

TABLE OF CONSONANT SOUNDS* FOLLOWED BY DIPHTHONGS

Students need practice to achieve the balance between the first and second elements of the diphthong. There should be a glide from one to the other. The eight diphthong sounds can be practised using the table below. The columns show all eight as they occur in English words which begin with each of the consonant phonemes. The words are read across the rows and down the columns. The graphemes representing the diphthongs are marked **bold**

	/eɪ/	/aɪ/	/ɔɪ/	/aʊ/	/əʊ/	/ɪə/	/eə/	/ʊə/
/p/	pay, pale, pain/pane, paste	pie, pile, pine pipe, pike	point, poise, poison	pound, powder, pouch	(E.A). Poe poke, pope post	peer/ pier pierce	pear/pair/pare, parent	pour
/b/	bay, babe, bake, base	buy/by/buy bike, bite	boy, boil	bow/bough bound	bow, boat bone, boast	beer/ bier	bear/bare	boor
/t/	tail/tale tame, taste	tie/Thai tight, tile	toy, toil	town, tout	tow/toe toad, toast	tear/tier	tear/tare	tour
/d/	day, dame, Dane, daze	die/dye, dine, dice	doiley	Dow,down doubt	doe/dough don't, dose	dear/ deer	dare	dour
/k/	K, cake cane, case	kind, kite Kyle	coy, coil	cow, count crown	co.cope code,coke		care	
/g/	gay, game, gape, gauge	guy, guide, guile, guise	goitre	gown, gout	go, goat goad	gear	garish	
/f/	fay/fey, fail, fame	fight, file, fine, five	foil, foist	fowl/foul found	foe, phone, folk,phobia	fear, fierce	fair/fare fairy	
/v/	vain/vane, vase (US)	vie, vile, vine, virus	voice void	vow, voucher	vote, vogue	veer	vary, various	
/θ/	Thales, thane	thigh		thousand				
/ð/	they	thy		thou	though, those		there their	
/s/	say, sake, sail, save	sigh, sign site/sight	soy, soil	sow, south	sew/sow soak, soap	seer/sear		
/ʃ/	shake, shame shape, shave	shy, shine		shout, shower	Show, Seona	sheer	share	sure
/tʃ/	chafe, chain chase	chime, chive	choice	chow	choke, chose	cheer	chair	
/dʒ/	jay/J, Jake, James, jape	jive, giant	joy, join	jowl, joust	Joe, joke, Jones	jeer		jury
/j/	yea, Yale	yikes!		yowl	yodel, yolk/yoke	year	yeah	/p/or /k/+/j/ cure, pure
/m/	may, make, main/mane	my, might mile, mine	moist	mouse, mouth	mow, moan, most	mere	mare/ mayor	
/n/	nay/neigh nail, nape	nigh, nice night/knight	noise	now, noun	no/know nose, note	near		
/w/	way/weigh, wake, wave	why/Y wine while wise		wow! wound p.p. of to wind	woe, won't woke	we're/ wier weird	wear/ ware where	
/r/	ray, race rain/rein/reign	rye/wry rice, rise	Roy	row, round	roe/row road/rode	rear, really	rare,rarely	
/l/	lay, lake, lame late	lie, life, like lime, live	loiter loins	loud, louse, lout	low, load lone. loath	leer	lair, laird	
/h/	hay/hey! hail,hate	hi/high height, hive	hoick, hoist	how, house hound	hoe, hope, home, hose	here/ hear	hair/hare	

* The phoneme /ʒ/ and /ŋ/ never occur in initial position, so these have been excluded.