

IPA Vowel Series

Below you will find all the words from our master vocabulary list that. They are listed in groups according to the vowel sound and the IPA symbol that represents each sound.

IPA Vowel sounds series: / ə /

Word list

The following words are from our master vocabulary list. All the words below have the /ə/ sound in the first syllable. Listen to the recording of these words and notice the /ə/ sound in the first syllable.

Spelling: a

ability	according	across	address (v)	agreement
ahead	allow	along	among	amount
announce	another	apartment	appear	apply
around	arrive	attack	attempt	attend
available	avoid	away	career	machine

Spelling: u

successful	supposed
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Spelling: o

collection	commercial	community	compare	completely
concern	concerned	condition	consider	contain
continue	control	opinion	position	production
professor	project (v)	protect	provide	solution

Spelling: e

decide	degree	deliver	demand	department
determine	develop	development	prepare	present (v)
prevent	recall	record (v)	reduce	refer
reflect	reform	refuse	reflect	reform
relate	relation	relationship	religious	remember
replace	reporter	response	return	

Spelling: i

direction	directly	director	discover	discuss
discussion	disease			

IPA Vowel sounds series: / a /

Word list

The following words are from our master vocabulary list. All the words below have the /a/ sound in the first or stressed syllable. Listen to the recording of these words and notice the /a/ sound in the first syllable.

Spelling: a

bar	charge	department	garden	market
particular	particularly	quality	yard	

Spelling: o

drop	economic	economy	follow	knowledge
non-	object	operation	opportunity	policy
popular	possibility	probability	project (n)	property
spot	stock			

IPA Vowel sounds series: / ae /

Word list

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Spelling: a

absence	absolutely	activity	actually	add
address (n)	anything	battle	camera	capital
chance	demand	democratic	exactly	fact
fan	gas	handle	hang	happen
imagine	lack	language	magazine	manage
management	manager	marriage	matter	pattern
perhaps	rather	staff	standard	than
track	travel	value		

Spelling: au

Laugh

IPA Vowel sounds series: / ʊ /

Word list

The following words are from our master vocabulary list. All the words below have the / ʊ / sound in the first or stressed syllable. Listen to the recording of these words and notice the / ʊ / sound in the first syllable.

Spelling: **ou / oo**

would	should	could	book	wood
foot				

IPA Vowel sounds series: / E /

Word list

The following words are from our master vocabulary list. All the words below have the /E/ sound in the first or stressed syllable. Listen to the recording of these words and notice the /E/ sound in the first syllable.

Spelling: **ae**

ahead	dead	head	heavy	instead
measure	weapon			

Spelling: **e**

center	central	check	collection	democratic
develop	economic	edge	effort	employee
energy	enjoy	enter	entire	everybody
example	executive	exist	expect	experience
express	fresh	generally	generation	
independent	medical	member	memory	mention
message	necessary	presence	present (n)	press
pressure	prevent	professor	protect	record (n)
reflect	remember	restaurant	semi~	sense
set	several	step	strength	successful
technology	television	tend	themselves	therefore
whatever	attempt	general		

Spelling: **a**

Spelling: **ue**

compare		guess	

IPA Vowel sounds series: / i /

Word list

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Spelling: e or ee

beginning	behind	beyond	career	deep
detail	evening	event	feed	feeling
meeting	prevent	recent	speech	
speech	reality	realize		

Spelling: ea

clearly	deal	dream	easily	real
reality	realize			

Spelling: ie

field				
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IPA Vowel sounds series: / I /

Word list

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Spelling: i

ability	activity	admit	bill	citizen
condition	consider	continue	critical	deliver
discuss	discussion	distance	district	exist
figure	film	finger	finish	himself
imagine	immediately	improve	include	including
increase	indeed	independent	industry	inside
instead	insurance	interested	interesting	interview
introduce	itself	kitchen	little	middle
military	mis~	mission	original	possibility
prison	religious	responsibility	simple	skill
skin	spirit	stick	victim	video
village	visit	visitor	willing	wind
without				

IPA Vowel sounds series: / o /

Word list

The following words are from our master vocabulary list. All the words below have the /o/ sound in the first or stressed syllable. Listen to the recording of these words and notice the /o/ sound in the first syllable.

Spelling: **or**

acc or ding	bo rn	fo re t	fo rm	fo rw ard
per fo rm	re fo rm	re po rt	sc o re	so rt

Spelling: **o**

al mo st	al o ne	al so	auto~	cl o se
fo o cus	gro o th	ho o pe	ho o tel	intro o duce
o o wn	o o wner	pro o gram	ra o dio	sl o wly
st o ne	sup o sed	to o tal	vide o	

Spelling: **oa / ou**

co o ach
co o urse

Spelling: **ol**

control	go o ld	ho o ld	ho o le
ro o le	so o ldier	wh o le	

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Spelling: **o**

across	along	loss	oil	off
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Spelling: **au**

audience	auto	taught	caught
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Spelling: **aw**

saw	law	lawyer
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Spelling: **ou**

thought

Spelling: **all**

all	ball	fall	call	tall
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IPA Vowel sounds series: /u/

Word list

The following words are from our master vocabulary list. All the words below have the / u / sound in the first or stressed syllable. Listen to the recording of these words and notice the / u / sound in the first syllable.

Spelling: u

future	huge	include	including	introduce
opportunity	reduce	refuse	solution	truth
uni~	unit	usually	value	

Spelling: o / oo

improve	movement	prove	shoot	tool
troop	whom			

Spelling: eau

beautiful

Spelling: ou

through	throughout
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Spelling: ew

newspaper
