



PRACTICAL PHONETICS

Lesson 3



THE LETTER Y

- The letter Y can function as a vowel or as a consonant. As a vowel, Y has the vowel sounds [i], [ai]. As a consonant, Y has the consonant sound [y] (i.e., a semivowel sound), usually at the beginning of the word and only in the syllable before a vowel.

[i]: baby, hurry, lyrics, mystery;

[ai]: by, try, rely, nylon, type;

[y]: yacht, yard, year, yes, yet, yield, you, young, Yukon.



THE LETTER W

- The letter W represents the vowel sound [u:] in the diphthongs [au] and [ou]: now, how, owl, brown; low, own, bowl.



THE -S/ES ENDING OF NOUNS AND VERBS

- After a voiceless consonant: [s]
- After a voiced consonant or vowel: [z]
- After the letters s, z, x, ch, tch, ge, dge, sh: [iz]

[s]	[z]	[iz]
tapes [teɪps], streets [stri:tɪs], parks [pɑ:rkɪs], chiefs [tʃi:fs], myths [mɪθs]	ribs [rɪbz], kids [kɪdz], legs [legz], leaves [li:vz], clothes [kləʊðz], girls, games, cars, boys, pies [paɪz], cows [kaʊz], cities ['sɪtɪz]	pieces ['pi:sɪz], roses ['rouzɪz], prizes ['praɪzɪz], boxes ['bɒksɪz], coaches ['kəʊtʃɪz], bridges ['brɪdʒɪz], dishes ['dɪʃɪz]
(he) grips [grɪps], writes [raɪts], takes [teɪks], sniffs [snɪfs]	(he) robs [rɒbz], reads [ri:dz], digs [dɪgz], saves [seɪvz], falls, plans, swims, offers, plays, cries, goes [gəʊz], copies ['kɒpɪz]	(he) kisses ['kɪsɪz], loses ['lu:zɪz], relaxes, catches, judges, manages, flashes, washes, rouges
Pip's [pɪps], Kate's [keɪts], Mike's [maɪks], Jeff's [dʒɛfs], Seth's [seθs]	Abe's [eɪbz], Fred's [fredz], Meg's [megz], Olive's ['ɒlɪvz], Ben's [benz], Molly's ['mɒlɪz], Anna's	Chris's ['krɪsɪz], Tess's ['tesɪz], Rose's ['rouzɪz], Liz's ['lɪzɪz], Rex's ['reksɪz], George's ['dʒo:rdʒɪz]



THE -ED ENDING OF VERBS

- After a voiceless consonant: [t]
- After a voiced consonant or vowel: [d]
- After the letters t, d: [ɪd]

[t]	[d]	[ɪd]
stopped [stɒpt], liked [laɪkt], coughed [kɒ:ft], crossed [krɒ:st], released [rɪ'li:st], reached [ri:çt], washed [wɒʃt]	robbed [rɒbd], saved [seɪvd], seized [si:zd], called [kɒ:lɪd], planned, occurred, bathed [beɪðd], managed, played, tried, studied	wanted ['wɒntɪd], hated ['heɪtɪd], counted ['kaʊntɪd], started, needed [ni:did], loaded ['ləʊdɪd], folded, added



CONSONANT COMBINATIONS

Letters	Sounds	Examples
cc	[ks] [k]	accent, accept, access, eccentric, accident; accommodate, account, accuse, occur, acclaim
ch tch	[ch]	chain, check, chief, choose, teacher, much, church; kitchen, catch, match, watch, pitch, stretch
ch (Latin, Greek)	[k]	character, chemical, Chris, archive, mechanic, technical, ache;
ch (French)	[sh]	champagne, charlatan, chef, chic, machine, cache
ck	[k]	black, pack, deck, kick, pick, cracker, pocket, rocket
dge	[j]	bridge, edge, judge, knowledge, budget, badger



gh	[g]	ghost, ghastly, Ghana, ghetto;
	[f]	cough, enough, rough, tough, laugh;
	[-]	though, through, weigh, neighbor, bought, daughter
gu	[g]	guard, guess, guest, guide, guitar, dialogue;
	[gw]	language, linguistics, Guatemala, Nicaragua
ng	[ŋ]	king, sing, singer, singing, bang, long, wrong, tongue;
	[ŋ]+[g]	finger, anger, angry, longer, longest, single
ph	[f]	phone, photograph, phrase, phenomenon, biography
qu	[kw]	quality, question, quite, quote, equal, require;
	[k]	unique, technique, antique, grotesque



sc	[s]	science, scissors, scene, scent, scythe;
	[sk]	scan, scandal, scare, score, Scotch, scuba
sch	[sk]	school, scholar, scheme, schedule;
	[sh]	schnauzer, schedule
sh	[sh]	share, she, shine, shoe, fish, cash, push, punish
th	[θ]	thank, thick, think, thought, thunder, author, breath, bath;
	[ð]	this, that, then, though, father, brother, breathe, bathe
wh	[w]	what, when, where, which, while, why, whale, wheel, white;
	[h]	who, whom, whose, whole
xh	[ks]	exhibition;
	[ks]+[h]	exhumation, exhume, exhale;
	[g]+[z]	exhaust, exhibit, exhilarate, exhort, exhume, exhale



With silent letters	Sounds	Examples
bt, pt	[t]	doubt, debt, subtle; receipt, pterodactyl
kn, gn, pn	[n]	knee, knife, know; gnome, sign, foreign; pneumonia, pneumatic
mb, lm	[m]	lamb, climb, bomb, comb, tomb; calm, palm, salmon
ps	[s]	psalm, pseudonym, psychologist, psychiatrist
rh	[r]	rhapsody, rhetoric, rheumatism, rhythm, rhyme
wr	[r]	wrap, wreck, wrestle, wrinkle, wrist, write, wrong
Letters in the suffix	Sounds	Examples
ti, ci, si, su	[sh]	nation, patient, special, vicious, pension, Asia, sensual, pressure
si, su	[zh]	vision, fusion, Asia, usual, visual, measure, pleasure



- 1) /ðə roud tə hel ɪz peɪvd wɪð gud ɪntɛnsənz/
- 2) /bɜːdz əv ə fɛðər flæk tæɡðər/
- 3) /ə rouliŋ stoun ɡæðərz nou mas/
- 4) /ə watʃt ketəl nəvər bɔɪlz/
- 5) /tʃeɪrɪti bɪɡɪnz æt hoʊm/
- 6) /ɛvri klaʊd hæz ə sɪlvər laɪniŋ/
- 7) /ɡreɪt maɪndz rʌn ɪn ðə seɪm tʃænəlz/



- 8) /məni hændz meɪk laɪt wɜ:k/
- 9) /stɪl wɔ:təz rʌn dɪp/
- 10) /ði ɜ:li bɜ:d kætʃəz ðə wɜ:m/
- 11) /taɪm ænd taɪd weɪt fə nɒʊ mən/
- 12) /əpɔ:tju:nɪti naks bət wʌns/
- 13) /ə ful ænd hɪz mʌni ɔ: sʌn pɑ:təd/
- 14) /ɔ:l wɜ:k ænd nɒʊ pleɪ meɪks dʒæk ə dʌl bɔɪ/



- 15) /ə stɪʃ ɪn taɪm seɪvz naɪn/
- 16) /ɪt teɪks tu tu meɪk ə kwɔrəl/
- 17) /ju kæn tɜn ə saʊz ɪr ɪntu ə sɪlk pɜs/
- 18) /æn æpəl ə deɪ kɪps ðə daktər əweɪ/



The road to Hell is paved with good intentions.

Birds of a feather flock together.

A rolling stone gathers no moss.

A watched kettle never boils.

Charity begins at home.

Every cloud has a silver lining.

Great minds run in the same channels.

Many hands make light work.

Still waters run deep.

The early bird catches the worm.



Time and tide wait for no man.

Opportunity knocks but once.

A fool and his money are soon parted.

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.

A stitch in time saves nine.

It takes two to make a quarrel.

You can't turn a sow's ear into a silk purse.

An apple a day keeps the doctor away.

