

Fairfax County Public Schools



Speech-Language Pathology Building Communication Child by Child

THE SOUNDS OF AMERICAN ENGLISH

Consonants

/p/ <u>put</u>	/k/ <u>cat</u>	/f/ <u>fun</u>	/s/ <u>sun</u>	/h/ <u>hat</u>	/l/ <u>like</u>
/b/ <u>boy</u>	/g/ <u>gate</u>	/v/ <u>van</u>	/z/ <u>zoo</u>	/m/ <u>man</u>	/r/ <u>rat</u>
/t/ <u>to</u>	/tʃ/ <u>chew</u>	/ʃ/ <u>shoe</u>	/θ/ <u>think</u>	/n/ <u>no</u>	/w/ <u>win</u>
/d/ <u>do</u>	/dʒ/ <u>jump</u>	/ʒ/ <u>measure</u>	/ð/ <u>the</u>	/ŋ/ <u>sing</u>	/j/ <u>yet</u>

Vowels

/i/ <u>eat</u>	/ʌ/ <u>up</u>	/u/ <u>boot</u>
/ɪ/ <u>it</u>	/ə/ <u>away</u>	/ʊ/ <u>book</u>
/e/ <u>ate</u>	/æ/ <u>at</u>	/o/ <u>boat</u>
/ɛ/ <u>bet</u>	/ɑ/ <u>spa</u>	/ɔ/ <u>ought</u>

/r/-Controlled Vowels

/ɜ/ <u>bird</u>	/uə/ <u>tour</u>
/ə/ <u>butter</u>	/ɔə/ <u>or</u>
/iə/ <u>ear</u>	/aɪə/ <u>hire</u>
/eə/ <u>air</u>	/aʊə/ <u>our</u>
/ɑə/ <u>car</u>	/ɔɪə/ <u>foyer</u>

Diphthongs

/aɪ/ <u>ice</u>
/aʊ/ <u>out</u>
/ɔɪ/ <u>boy</u>
/ju/ <u>unit</u>

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