

VOWEL SOUNDS.

Vowels sounds are sounds that contain no air obstruction in the airstream during the articulation of the sounds. Vowels are 20 in number. There are two types of vowel sounds, namely: monophthong and diphthong

MONOPHTHONG: they are 12 in number.

DIPHTHONG: They are 8 in number.

1. |i| spelling symbols: as in sit, 'e' as in pretty, 'y' as in busy, 'ui' as in biscuit, 'ay' as in Monday, 'u' as in minute, busy, and others.
2. |I:| spelling symbols: 'e' as in strategic, 'ee' as in bee, 'ie' as in ceiling, 'ei' as in magazine, 'oe' as in foetus, 'ae' as in anaemia, 'e...e' as in cede.
3. |e| spelling symbols: 'e' as in bell, 'ea' as in bread, 'a' as in many, 'ai' as in said, 'eo' as in Geography.
4. |ɒe| spelling symbols: saturate, salary, sad, hammer and others.
5. |a:| spelling symbols: 'ar' as car, arson and others. 'a' as in father, 'al' as in palm, 'ale' as in morale, chorale, locale, 'er' as in clerk, heart, and others.
6. |ɔ| as in: wallet, swallow, swap, swan, squabble, en-route, entourage, warrant, kwashiorkor.
7. |ɔ:| as in: sword, dwarf, whore, bald.
8. |u:| as in feud, rude, spoon, clue, Europe, eulogy, womb, souvenir, coup, manoeuvre.
9. |ʌ| as in cup, lust, nothing, country, couple, cousin, touch, honey, done, money.
10. |u| as in buffet, (counter where food is sewed) pulpit, wolf, bosom, courier, put, crook.
11. |ɜ:| as in surge, turn, surgical, bursar, urban, journey, worm, fertile.
12. |a| - doctor, sponsor, ago, police, etc.

DIPHTHONG: It is known as long or impure vowel sound. Also called bisyllabic vowel

13. |ei|- as in baby: capable, fragrant, status, adjacent, affidavit, radiator, liase, heinous, oasis, Noah, fragrance, face, slay, survey, banquet, communiqué, chalet, cafe, sadist.

14. |əu|- as in home: bone, robot, goal, bow, slow, soul, mould, rogue, boast, solar, okra, trophy.
15. |ai|- as in late: didactic, incisor, decipher, fight, bright, tyrant, pity, client, bridle, lullaby.
16. |ou|- as in house
“Ow”- towel, vowel, lower, powder, sow (female pig), rowdy.
“Ou”- cloud, lounge, pound, drought, trouser.
17. |ɔi|- as in boy: noise, rejoice, boil loyal, loyalist, loyalty, soil, etc.
18. |Iɔ|- as in beer: theorem, theorise, theory, hero or heroism, fear, here, souvenir, engineer, weary, eva, series, superior, coherent, serious, weird, interfere.
19. |eə|- as in hair: there, area, tear, where, were, heir, bear, parent, etc.
20. |uə|- as in poor: pure, insurance, insure.