

## TABLE OF CONSONANT SOUNDS\* FOLLOWED BY LONG VOWELS

The table below contains over 350 words, all of which contain one of the five long vowels. They have been grouped according to that vowel and the consonant phoneme which precedes it. Several words are homophones (words which have the same pronunciation). All the words have been chosen to illustrate the long vowel sounds in the context of words and to point out the connection between English orthography and phonology. The spelling of the respective vowel phonemes is in bold.

	/i:/	/ɑ:/	/u:/	/ɔ:/	/ɜ:/
/p/	P/pea/pee; people peace/piece;	Pa; park; palm pass; past; path	poo/ pooh; pool	paw; pork; Paul pawn/porn	pearl; perk; purr purse
/b/	B/be/bee; beak bean/been	bark/barque balm; barn; bath	boo! boom boon; boost	ball; boar/bore bored; bought	burn; bird; birth burglar; burst
/t/	T/tea/tee; teach teen; teeth	tar; tart; task	tool; tomb tooth	taut/ taught tore; torn; torso	term; terse; Turk turn
/d/	D; deal; dean deed, deep	dance; dark; darn dart	doodle; doom dude	door; dawn daughter	dirge; dirk; dirt dearth
/k/	keen; keel; keep key/quay	calf; calm; car cart; cast/caste	cool; coop coot; coup	cause; core corn; course	kerb/ curb; curl curse; curt; curve
/g/	geek; geese	garden; garment guard	goo; goose ghoul	gall gore; gorge gauze	girl; girth
/f/	feast; fee; feel feat/feet	father/farther farm; fast	food; fool	for/fore/four fork; fault	fir/fur; firm; first
/v/	V; veal; venal Venus	vase; vast	voodoo	vortex; vault vaunt	verb; verge; verse Virgil; virgin
/θ/	Thebes, theme thesis, thief	-	thuja	thaw/Thor; thorn;thought	thermal; third thirty, thirst
/ð/	thee	-	-	-	-
/s/	C/sea/see; seat cease; seize	sarcasm; sardine sergeant	soon; soup; Sue Susan; suit	saw/soar/sore sort/sought	certain; sir; surge surf
/ʃ/	she; sheep sheet;sheen	shard; shaft shark	shoo/ shoe shoot/chute	shore; shorn short	shirk; shirt
/tʃ/	cheap/cheep cheek; cheese	chance; char charm; chart	chew; choose	chalk; chore chortle	chirp; church churl; churn
/dʒ/	G; jeans/genes jeep	jar	Jew; June; juice	jaw; jaundice	germ; Germany jerk; journey
/j/	ye; yeast; yield	yard; yarn	use; ewe/you youth; yew	your/yaw/yore yawn; York	yearn
/m/	meat/meet/mete meal; mean	Ma; margin; mark marvel; mast	mood; moon moose; moot	mall/maul more/moor	merge; mirth murder
/n/	knee;knead/need neat; niece	gnarled; Narnia nasty	noon; noose	naught/nought nor; north	nerd; nurse nurture
/w/	weak/week; weep wheel/weal	-	woo; womb	war/wore; walk ward; wharf	word; work worm; worse
/r/	reach;read/reed reap; reek; reel	Ra; Raj raft; rasp rather	room; rude root/route; ruse	roar; wrought raucous	-
/l/	leak/leek; leaf leap; leave	lard; large; lark last; laugh	loom; loop loose; lose	Lord/laud; law lawn	learn; lurk
/h/	heal/heel;heap heat; heed	hark; hard;harm harsh;heart	who; whose hoop; hoot	hoar/whore horde/hoard	heard; hearse hurl; hurt

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