

Critical Vowel Sounds

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- about your character
- across the area
- abandon the idea
- enough data
- volunteer for the occasion

A. Schwa Sound

- The screening committee asked me about your character.
- The bull chased the matador across the arena.
- It is impossible for us to abandon the whole idea.
- Have you gathered enough data for your paper?
- Only a handful of volunteer helped.

Initial	Medial	Final
<u>a</u> bout	fa <u>a</u> cade	comma <u>a</u>
<u>a</u> cross	char <u>a</u> cter	ide <u>a</u>
<u>a</u> bandon	co <u>r</u> rect	cinema <u>a</u>
<u>e</u> nough	po <u>r</u> ous	ana <u>e</u> sthesia
<u>e</u> stablish	volu <u>n</u> teer	are <u>n</u> a

B. /æ/ /ä/



<i>/æ/</i>	<i>/ä/</i>	<i>/æ/</i>	<i>/ä/</i>
add	odd	lack	lock
cad	cod	hack	hock
gnat	not	back	bock
smack	smock	sack	sock
chap	chop	knack	knock

C. /æ/ /e/

- a black cat
- on my block
- her watch
- in a pawnshop
- a hack writer

<i>/æ/</i>	<i>/e/</i>	<i>/æ/</i>	<i>/e/</i>
add	Ed	mat	met
pan	pen	lad	led
had	head	sat	set
man	men	flash	flesh
sad	said	latter	letter

- A black cat prowls on my block every night.
- That cat sleeps on a cot.
- My landlady hocked her watch.
- She hocked her watch in a pawnshop.
- He's a hack writer.

- needs a pen
- not a pan
- at bat
- he looks
- a good bet

- I beg you to return my bag.
- Baby Beth enjoys taking a bath.
- I expect to get a letter in the latter part of the month.
- Ben favors the ban on smut films.
- I bet you cannot carry a bat.

- dean of women
- stand the dean
- took a dip
- sit down
- look at the chick
- pecked her cheek
- deep part of the pool
- take a deem view
- leave your seat

D. /i/ /I/

- The dean of women can't stand the din in the hallway.
- He took a dip in the deep part of the pool.
- She was looking closely at the chick when it pecked her cheek.
- People deem it wise to take a dim view of politicians' promises.
- Sit down! Do not leave your seat until I come back.

<i>/i/</i>	<i>/I/</i>	<i>/i/</i>	<i>/I/</i>
deed	did	reap	rip
heat	hit	dean	din
eat	it	peak	pick
reach	rich	leave	live
least	list	sheep	ship

E. /e/ /I/

<i>/e/</i>	<i>/ɪ/</i>	<i>/e/</i>	<i>/ɪ/</i>
bed	bid	etch	itch
send	sinned	pen	pin
wet	wit	sense	since
red	rid	led	lid
bet	bit	peck	pick

F. /ʊ/ /u/

- hid the pen
- sit on the bed
- bring the bell
- will make a well
- sex pills

<i>/ʊ/</i>	<i>/u/</i>	<i>/ʊ/</i>	<i>/u/</i>
cooed	could	Luke	look
fool	full	suit	soot
pool	pull	wooded	would
stewed	stood	shoot	shook
shooed	should	who'd	hood

- I hid the pen, not the pin.
- Set the table and sit down.
- Bring the bell, not the bill.
- When will you feel well?
- Did you say six pills or sex pills?

- pull him up
- out of the pool
- a blue suit
- soot on the sleeve
- book on the hood

- Pull him out of the pool.
- Put on your blue shirt.
- There's a soot on the sleeve of your suit.
- There's a book on the hood of your car.
- Who'd think of putting the car on the site.

- am certainly awed
- tell that oaf
- often paraded in open cars
- low marks in his class
- a big hole in that net

G. /ɔ̃/ /ō/

- I was awed when I learned how much he owed the bank.
- Tell that big oaf to get off the bike immediately.
- He got very low marks in his law class.
- How can you haul a fish in a net with a big hole.

<i>/ɔ̃/</i>	<i>/ō/</i>	<i>/ɔ̃/</i>	<i>/ō/</i>
ought	oat	gall	goal
awed	owed	haul	hole
off	oaf	law	low
often	open	raw	row
gnaw	know	ball	coach

H. /ə/ /ä/

<i>/ə/</i>	<i>/ä/</i>	<i>/ə/</i>	<i>/ä/</i>
bird	bard	curve	carve
burn	barn	fur	far
turn	tarn	firm	farm
lurk	lark	hurt	heart
curt	cart	purse	parse

l. /ei/ /e/

- like a bird
- a burn beside the barn
- curt answer
- a hard time
- fur coat

<i>/ei/</i>	<i>/e/</i>	<i>/ei/</i>	<i>/e/</i>
late	let	rake	wreck
braid	bread	mate	met
blade	bled	tale	tell
quail	quell	shade	shed
waste	west	gate	get

- The English bard sang an old song like a bird.
- There's a burn beside a barn in our farm.
- The bout driving the car gave curt answers.
- He heard you had a hard time in summer camp.
- A mink coat is far more expensive than any other fur coat.

- the late students
- bled to death
- tool shed in the shade
- tell a terrifying tale
- left at the gate

- Let all the late students in.
- He bled to death after he cut his wrist with a razor blade.
- Let's build a tool shed in the shade.
- Tell us a terrifying tale.
- Did you get the package the mailman left at the gate?

Assessment

- Observing the correct pronunciation of Critical Vowels, make a 1 minute radio advertisement for MCU.

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