

From MacKay, *Phonetics: The Science of Speech Production*

**Exercise 8**

**THE CONSONANTS (AND VOWEL REVIEW)**

Text reference: Chapter 5.

In the previous exercises, we have used only those consonants whose phonetic symbols look familiar to us: /p, t, k, b, d, g, f, s, v, z, r<sup>1</sup>, l, m, n, h, w/. In this exercise, you will have practice in using those consonants whose symbols at first appear unfamiliar. These additional sounds and symbols are:

/θ/ as in thin, thought, ether, Beth

/ð/ as in the, though, either, bathe

/ʃ/ as in ship, issue, sugar, nation (also written /ʃ/)

/ʒ/ as in vision, leisure (also written /ʒ/)

/ŋ/ as in sing, finger, think

/j/ as in yes, Europe

/w/ as in which, when (only for those dialects that maintain this sound)<sup>2</sup>

/tʃ/ as in church, chip, batch (also written /tʃ/ or /tʃ/)

/dʒ/ as in judge, jam (also written /dʒ/ or /dʒ/)

1. judging	dʒɪdʒɪŋ	21. vision	vɪʒən
2. issue	ɪʃu / ɪʃju	22. chopper	tʃɒpə
3. yellow	jelə	23. charger	tʃɑːdʒə
4. thin	θɪn	24. chamber	tʃembə
5. ether	iːθə	25. garage	gəˈrɑːʒ
6. batches	bætʃəz	26. away	əweɪ
7. charging	<del>ts</del> tʃɑːdʒɪŋ	27. pleasure	ˈpleʒə
8. push	pʊʃ	28. thought	θɔːt
9. jamb	dʒæm	29. bashing	bæʃɪŋ
10. yes	jɛs	30. leisure	ˈliːʒə
11. shipper	ʃɪpə	31. virgin	vɜːdʒən
12. lane	leɪn	32. finger	ˈfɪŋɡə
13. hutch	hʌtʃ	33. thorough	θəˈrɒ
14. think	θɪŋk	34. rasping	ræspɪŋ
15. badger	bædʒə	35. hatchet	hætʃət
16. whine	wɑɪn / maɪn	36. sinker	sɪŋkə
17. weather	wɛðə	37. runner	rʌnə
18. whether	wɛðə / wɛðə	38. trade	treɪd
19. watch	watʃ	39. mashing	mæʃɪŋ
20. Beth	bɛθ	40. manning	mæɪnɪŋ

<sup>1</sup> See text Section 5-6.2.2 concerning the use of this symbol.

<sup>2</sup> Note: In handwritten work, the symbol /h<sub>w</sub>/, or the combination /hw/, is less open to misinterpretation than the symbol /w/, which can be mistaken for an (m).

### Exercise 9

#### PRACTICE WITH VOWELS AND CONSONANTS

This is a continuation of Exercise 8, giving you practice transcribing English speech sounds.

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|-------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| 1. shoving  | <u>ʃʌvɪŋ</u>   | 21. witches    | <u>wɪtʃəz</u>                |
| 2. zany     | <u>zəni</u>    | 22. pneumatic  | <u>numæɪtɪk</u>              |
| 3. sinned   | <u>sɪnd</u>    | 23. wither     | <u>wɪðə</u>                  |
| 4. sang     | <u>seŋ</u>     | 24. only       | <u>ɒnli</u>                  |
| 5. fiend    | <u>fɪnd</u>    | 25. jelly      | <u>dʒɛli</u>                 |
| 6. bother   | <u>bəðə</u>    | 26. chafing    | <u>tʃeɪfɪŋ</u>               |
| 7. tough    | <u>tʌf</u>     | 27. lanky      | <u>lɛŋki</u> <sup>or r</sup> |
| 8. colonel  | <u>kənəl</u>   | 28. cherries   | <u>tʃeəri:z</u>              |
| 9. hiccough | <u>hɪkʌp</u>   | 29. perception | <u>pərsɛpʃən</u>             |
| 10. posh    | <u>pəʃ</u>     | 30. chalet     | <u>ʃæle</u>                  |
| 11. jaguar  | <u>dʒæɡwɪə</u> | 31. lathe      | <u>leð</u>                   |
| 12. feather | <u>feðə</u>    | 32. Cairo      | <u>kɛɪrə</u>                 |
| 13. bath    | <u>bæθ</u>     | 33. George     | <u>dʒɔ:rdʒ</u>               |
| 14. chomps  | <u>tʃɑmpz</u>  | 34. omission   | <u>ɒmɪʃən</u>                |
| 15. ethyl   | <u>ɛθəl</u>    | 35. shuffle    | <u>ʃʌfəl</u>                 |
| 16. hanger  | <u>hɛŋə</u>    | 36. raging     | <u>reɪdʒɪŋ</u>               |
| 17. dizzy   | <u>dɪzɪ</u>    | 37. shroud     | <u>ʃraʊd</u>                 |
| 18. flutter | <u>fɪlɪə</u>   | 38. warfare    | <u>wɔ:feə</u>                |
| 19. languid | <u>lɛŋɡwɪd</u> | 39. lithe      | <u>laɪð</u>                  |
| 20. plumber | <u>plʌmə</u>   | 40. wanted     | <u>wɑntəd</u>                |

**Exercise 10**

This is a continuation of Exercise 9.

1. jaunty	<u>dzɔnti</u>	21. judicious	<u>dzudɪsəs</u>
2. cling	<u>kliŋ</u>	22. hitches	<u>hɪtʃəs</u>
3. thunder	<u>θʌndə</u>	23. mingle	<u>mɪŋɡəl</u>
4. channel	<u>tʃænəl</u>	24. when	<u>wɛn mɛn</u>
5. change	<u>tʃeɪndʒ</u>	25. awash	<u>əʊʃ</u>
6. soldier	<u>səldʒə</u>	26. lodge	<u>lɑdʒ</u>
7. shallow	<u>ʃælo</u>	27. chauvinist	<u>ʃovənɪst</u>
8. whip	<u>wɪp mɪp</u>	28. itchy	<u>ɪtʃi</u>
9. lesion	<u>liʒən</u>	29. vicious	<u>vɪʃəs</u>
10. thither	<u>θɪðə</u>	30. clutches	<u>klʌtʃəs</u>
11. trough	<u>trɒf</u>	31. wither	<u>wɪðə</u>
12. vivacious	<u>vəɪveɪs</u>	32. then	<u>ðɛn</u>
13. thatches	<u>θætʃəz</u>	33. shingles <sup>or I</sup>	<u>ʃɪŋɡəlz</u>
14. jaundice	<u>dʒɔndəs</u>	34. thrive	<u>θraɪv</u>
15. shallop	<u>ʃæləp</u>	35. worship	<u>wɜːʃəp</u>
16. fallacious	<u>fəleɪs</u>	36. fishing	<u>fɪʃɪŋ</u>
17. inkling	<u>ɪŋkɪŋ</u>	37. vexacious	<u>veksəʃəs</u>
18. churches	<u>tʃɜːtʃəs</u>	38. jungle	<u>dʒʌŋɡəl</u>
19. witch	<u>wɪtʃ</u>	39. chalice	<u>tʃæltɪs</u>
20. jaw	<u>dʒɔ</u>	40. though	<u>ðo</u>