

1/What is Vowels?

Phonetically, vowels are the sounds with the greatest sonority (energy/loudness), produced with the least Constriction of the vocal tract. In the production of vowels.

In other words, there is no obstruction to the flow of air when it passes from the lungs to the lips. All vowels are voiced and oral, i.e. produced with the vibration of the vocal cords.

Phonologically, vowels occupy the “heart” of syllables; consonants sound with vowels, at the edges of syllables.

2/What is a Diphthong?

A diphthong is a gliding vowel, where the sound begins as one vowel sound and moves to another vowel sound. Diphthongs can come at the beginning of words (for example out), the middle of words (caught), or the end of words (enjoy). With a diphthong, the two vowels glide together to make a unique sound.

Word lists – Vowels

i /ɪ/ and i: /i:/	/ʊ/ and /u:/	/ɜ:/ and /ɔ:/	/e/ and /ə/	/æ/ and /ʌ/	/ɑ:/ and /ɒ/
1. slip	1. put	1. work	1. met	1. hammer	1. father
2. sleep	2. pooch	2. walk	2. mother	2. under	2. phonics
3. dip	3. foot	3. worm	3. net	3. happy	3. harm
4. deep	4. food	4. warm	4. never	4. hunger	4. horrible
5. minute	5. good	5. her	5. ever	5. band	5. alarm
6. mean	6. goose	6. horse	6. about	6. bump	6. along
7. simple	7. took	7. first	7. feather	7. dagger	7. marks
8. seem	8. tooth	8. fourth	8. father	8. dug	8. modern
9. fit	9. would	9. work	9. Ben	9. panda	9. past
10. feet	10. rude	10. walk	10. basin	10. punter	10. pot

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ai kind and aʊ out	əʊ toe and ɔɪ join	iə ear and eə hair	ʊə pure and ei paint
ai	ə ʊ	iə	ʊ ə
1. kind	1. toe	1. ear	1. pure
2. flight	2. propose	2. bear	2. secure
3. pride	3. toast	3. near	3. manicure
4. height	4. boat	4. fear	4. mature
5. sight	5. coast	5. clear	5. Europe
a ʊ	ɔɪ	eə	ei

1. out	1. join	1. hair	1. paint
2. owl	2. employ <u>y</u>	2. there	2. remain
3. house	3. avoid	3. square	3. rain
4. around	4. law <u>y</u> er	4. stairs	4. stay
5. about	5. spoil	5. prepare	5. sale