

PHONETICS

Pronunciation of the **final -ed**. Circle the word which contains a different sound.

1. A) decideded B) lied C) interested D) delighted E) attended
2. A) zipped B) watched C) divided D) helped E) laughed
3. A) looked B) booked C) moved D) washed E) developed
4. A) sorted B) moved C) divided D) twisted E) intended
5. A) marched B) exited C) fished D) looked E) produced
6. A) laughed B) rained C) fixed D) helped E) kissed
7. A) coughed B) used C) called D) damaged E) begged
8. A) missed B) relapsed C) surfed D) danced E) changed

Pronunciation of the **final -s**.

1. In which word is the ending “-s / -es” pronounced /ɪz/? generates ☐ encourages ☐ falls ☐ leaves
2. In which word is the ending “-s / -es” pronounced /ɪz/? pencils ☐ benches ☐ plots ☐ scientists
3. In which word is the ending -s pronounced differently? asks ☐ laughs ☐ months ☐ songs
4. In which word is the ending -s pronounced differently? burns ☐ cups ☐ gloves ☐ pubs
5. In which word is the ending -s pronounced differently? boys ☐ girls ☐ girl's ☐ wages
6. In which word is the ending -s pronounced differently? boats ☐ days ☐ markets ☐ plates
7. In which word is the ending -s pronounced differently? films ☐ records ☐ shirts ☐ umbrellas
8. In which word is the ending -s pronounced differently? foxes ☐ fridges ☐ packets ☐ races

Circle the word which contains a different sound:

VOWELS

1. A) sport B) fox C) bored D) more
2. A) lost B) all C) door D) before
3. A) calm B) car C) park D) swam
4. A) almond B) father C) palm D) trap



Remember: postvocalic -r lengthens the previous vowel.

Long /ɑ:/ is usually before -r, sometimes before -l (not in “salmon” /'sæmən/), and there are a few cases more in Br.E.: *father, after, ask, last, answer, class, bath, path, grass...*

5. A) full B) butcher C) bush D) quick
6. A) cool B) you C) could D) chew
7. A) see B) will C) busy D) village
8. A) bread B) said C) heat D) bed
9. A) borderer B) her C) colourer D) motherer
10. A) and B) about C) focus D) capable
11. A) cough B) enough C) rough D) tough
12. A) before B) bought C) dough D) sword
13. A) search B) sure C) urban D) urgent

DIPHTHONGS

14. A) pie B) shy C) pain D) fine
15. A) where B) cheer C) rare D) air
16. A) age B) danger C) mayor D) nature
17. A) slow B) out C) owl D) count
18. A) noise B) hello C) soap D) snowing
19. A) outside B) now C) bought D) about
20. A) eye B) hate C) height D) high
21. A) cure B) hour C) jury D) tour
22. A) although B) dough C) drought D) though

CONSONANTS

23. A) thief B) tough C) phone D) five
24. A) these B) though C) thrown D) weather



Difference between /θ/ and /ð/

/θ/: think, bath, author, month

/ð/: the, this, other, although

Some difficult words:

/θ/	/ð/
breath (noun)	breathe (verb) /'bri:ð/
mouth (noun)	mouth (verb) /maʊð/ xesticular ca boca, mordisquear
bath (noun)	bathe (verb)
cloth (noun)	clothe (verb)
worth (noun, adj.)	worthy (adj)

Other pronunciations:

Thames /tɛmz/ río Támesis

Thomas /'tɒməs/

thyme /tʌɪm/ tomillo

Thai /taɪ/ tailandés

25. A) heat B) hello C) honour D) how
26. A) heir B) hero C) hotel D) have



Some words with silent /h/: *hour, honour, honorific, honest, honesty, heir, exhausted, vehicle, spellings gh or th like in ghost, ghetto, or Thai.*

27. A) answer B) awake C) wrestler D) write
28. A) youth B) you C) yolk D) juice
29. A) baker B) cinnamon C) equal D) queen
30. A) patient B) pressure C) shame D) which
31. A) casual B) miss C) pleasure D) vision
32. A) please B) books C) scissors D) sir