

Lesson 4

Diphthongs: Part 1

- Diphthong [əʊ] as in “coat”
- Diphthong [eɪ] as in “late”
- Diphthong [ɔɪ] as in “toy”
- Diphthong [ɪə] as in “nuclear”

1. Diphthong [əʊ] as in “coat”

Speech Organs position:

Start with a relaxed schwa position [ə] (The first short vowel sound), then bring the lips forward into your short [ʊ] as in "book" position.



P1 is /ə/ as in LETTER



P2 is /ʊ/ as in FOOT

Remember, the first sound is strongest.

Spelling variations for the [əʊ] sound:

o, oa, ow, ew, ough

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Words:

- Highlighted **bold** letters pronounced as [əʊ]:

hope, **o**le, **f**ocus, **th**ose, **bo**th, clo**o**thes, **bo**ld, **o**pen, wh**o**le, **ro**ad, **o**ak, **co**at, gl**ow**, sorr**ow**, pill**ow**, foll**ow**, sparr**ow**, thr**ow**, **sew**, th**ough**

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Sentences:

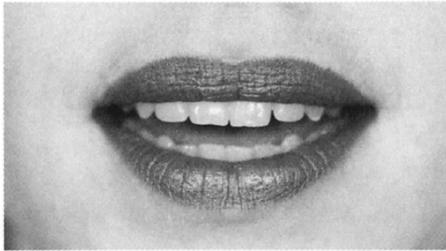
1. **J**oan has a **c**old in her **n**ose because she **r**ode her **p**ony through the **f**rozen **s**now.
2. The **p**oetry of **b**old **p**oems imposed a strange **t**one on the **w**hole **s**how.
3. I **d**on't **k**now when I will come **h**ome, **al**th**ough** I am **c**losely **f**ocusing on the **r**oad. But soon, **m**ost probably, I will **k**now and will **ph**one you as I come **c**loser to our **h**ome.
4. When speaking on the **p**odium keep your **sh**oulders **o**pen!

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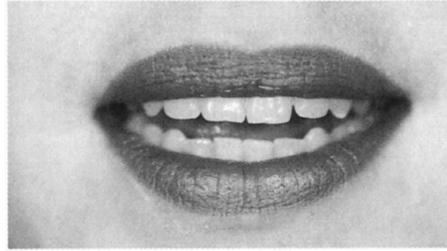
2. Diphthong [eɪ] as in “late”

Speech Organs position:

Starting with [e] as in "pet" (The fifth short vowel sound), and then tongue rises just a little to [ɪ] as in "pit" (The second short vowel sound).



P1 is /e/ as in DRESS



P2 is /ɪ/ as in KIT

Remember, the first sound is strongest.

Spelling variations for the [eɪ] sound:

a, ai, ay, eigh, aigh

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Words:

- Highlighted **bold** letters pronounced as [eɪ]:

take, arr**a**nge, **l**ate, **t**ape, am**a**ze, ch**a**nge, sh**a**pe, stimul**a**te, popul**a**te, **a**im, **r**ainbow, **v**ain, **g**ain, **p**lain, **p**ay, **g**ay, **t**ray, **b**etr**a**y **w**eigh**t**, **e**igh**t**, **s**traigh**t**

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Sentences:

1. The **t**rain at **e**igh**t** was very **l**ate; we left the **s**tation with frustr**a**tion.
2. Betr**a**yed and am**a**zed we **a**imed **h**astily for the **Ch**ain Walk brasserie.
3. We **p**atiently **w**aited in **v**ain for our **f**avourite **t**able to become **v**acant.
4. To **n**ame your child with an **a**ncient **n**ame some **m**ay consider ins**a**ne!
5. All the **f**avourite **c**akes that **J**ane had **m**ade were **p**laced on **t**ray**s**.
6. You must **p**ay any **d**ay if you are going aw**a**y on the **t**rain.

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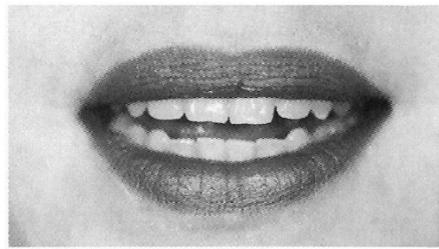
3. Diphthong [ɔɪ] as in “toy”

Speech Organs position:

Starting with a long [ɔ:] sound as in "court" (The third long vowel sound), with the lips forward and quite tight, the jaw is fairly closed, the lips relaxed. As you move the tongue it comes a little bit further forward to an [ɪ] position, as in "pit" (The second short vowel sound). The lips are loose and relaxed.



P1 is /ɔ:/ as in TH**OU**GHT



P2 is /ɪ/ as in KIT

Remember, the first sound is strongest.

Spelling variations for the [ɔɪ] sound:

oi, oy

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Words:

- Highlighted **bold** letters pronounced as [ɔɪ]:

coin, expl**oi**t, **mo**isture, **bo**il, **spo**il, **po**ise, an**oi**nt, **so**il, **po**ints, **bro**il, **fo**il, **lo**iter, enjoy**oy**, **lo**yal, annoy**oy**, **ro**yal, **to**y, deco**oy**, destr**oy**

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Sentences:

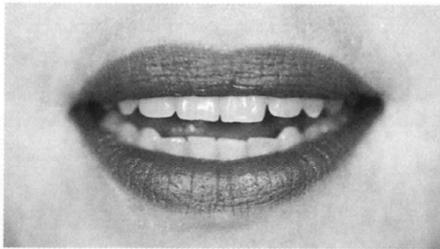
1. **Tro**y was once destr**oy**ed by flam**bo**yant **no**isy soldiers.
2. A **no**isy **vo**ice can be so annoy**oy**ing that the whole image can be spo**il**ed.
3. Rice requires **mo**ist **so**il and months of **to**il.
4. Any **no**ise annoy**oy**s an **oy**ster, but a **no**isy **no**ise annoy**oy**s an **oy**ster most.
5. You can't enjoy**oy** the beef if the **jo**int is covered with **bo**iling **oi**l.
6. **Mo**ira was very annoy**oy**ed at the **bo**isterous **no**ise of her **to**y-**bo**y enjoy**oy**ing his **oy**sters.

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4. Diphthong [ɪə] as in “nuclear”

Speech organs position:

Starting with a short [ɪ] position as in "pit" (The second short vowel sound), then dropping the tongue back into the schwa [ə] (The first short vowel sound).



P1 is /ɪ/ as in KIT



P2 is /ə/ as in LETTER

Remember, the first sound is strongest.

Spelling variations for the [ɪə] sound:

ea, ee, ie, io, iou, ei, er

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Words:

- Highlighted **bold** letters pronounced as [ɪə]:

cer**ea**l, nucl**ea**r, g**ea**r, n**ea**rly, th**ea**tre, ch**ee**r, exper**ie**nce, b**ie**r, p**ie**r, caval**ie**r super**io**r, exter**io**r, myster**io**us, cur**io**us, w**ei**rd, w**ei**r, sph**er**e, inter**fe**re, **he**re, que**er**, p**ee**r, she**er**

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Sentences:

1. V**er**a, d**ea**r, wipe your t**ea**rs, come n**ea**r h**er**e and forget your f**ea**r!
2. My exper**ie**nce of p**ie**rcing V**er**a's **ea**rs was rather w**ei**rd.
3. It was que**er** to exper**ie**nce a y**ea**r with my caval**ie**r p**ee**rs at L**ea**r's.
4. Last y**ea**r I had a delir**io**us exper**ie**nce when I was allowed to st**ee**r the boat n**ea**r the w**ei**r.
5. My t**ea**rfulness soon cl**ea**red when I met the d**ea**r, f**ea**rless, myster**io**us stranger.