

/i/ AS IN MEET

- 1.- **ee** meet, feel, see, free, sheet
- 2.- **ea** 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

/ɛ/ AS IN GET

- 1.- **e** get, end, next, general
- 2.- **ea** heavy, head, read, measure

exceptions: said, says again, against, any, many,

/ə*/ AS IN FUN*

- 1.- **u** but, fun, summer, drunk
- 2.- **o** love, done, come, son
- 2.- **ou** cousin, country, enough

*The IPA (International Phonetic Alphabet) symbol for the stressed vowel is /ʌ/ and for the unstressed vowel it is /ə/. They are basically the same sound. Throughout this book the /ə/ 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.- **u** push, full, pull, sugar
- 3.- **ould** would, could, should

exception: woman sounds like "wumun"

/aɪ/ AS IN TIME

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

/ɪ/ 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 /ɪ/ sound)

/æ/ AS IN FAT

- 1.- **a** hat, apple, man, answer

/ɔ/ AS IN SAW

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

/u/ AS IN TOO

- 1.- **oo** too, food, school, tool
- 2.- **ue** true, blue, avenue
- 3.- **o** do, who, lose, prove
- 4.- **ew** new, blew, drew
- 5.- **u** super, rule, duty, student

/aʊ/ AS IN HOUSE

- 1.- **ou** found, loud, around, thousand
- 2.- **ow** now, down, crowd, vowel

/eɪ/ AS IN TAKE

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

6.- **a**

less common : April, alien, angel

/ɑ/ AS IN FATHER

- 1.- **o** hot, stop, modern, job
- 2.- **a** father, watch, dark, want

/oʊ/ AS IN BOAT

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

/ər/ AS IN BIRD

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

/ɔɪ/ AS IN BOY

- 1.- **oi** avoid, oil, moist, join
- 2.- **oy** enjoy, toy, employ, royal



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