tæne \$ 'mɑ:n'tæne/ 'nə'bræskə/ 'nə'vɪ:de/ 'hæmpjə(r)/ 'dʒɜ:ʒi \$ 'dʒɜ:rɪzɪ/ 'mekstəʊ \$ 'meksɪkəʊ/ 'jɔ:k \$ 'jɔ:rk/ 'kæər'læmə/ 'de'kəʊtə \$ 'de'kəʊtə/ 'əʊ'həʊ \$ 'əʊ'həʊ/ 'aʊklə'həʊmə/ \$ 'aʊklə'həʊmə/ 'brɪɡən \$ 'ɔ:rɪɡən/	

Missouri (24 th) (Mo)	/mɪ'zʊəri \$ 'mi:zʊəri/ 'mɒn'tæne \$ 'mɑ:n'tæne/ 'nə'bræskə/ 'nə'vɪ:de/ 'hæmpjə(r)/ 'dʒɜ:ʒi \$ 'dʒɜ:rɪzɪ/ 'mekstəʊ \$ 'meksɪkəʊ/ 'jɔ:k \$ 'jɔ:rk/ 'kæər'læmə/ 'de'kəʊtə \$ 'de'kəʊtə/ 'əʊ'həʊ \$ 'əʊ'həʊ/ 'aʊklə'həʊmə/ \$ 'aʊklə'həʊmə/ 'brɪɡən \$ 'ɔ:rɪɡən/	Jefferson City Helena Lincoln Carson City Concord Trenton Santa Fe Albany Raleigh Bismarck Columbus Oklahoma City Salem	the Show Me State (in former times, the Mother of the West) the Treasure State the Cornhusker State the Silver State the Granite State the Garden State the Land of En- chantment the Empire State the Tarheel State, the Old North State the Sioux State, the Peace Garden State, the Flicker- tail State the Buckeye State the Sooner State the Beaver State	Kansas City Billings Omaha Las Vegas Manchester Newark Albuquerque New York City (officially The City of New York) Charlotte Fargo Columbus Oklahoma City Portland	/kænzəs 'sti/ 'bɪlɪŋz/ 'əʊməhɑ: \$ 'əʊməhɑ: 'læəs 'veɪɡəs/ 'mænt'jəstə(r)/ 'nju:ək \$ 'nu:ək/ 'æɪbɛks:ki/ 'nju: 'jɔ:k 'stɪ/ 'jɔ (r)læt/ 'fɑ:ɡəʊ \$ 'fɑ:ɡəʊ/ 'kə'lɪmbəs/ 'əʊklə'həʊmə \$ 'əʊklə'həʊmə 'sti/ 'pɔ:r'liænd \$ 'pɔ:r'liænd/
Montana (41 st) (Mont)	/mɒn'tæne \$ 'mɑ:n'tæne/ 'nə'bræskə/ 'nə'vɪ:de/ 'hæmpjə(r)/ 'dʒɜ:ʒi \$ 'dʒɜ:rɪzɪ/ 'mekstəʊ \$ 'meksɪkəʊ/ 'jɔ:k \$ 'jɔ:rk/ 'kæər'læmə/ 'de'kəʊtə \$ 'de'kəʊtə/ 'əʊ'həʊ \$ 'əʊ'həʊ/ 'aʊklə'həʊmə/ \$ 'aʊklə'həʊmə/ 'brɪɡən \$ 'ɔ:rɪɡən/	Helena Lincoln Carson City Concord Trenton Santa Fe Albany Raleigh Bismarck Columbus Oklahoma City Salem	the Show Me State (in former times, the Mother of the West) the Treasure State the Cornhusker State the Silver State the Granite State the Garden State the Land of En- chantment the Empire State the Tarheel State, the Old North State the Sioux State, the Peace Garden State, the Flicker- tail State the Buckeye State the Sooner State the Beaver State	Kansas City Billings Omaha Las Vegas Manchester Newark Albuquerque New York City (officially The City of New York) Charlotte Fargo Columbus Oklahoma City Portland	/kænzəs 'sti/ 'bɪlɪŋz/ 'əʊməhɑ: \$ 'əʊməhɑ: 'læəs 'veɪɡəs/ 'mænt'jəstə(r)/ 'nju:ək \$ 'nu:ək/ 'æɪbɛks:ki/ 'nju: 'jɔ:k 'stɪ/ 'jɔ (r)læt/ 'fɑ:ɡəʊ \$ 'fɑ:ɡəʊ/ 'kə'lɪmbəs/ 'əʊklə'həʊmə \$ 'əʊklə'həʊmə 'sti/ 'pɔ:r'liænd \$ 'pɔ:r'liænd/
Nebraska (37 th) (Nebr)	/nə'bræskə/ 'nə'vɪ:de/ 'hæmpjə(r)/ 'dʒɜ:ʒi \$ 'dʒɜ:rɪzɪ/ 'mekstəʊ \$ 'meksɪkəʊ/ 'jɔ:k \$ 'jɔ:rk/ 'kæər'læmə/ 'de'kəʊtə \$ 'de'kəʊtə/ 'əʊ'həʊ \$ 'əʊ'həʊ/ 'aʊklə'həʊmə/ \$ 'aʊklə'həʊmə/ 'brɪɡən \$ 'ɔ:rɪɡən/	Lincoln Carson City Concord Trenton Santa Fe Albany Raleigh Bismarck Columbus Oklahoma City Salem	the Cornhusker State the Silver State the Granite State the Garden State the Land of En- chantment the Empire State the Tarheel State, the Old North State the Sioux State, the Peace Garden State, the Flicker- tail State the Buckeye State the Sooner State the Beaver State	Omaha Las Vegas Manchester Newark Albuquerque New York City (officially The City of New York) Charlotte Fargo Columbus Oklahoma City Portland	'əʊməhɑ: \$ 'əʊməhɑ: 'læəs 'veɪɡəs/ 'mænt'jəstə(r)/ 'nju:ək \$ 'nu:ək/ 'æɪbɛks:ki/ 'nju: 'jɔ:k 'stɪ/ 'jɔ (r)læt/ 'fɑ:ɡəʊ \$ 'fɑ:ɡəʊ/ 'kə'lɪmbəs/ 'əʊklə'həʊmə \$ 'əʊklə'həʊmə 'sti/ 'pɔ:r'liænd \$ 'pɔ:r'liænd/
Nevada (36 th) (Nev) New Hampshire (9 th) (NH)	'nə'vɪ:de/ 'hæmpjə(r)/ 'dʒɜ:ʒi \$ 'dʒɜ:rɪzɪ/ 'mekstəʊ \$ 'meksɪkəʊ/ 'jɔ:k \$ 'jɔ:rk/ 'kæər'læmə/ 'de'kəʊtə \$ 'de'kəʊtə/ 'əʊ'həʊ \$ 'əʊ'həʊ/ 'aʊklə'həʊmə/ \$ 'aʊklə'həʊmə/ 'brɪɡən \$ 'ɔ:rɪɡən/	Carson City Concord Trenton Santa Fe Albany Raleigh Bismarck Columbus Oklahoma City Salem	the Silver State the Granite State the Garden State the Land of En- chantment the Empire State the Tarheel State, the Old North State the Sioux State, the Peace Garden State, the Flicker- tail State the Buckeye State the Sooner State the Beaver State	Las Vegas Manchester Newark Albuquerque New York City (officially The City of New York) Charlotte Fargo Columbus Oklahoma City Portland	'læəs 'veɪɡəs/ 'mænt'jəstə(r)/ 'nju:ək \$ 'nu:ək/ 'æɪbɛks:ki/ 'nju: 'jɔ:k 'stɪ/ 'jɔ (r)læt/ 'fɑ:ɡəʊ \$ 'fɑ:ɡəʊ/ 'kə'lɪmbəs/ 'əʊklə'həʊmə \$ 'əʊklə'həʊmə 'sti/ 'pɔ:r'liænd \$ 'pɔ:r'liænd/
New Jersey (3 rd) (NJ)	'nju:ək \$ 'nu:ək/ 'æɪbɛks:ki/ 'nju: 'jɔ:k 'stɪ/ 'jɔ (r)læt/ 'fɑ:ɡəʊ \$ 'fɑ:ɡəʊ/ 'kə'lɪmbəs/ 'əʊklə'həʊmə \$ 'əʊklə'həʊmə/ 'sti/ 'pɔ:r'liænd \$ 'pɔ:r'liænd/	Trenton Santa Fe Albany Raleigh Bismarck Columbus Oklahoma City Salem	the Garden State the Land of En- chantment the Empire State the Tarheel State, the Old North State the Sioux State, the Peace Garden State, the Flicker- tail State the Buckeye State the Sooner State the Beaver State	Newark Albuquerque New York City (officially The City of New York) Charlotte Fargo Columbus Oklahoma City Portland	'nju:ək \$ 'nu:ək/ 'æɪbɛks:ki/ 'nju: 'jɔ:k 'stɪ/ 'jɔ (r)læt/ 'fɑ:ɡəʊ \$ 'fɑ:ɡəʊ/ 'kə'lɪmbəs/ 'əʊklə'həʊmə \$ 'əʊklə'həʊmə 'sti/ 'pɔ:r'liænd \$ 'pɔ:r'liænd/
New Mexico (47 th) (NM)	'nju:ək \$ 'nu:ək/ 'æɪbɛks:ki/ 'nju: 'jɔ:k 'stɪ/ 'jɔ (r)læt/ 'fɑ:ɡəʊ \$ 'fɑ:ɡəʊ/ 'kə'lɪmbəs/ 'əʊklə'həʊmə \$ 'əʊklə'həʊmə/ 'sti/ 'pɔ:r'liænd \$ 'pɔ:r'liænd/	Santa Fe Albany Raleigh Bismarck Columbus Oklahoma City Salem	the Land of En- chantment the Empire State the Tarheel State, the Old North State the Sioux State, the Peace Garden State, the Flicker- tail State the Buckeye State the Sooner State the Beaver State	Albuquerque New York City (officially The City of New York) Charlotte Fargo Columbus Oklahoma City Portland	'nju:ək \$ 'nu:ək/ 'æɪbɛks:ki/ 'nju: 'jɔ:k 'stɪ/ 'jɔ (r)læt/ 'fɑ:ɡəʊ \$ 'fɑ:ɡəʊ/ 'kə'lɪmbəs/ 'əʊklə'həʊmə \$ 'əʊklə'həʊmə 'sti/ 'pɔ:r'liænd \$ 'pɔ:r'liænd/
New York (11 th) (NY)	'nju:ək \$ 'nu:ək/ 'æɪbɛks:ki/ 'nju: 'jɔ:k 'stɪ/ 'jɔ (r)læt/ 'fɑ:ɡəʊ \$ 'fɑ:ɡəʊ/ 'kə'lɪmbəs/ 'əʊklə'həʊmə \$ 'əʊklə'həʊmə/ 'sti/ 'pɔ:r'liænd \$ 'pɔ:r'liænd/	Albany Raleigh Bismarck Columbus Oklahoma City Salem	the Empire State the Tarheel State, the Old North State the Sioux State, the Peace Garden State, the Flicker- tail State the Buckeye State the Sooner State the Beaver State	New York City (officially The City of New York) Charlotte Fargo Columbus Oklahoma City Portland	'nju:ək \$ 'nu:ək/ 'æɪbɛks:ki/ 'nju: 'jɔ:k 'stɪ/ 'jɔ (r)læt/ 'fɑ:ɡəʊ \$ 'fɑ:ɡəʊ/ 'kə'lɪmbəs/ 'əʊklə'həʊmə \$ 'əʊklə'həʊmə 'sti/ 'pɔ:r'liænd \$ 'pɔ:r'liænd/
North Carolina (12 th) (NC)	'kæər'læmə/ 'de'kəʊtə \$ 'de'kəʊtə/ 'əʊ'həʊ \$ 'əʊ'həʊ/ 'aʊklə'həʊmə/ \$ 'aʊklə'həʊmə/ 'brɪɡən \$ 'ɔ:rɪɡən/	Raleigh Bismarck Columbus Oklahoma City Salem	the Tarheel State, the Old North State the Sioux State, the Peace Garden State, the Flicker- tail State the Buckeye State the Sooner State the Beaver State	Charlotte Fargo Columbus Oklahoma City Portland	'kə'lɪmə/ 'de'kəʊtə \$ 'de'kəʊtə/ 'əʊ'həʊ \$ 'əʊ'həʊ/ 'aʊklə'həʊmə \$ 'aʊklə'həʊmə/ 'brɪɡən \$ 'ɔ:rɪɡən/
North Dakota (39 th) (ND)	'kæər'læmə/ 'de'kəʊtə \$ 'de'kəʊtə/ 'əʊ'həʊ \$ 'əʊ'həʊ/ 'aʊklə'həʊmə/ \$ 'aʊklə'həʊmə/ 'brɪɡən \$ 'ɔ:rɪɡən/	Raleigh Bismarck Columbus Oklahoma City Salem	the Tarheel State, the Old North State the Sioux State, the Peace Garden State, the Flicker- tail State the Buckeye State the Sooner State the Beaver State	Charlotte Fargo Columbus Oklahoma City Portland	'kə'lɪmə/ 'de'kəʊtə \$ 'de'kəʊtə/ 'əʊ'həʊ \$ 'əʊ'həʊ/ 'aʊklə'həʊmə \$ 'aʊklə'həʊmə/ 'brɪɡən \$ 'ɔ:rɪɡən/
Ohio (17 th) (O)	'əʊ'həʊ \$ 'əʊ'həʊ/ 'aʊklə'həʊmə/ \$ 'aʊklə'həʊmə/ 'brɪɡən \$ 'ɔ:rɪɡən/	Columbus Oklahoma City Salem	the Buckeye State the Sooner State the Beaver State	Columbus Oklahoma City Portland	'kə'lɪmbəs/ 'əʊklə'həʊmə \$ 'əʊklə'həʊmə 'sti/ 'pɔ:r'liænd \$ 'pɔ:r'liænd/
Oklahoma (46 th) (Okla)	'əʊ'həʊ \$ 'əʊ'həʊ/ 'aʊklə'həʊmə/ \$ 'aʊklə'həʊmə/ 'brɪɡən \$ 'ɔ:rɪɡən/	Oklahoma City Salem	the Sooner State the Beaver State	Oklahoma City Portland	'əʊklə'həʊmə \$ 'əʊklə'həʊmə 'sti/ 'pɔ:r'liænd \$ 'pɔ:r'liænd/
Oregon (33 rd) (Ore)	'əʊ'həʊ \$ 'əʊ'həʊ/ 'aʊklə'həʊmə/ \$ 'aʊklə'həʊmə/ 'brɪɡən \$ 'ɔ:rɪɡən/	Salem	the Beaver State	Portland	'pɔ:r'liænd \$ 'pɔ:r'liænd/

Pennsylvania (2 nd) (Penn/Pa)	/ˈpɛnsɪˈvɛniə/ /ˈrɔːd \$ ˈrɔːd/ /s keərəˈlænə/ /s dəˈkəute \$ dəˈkəute/	Harrisburg Providence Columbia Pierre	/ˈhærɪsbɜːg/ /ˈprɒvɪdɪns \$ ˈprɑːvɪdɪns/ /kəˈlʌmbiə/ /ˈpiːə/	the Keystone State the Ocean State, the Little Rhody the Palmetto State the Coyote State, the Mount Rushmore State, the Sunshine State the Lone Star State the Beehive State the Green Mountain State the Old Dominion the Evergreen State the Mountain State the Badger State the Equality State	Philadelphia Providence Columbia Sioux Falls Memphis Houston Dallas Salt Lake City Burlington Virginia Beach Seattle Charleston Milwaukee Cheyenne	/ˈfiːləˈdeɪfiə/ /ˈprɒvɪdɪns \$ ˈprɑːvɪdɪns/ /kəˈlʌmbiə/ /ˈsuː ˈfoːlz/ /ˈmɛmfɪs/ /ˈhiːstən, /ˈdɛələs/ /ˈsɔːlt leɪk ˈsɪti/ /ˈbɜːrlɪŋtən /ˈvɜːdʒɪniə \$ vɜːˈdʒɪniə ˈbiːtli/ /ˈsiːətl/ /ˈtʃɑːlɪstən /ˈmiːlˈwɔːki/ /ˈtʃeɪnə/
Tennessee (16 th) Texas (28 th) (Tex)	/ˈtɛnəˈsiː/ /ˈtɛksəs/ /ˈjʊːtɑː/ or /ˈjʊːtɔː/ /vɑːˈmɒnt \$ vɜːrˈmɑːnt/ /vəˈdʒɪniə \$ vɜːˈdʒɪniə/ /ˈwɒʃɪŋtən \$ wɑːˈʃɪŋtən/ /westˈvɜːˈdʒɪniə \$ wɜːˈdʒɪniə/ /wɪˈskɒnsɪn \$ wɪˈskɑːnsɪn/ /waɪˈəʊmɪŋ \$ waɪˈəʊmɪŋ/	Nashville Austin Salt Lake City Montpellier Richmond Olympia Charleston Madison Cheyenne	/ˈnæʃvɪl/ /ˈbʌstn \$ ˈɔːstn/ /ˈsɔːlt leɪk ˈsɪti/ /ˈmɒntˈpiːljə/ /ˈrɪtʃmɑːnd/ /əˈlɪmpɪə/ /ˈtʃɑːlɪstən \$ ˈtʃɑːrɪstən/ /ˈmædɪsn/ /ˈtʃeɪnə/			
Utah (45 th) (Ut) Vermont (14 th) (Vt) Virginia (10 th) (Va) Washington (42 nd) (Wash) West Virginia (35) (Va) Wisconsin (30 th) (Wis) Wyoming (44 th) (Wy) Wyo						
Washington D.C. District Of Columbia (DC) (for- mally, the District of Columbia and com- monly referred to as Washington, the Dis- trict, or simply D.C.)	(pronounced /ˈwɒʃɪŋtən ˈdɪːsɪː/)					

Some other proper names commonly mispronounced

Pay attention to the specific pronunciation of the following proper and geographical names:

Achilles	/əˈkɪlɪz/	Einstein	/ˈaɪnstain/
Adriatic	/ˌeɪdrɪˈæɪtɪk/	Elysee	/eɪˈliːzeɪ/
Aesop	/ˈiːzɒp/	Epson	/ˈɛpsən/
Agatha	/ˈægəθə/	Eros	/ˈiərəs/
Algeria	/æɪˈdʒɪəriə/	Esmeralda	/ɛzməˈrældə/
ALGOL	/ˈælgɒl/	Estée Lauder	/ˈɛsteɪ ˈləʊdə/
Alladin	/əˈlædɪn/	Euro. euro (€)	/ˈjuərəu/
Alpen	/ˈælpən/	Europe (European - adj.)	/ˈjuərəp \$ ˈjʊr-/ (/ˈjuərəˈpiːən \$ ˈjʊr-)
Anthony	/ˈæntəni \$ ˈæntəni/	Freudian	/ˈfrɔɪndɪən/
Appalachia	/ˌæpəˈleɪʃə \$ ˌæpəˈleɪtʃi/	Gaelic	/ˈgæɪlɪk/
Arkansas – Ameri- can State River	/ˈɑːkənsəː \$ ˈɑːkənsəː/-state ɑːˈkænzəs / - river	Galileo	/ˌgæɪlɪˈleɪəu/
Archimedes	/ˌɑːkɪˈmiːdiːz/	Galsworthy	/ˈgɔːlz.wɜːði/
Aristotle	/ˈærɪstɒtl/	Galatea	/ˌgæləˈtɪə/
At Charles's	/ˈtʃɑːlzɪz/	Gargantua	/ˌgɑːˈgæntʃuə/
At the Coxes's	/ˈkɒksɪz/	Geneva	/ˌdʒɛˈniːvə/
Audi	/ˈɑːdi/	Genghis (Khan)	/ˈdʒɛŋɡɪs/
Belarus (Belorussian - adj.)	/ˌbɛləˈruːs/ (ˌbɛləˈrʌʃən \$ -lou-/ /ˈbɛldʒəm/ (/ˈbɛldʒən/)	Geoffrey	/ˈdʒɛfrɪ/
Belgium (Belgian - adj.)	/ˌbɛlʒɪəm/ (/ˈbɛldʒən/)	Giselle	/ˌʒɪˈzɛl/
Bosnia and Herzegovina	/ˌbɒznɪə ənd hɜːˈtʃɛgəʊˈvɪːnə \$ ˌbɑːznɪə ənd ˈhɜːtʃɛgəʊ-/ /ˈbɜːnəu/	Goethe	/ˈgəʊtə/
Brno	/ˈbɜːnəu/	Golgotha	/ˈgɒlgəθə/
Buckingham	/ˌbʌkɪŋgəm/	Greenwich	/ˈɡrɛntɪʃ ˈɡrɪnɪdʒ/
Byzantine	/bɪˈzæntaɪn/	Greoco-Roman	/ˈɡriːkəʊˈrəʊmən/
Cambridge	/ˈkeɪmbɪdʒ/	Guatemala	/ˌɡwɑːtəˈmɑːlə/
Capote	/kəˈpəʊti/	Guilietta	/ˌdʒʊliˈetə/
Croatia	/krouˈeɪʃə \$ krou-/ /ˈsɑɪprəs/ (/ˈsɪprɪət/)	Guinea	/ˈɡɪni/
Cyprus (Cypriot - adj.)	/ˈsɑɪprəs/ (/ˈsɪprɪət/)	Hercule Poirot	/ˌɛəkjuːl ˈpwaːrəʊ \$ ɛrˈkjuːl pwaːˈrou/
Cyrillic	/səˈrɪlɪk/	Iago	/iːˈɑːgəʊ/
Dickensian (typical of the novels of Ch. Dickens)	/dɪˈkɛnzɪən/	Icarus	/ˈaɪkərəs ˈɪkərəs/
Ecclesiastes	/ˌɪˌkliːzɪˈæstɪːz/	Iolanthe	/aɪəˈlænθɪ, aɪəʊˈlænθɪ/
Edinburgh	/ˈɛdɪnbərə/, /ˈɛdnərə/	Indonesia	/ˌɪndəʊˈniːzə/
Egypt	/ˈiːdʒɪpt/	Iraq (Iraqi - adj.)	/ɪˈrɑːk/ (/ɪˈrɑːki, - æki/
Eifel	/ˈaɪfəl/	Irving	/ˈɜːvɪŋ/
		Islam	/ɪzˈlɑːm/
		Israel (Israeli - adj.)	/ɪzˈrɛɪl/ (/ɪzˈrɛɪli/)
		Jesus	/ˈdʒiːzəs/
		Kenya	/ˈkɛnjə/ (/kiːn- before indepen- dence)
		La Guardia	/ləˈɡwɑːdʒə/

Liechtenstein (Liechtenstein, Liechtensteiner – person)	/ˈlɪktn̩st̩aɪn/	Qatar	/ˈkætɑː, ˈgæɪt-/
Libya	/ˈlɪbiə/	Quasimodo	/ˌkwɑːzɪˈmɔːdəu/
Luxemburg (Luxemburg – adj, Luxemburger – person)	/ˈlʌksəmbɜːg \$ -bɜːg	Quebec	/ˌkwɪˈbɛk/
Macedonia (Macedonian – adj.)	/ˌmæʃəˈdɔːniə \$ -dɔː-/	Quentin	/ˌkwɛntɪn/
Malaysia	/məˈleɪziə, -ˈleɪzə, ʃə/	Quito	/ˈkiːtəu/
Malta (Maltese – adj.)	/ˈmɔːlte \$ ˈmɔːl-/	Quixote	/ˌkwɪksət, kɪˈhɔːti/
Maugham	(ˌmɔːltiːz \$ ˌmɔːl-/	Quran	/kɔːˈrɑːn, kə-, kɔ-, -ræn/
Mediterranean	/ˌmedəˈtɛrɪniən \$ /	Romania (Romanian – adj.)	/ruːˈmeɪniə \$ rou-/
Michigan	/ˈmɪʃɪgən/	Ramsey	/ˈræmzi/
Mississippi	/ˌmɪsəˈsɪpi/	Reagan	/ˈriːgən/
Morocco	/məˈrɒkəu/	Reynolds	/ˈreɪnɒldz/
Mozambique	/ˌmɔːzəmˈbiːk/	Shaw	/ʃəʊ/
Mozart	/ˈmɔːtsɑːt/	Sikh	/ˈsɪːk/
Munhausen	/ˈmʌntʃaʊzən/	Sikhism	/ˈsɪːkɪzəm/
Myanmar (Birma)	/ˈmiːənmaː/	Suez	/ˈsuːɪz/
Nicaragua	/ˌnɪkəˈræɡjuə/	Surrey	/ˈsʌri/
Nigeria	/ˌnɪˈdʒɪəriə/	Sussex	/ˈsʌsɪks/
Odysseus (King of Ithaca = Lat. Ulysses)	/əˈdɪsjuːs/	Suzuki	/səˈzuːki/
Odyssey (poem name)	/ˈɒdəsi/	Sweden (Swedish – adj., Swede – person)	/ˈswɪːdən/
Oedipus	/ˈiːdɪpəs/	Switzerland (Swiss – adj.)	/ˈswɪtsələnd/
Ophelia	/əˈfiːliə/	Syria	/ˈsɪriə/
Orfeo	/ɔːˈfeɪəu/	Thames (the)	/ˈtɛmz/
Portugal	/ˈpɔːtʃuɡəl/	Thomas	/ˈtɒməs/
Prague	/praːg/	Uppsala	/ˈʊpˈsɑːlə/
Puerto Ric(an)	/ˌpʊɜːtə ˈriːkən/	Uruguay	/ˈjuərəɡwɑɪ/
Pygmalion	/ˌpɪɡˈmɛliən/	Utrecht	/ˈjuːˈtrekt/
Pythagoras	/paɪˈθæɡərəs/	Vivien Leigh	/ˌvɪvɪən (ˌvɪvjən) ˈliː/
Qaddafi, Qadhafi	/gəˈdɑːfi/	Wallace	/ˈwɒlts/
		Waugh	/wɔː/
		Wernicke	/ˈweənɪkə/
		Whorf	/wɔːf/
		Windsor	/ˈwɪnzə/
		Worcester	/ˈwʊstə/
		Yemen (Yemeni –	/ˈjɛmən/ (/ˈjɛməni/)

1.4. English Homophones

Homophones are “words distinct in spelling but pronounced identically” (Wells, 2000, P.xii). Very often they cause embarrassment of many readers and writers and incessant trouble for teachers and students. Abundance of homophones in modern English encourages the enthusiasts to collect homophones and compile special tables for the Internet linguistic resources (<http://www.wsu.edu:8080/brian/errors.htm>).

Here is one of the tables with homophones, including more than 300 items found in the Internet. Needless to say the table is far from being complete. Nevertheless, can you add some more homophones?

1. aile, ale	32. billed, build	63. cheap, cheep
2. air, heir	33. blew, blue	64. check, cheque, Czech
3. aisle, isle	34. bloc, block	65. choir, quire
4. all, awl	35. boar, bore	66. chord, cord
5. alms, arms	36. board, bored	67. cite, sight, site
6. arc, ark	37. bold, bowled	68. clack, claque
7. ate, eight	38. bough, bow	69. clew, clue
8. auger, augur	39. boy, buoy	70. climb, clime
9. auk, ore	40. brae, bray	71. coarse, course
10. aural, oral	41. braid, brayed	72. coign, coin
11. away, aweigh	42. braise, braze	73. complement, compliment
12. awe, oar, or, ore	43. brake, break	74. coo, coup
13. axel, axle	44. bread, bred	75. core, corps
14. aye, eye, I	45. bridal, bridle	76. council, counsel
15. bait, bate	46. broach, brooch	77. cousin, cozen
16. baize, bays	47. bur, burr	78. creak, creek
17. bale, bail	48. but, butt	79. cue, kyu, queue
18. ball, bawl	49. buy, by, bye	80. cymbol, symbol
19. band, banned	50. buyer, byre	81. dam, damn
20. bare, bear	51. calendar, calender	82. dear, deer
21. base, bass	52. call, caul	83. deviser, divisor
22. be, bee	53. capital, Capitol	84. dew, due
23. beach, beech	54. cast, caste	85. die, dye
24. bean, been	55. caster, castor	86. discreet, discrete
25. beat, beet	56. caught, court	87. doe, doh, dough
26. beau, bow	57. caw, core, corps	88. done, dun
27. beer, bier	58. cede, seed	89. douse, dowse
28. bel, bell	59. cell, sell	90. draft, draught
29. berry, bury	60. censer, censor, sensor	91. dual, duel
30. berth, birth	61. cent, scent, sent	92. earn, urn
31. bight, bite, byte	62. cereal, serial	

93. eery, eyrie	136. haw, whore	179. lean, lien
94. cwe, yew, you	137. hay, hey	180. levee, levy
95. fah, far	138. heal, heel	181. liar, lyre
96. faint, feint	139. hear, here	182. lie, lye
97. fair, fare	140. heard, herd	183. lieu, loo
98. farther, father	141. heroin, heroine	184. links, lynx
99. fate, fête	142. hi, high	185. load, lode
100. faun, fawn	143. higher, hire	186. loan, lone
101. fay, fey	144. him, hymn	187. loop, loupe
102. faze, phase	145. ho, hoc	188. loot, lute
103. feat, feet	146. hoard, horde	189. made, maid
104. ferrule, ferule	147. hoarse, horse	190. mail, male
105. few, phew	148. hole, whole	191. main, mane
106. fie, phi	149. holy, wholly	192. maize, maze
107. fizz, phiz	150. hour, our	193. mall, maul
108. flair, flare	151. idle, idol	194. manna, manner
109. flaw, floor	152. in, inn	195. mark, marque
110. flea, flee	153. indict, indite	196. marshal, martial
111. flew, flu, flue	154. jewel, joule	197. mask, masque
112. floe, flow	155. key, quay	198. maw, more
113. flour, flower	156. knave, nave	199. me, mi
114. foaled, fold	157. knead, need	200. mean, mien
115. for, fore, four	158. knew, new	201. meat, meet, mete
116. foreword, forward	159. knight, night	202. meter, metre
117. fort, fought	160. knit, nit	203. might, mite
118. forth, fourth	161. knob, nob	204. miner, minor
119. foul, fowl	162. knock, nock	205. moat, mote
120. franc, frank	163. knot, not	206. mode, mowed
121. furs, furze	164. know, no	207. moose, mousse
122. galipot, gallipot	165. laager, lager	208. morning, mourning
123. gallop, galop	166. lac, lack	209. muscle, mussel
124. gate, gait	167. lade, laid	210. naval, navel
125. genes, jeans	168. lain, lane	211. nay, neigh
126. gild, guild	169. lam, lamb	212. nigh, nye
127. gnaw, nor	170. laps, lapse	213. none, nun
128. gneiss, nice	171. larva, lava	214. od, odd
129. grate, great	172. lase, laze	215. one, won
130. greave, grieve	173. law, lore	216. packs, pax
131. grisly, grizzly	174. lay, ley	217. pain, pane
132. hail, hale	175. lea, lee	218. pair, pear
133. hangar, hanger	176. leach, leech	219. palate, palette, pallet
134. hare, hair	177. lead, led	220. pale, pail
135. hart, heart	178. leak, leek	221. pascal, paschal

222. paten, patten, pattern	264. rye, wry	307. tire, tyre
223. paw, pore, pour	265. sale, sail	308. to, too, two
224. pawn, porn	266. sane, seine	309. toe, tow
225. pea, pee	267. sauce, source	310. told, tolled
226. peace, piece	268. saw, sore	311. tole, toll
227. peak, peek, peke	269. sea, see	312. ton, tun
228. peal, peel	270. seam, seem	313. tor, tore
229. pearl, purl	271. seas, seize	314. tort
230. pedal, peddle	272. seer, sere	315. tough, tuff
231. peer, pier	273. sew, so, sow	316. troop, troupe
232. pi, pie	274. shake, sheikh	317. vain, vane, vein
233. pica, pika	275. shear, sheer	318. vale, veil
234. place, plaice	276. shoe, shoo	319. vial, vile
235. plane, plain	277. sic, sick	320. wail, wale,
236. plum, plumb	278. sign, sine	321. wain, wane
237. pole, poll	279. sink, synch	322. waist, waste
238. poof, pouffe	280. sloe, slow	323. wait, weight
239. pray, prey	281. sole, soul	324. waive, wave
240. profit, prophet	282. some, sum	325. war, wore
241. quean, queen	283. son, sun	326. ware, wear, where
242. rain, reign, rein	284. spa, spar	327. warn, worn
243. raise, rays, raze	285. staid, stayed	328. wart, wort
244. rap, wrap	286. stair, stare	329. watt, what
245. raw, roar	287. stake, steak	330. way, weigh, whey
246. read, red	288. steal, steel	331. weak, week
247. read, reed	289. straight, strait	332. weal, wheel
248. real, reel	290. swat, swot	333. weather, whether
249. reek, wreak	291. sweet, suite	334. weaver, weever
250. rest, wrest	292. tale, tail	335. weir, we're
251. retch, wretch	293. talk, torque	336. were, whirr
252. review, revue	294. tare, tear	337. wet, whet
253. rheum, room	295. taught, taut,	338. whale
254. right, rite, wright, write	296. te, tea, tee	339. wheald, wheeled
255. ring, wring	297. team, teem	340. which, witch
256. road, rode	298. tear, tier	341. whig, wig
257. roe, row	299. terce, terse	342. while, wile
258. role, roll	300. tern, turn	343. whine, wine
259. roo, roux	301. there, their,	344. whit, wit
260. rood, rude	302. they're	345. woe, whoa
261. root, route	303. threw, through	346. wood, would
262. rote, wrote	304. throes, throws	347. yaw, yore, you're
263. rough, ruff	305. thyme, time	348. yoke, yolk
	306. tide, tied	349. you'll, yule

1.5. Poems to enjoy and perfect your pronunciation and reading skills

Why does the English language have so many words that are difficult to spell? The main reason is that English has 1,100 different ways to spell its 44 separate sounds, more than any other language.

These poems illustrate difficulties of English pronunciation. We hope they will help you improve your reading and pronunciation skills.

SOUND AND SPELLING	
When the English tongue we speak, Why is break not rhymed with weak ? Will you tell me why it's true We don't say sew likewise few ? And the maker of the verse Cannot rhyme his horse with worse ? Beard sounds not at all like heard ; Cord is different from word ; Cow is [kau], but low is [lou]! Shoe is never rhymed with toe ; And since pay is rhymed with say , Why not paid with said , I pray ? Wherefore done but gone and lone ? Is there any reason known ? And, in short, it seems to me Sounds and letters disagree .	/breɪk/, /wi:k/ /tru:/ /səʊ \$ sou/, /fju:/ /vɜ:s \$ vɜ:rs/ /hɔ:s \$ hɔ:rs/, /wɜ:s \$ wɜ:rs/ /brɪəd \$ bɪrd/, /hɜ:d \$ hɜ:rd/ /kɔ:d \$ kɔ:rd/, /wɜ:d \$ wɜ:rd/ /kau/ /ləʊ \$ lou/ /ʃu:/, /təʊ \$ tou/ /peɪ/, /seɪ/ /peɪd/, /sed/, /preɪ/ /dʌn/, /gɒn \$ gɒ:n/, /ləʊn \$ loun/ /nəʊn \$ noun/ /,disə'gri:/
SOUND-SYMBOL SURPRISES	
I take it you already know Of tough and bough and cough and dough ? Some faulter , (but I think not you) On hiccough ; thorough , tough and through . Well done! And now you wish, perhaps , To learn of less familiar traps? Beware of heard , a dreadful word,	/tʌf/, /bau/, /kɒf \$ kɒ:f/, /dəʊ \$ dou/ /'fɔ:ltə \$ 'fɔ:ltə/ /'hɪkʌp, -kəp/, /'θərə \$ 'θərəʊ, 'θərə/, /tʌf/, /θru:/ /pə'hæps, præps, \$ pər-, præps/ /fə'miliə \$ -er/ /br'weə \$ '-wer/, /hɜ:d \$ hɜ:rd/, /'dredfəl/

That looks like beard but sounds like bird . And dead – it's said like bed , not bead – For goodness ' sake, don't call it 'deed ! Watch out for meat and great and threat They rhyme with suite and straight and debt . A moth is not the moth in mother Nor both in bother , broth in brother ; And here is not a match for there , Nor dear and fear for bear and pear – And then there's dose and rose and lose ; Just look these up, with goose and choose . Now, cork and work ; and card and ward ; And font and front : and word and sword ; And do and go : and thwart and cart – Come, come, I've hardly made a start! A dreadful language? Sakes alive! I'd mastered it when I was five!	/brɪəd \$ bɪrd/, /bɜ:d \$ bɜ:rd/ /ded/, /bed/ /bi:d/ /'gʊdnɪəs/ /di:d/ /mi:t/, /greɪt/ /θret/ /swi:t/, /streɪt/ /det/ /mɒθ \$ mɒ:θ/, /'mʌðə \$ -ər/ /bəʊθ \$ bouθ/, /'bɒðə \$ 'bɑ:ðər/, /brɒθ \$ brɒ:θ/, /'brʌðə \$ -ər/ /hɪə \$ hɪr/, /ðeə, ðə \$ ðer, ðər/ /diə \$ dɪr/, /fiə \$ fir/, /beə \$ ber/, /peə \$ per/ /dəʊs \$ dous/, /rəʊz \$ rouz/, /lu:z/ /gu:s/, /tʃu:z/ /kɔ:k \$ kɔ:rk/, /wɜ:k \$ wɜ:rk/, /kɑ:d \$ kɑ:rd/, /wɔ:d \$ wɔ:rd/ /fɒnt \$ fʌnt/, /frʌnt/, /wɜ:d \$ wɜ:rd/, /sɔ:d \$ sɔ:rd/ /du:/, /gəʊ \$ gou/, /θwɔ:t \$ θwɔ:rt/, /kɑ:t \$ kɑ:rt/
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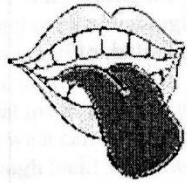
-OUGH	
There's a bird on the bough ;	/bau/
There's a man at the plough ,	/plau/
But he's got a bad cough .	/kɒf S kɒ:f/
There's a pig at the trough .	/trɒf S trɒ:f/
Jane is kneading the dough ;	/'ni:diŋ/, /dəu S dou/
But there isn't enough .	/'ɪnʌf/
Jim is eating, although	/'ɔ:l'dəu ɒ:l'dou/
The meat is so tough	/tʌf/
That his teeth won't go trough !	/trɒf S trɒ:f/
So what can he do?	
Rough luck! Very rough!	/rʌf/
I Before E	
I before E Except after C But only when Es Are pronounced as in Bees .	/bi:z/
And there's an exception: - S - E - I - Z - E, Seize .	/si:z/
P.S. It is just as I feared! There are two more exceptions:	
They are Weir - and Weird	/wiə S wir/, /wiəd S wɪrd/
Notice also Plebeian and Counterfeit	/pli'bi:ən/, /'kauntəfɪt S -tər-/
ENGLISH SPELLING	
<i>English spelling, as you know, is irregular! Learn the following poem.</i>	
Here is some pronunciation ,	/prə,nʌnsi'eɪʃən/
Ration never rhymes with nation .	/'ræʃən S 'ræ-, 'rei-, /'neɪʃən/
Comfortable and vegetable	/'kʌmfətəbəl, 'kʌmfət- S 'kʌmfərt-, 'kʌmfɪt-, /'vedʒtəbəl/
B must not be heard in doubt	/daʊt/
Debt and dumb both leave it out.	/det/, /dʌm/
In the words psychology ,	/saɪ'kɒlədʒi S -'ka:-/
Psychic and psychiatry ,	/'saɪkɪk/, /saɪ'kaɪətri S sə-/
You must never sound the p .	
Psychiatrist you call the man who	/saɪ'kaɪətri/əst S sə-/
cures the complex, if he can.	/'kjuəz S kjuəz/
In architect , ch is k ,	/'ɑ:kɪ/ətekt S 'ɑ:r-, /si: eɪtʃ/, /keɪ/
In arch it is the other way.	/'ɑ:tʃ S ɑ:rtʃ/

Please remember to say iron	/'aɪən S 'aɪərn/
So that it'll rhyme with lion .	/'laɪən/
Advertisers advertise ,	/'ædvətaɪzəz S -vərtiaɪzəz/, /'ædvətaɪz S -ər-/
Advertisements will put you wise.	/'ædvətɪsmənts S ,ædvər'taɪz-/
Time when your work done is leisure .	/'leɪzə S 'li:zər/
Fill it up with useful pleasure .	/'pleɪzə S -ər/
Accidental , accident ,	/'æksɪdəntl ɪ/, /'æksɪdənt/
Sound the g in ignorant .	/'dʒɪ: /, /'ɪgnərənt/
Relative , but a relation ,	/'relatɪv/, /rɪ'leɪʃən/
Then may say creature but creation .	/'kri:tʃə S -ər/, /kri'eɪʃən/
Say the A in gas quite short.	/gæs/
Bought remember thymes with thwart ,	/'bɔ:t S bɔ:t/, /θwɔ:t S θwɔ:t/
Draught must always rhyme with	/'dra:ft S dræft/,
bout .	/'baʊt/
In daughter leave the gh out.	/'dɔ:tə S 'dɔ:tər/, /dʒɪ: eɪtʃ/
Wear a boot upon your foot ,	/'bu:t/, /fʊt/
Root can never rhyme with soot ,	/'ru:t/, /su:t/
In muscles , sc is s ,	/'mʌsəlz/, /es si:/
In muscular , its sk , yes!	/'mʌskjʊlə S -ər/
Choir must always rhyme with wire ,	/'kwəə S 'kwəɪr/, /waɪə S waɪr/
That again, will rhyme with liar .	/'laɪə S -ər/
Then, remember, it's address .	/'ədres S ə'dres, 'ædres/
With an accent like possess .	/'æksənt S 'æksənt/, /pə'zes/
G in sign must silent be,	/'saɪn/
In signature , pronounce the g .	/'sɪgnətʃə S -ər-, /dʒɪ:/
Please remember, say towards	/'tə:wɔ:dz S tɔ:rdz, twɔ:rdz/
Just as if it rhymed with boards	/'bɔ:dz S bɔ:rdz/
Weight's like wait but not like height ,	/'weɪt/, /weɪt/, /haɪt/
Which should always rhyme with might ,	/'maɪt/
Sew is just the same as so ,	/'səʊ S sou/, /səʊ S sou/
Tie a ribbon in a bow (BAHT)	/'rɪbən/, /bəʊ/
When you meet the queen you bow ,	/'baʊ/
Which again must rhyme with how .	/'haʊ/
In perfect English make a start ,	/'stɑ:t S stɑ:rt/
Learn this little rhyme by heart .	/'hɑ:t S hɑ:rt/

1.6. Tongue twisters

Do tongue twisters twist your tongue?

Tongue Twister is a phrase or sentence which is hard to speak fast, usually because of alliteration or a sequence of nearly similar sounds. It helps develop speech skills & helps in speech therapy.



They are kiddish, yet funny way to enliven any informal get-together. It's fun to watch how one takes up the challenge of pronouncing the given phrase unflinching, and then ends up jumbling the words. To get the full effect of a tongue twister you should try to repeat it several times, as quickly as possible, without stumbling or mispronouncing.

Here are some cool English Tongue Twisters, have fun! Repeat them a few times!

Miscellaneous Tongue Twisters

1	I saw Susie sitting in a shoe shine shop. Where she sits she shines, and where she shines she sits.
2	Denise sees the fleece, Denise sees the fleas. At least Denise could sneeze and feed and freeze the fleas.
3	How much ground would a groundhog hog, if a groundhog could hog ground? A groundhog would hog all the ground he could hog, if a groundhog could hog ground.
4	Mr. Tongue Twister tried to train his tongue to twist and turn, and twit an twat, to learn the letter "T".
5	Pete's Pa Peter poked to the pea patch to pick a peck of peas for the poor pink pig in the pine hole pigpen.
6	Through three cheese trees three free fleas flew. While these fleas flew, freezy breeze blew. Freezy breeze made these three trees freeze. Freezy trees made these trees' cheese freeze. That's what made these three free fleas sneeze. <i>from Fox in Sox by Dr. Seuss</i>
7	How many cans can a cannibal nibble if a cannibal can nibble cans? As many cans as a cannibal can nibble if a cannibal can nibble cans.
8	How can a clam cram in a clean cream can?
9	The thirty-three thieves thought that they thrilled the throne throughout Thursday.

10	Something in a thirty-acre thermal thicket of thorns and thistles thumped and thundered threatening the three-D thoughts of Matthew the thug - although, theatrically, it was only the thirteen-thousand thistles and thorns through the underneath of his thigh that the thirty year old thug thought of that morning. <i>by Meaghan Desbiens</i>
11	Roberta ran rings around the Roman ruins.
12	Six sick hicks nick six slick bricks with picks and sticks.
13	I wish to wish the wish you wish to wish, but if you wish the wish the witch wishes, I won't wish the wish you wish to wish.
14	There was a fisherman named Fisher who fished for some fish in a fissure. Till a fish with a grin, pulled the fisherman in. Now they're fishing the fissure for Fisher.
15	Luke's duck likes lakes. Luke Luck licks lakes. Luke's duck licks lakes. Duck takes licks in lakes Luke Luck likes. Luke Luck takes licks in lakes duck likes. <i>from Dr. Seuss' Fox in Socks</i>
16	There those thousand thinkers were thinking how did the other three thieves go through.
17	In Hertford, Hereford and Hampshire hurricanes hardly ever happen. <i>From the film "My Fair Lady"</i>
18	Gobbling gorgoyles gobbled gobbling goblins.
19	When you write copy you have the right to copyright the copy you write...
20	Elizabeth's birthday is on the third Thursday of this month.
21	Hassock hassock, black spotted hassock. Black spot on a black back of a black spotted hassock.
22	How many cookies could a good cook cook If a good cook could cook cookies? A good cook could cook as much cookies as a good cook who could cook cookies.
23	A twister of twists once twisted a twist; A twist that he twisted was a three-twisted twist; If in twisting a twist one twist should untwist, The untwisted twist would untwist the twist.
24	Thirty-three thirsty, thundering thoroughbreds thumped Mr. Thurber on Thursday.
25	Four furious friends fought for the phone.
26	Suzie Seaward's fish-sauce shop sells unsifted thistles for thistle-sifters to sift.

27	A slimey snake slithered down the sandy Sahara.
28	I saw Esau kissing Kate. I saw Esau, he saw me, and she saw I saw Esau.
29	This is the sixth zebra snoozing thoroughly.
30	Octopus ocular optics.
31	If you can't can any candy can, how many candy cans can a candy canner can if he can can candy cans?
32	Out in the pasture the nature watcher watches the catcher. While the catcher watches the pitcher who pitches the balls. Whether the temperature's up or whether the temperature's down, the nature watcher, the catcher and the pitcher are always around. The pitcher pitches, the catcher catches and the watcher watches. So whether the temperature rises or whether the temperature falls the nature watcher just watches the catcher who's watching the pitcher who's watching the balls. <i>by Sharon Johnson</i>
33	Yally Bally had a jolly golliwog. Feeling folly, Yally Bally bought his jolly golli' a dollie made of holly! The golli', feeling jolly, named the holly dollie, Polly. So Yally Bally's jolly golli's holly dollie Polly's also jolly! <i>by Mistah Twistah, Tony Valuch</i>
34	Two tiny tigers take two taxis to town.
35	Supposed to be pistachio, supposed to be pistachio, supposed to be pistachio. <i>by Diane Estep</i>
36	How many sheets could a sheet slitter slit if a sheet slitter could slit sheets?
37	He threw three free throws. 2Y's UR. 2Y's UB. ICUR. 2Y's 4 me!
38	How much caramel can a canny canonball cram in a camel if a canny canonball can cram caramel in a camel?
39	Tom threw Tim three thumbtacks.
40	Scissors sizzle, thistles sizzle.
41	On a lazy laser raiser lies a laser ray eraser.
42	Near an ear, a nearer ear, a nearly eerie ear.
43	Singing Sammy sung songs on sinking sand.
44	The great Greek grape growers grow great Greek grapes.
45	Seven slick slimey snakes slowly sliding southward.
46	Six slimy snails sailed silently.
47	When I was in Arkansas I saw a saw that could out saw any other saw I ever saw, saw. If you've got a saw that can out saw the saw I saw saw then I'd like to see your saw saw.

48	Bobby Bippy bought a bat. Bobby Bippy bought a ball. With his bat Bob banged the ball Banged it bump against the wall But so boldly Bobby banged it That he burst his rubber ball. "Boo!" cried Bobby Bad luck ball Bad luck Bobby, bad luck ball Now to drown his many troubles Bobby Bippy's blowing bubbles. <i>from mid-Willamette Valley theater</i>
49	Plymouth sleuths thwart Luther's slithering.
50	There was a minimum of cinnamon in the aluminum pan.
51	How much dew does a dewdrop drop If dewdrops do drop dew? They do drop, they do As do dewdrops drop If dewdrops do drop dew.
52	How much ground could a grounghog grind if a groundhog could grind ground?
53	Thirty-three thousand people think that Thursday is their thirtieth birthday. <i>by Julia Dicum</i>
54	Two to two to Toulouse?
55	Love's a feeling you feel when you feel you're going to feel the feeling you've never felt before.
56	Seven sleazy shysters in sharkskin suits sold sheared sealskins to sea-sick sailors.
57	Five frantic frogs fled from fifty fierce fishes.
58	She sees cheese.
59	The sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick.
60	If you notice this notice, you will notice that this notice is not worth noticing.
61	There once was a two toed, she toad, tree toad, and a three toed, he toad, tree toad....
62	Aluminum, linoleum, aluminum, linoleum, aluminum, linoleum
63	A gazillion gigantic grapes gushed gradually giving gophers gooey guts.
64	I see a sea down by the seashore. But which sea do you see down by the seashore?

65	She stood on the balcony, inexplicably mimicking him hiccuping, and amicably welcoming him in. <i>An actor's vocal warmup for lips and tongue.</i>
66	I wish you were a fish in my dish.
67	Casual clothes are provisional for leisurely trips across Asia.
68	Nothing is worth thousands of deaths.
69	I eat eel while you peel eel.
70	A rough-coated, dough-faced, thoughtful ploughman strode through the streets of Scarborough; after falling into a slough, he coughed and hiccupped.
71	Three grey geese in the green grass grazing. Grey were the geese and green was the grass.
72	Blake's black bike's back brake bracket block broke. Ripe white wheat reapers reap ripe white wheat right.
73	What noise annoys an oyster most? A noisy noise annoys an oyster most.
74	You know New York. You need New York. You know you need unique New York.
75	Tie twine to three tree twigs.
76	She stood by Burgess's fish sauce shop welcoming him in.
77	There once was a man who had a sister, his name was Mr. Fister. Mr. Fister's sister sold sea shells by the sea shore. Mr. Fister didn't sell sea shells, he sold silk sheets. Mr. Fister told his sister that he sold six silk sheets to six shieks. The sister of Mr. Fister said I sold six shells to six shieks too!
78	There are two minutes difference from four to two to two to two, from two to two to two, too.
79	Freshly fried fresh flesh.
80	How much oil boil can a gum boil boil if a gum boil can boil oil?
81	Sweet sagacious Sally Sanders said she sure saw seven segregated sea-planes sailing swiftly southward Saturday.
82	A bloke's bike back brake block broke.
83	While we were walking, we were watching window washers wash Washington's windows with warm washing water.
84	Suzie, Suzie, working in a shoeshine shop. All day long she sits and shines, all day long she shines and sits, and sits and shines, and shines and sits, and sits and shines, and shines and sits. Suzie, Suzie, working in a shoeshine shop.

	Tommy, Tommy, toiling in a tailor's shop. All day long he fits and tucks, all day long he tucks and fits, and fits and tucks, and tucks and fits, and fits and tucks, and tucks and fits. Tommy, Tommy, toiling in a tailor's shop. <i>sung by Ian Mackintosh</i>
85	I'm a mother pheasant plucker. I pluck mother pheasants. I'm the pleasantest mother pheasant plucker, That ever plucked a mother pheasant. Actually, ... I'm not the pheasant plucker, I'm the pheasant plucker's son. But I'll stay and pluck the pheasants Till the pheasant plucking's done! I am not a pheasant plucker, I'm a pheasant plucker's son But I'll be plucking pheasants When the pheasant plucker's gone.
86	Nat the bat swat at Matt the gnat.
87	Busy buzzing bumble bees.
88	Tie a knot, tie a knot. Tie a tight, tight knot. Tie a knot in the shape of a nought.
89	Come, come, Stay calm, stay calm, No need for alarm, It only hums, It doesn't harm.
90	Big black bugs bleed blue black blood but baby black bugs bleed blue blood.
91	Really leery, rarely Larry.
92	We will learn why her lowly lone, worn yarn loom will rarely earn immoral money. <i>by Ray Weisling</i>
93	A skunk sat on a stump and thunk the stump stunk, but the stump thunk the skunk stunk.
94	Esau Wood sawed wood. All the wood Esau Wood saw, Esau Wood would saw. All the wood Wood saw, Esau sought to saw. One day Esau Wood's wood-saw would saw no wood. So Esau Wood sought a new wood-saw. The new wood-saw would saw wood. Oh, the wood Esau Wood would

	saw. Esau sought a saw that would saw wood as no other wood-saw would saw. And Esau found a saw that would saw as no other wood-saw would saw. And Esau Wood sawed wood.
95	King Thistle stuck a thousand thistles in the thistle of his thumb. A thousand thistles King Thistle stuck in the thistle of his thumb. If King Thistle stuck a thousand thistles in the thistle of his thumb, How many thistles did King Thistle stick in the thistle of his thumb?
96	Don't spring on the inner-spring this spring or there will be an offspring next spring.
97	She is a thistle-sifter. She has a sieve of unsifted thistles and a sieve of sifted thistles and the sieve of unsifted thistles she sifts into the sieve of sifted thistles because she is a thistle-sifter.
98	A smart fella, a fella smart. It takes a smart fella to say a fella smart.
99	Theophilus Thadeus Thistledown, the succesful thistle-sifter, while sifting a sieve-full of unsifted thistles, thrust three thousand thistles through the thick of his thumb. Now, if Theophilus Thadeus Thistledown, the succesful thistle-sifter, thrust three thousand thistles through the thick of his thumb, see that thou, while sifting a sieve-full of unsifted thistles, thrust not three thousand thistles through the thick of thy thumb.
100	Never trouble about trouble until trouble troubles you!
101	A pleasant place to place a plaice where a plaice is pleased to be placed.
102	Mr. See owned a saw and Mr Soar owned a seesaw. Now See's saw sawed Soar's seesaw before Soar saw See.
103	One-One was a racehorse. When One-One won one race, Two-Two was one, too. Two-Two won one, too.
104	William wants to know whether the weather will be wet.
105	When a doctor doctors a doctor, does the doctor doing the doctoring doctor as the doctor being doctored wants to be doctored or does the doctor doing the doctoring doctor as he wants to doctor?
106	<i>Announcement at Victoria Station, London: Two to two to Tooting too!</i>
107	Sister Suzie sewing shirts for soldiers Such skill as sewing shirts Our shy young sister Suzie shows Some soldiers send epistles Say they'd rather sleep in thistles Than the saucy, soft short shirts for soldiers Sister Suzie sews.
108	Can you imagine an imaginary menagerie manager imagining managing an imaginary menagerie?

109	Clowns grow glowing crowns.
110	If you stick a stock of liquor in your locker it is slick to stick a lock upon your stock or some joker who is slicker is going to trick you of your liquor if you fail to lock your liquor with a lock.
111	A twister of twists once twisted a twist. And the twist that he twisted was a three twisted twist. Now in twisting this twist, if a twist should untwist, would the twist that untwisted untwist the twists.
112	I bought a bit of baking powder and baked a batch of biscuits. I brought a big basket of biscuits back to the bakery and baked a basket of big biscuits. Then I took the big basket of biscuits and the basket of big biscuits and mixed the big biscuits with the basket of biscuits that was next to the big basket and put a bunch of biscuits from the basket into a biscuit mixer and brought the basket of biscuits and the box of mixed biscuits and the biscuit mixer to the bakery and opened a tin of sardines. <i>Said to be a diction test for would-be radio announcers: To be read clearly, without mistakes, in less than 20 seconds (from Coronet Magazine, August 1948).</i>
113	Terry Teeter, a teeter-totter teacher, taught her daughter Tara to teeter-totter, but Tara Teeter didn't teeter-totter as Terry Teeter taught her to. <i>by Pierre Abbat</i>
114	No need to light a night light on a light night like tonight.
115	Which witch snitched the stitched switch for which the Swiss witch wished? <i>by Ann Clark</i>
116	Give me the gift of a grip-top sock, A clip drape shipshape tip top sock. Not your spinslick slapstick slipshod stock, But a plastic, elastic grip-top sock. None of your fantastic slack swap slop From a slap dash flash cash haberdash shop. Not a knick knack knitlock knockneed knickerbocker sock With a mock-shot blob-mottled trick-ticker top clock. Not a supersheet seersucker rucksack sock, Not a spot-speckled frog-freckled cheap sheik's sock Off a hodge-podge moss-blotched scotch-botched block. Nothing slipshod drip drop flip flop or glip glop Tip me to a tip top grip top sock. <i>articulation warmup for actors</i>

117	<i>Three Tree Turtles</i> Three tree turtles took turns talking tongue twisters. If three tree turtles took turns talking tongue twisters, where's the twisters the three tree turtles talked?
118	I wish I were what I was when I wished I were what I am.
119	To begin to toboggan first, buy a toboggan. But do not buy too big a toboggan! Too big a toboggan is too big a toboggan to buy to begin to toboggan.
120	How much dough would Bob Dole dole if Bob Dole could dole dough? Bob Dole would dole as much dough has Bob Dole could dole, if Bob Dole could dole dough.
121	Plain bun, plum bun, bun without plum.
122	I thought a thought. But the thought I thought wasn't the thought I thought I thought. If the thought I thought I thought had been the thought I thought, I wouldn't have thought so much.
123	Six twin screwed steel steam cruisers.
124	Larry Hurley, a burly squirrel hurler, hurled a furry squirrel through a curly grill.
125	Mrs Puggy Wuggy has a square cut punt. Not a punt cut square, Just a square cut punt. It's round in the stern and blunt in the front. Mrs Puggy Wuggy has a square cut punt.
126	A Tudor who tooted the flute tried to tutor two tooters to toot. Said the two to the tutor, "Is it harder to toot or to tutor two tooters to toot?"
127	How much wood could Chuck Woods' woodchuck chuck, if Chuck Woods' woodchuck could and would chuck wood? If Chuck Woods' woodchuck could and would chuck wood, how much wood could and would Chuck Woods' woodchuck chuck? Chuck Woods' woodchuck would chuck, he would, as much as he could, and chuck as much wood as any woodchuck would, if a woodchuck could and would chuck wood.
128	Fiddle-de-dee, fiddle-de-dee, The fly shall marry the bumblebee.
129	Robert Rowley rolled a round roll round, A round roll Robert Rowley rolled round; Where rolled the round roll Robert Rowley rolled round?

130	As I was going along, along, along. A-singing a comical song, song, song, song, The lane that I went was so long, long, long, And so I went singing along.
131	Theyssian Thyssel is a successful thistle sifter. He sifts sieves full of three thousand thistles through the thick of his thumb. If those thistle think of Theyssian Thyssel, sifter, they will be successful at sifting thistle sieves.
132	Round and round the rugged rocks the ragged rascal ran.
133	Bill Board had a board bill and a billboard. Both the board bill and the billboard bored Bill Board. So Bill Board sold the billboard to pay his board bill and now neither the board bill nor the billboard will bore Bill Board.
134	She's so selfish she should sell shellfish, but shellfish shells seldom sell.
135	Tell tale, Tit! Your tongue will be slit. And every little dog in town Will have a little bit.

Long Tongue Twisters

1. There was a man, and his name was Dob,
And he had a wife, and her name was Mob,
And he had a dog, and he called it Cob,
And she had a cat, called Chitterabob.
Cob, says Dob.
Chitterabob, says Mob.
Cob was Dob's dog.

2. Have you ever seen?

- One Old Ox Opening Oysters.
Two Toads Totally Tired Trotting To Tewkesbury.
Three Tawny Tigers Taking Tea.
Four Fat Friars Fishing For Flounders.
Five Fussy Fairies Finding Frogs.
Six Solid Soldiers Shooting Snipe.
Seven Silver Salmon Solemnly Sailing.
Eight Eager Engineers Eating Excellent Eggs.
Nine Neat Noblemen Nibbling Nuts.
Ten Tall Tinkers Taking Turnips.
Eleven Elegant Englishmen Eating Early Endive.
Twelve Tall Tale-Tellers Talking Till Twilight.

3. Susan Simpson

Sudden swallows swiftly skinning, "Say," said Stephen, "sweetest sigher:
Sunset's slowly spreading shade, Say, shall Stephen spouseless stay?"
Silvery songsters sweetly singing Susan, seeming somewhat shyer,
Summer's soothing serenade. Showed submissiveness straightway.

Susan Simpson strolled sedately Summer's season slowly stretches,
Stifling sods, suppressing sighs. Susan Slocum she –
Seeing Stephen Slocum, stately So she signed some simple sketches –
She stopped, showing some surprise. Soul sought soul successfully.

4. The Sleeping Bag

On the outside grows the furside, on the inside grows the skinside;
So the furside is the outside, and the skinside is inside.
As the skinside is the inside, and the furside is outside
One "side" likes the skinside inside, and the furside on the outside.
Others like the skinside outside, and the furside on the inside:
As the skinside is the hard side, and the furside is the soft side.
If you turn the skinside outside, thinking you will side with that "side"
Then the soft side, furside's inside, which some argue is the wrong side.
If you turn the furside outside, as you say it grows on that side
Then your outside's next the skinside, which for comfort's not the right side;
For the skinside is the cold side, and your outside's not the warm side;
And two cold sides coming side by side are not right sides one "side" decides.
If you decide to side with that "side", turn the outside, furside, inside,
Then the hard side, cold side, skinside beyond all question, inside outside.

Herbert George Ponting

5. The fishy fish fish

Went swishy swish swish	It had two kittens,
As it swam along the shore.	That would fit in two mittens,
It had two baby fishes,	And who could ask for more?
That would fit in two dishes,	The doggy dog dog
And who could ask for more?	Went joggy jog jog
The catty cat cat	As it walked along the shore.
Went patter pat pat	It had a litter
As it walked along the shore.	That couldn't be fitter,
	And who could ask for more?

New Year & Christmas Tongue Twisters

Some Christmas-related tongue twisters are listed below. Try them out with your friends and family and add that extra zing to your get-togethers this New Year & Christmas:

🐾 Bobby brings bright bells.
Chilly chipper children cheerfully chant.
Comet cuddles cute Christmas kittens carefully.
Eight elves elegantly ate everything.
Eleven elaborate elves hid Ellie elephant.
Eleven elves licked eleven little licorice lollipops.
Hollie hangs holly here hopping happy holidays hurry.
How many deer would a reindeer reign if a reindeer could reign deer?
Kris Kringle chose to climb the chimney at Christmas.
Kris Kringle clapped crisply.
Rudolph roars with red anger and a red as rose nose.
Rudolph runs rings 'round Rover
Running reindeer romp 'round red wreaths.
Sammy saw Santa on the snow slide.
Santa Clause's cloak closes tightly.
Santa sang seven songs.
Santa sat slowly on a soft chair with his sack on his back.
Santa seems seriously sick since Sally served sour salmon soup.
Santa stuffs Stephanie's striped stocking.
Santa's Sleigh Glides In The Sky.
Santa's sack sags slightly.
Santa's seven sleighs slid sideways
Santa's sleigh slides on slick snow.
Seven Santas sang silly songs.
Silly smelly Sam snowman slips & slides like soap down slopes.
Silly smelly snowman slips and slides
Silly snowmen slide with slick scarves down the slow slope.
Sitting there Slightly Stuffed Santa Sleeps Silently.
Snowballs simply slowly hit the slick ground unless they hit you sorrowfully.
Ten tiny tin trains toot ten times.
There's chimney soot on Santa's suit.
Tiny Timmy trims the tall tree with tinsel.
Tree trimmers try to trim trees while Tracy tastes treats.
Two trains travel together to Toyland.
Winter whacks whistley wind.



St. Valentine's Tongue Twisters

Can you say these 10 times fast?

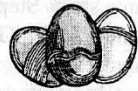
1. I saw Esau kissing Kate.
I saw Esau, he saw me, and she saw I saw Esau.
2. Tina loved Tim, the thin, twin tinsmith.
3. A tree-toad loved a she-toad,
Who lived up in a tree.
He was a two-toed tree-toad,
While a three-toed toad was she.
4. Quick kiss. Quicker kiss. Quickest kiss!
5. Vain Violet's velvet valentine vanished.
6. Sweaty Sam's sweetheart Susie
Swears she's sick of Sweaty Sam;
Sweaty Sam says Susie's silly,
So he's sweet on Sally Ann.
7. King Kong kissed Queen Kate.
8. Six lovesick swans swim.
Swim, swans, swim!
Well swum, swans!



Easter Tongue Twisters... to tangle your tongue...

Can you say these ten times fast??!

1. Busy bunnies bring blue baskets.
2. Each Easter, Eddie eats eighty eggs.
3. Six peeping chicks cheeping cheerily.
4. Jogging jellybeans joke and giggle, jogging jellybeans jump and jiggle.
5. Run, Red Rabbit, run!
6. Bouncing Bunnies Bring Bountiful Treats.



Spooky (Halloween) Tongue Twisters

1. Which witch wished which wicked wish?
2. Ned Nott was shot.
And Sam Shott was not.
So it is better to be Shott than Nott.
Some say Nott was not shot.
But Shott says he shot Nott.
Either the shot Shott shot at Nott
was not shot,

or
Nott was shot.
If the shot Shott shot
shot Shott,
then Shott was shot,
not Nott.
However,
the shot Shott shot shot not Shott –



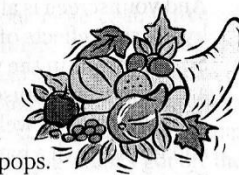
But Nott.

3. There was a little witch which switched from Chichester to Ipswich.
4. If two witches would watch two watches, which witch would watch which watch?
5. There's a sandwich on the sand which was sent by a sane witch.
6. Ghosts and goblins, witches and scarecrows, vampires and black cats,
Bats and spiders, jack-o'lanterns and bobbing for apples,
Haunted houses, trick-or-treaters, and –
Candy!
It's Halloween!
7. Which witch wished which wish?

Thanksgiving Tongue Twisters

Can you say these Thanksgiving tongue twisters ten times fast?

1. Ten tricky two-toed turkeys trotted on the table.
2. Greedy gobblers grabbed the gravy.
3. Floyd flipped five fine flapjacks!
4. Six sick swans slurped soup slowly.
5. Chef chopped cheese chunks cheerfully.
6. Betty baked a better batch of buttered biscuits.
7. Eleven leaping lizards licked lovely lemon lollipops.
8. Peter Pilgrim picked a peck of pickled peppers;
a peck of pickled peppers, Peter Pilgrim picked.
If Peter Pilgrim picked a peck of pickled peppers,
where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Pilgrim picked?
9. Peter Pilgrim picked pretty plump pumpkins!



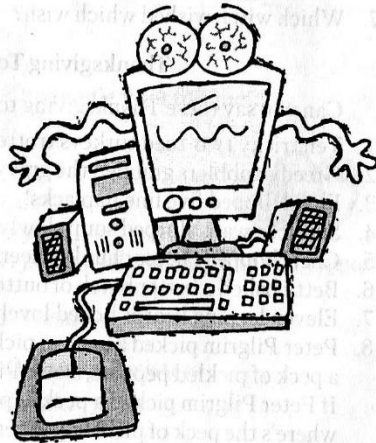
Tongue Twisters About Computer

1. If Dr. Seuss Were a Technical Writer.....
Here's an easy game to play.
Here's an easy thing to say:

If your cursor finds a menu item followed by a dash,
 And the double-clicking icon puts your window in the trash,
 And your data is corrupted 'cause the index doesn't hash,
 Then your situation's hopeless,
 and your system's gonna crash!
 You can't say this? What a shame, sir!
 We'll find you another game, sir.

2. If a packet hits a pocket on a socket on a port,
 And the bus is interrupted as a very last resort,
 And the address of the memory
 makes your floppy disk abort,
 Then the socket packet pocket
 has an error to report!

3. If the label on the cable
 on the table at your house
 Says the network is connected
 to the button on your mouse,
 But your packets want to tunnel
 on another protocol,
 That's repeatedly rejected
 by the printer down the hall,
 And your screen is all distorted
 by the side, effects of gauss,
 So your icons in the window
 are as wavy as a souse,
 Then you may as well reboot
 and go out with a bang,
 'Cause as sure as I'm a poet,
 the sucker's gonna hang!



4. When the copy of your floppy's
 getting sloppy on the disk,
 And the microcode instructions
 cause unnecessary risk,
 Then you have to flash your memory
 and you'll want to ram your rom.
 Quick turn off the computer
 And be sure to tell your mom!

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The Longest Tongue Twister!

A FAT HEN

A fat hen

A fat hen, a couple of ducks

A fat hen, a couple of ducks, three brown bears

A fat hen, a couple of ducks, three brown bears, four more chairs

A fat hen, a couple of ducks, three brown bears, four more chairs, five fat
 frivolous females

A fat hen, a couple of ducks, three brown bears, four more chairs, five fat
 frivolous females, six simple simons sitting on a stump.

A fat hen, a couple of ducks, three brown bears, four more chairs, five fat
 frivolous females, six simple simons sitting on a stump, seven Simbad the
 sailors sailing sailing the seven seas.

A fat hen, a couple of ducks, three brown bears, four more chairs; five fat
 frivolous females, six simple simons sitting on a stump, seven Simbad the
 sailors sailing sailing the seven seas, eight egotistical ecologists evaluating
 the earths expectancy.

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 stinking stump if you stick eleven stocks of liquor in your locker it is slick to
 put a lock upon your stocks, or some joker who is quicker is gonna trick you of
 your liquor if you fail to lock your liquor with a lock!

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Dearest creature in creation ,	/ˈkri:tʃə ʃ-ər / / kri'eɪʃən /
Studying English pronunciation .	/ prəˌnʌnsi'eɪʃən /
I will teach you in me verse	/vɜ:s ʃ vɜ:rs/
Sounds like corpse , corps , horse and	/kɔ:ps/, /kɔ: ʃ kɔ:r/, /hɔ:s ʃ hɔ:rs/,
worse .	/wɜ:s ʃ wɜ:rs/
It will keep you, Susy ^② , busy ,	/'su:zi/, /'bɪzi/
Make your head with heat grow dizzy .	/hed/, /hi:t/, /'dɪzi/
Tear in eye your dress you'll tear .	/tɪə ʃ tɪr/, /teə ʃ ter/
Queer , fair , seer , hear my prayer ,	/kwɪə ʃ kwɪr/, /feə ʃ fer/, /sɪə ʃ sɪr/,
	/hɪə ʃ hɪr/, /preə ʃ prer/
Pray , console your loving poet,	/preɪ/, /kən'səʊl ʃ-'səʊl/
Make my coat look new, dear, sew it!	/kəʊt ʃ kəʊt/, /səʊ ʃ səʊ/
Just compare heart , beard and heard .	/hɑ:t ʃ hɑ:rt/, /bɪəd ʃ bɪrd/, /hɜ:d
	ʃ hɜ:rd/
Dies and diet , lord and word .	/daɪəs/, /'daɪət/, /lɔ:d ʃ lɔ:rd/, /wɜ:d
	ʃ wɜ:rd/
Sword and sward , retain and	/sɔ:d ʃ sɔ:rd/, /swɔ:d ʃ swɔ:rd/,
Britain ^③ ,	/rɪ'teɪn/, /'brɪtɪn/
(Mind the latter, how it's written)	
Made has not the sound of bade :	/meɪd/, /bæd, beɪd/ (the past tense
	and past participle of <i>bid</i>)
Say , said , pay , paid , laid but plaid .	/seɪ/, /sed/, /peɪ/, /peɪd/, /leɪd/,
	/plæd/
Now I surely will not plague you	/pleɪg/
With such words as vague and ague ,	/veɪg/, /'eɪgju:/
But be careful how you speak,	
Say gush , bush , steak , streak , break ,	/gʌʃ/, /bʊʃ/, /steɪk/, /stri:k/, /breɪk/,
bleak ,	/bli:k/
Previous , precious , fuchsia , via ,	/'pri:vɪəs/, /'preʃəs/, /'fju:ʃə/, /'vɪə,
	'vi:ə/
Recipe , pipe , studding-sail ^{②, ③} ,	/'resɪ/əpi/, /paɪp/, /'stʌdɪŋseɪl ^② ,
choir ;	stʌnsɪ ^③ /, /kwɪə ʃ kwɪr/
Woven , oven , how and low ,	/'wəʊvən ʃ 'wəʊ-, /'ɒvən/, /həʊ/,
	/ləʊ ʃ ləʊ/
Script , receipt , shoe , poem , toe .	/skrɪpt/, /rɪ'si:t/, /ʃu:/, /'pəʊɪ/ə'm
	ʃ 'pəʊ-, /təʊ ʃ təʊ/
Say, expecting fraud and trickery :	/frɔ:d ʃ frɔ:d/, /'trɪkəri/
Daughter , laughter and	/'dɔ:tə ʃ 'dɔ:tər/, /'lɑ:ftə ʃ 'læftər/

Terpsichore [Ⓢ] , Typhoid	/tə:'psɪkərə/ [Ⓢ] , /tɪ:'psɪkərə/ [Ⓢ] , /'taɪfɔɪd/
Branch, ranch, measles, topsails [Ⓢ] , aisles, Missiles, similes, reviles,	/brɑ:ntʃ \$ bræntʃ/, /rɑ:ntʃ \$ ræntʃ/, /'mi:zəlz/, /'tɒpslz/, /aɪlz/ /'mɪsəɪlz \$ mɪsəlz/, /'sɪmlə/ə/lɪ/, /rɪ'vaɪlz/
Wholly, holly, signal, signing,	/'həʊl-li \$ 'həʊ-/ , /'hɒli \$ hɑ:lɪ/, /'sɪgnəl/, /'saɪnɪŋ/
Same examining, but mining. Scholar, vicar and cigar.	/ɪg'zæmɪə/nɪŋ/, /'mɑ:ɪnɪŋ/ /'skɒlə \$ 'skɑ:lər/, /'vɪkə \$ -ər/, /sɪ'gɑ: \$ -'gɑ:r/
Solar, mica, war and far.	/'səʊlə \$ 'səʊlər/, /'mɑ:kə/, /wɔ: \$ wɔ:r/, /fɑ: \$ fɑ:r/
From "desire", desirable – admirable from "admire"	/dɪ'zɑɪə \$ -'zɑɪər/, /dɪ'zɑɪərəbəl \$ -'zɑɪr-/, /'ædɪməərəbəl/ /əd'maɪə \$ -'maɪr/
Lumber, plumber, bier but brier.	/'lʌmbə \$ -ər/, /'plʌmə \$ -ər/, /bɪə \$ bɪr, /'braɪə \$ -ər/ (a briar)
Brougham, renown but known, Knowledge, done, lone, gone, none, tone.	/'brʊ:əm/, /rɪ'naʊn/, /nəʊn \$ nəʊn/ /'nɒlɪdʒ \$ 'nɑ:-/, /dʌn/, /ləʊn \$ ləʊn/, /ɡɒn \$ ɡɒ:n/, /nʌn/, /təʊn \$ təʊn/ /wʌn/, /ə'neɪməni/, /bæl'mɒrəl/ /'kɪtʃɪn/, /'laɪkən, /'lɪʃən/, /'lɔ:ndrɪ \$ 'lɔ:n-/, /'lɒrəl \$ 'lɔ:-, /lɑ:-/
One, anemone, Balmoral [Ⓢ] . Kitchen, lichen, laundry, laurel,	/'gɜ:trʊd/, /'dʒɜ:mən ◀ \$ 'dʒɜ:r-/, /wɪnd/, /waɪnd/
Gertrude [Ⓢ] , German, wind and wind:	
Beau, kind, kindred, queue, man- kind, Tortoise, turquoise, chamois, cham- ois-leather,	/bəʊ \$ bu:, /kaɪnd/, /'kɪndrɪə/d/, /kju:/, /,mæn'kaɪnd/ /'tɔ:təs \$ 'tɔ:r-/, /'tɜ:kwɔɪz, -kwɔɪz \$ 'tɜ:rkwɔɪz/, /'ʃæmwa: \$ 'ʃæmi/, /'ʃæmi ləðə \$ -ər/ /'ri:dɪŋ/, /'redɪŋ/, /'hi:ðən/, /'hedə \$ -ər/, /fə'netɪk/, /'læbərɪnθ/
Reading, Reading [Ⓢ] , heathen, heather. This phonetic labyrinth Gives moss, gross, brook, brooch, ninth, plinth,	/mɒs, \$ mɔ:s/, /grəʊs \$ grəʊs/, /brʊk/, /brəʊtʃ \$ brəʊtʃ/, /naɪnθ/, /plɪnθ/
Have you ever yet endeavoured To pronounce revered and severed,	/ɪn'devəd \$ -əd/, /rɪ'vɪəd \$ -'vɪrd/, /'sevəd \$ 'sevərd/

Demon, lemon, ghoul, foul, soul	/'di:mən/, /'lemən/, /gu:l/, /faʊl/, /səʊl \$ soul/
Peter [Ⓢ] , petrol and patrol? Billet does not end like ballet. Bouquet, wallet, mallet, chalet,	/'pi:tə/, /'petrəl/, /pə'trəʊl \$ -'trəʊl/ /'bɪlɪt/ət/, /'bæleɪ \$ bæ'leɪ/, /bæleɪ/ /bəʊ'keɪ, bu:- \$ bu:, bu:-/, /'wɒlɪt/ət \$ wɑ:-/, /'mæliət/, /'ʃæleɪ \$ ʃæ'leɪ/ /blɑ:d/, /flɑ:d/, /fu:d/ /məʊld \$ mɔ:ld/, /ʃəd (strong - /ʃʊd/), /wʊd/ /'bæŋkwɪt/ət/, /'pækəɪ, 'pækɪ \$ pɑ:kəɪ/ /'kɑ:kɪ \$ 'kæki, 'kɑ:kɪ/ /'dɪskaʊnt/, /'vaɪkaʊnt/, /'vɪskəs/, /ləʊd \$ ləʊd/, /brɔ:d \$ brɔ:d/ /tə'wɔ:d \$ tɔ:rd, twɔ:rd/ (tə'wɔ:dz \$ tɔ:rdz, twɔ:rdz), /'fɔ:wəd \$ fɔ:rwɔ:rd/, /rɪ'wɔ:d \$ 'wɔ:rd/ /'rɪkəʃeɪtɪd/ /'krəʊkeɪ, -ki \$ krou'keɪ/
Banquet is not nearly parquet. Which exactly rhymes with khaki. Discount, viscount and viscous, loud and broad. Toward (towards – especially Brit- ish English), to forward, to reward, Ricocheted. When you correctly say croquet? Right! Your pronunciation's O.K.; Rounded, wounded, grieve and sieve.	
Friend and fiend, alive and live. Is your r correct in higher? Keats asserts it rhymes Thalia [Ⓢ] ; Hugh [Ⓢ] but hug and hood but hoot, Buoyant, minute but minute.	/'raʊndɪ/əd/, /'wʊ:ndɪ/əd/, /gri:v/, /sɪv/ /'frend/, /fɪ:nd/, /ə'laɪv/, /lɪv/ /haɪə/ /ə'sɜ:ts \$ -ɜ:rts/, /θə'laɪə, \$ 'θeɪlɪə, 'θeljə/ /hju:/, /hʌg/, /hʊd/, /hu:t/ /'bɔɪənt \$ 'bɔɪənt, /bu:jənt/, /'mɪnɪ/ət/ (noun and verb) /mɑ:nju:t \$ -nu:t/ (adj) /æb'sɪʒən/, /prɪ'sɪʒən/ /pə'zɪʃən/, /træn'zɪʃən - 'sɪ-/ /'tæli/, /raɪm/ /'menʃənd/, /'pærədəɪm/ /'tʌpəns/, /'θrepəns 'θrɔ:-/, /ti:z/, /'i:zi/ /sɪ:s/, /grɪ:s/, /grɪ:si, -zi/ /'kɔ:nɪəs \$ 'kɔ:r-/, /naɪs/, /və'li:z \$ və'li:s/, /rɪ'vaɪz/ /'reɪbɪ:z/, /'lʌləbaɪz/

Of such puzzling words as nauseous . Rhyming well with cautious , tortuous . You'll envelop lists, I hope.	/ˈnɔ:ziəs, -siəs \$ -'nɔ:ziəs, -fəs/ /'kɔ:ʃəs \$ 'kɔ:-/, /'tɔ:ʃuəs \$ 'tɔ:r - /m'veləp/
In a linen envelope . Would you like some more? You'll have it:	/'lɪnɪ'æn/, /'envələʊp \$ -ləʊp/
Affidavit , David ®, davit ®, To abjure , to perjure . Sheik	/'æfɪ'ə'deɪvɪ'ət/, /'deɪvɪd/, /'dævɪt/ /əb'dʒʊə, æb- \$ -'dʒʊr-/, /'pɜ:dʒə \$ 'pɜ:rdʒər/, /ʃeɪk \$ ʃi:k/ /'ʃek/, /eɪk/
Does not sound like Czech but ache . Liberty , library , heave and heaven .	/'lɪbətɪ \$ -ər/, /'laɪbrəri -bri \$ -breri/, /hi:v/, /'hevən/ /'reɪtʃəl/, /lɒx, lɒk \$ lɑ:k, lɑ:x/, /mə'stɑ:ʃ \$ 'mɑ:stæʃ/, /'levən/ /'hæləʊd \$ -ləʊd/, /ə'laʊd/ /'pi:pəl/, /'lepəd \$ -ərd/, /təʊd \$ təʊd/, /vəʊd/
Rachel ®, loch , moustache , eleven .	/'reɪtʃəl/, /lɒx, lɒk \$ lɑ:k, lɑ:x/, /mə'stɑ:ʃ \$ 'mɑ:stæʃ/, /'levən/ /'hæləʊd \$ -ləʊd/, /ə'laʊd/ /'pi:pəl/, /'lepəd \$ -ərd/, /təʊd \$ təʊd/, /vəʊd/
We say hallowed but allowed . People , leopard , towed but vowed .	/'mɔ:r'əʊvə \$ -əʊvər/ /'mu:və \$ -ər/, /'plʌvə \$ -ər/, /'kləʊvə \$ 'kləʊvər/ /'li:tʃɪz/, /'brɪtʃɪ'əz/, /waɪz/, /prɪ'saɪs/ /'tʃæli'əs/, /pə'li:s/, /laɪs/ /'kæməl/, /'kɑ:nstəbəl \$ 'kɑ:n-/, /ʌn'steɪbəl/
Mark the difference, moreover . Between mover , plover , clover .	/'mɔ:r'əʊvə \$ -əʊvər/ /'mu:və \$ -ər/, /'plʌvə \$ -ər/, /'kləʊvə \$ 'kləʊvər/ /'li:tʃɪz/, /'brɪtʃɪ'əz/, /waɪz/, /prɪ'saɪs/ /'tʃæli'əs/, /pə'li:s/, /laɪs/ /'kæməl/, /'kɑ:nstəbəl \$ 'kɑ:n-/, /ʌn'steɪbəl/
Leeches , breeches , wise precise , Chalice , but police and lice . Camel , constable , unstable ,	/'li:tʃɪz/, /'brɪtʃɪ'əz/, /waɪz/, /prɪ'saɪs/ /'tʃæli'əs/, /pə'li:s/, /laɪs/ /'kæməl/, /'kɑ:nstəbəl \$ 'kɑ:n-/, /ʌn'steɪbəl/
Principle , disciple , label , Petal , penal and canal . Wait , surmise , plait , promise , pal .	/'prɪnsɪ'əpəl/, /dɪ'saɪpəl/, /'leɪbəl/ /'petl/, /'pi:nl/, /kə'næl/ /weɪt/, /sə'maɪz \$ sər-/, /plæt \$ pleɪt, plæt /, /'prɒmɪ'əs \$ 'prɑ:-/, /pæl/ /su:t, sju:t \$ su:t/, /swɪt/, /ru:ɪ'ən/, /'sɜ:kɪ'ət \$ sɜ:r-/, /'kɒndʒuɪ'ət -dɪt \$ 'kɑ:ndʒuɪ'ət/ /'ʃɜ:k \$ ʃɜ:rk/, /bɪ'jɒnd \$ -'jɑ:nd/
Suit , suite , ruin . Circuit , conduit	/'pɜ:l \$ s pɜ:l/, /mɔ:l, mæl \$ mɔ:l/ /'pæl'mæl/ /'mʌsəl/, /'mʌskju'ələ \$ -ər/, /gəʊl \$ gəʊl/, /'aɪən \$ 'aɪərn/ /'tɪmbə \$ -ər/, /'klaɪmə \$ -ər/, /'bʊljən/, /'laɪən/
Rhyme with "shirk it" and "beyond it". But it is not hard to tell. Why it's pall , mall , but Pall Mall ®.	/'pɜ:l \$ s pɜ:l/, /mɔ:l, mæl \$ mɔ:l/ /'pæl'mæl/ /'mʌsəl/, /'mʌskju'ələ \$ -ər/, /gəʊl \$ gəʊl/, /'aɪən \$ 'aɪərn/ /'tɪmbə \$ -ər/, /'klaɪmə \$ -ər/, /'bʊljən/, /'laɪən/
Muscle , muscular , goal , iron ,	/'mʌsəl/, /'mʌskju'ələ \$ -ər/, /gəʊl \$ gəʊl/, /'aɪən \$ 'aɪərn/ /'tɪmbə \$ -ər/, /'klaɪmə \$ -ər/, /'bʊljən/, /'laɪən/
Timber , climber , bullion , lion ,	/'tɪmbə \$ -ər/, /'klaɪmə \$ -ər/, /'bʊljən/, /'laɪən/

Worm and storm , chaise ®, chaos , chair , Senator , spectator , mayor ,	/wɜ:m wɜ:rm/, /stɔ:m \$ stɔ:rm/ /'tʃeɪz/, /'keɪ-ɒs \$ -aɪs /, /tʃeɪ \$ tʃer/ /'senətə/, /spek'teɪtə \$ 'spekteɪtər/ /meə \$ 'meɪər/
Ivy , privy , famous ; clamour	/'aɪvɪ/, /'prɪvɪ/, /'feɪməs/, /'klæmə \$ -mə/
Has the <i>a</i> of drachm ® and enamour rhyme with hammer .	/dræm/, /ɪ'næmə/, /'hæmə \$ -ər/
Pussy , hussy and possess .	/'pʊsi/, /'hʌsi, 'hʌzi/, /pə'zes/ /'dɛzət \$ -ət/, /dɪ'zɜ:t \$ dɪ'zɜ:rt/, /ə'dres \$ ə'dres, 'ædres/
Desert but desert . address .	/'dɛzət \$ -ət/, /dɪ'zɜ:t \$ dɪ'zɜ:rt/, /ə'dres \$ ə'dres, 'ædres/
Golf , wolf , countenance ; lieutenants	/'gɒlf \$ ɡɑ:lf, ɡɔ:lf/, /wʊlf/, /'kaʊntɪ'ə'nəns/, /'leɪ'tenənt \$ lu:'ten-/
Hoist , in lieu of flags, left pennants . Courier , courtier , tomb , bomb , comb ,	/'hɔɪst/, /lju:, lu: \$ lu:/, /'penənts/ /'kʊrɪə \$ -ər/, /'kɔ:tiə \$ 'kɔ:rtɪr/, /tu:m/, /bɒm \$ bɑ:m/, /kəʊm, kəʊm/ /'kaʊl, /'kəʊpəl, /səm (strong - /sʌm/), /həʊm \$ hoʊm/
Cow but Cowper ®, some and home .	/'səʊldʒə \$ 'souldʒər/, /blʌd/, /'θɪkə/ /'kwəʊθ \$ kwəʊθ/, /lɪ'kjuə \$ lɪ'kɜ:r/, /'lɪkə \$ -ər/ /sæd/, /tru:/
" Solder , soldier ! Blood is thicker ." Quoth he, "than liqueur or liquor ."	/'səʊldʒə \$ 'souldʒər/, /blʌd/, /'θɪkə/ /'kwəʊθ \$ kwəʊθ/, /lɪ'kjuə \$ lɪ'kɜ:r/, /'lɪkə \$ -ər/ /sæd/, /tru:/
Making, it is sad but true . In bravado much ado . Stranger does not rhyme with anger . Neither does devour with clangour .	/'brə'vɑ:dəʊ \$ -dɔ:/, /ə'du:/ /'streɪndʒə \$ -ər/, /'æŋgə \$ -ər/ /'naɪðə \$ 'ni:dər/, /dɪ'vaʊə \$ -vaʊr/, /'klæŋə \$ -ər/
Pilot , pivot , gaunt but aunt .	/'paɪlət/, /'pɪvət/, /ɡɔ:nt \$ ɡɔ:nt/, /ɑ:nt \$ ænt/
Font , front , wont , want , grand , and grant .	/'fɒnt \$ fɑ:nt/, /frʌnt/, /wəʊnt \$ wɔ:nt/, /wɒnt \$ wɔ:nt, wɑ:nt/, /'grænd/, /grɑ:nt \$ grænt/
Arsenic , specific , scenic ,	/'ɑ:sənɪk \$ a:r-/, /spɪ'ə'sɪfɪk/, /'si:nɪk/
Relic , rhetoric , hygienic ,	/'relɪk/, /'retərɪk/, /haɪ'dʒɪ:nɪk \$ -'dʒe-, '-dʒi:-/
Gooseberry , goose , and close but close ,	/'ɡu:zbəri, 'gu:z-, 'ɡu:z- \$ 'ɡu:zberi/, /ɡu:s/, /kləʊz \$ kləʊz/ - verb, noun /kləʊs \$ kləʊs/ - adj, adv, noun

Paradise, rise, rose and dose.	/ˈpærədəɪs/, /raɪz/, /rəʊz srouz/, /dəʊs \$ dous/
Say inveigh , neigh but inveigle .	/ɪnˈveɪ/, /neɪ/, /ɪnˈveɪgəl, ɪnˈviː- \$ ɪnˈveɪ-/
Make the latter rhyme with eagle . Mind! Meandering but mean , Valentine and magazine .	/ˈlætə \$ -ər/, /ˈiːgəl/ /maɪnd/, /mɪˈændərɪŋ/, /miːn/ /ˈvæləntaɪn/, /mægəˈziːn \$ ˈmægəziːn/ /bet/, /ˈpeni/
And I bet you, dear, a penny . You say mani (-fold) like many , Which is wrong. Say rapier , pier , Tier (one who ties) but tier . Arch , archangel , pray , does erring	ˈmæni/əfəʊld \$ -fəʊld/, /ˈmeni/ /ˈreɪpiə \$ -ər/, /piə \$ piːr/ /ˈtaɪə/, /tiə \$ tiːr/ /ɑːtʃ \$ ɑːtʃ/, /ˈɑːkændʒəl \$ ˈɑːrk-/, /preɪ/, /ˈɜːrɪŋ/
Rhyme with herring , or with stirring ? Prison , bison , treasure trove ,	/ˈherɪŋ/, /ˈstɜːrɪŋ/ /ˈprɪzən/, /ˈbaɪsən/, /ˈtreʒə trəʊv \$ -ʒər trəʊv/
Treason , hover , cover , cove .	/ˈtriːzən/, /ˈhɒvə \$ ˈhʌvər, ˈhɑː-/, /ˈkʌvə \$ -ər/, /kəʊv \$ kəʊv/
Perseverance , severance . Ribald	/ˌpɜːsɪəˈvɪərəns \$ ˌpɜːrsɪəˈvɪr-/, /ˈsevrəns/, /ˈrɪbəlɪd/
Rhymes (but piebald doesn't) with nibbled . Phaeton ®, pacan , gnat ®, ghat ®, gnaw ,	/ˈpaɪbɔːld \$ -bɔːld/, /ˈnɪbəlɪd/ /ˈfeɪtn/, /ˈpiːən/, /næt/, /ɡɔːt/, /nɔː \$ nɔː/ /ˈliːən, lɪn/, /ˈsɑːkɪk/, /ʃɒn \$ ʃoʊn/, /bəʊn \$ boʊn/, /pʃɔː/
Lien , psychic , shone , bone , pshaw ®.	/daʊn/, /əʊn \$ oʊn/, /rʌf/ /ˈbʊfeɪ \$ bəˈfeɪ/ - noun, /ˈbʌfi/ət/ - verb
Don't be down , my own , but rough it. And distinguish buffet - buffet ;	/bruːd/, /stʊd/, /ruːf \$ ruːf, rʊf/, /rʊk/, /skuːl/, /wʊl/, /buːn/ /ˈwʊstə(r)/, /bəˈlɪn/, /ɪmˈpjʊːn/ /ˈstɜːlɪŋ \$ stɜːr-/
Brood , stood , roof , rook , school , wool , boon , Worcester ®, Boleyn ®, to impugn . Say in sounds correct and sterling Hearse , hear , hearken , year and year- ling .	/hɜːs \$ hɜːrs/, /hɪə \$ hɪr/, /ˈhɑːkən \$ ˈhɑːr-/, /jɪə, jɜː \$ jɪr/, /ˈjɪəlɪŋ, ˈjɜː- \$ ˈjɪr-/ /ˈiːvəl/, /ˈdevəl/, /ˈmetsəʊtɪnt, ˈmedzəʊ- \$ -oʊ-/
Evil , devil , mezzotint , Mind the z! (a gentle hint). Now you	

need not pay attention . To such words as I don't mention . Sounds like pores , pause , pours and paws . Rhyming with the pronoun yours ; Nor are proper names included, Though I often heard, as <i>you</i> did, Funny rhymes to unicorn . Yes, you know them: Vaughan ® and Strachan ®.	/əˈtenʃən/ /ˈmenʃən/ /pɔːz \$ pɔːrɪz/, /pɔːz \$ pɔːz/, /pɔːz \$ pɔːrɪz/, /pɔːz \$ pɔːz/ /jɔːz \$ jɔːrɪz, jɔːrɪz/
No, my maiden , coy and comely . I don't want to speak of Cholmondeley . No. Yet Froude , compared with proud . But mind trivial and vial . Tripod , menial , denial ,	ˈjuːni/əkɔːm \$ -ɔːrn/ /vɔːn/, /strɔːn/ /ˈmeɪdn/, /kɔɪ/, /ˈkæmli/ /ˈtʃʌmli/ /fruːd/, /praʊd/ /ˈtrɪviəl/, /ˈvaɪəl/ /ˈtraɪpɒd \$ -pɑːd/, /ˈmiːniəl/, /dɪˈneɪəl/
Troll and trolley , realm and ream .	/trɔʊl, trɒl \$ trouəl/, /ˈtrɒli ˈtrɔːli/ /reɪlm/, /riːm/
Schedule , mischief , schism and scheme . Argill ®, gill , Argyle , gill . Surely May be made to rhyme with Raleigh ®.	/ˈʃedjuːl, ˈske- \$ ˈskedʒʊl, -dʒəl/, /ˈmɪstʃɪəl/, /ˈskɪzəm, ˈsɪzəm/, /skɪm/ /ˈɑːdʒɪl/, /gɪl/, /ɑːˈgaɪl/, /dʒɪl/ /ˈrɔːli/
But you're not supposed to say: Piquet ® rhymes with sobriquet .	/pɪˈket/, /ˈsəʊbrɪkeɪ \$ ˈsou- /also sou- briquet /suː-/ /ɪnvəlɪd, -lɪ/əd \$ -lɪ/əd/ - noun, /ɪnˈvæɪl/əd/ - adj
Had this invalid invalid .	/ˈpæɪl/əd/ /ɪnˈkuːθ/, /ˈkaʊtʃənt/, /ˈpɔːtsməθ/ /zjuːs/, /θɪːbz/, /ˈθeliːz/, /æfrəʊˈdɑːrtɪ/ /ˈpærəmʊə \$ -mʊr/, /ɪˈnæməd \$ -ərd/ /ˈepɪəsəʊdz \$ -səʊdz/, /æntɪˈpɒdiːz/ /ækwɪˈes/, /ˈɒbsɪ/əkwiːz \$ -ɑːb-/ /ˈgiːzə \$ ˈgaɪzər/ /ˈteɪtəz \$ -ərz/, /ˈreɪzə \$ -ər/ /ˈneɪtʃə \$ -tʃər/, /ˈstætʃə \$ -ər/, /məˈtʃʊə \$ -tʃʊr/
Worthless documents? How pallid . How uncouth he, couchant , looked, When for Portsmouth ® I had booked! Zeus ®, Thebes ®, Thales , Aphrodite ®, Paramour enamoured, flighty! Episodes , antipodes , Acquiesce and obsequies . Please, don't monkey with the geyser , Don't peel taters with razor , Rather say in accents pure: Nature , stature and mature .	

Pious, impious, limb, climb, glumly,	/ˈpi:əs/, /ˈɪmpɪəs/, /lɪm/, /klaɪm/, /ˈglʌmlɪ/
Worsted[®], worsted, crumby, dumbly,	/ˈwʊstɪd/, /ˈwʊstɪ/əd/, /ˈkrʌmɪ/, /ˈdʌmli/
Conquer, conquest, vase, phase, fan,	/ˈkɒŋkə \$ˈkɑ:ŋkər/, /ˈkɒŋkwɛst \$ˈkɑ:ŋ-/; /vɑ:z \$ veɪs, veɪz/, /feɪz/, /fæn/
Wan, sedan and artisan.	/wɒn \$ wɑ:n/, /sɪˈdæn/, /ɑ:ti/əˈzæn \$ˈɑ:rtɪ/əzən/
The <i>th</i> will surely trouble you more than <i>r</i> , <i>ch</i> , or <i>w</i> .	
May then these phonetic gems:	/dʒɛmz/
Thomas[®], thyme, Theresa[®], Thames[®],	/ˈtɒməs/, /taɪm/, /tɪˈri:zə, təˈri:zə/, /temz/
Thompson, Chatham[®],	/ˈtɒmpsn \$ ta:-/, /tʃætəm/
There are more but I forget 'em – Wait! I've got it: Anthony[®],	/ˈæntəni/
Lighten your anxiety.	/æŋˈzaiəti/
The archaic word albeit	/ɑːˈkeɪ-ɪk \$ ɑ:r-/, /ɔ:lˈbi:ɪ/ət \$ ɔ:l-/
Does not rhyme with eight – you see it;	/eɪt/
With and forthwith : one has voice, One has not; you make your choice.	/wɪð, wɪθ/, /fɔ:θˈwɪð, -wɪθ \$ fɔ:rθ-/
Shoes, goes, does.	/ʃu:z/, /gəʊz \$ gouz/, /dəz/ (strong /dʌz/)
Now first say: finger;	/ˈfɪŋgə \$ -ər/
Then say: singer, ginger, linger.	/ˈsɪŋə \$ -ər/, /ˈdʒɪŋdʒə \$ -ər/, /ˈlɪŋgə \$ -ər/
Real, zeal, mauve, gauze, gouge and gauge.	/rɪəl/, /zi:l/, /məʊv \$ mouv/, /gɔ:z \$ gɔ:z/, /gəʊdʒ/, /geɪdʒ/
Marriage, foliage, mirage, age.	/ˈmæɪrɪdʒ/, /ˈfəʊli-ɪdʒ \$ ˈfou-/, /ˈmɪrɑ:ʒ \$ mɪ/əˈrɑ:ʒ/, /eɪdʒ/
Hero, heron, query, very,	/ˈhɪərəʊ \$ ˈhɪrou/, /ˈherən/, /ˈkwɪəri \$ ˈkwɪri/, /ˈveri/
Parry, tarry, fury, bury,	/ˈpæri/, /ˈtæri/, (/ˈtæri)- adj, /ˈfjuəri \$ ˈfju:ri/, /ˈberi/
Dost[®], lost, post and doth, moth, loth,	/dʌst/, /lɒst \$ lɒst/, /pəʊst \$ poust/, /dʌθ/, /mɒθ \$ mɒ:θ/, /ləʊθ \$ louθ/
Job, Job[®], blossom, bosom, oath.	/dʒɒb \$ dʒɑ:b/, /dʒəʊb/, /ˈblɒsəm \$ ˈblɑ:-/, /ˈbuzəm/, /əʊθ \$ ouθ/

Faugh[®], oppugnant[®], keen oppugners[®], Bowing, bowing[®], banjo-tuners!	/fɔ:/, /ɒˈpju:nənt/, /ɒˈpju:nəz/, /ˈbəʊɪŋ/, /ˈbəʊɪŋ/, /ˈbændʒəʊ \$ -dʒou/ /ˈtju:nəz/ \$ ˈtu:nəz/
Holm you know. But noes, canoes.	/həʊm/, /nəʊ \$ nou/, /nəʊz \$ nouz/, /kəˈnu:z/
Puisne[®], truism, use, to use?	/ˈpju:ni/, /ˈtru:ɪzəm/, /ju:s/, /ju:z/
Though the difference seems little, We say actual , but victual ,	/æktʃuəl/ /ˈvɪtəl/
Seat, sweat, chaste, caste, Leigh[®], eight, height,	/sɪt/, /swet/, /tʃeɪst/, /kɑ:st \$ kæst/, /li:/, /eɪt/, /haɪt/
Put, nut, granite and unite.	/pʊt/, /nʌt/, /ˈgræni/ət/, /juːˈnaɪt/
Reefer does not rhyme with deaffer.	/ˈri:fə \$ -ər/, /ˈdefə \$ -ər/
Foeffor[®], does, and zephyr, heifer.	/ˈzefə \$ -ər/, /ˈhefə \$ -ər/
Dull, bull, Geoffrey[®], George[®], ate, late,	/dʌl/, /bʊl/, /ˈdʒɛfrɪ/, /dʒɔ:ɪdʒ/, /et, eɪt \$ ert/, /leɪt/
Hint, pint, senate but sedate.	/hɪnt/, /paɪnt/, /ˈsenɪ/ət/, /sɪˈdeɪt/
Gaelic, Arabic, pacific,	/ˈɡeɪlɪk, ɡæɪlɪk/, /ˈærəbɪk/, /pəˈsɪfɪk/
Science, conscience, scientific,	/ˈsaɪəns/, /ˈkɒŋʃəns \$ ˈkɑ:n-/, /ˌsaɪənˈtɪfɪk ◀ /
Tour but our, dour, succour, four,	/tuə \$ tur/, /auə \$ aur/, /duə, ˈdaʊə \$ daur, dʊr/, /ˈsʌkə \$ -ər/, /fɔ: \$ fɔ:r/
Gas, alas and Arkansas[®].	/ɡæs/, /əˈlæs/, /ˈɑ:kənsɔ: \$ ˈɑ:rkənsɔ:/
Say manoeuvre, yacht and vomit.	/məˈnu:və \$ -ər/, /jɒt \$ ja:t/, /ˈvɒmɪ/ət \$ ˈvɑ:-/
Next omit , which differs from it,	/əʊˈmɪt, ə- \$ ou-, ə-/
Bona fide, alibi,	/ˌbɒnəˈfaɪdi \$ ˌbɒnəˈfaɪd/, /ˈæɪlɪ/əbaɪ/
Gyrate, dowry and awry.	/dʒaɪˈreɪt \$ ˌdʒaɪreɪt/, /ˈdaʊəri \$ ˈdaʊri/, /əˈraɪ/
Sea, idea, guinea, area,	/si:/, /aɪˈdiə/, /ˈɡɪni/, /ˈeəriə \$ ˈerɪə/
Psalms, Maria[®] but malaria.	/sɑ:m \$ sɑ:m, sɑ:lm/, /məˈraɪə/, /məˈleəriə \$ -ler-/
Youth, south, southern, cleanse and clean,	/ju:θ/, /saʊθ/, /ˈsʌðən \$ - ərn/, /klenz/, /kli:n/
Doctrine, turpentine, marine.	/ˈdɒktri/ən \$ ˈdɔ:k-/; /ˈtɜ:pəntaɪn \$ ˈtɜ:r-/, /məˈri:n/
Compare alien with Italian,	/ˈeɪliən/, /ɪˈtæliən/
Dandelion with battalion,	/ˈdændəlɪən/, /bəˈtæljən/

Rally with ally; yea, ye, Eye, I, ay ②, aye, whey, key, quay.	/ræli/, /'ælaɪ \$ 'ælaɪ, ə'laɪ/, /jeɪ/, /ji:/ /aɪ/, /aɪ/, /aɪ/, /aɪ/, /vɛɪ/, /ki:/, /ki: \$ keɪ, ki:/
Say aver , but ever, fever ,	/ə'veɪ: \$ ə'veɪr/, /'evə \$ 'evər/, /'fɪvə \$ -ər/
Neither, leisure, skein, receiver and deceiver . Never guess – it is not safe: We say calves, valves, half , but Ralph ③. Starry, granary, canary ,	/'leʒə \$ 'li:ʒər/, /skeɪn/, /rɪ'si:və \$ -ər/, /dɪ'si:və \$ -er/ /kɑ:vz \$ kævz/, /vælvz/, /hɑ:f \$ hæf/, /reɪf, rælf, ra:(l)f/ /'stɑ:ri/, /'grænəri \$ 'greɪ-, 'græ-/, /kə'neəri \$ -'neri/
Crevice but device and eyrie .	/'krevɪəs/, /dɪ'vaɪs/, /'iəri, 'eəri, 'aəri \$ 'iri, 'eri, 'airi/
Face but preface , but grimace . Phlegm, phlegmatic, ass, glass, bass ,	/feɪs/, /'prefɪəs/, /grɪ'meɪs, 'grɪməs/ /flem/, /fleg'mætɪk/, /æss/, /glɑ:s \$ glæs/, /beɪs/
Bass, large, target, gin, give, verging ,	/bæs/, /lɑ:dʒ \$ lɑ:rdʒ/, /tɑ:ɡɪət \$ 'tɑ:r-/, /dʒɪn/, /ɡɪv/, /'vɜ:dʒɪŋ \$ 'vɜ:r-/
Ought, oust, joust and scour but scouring .	/ɔ:t \$ ɔ:t/, /aʊst/, /dʒaʊst/, /skaʊə \$ skaʊr/, /'skɜ:dʒɪŋ \$ skɜ:rdʒɪŋ/
Ear but earn ; and ere and wear	/ɪə \$ ɪr/, /ɜ:n \$ ɜ:rn/, /eə \$ er/, /weə \$ wer/
Do not rhyme with here , but heir . Mind the <i>o</i> of off and often ,	/hɪə \$ hɪr/, /eə \$ er/ /əv, ə (strong /ɒv \$ əv/), ə (strong) \$ ɑ:v/, /ɒf \$ ɒ:f/, /'ɒfən, 'ɒftən \$ 'ɒ:f- /'ɔ:fən \$ ɔ:r-/
Which may be pronounced as orphan . With the sound of saw and sauce ; Also: soft, lost cloth and cross .	/sɔ: \$ sɔ:/, /sɔ:s \$ sɔ:s/ /'ɔ:lsəʊ \$ 'ɔ:lsəʊ/, /sɒft \$ sɒ:fɪ/, /lɒst \$ lɒ:st/, /klɒθ \$ klɒ:θ/, /krɒs \$ krɒ:s/
Pudding, puddle, putting. Putting? Yes: at golf it rhymes with shutting . Respite, spite, consent, resent ,	/'pʊdɪŋ/, /'pʌdl/, /'pʊtɪŋ/, /'pʌtɪŋ/ /'ʃʌtɪŋ/ /'respɪt, -paɪt \$ -pɪt/, /spart/, /kən'sent/, /rɪ'zent/
Liable but Parliament . Seven is right, but so is even . Hyphen, roughen, nephew, Stephen ④,	/'laɪəbəl/, /'pɑ:ləmənt \$ 'pɑ:r- /'sevən/, /'i:vən/ /'haɪfən/, /'rʌfən/, /'nefju:, 'nev- \$ 'nef-, /sti:vən/

Monkey, donkey, clerk and jerk ,	/'mʌŋki/, /'dɒŋki \$ 'dɑ:ŋki/, /klɑ:k \$ klɜ:k/, /dʒɜ:k \$ dʒɜ:rɜ:k/
Asp, grasp, wasp, demesne, cork, work .	/æsp/, /grɑ:sp \$ græsp/, /wɒsp \$ wɑ:sp, wɒ:sp/, /dɪ'meɪn/, /kɔ:k \$ kɔ:rk/, /wɜ:k \$ wɜ:rk/
A of valour, vapid, vapour ,	/eɪ/, /'vælə \$ -ər/, /'væpɪəd/, /'veɪpə \$ -ər/
S of news (compare newspaper).	/es/, /nju:z \$ nu:z/, /'nju:s,peɪpə \$ 'nu:z,peɪpər/
G of gibbet, gibbon, gist , I of antichrist ⑤ and grist , Differ , like diverse and drivers ,	/dʒɪbɪt/, /'dʒɪbɪət/, /'ɡɪbən/, /dʒɪst/ /aɪ/, /'æntɪkraɪst/, /grɪst/ /'dɪfə \$ -ər/, /daɪ'vɜ:s \$ dɪ'ə'vɜ:rs, daɪ-, /'draɪvə \$ -ər/
Rivers, strivers ⑥, shivers, fivers .	/'rɪvəz \$ -ərz/, /'straɪvəz \$ 'straɪvəz/, /'ʃɪvəz \$ -ərz/, /'faɪvəz \$ -ərz/
Once but nonce, toll, doll but roll ,	/wʌns/, /nɒns \$ nɑ:ns/, /təʊl \$ toʊl/, /dɒl \$ dɑ:l, dɔ:l/, /rəʊl \$ roul/
Polish, Polish, poll and Poll .	/'pɒlɪʃ \$ 'pɑ:-/, /'pəʊlɪʃ \$ 'pou-/, /pəʊl \$ pou/, /pɒl/
Pronunciation – think of psyche ! – Is a paling, stout and spiky Won't it make you lose your wits , Writing " groats " and saying grits ? It's a dark abyss or tunnel , Strewn with stones , like rowlock, gunwale , Islington ⑦, and Isle of Wight ⑧, Housewife, verdict and indict .	/prə'nansi'eɪʃən/, /'saɪki/ /'peɪlɪŋ/, /staut/, /'spaɪki/ /lu:z/, /wɪts/ /grəʊts \$ grout/, /grɪts/ /ə'bɪs/, /'tʌnl/ /stru:n/, /stəʊnz \$ stəʊnz/, /'rɒlək \$ 'roulə:k/, /'ɡʌnl/ /'ɪzlɪŋtən/, /aɪləv'waɪt/ /'haʊswaɪf/, /'vɜ:dɪkt \$ 'vɜ:r-, /ɪn'daɪt/
Don't you think so, reader, rather , Saying lather, bather, father ?	/'rɑ:ðə \$ 'ræðər/ /'lɑ:ðə \$ 'læðər/, /'beɪðə \$ -ər/, /'fɑ:ðə \$ -ər/
Finally, which rhymes with enough . Though, through, plough, cough, hough ⑨, or dough, sough, tough ?	/'ɪnʌf/, /ðəʊ \$ ɔ:ʊ/, /θru:/, /pləʊ/, /kɒf \$ kɑ:f/, /hɒk/, /dəʊ \$ dou/, /sau/, /tʌf/
Hiccough has the sound of " cup " ...	/'hɪkʌp, -kəp/, /kʌp/
My advice is: Give it up!	

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THE CREATION OF THE TEACHER

The Good Lord was creating teachers. It was His sixth day of 'overtime' and He knew that this was a tremendous responsibility for teachers would touch the lives of so many impressionable young children. An angel appeared to Him and said, "You are taking a long time to figure this one out."

"Yes," said the Lord, "but have you read the specs on this order?"

TEACHER:

...must stand above all students, yet be on their level
... must be able to do 180 things not connected with the subject being taught

... must run on coffee, coke and leftovers,
... must communicate vital knowledge to all students daily and be right most of the time

... must have more time for others than for herself/himself
... must have a smile that can endure through pay cuts, problematic children, and worried parents

... must go on teaching when parents question every move and others are not supportive

... must have 6 pair of hands.

"Six pair of hands," said the angel, "that's impossible"

"Well," said the Lord, "it is not the hands that are the problem. It is the three pairs of eyes that are presenting the most difficulty!"

The angel looked incredulous, "Three pairs of eyes...on a standard model?"

The Lord nodded His head, "One pair can see a student for what he is and not what others have labeled him as. Another pair of eyes is in the back of the teacher's head to see what should not be seen, but what must be known. The

eyes in the front are only to look at the child as he/she 'acts out' in order to reflect, "I understand and I still believe in you", without so much as saying a word to the child."

"Lord," said the angel, "this is a very large project and I think you should work on it tomorrow".

"I can't," said the Lord, "for I have come very close to creating something much like Myself. I have one that comes to work when he/she is sick.....teaches a class of children that do not want to learn.....has a special place in his/her heart for children who are not his/her own.....understands the struggles of those who have difficulty.....never takes the students for granted..."

The angel looked closely at the model the Lord was creating.

"It is too soft-hearted," said the angel.

"Yes," said the Lord, "but also tough. You cannot imagine what this teacher can endure or do, if necessary".

"Can this teacher think?" asked the angel.

"Not only think," said the Lord, "but reason and compromise."

The angel came closer to have a better look at the model and ran his finger over the teacher's cheek.

"Well, Lord," said the angel, "your job looks fine but there is a leak. I told you that you were putting too much into this model."

You cannot imagine the stress that will be placed upon the teacher."

The Lord moved in closer and lifted the drop of moisture from the teacher's cheek.

It shone and glistened in the light.

"It is not a leak," He said. "It is a tear."

"A tear? What is that?" asked the angel. "What is a tear for?"

The Lord replied with great thought, "It is for the joy and pride of seeing a child accomplish even the smallest task. It is for the loneliness of children who have a hard time to fit in and it is for compassion for the feelings of their parents. It comes from the pain of not being able to reach some children and the disappointment those children feel in themselves. It comes often when a teacher has been with a class for a year and must say good-bye to those students and get ready to welcome a new class."

"My," said the angel. "The tear thing is a great idea... You are a genius!!"

The Lord looked somber, "I didn't put it there."

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