

# Main Vowel Sounds of American English Cheat Sheet by Anasutashia via cheatography.com/138213/cs/29089/

/i/ AS IN MEET	
1 ee	meet, feel, see, free, sheet
2 <b>ea</b>	team, reach, mean, sea
3 ie and ei	belief, piece, neither, receive
4 final e	me, we, she, he
5 e + consonant + e	these, Chinese, Peter
6 final y	city, duty, country, ability
7 endings with ique	unique, boutique, critique

/ε/ AS IN GE	- 1

1 <b>e</b>	get, end, next, general
2. <b>- ea</b>	heavy, head, read, measure
exception	ns: said, says again, against, any,
many.	

#### /e\*/ AS IN FUN\*

2. <b>- ou</b>	cousin, country, enough
2. <b>- o</b>	love, done, come, son
1 <b>u</b>	but, fun, summer, drunk

\*The IPA (International Phonetic Alphabet) symbol for the stressed vowel is / n / n and for the

unstressed vowel it is /e/. They are basically the same sound. Throughout this book the /e/

will be used for both. For further study of this reduced, neutral sound, refer to Chapter Five,

which deals with syllable stress and reduced vowels

## /ʊ/ AS IN GOOD

1 o	good, look, childhood, understood
2. <b>- u</b>	push, full, pull, sugar
3. <b>- ould</b>	would, could, should
exception: woman sounds like "wumun"	

# /aɪ/ AS IN TIME

1 <b>y</b>	fly, sky, apply, style
2 i	nice, kind, fine, sign
3. <b>- igh</b>	light, fight, sight, night
4 ie	lie, tie, tried

/I/ AS IN SIT	
1 i	sit, give, this, dinner
2 ui	build, quit, quick, guilty
3 y between consonants	system, gym, symbol, hymn

**exceptions** ": women , sounds like wimin (the o is an /l/ sound)

#### /æ/ AS IN FAT

1.- a hat, apple, man, answer

## WAS IN SAW

1 aw	saw, law, awful, awesome
2 <b>au</b>	author, August, applaud, audition
3. <b>- al</b>	small, walk, tall, always
4 ought	bought, thought, fought
5 aught	daughter, caught
6 <b>0</b>	gone, off, long

# /u/ AS IN TOO

1 00	too, food, school, tool
2. <b>- ue</b>	true, blue, avenue
3 <i>o</i>	do, who, lose, prove
4 ew	new, blew, drew
5 <i>u</i>	super, rule, duty, student

# /aʊ/ AS IN HOUSE

1. <b>- ou</b>	found, loud, around, thousand
2 <b>ow</b>	now, down, crowd, vowel

#### /eɪ/ AS IN TAKE

1 a +	late, came, take, save
consonant + e	
2 ai	rain, wait, pain, aim
3 <b>ay</b>	say, away, play, Monday
4 <b>ey</b>	they, survey, obey
5 eigh	weigh, eight, neighbor, freight
6 a	

less common: April, alien, angel

## /a/ AS IN FATHER

1 o	hot, stop, modern, job
2 <b>a</b>	father, watch, dark, want

## /oʊ/ AS IN BOAT

1 o	no, don't, home, only
2. <b>- oa</b>	road, coat, boat
3. <b>- ow</b>	own, slow, window
4 ough	though, although

# /er/ AS IN BIRD

1 <b>er</b>	her, mercy, mother, winner
2 ear	heard, learn, earth
3. <b>- ir</b>	first, girl, firm
4,- <b>or</b>	doctor, word, worry
5. <b>- ur</b>	occur, curtain, jury
6. <b>- ure</b>	insecure, culture
7 <b>ar</b>	grammar, collar

#### /ɔɪ/ AS IN BOY

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1. <b>- oi</b>	avoid, oil, moist, join	
2. <b>- ov</b>	eniov, tov, employ, royal	



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