

The sounds of English

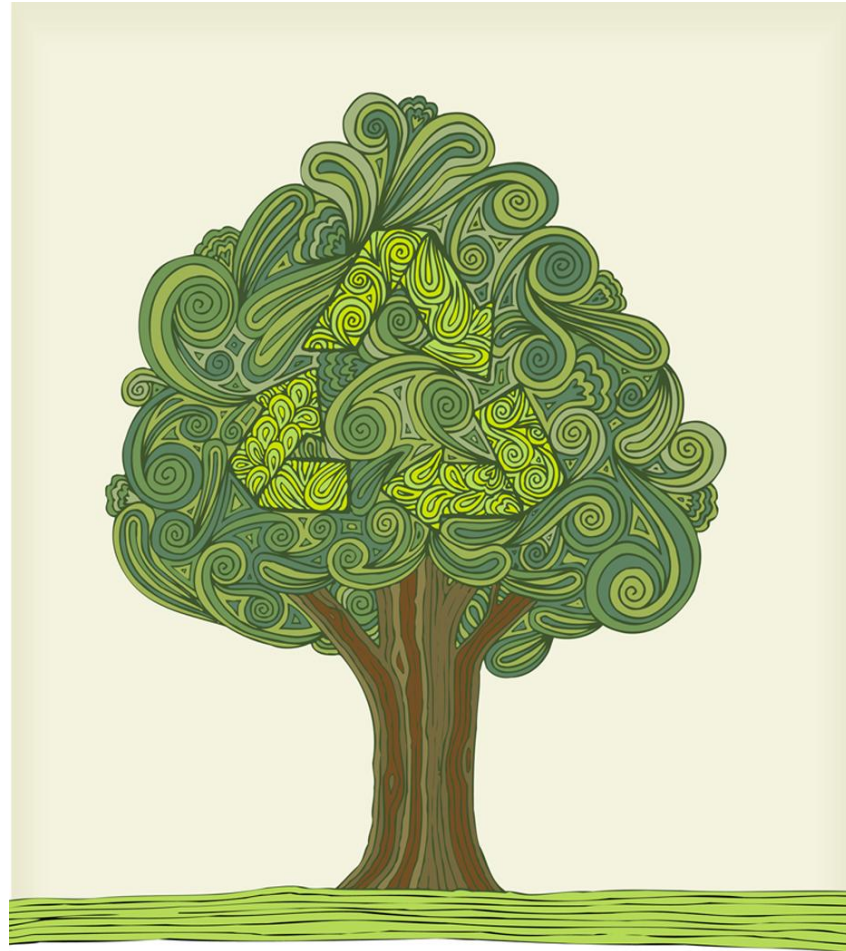
How many sounds?

ENGLISH: 49

FRENCH: 36

Let's focus on the vowels...

/i:/





tree, seize,
piece, peace
keep, creep,
leave, sheep

/I/

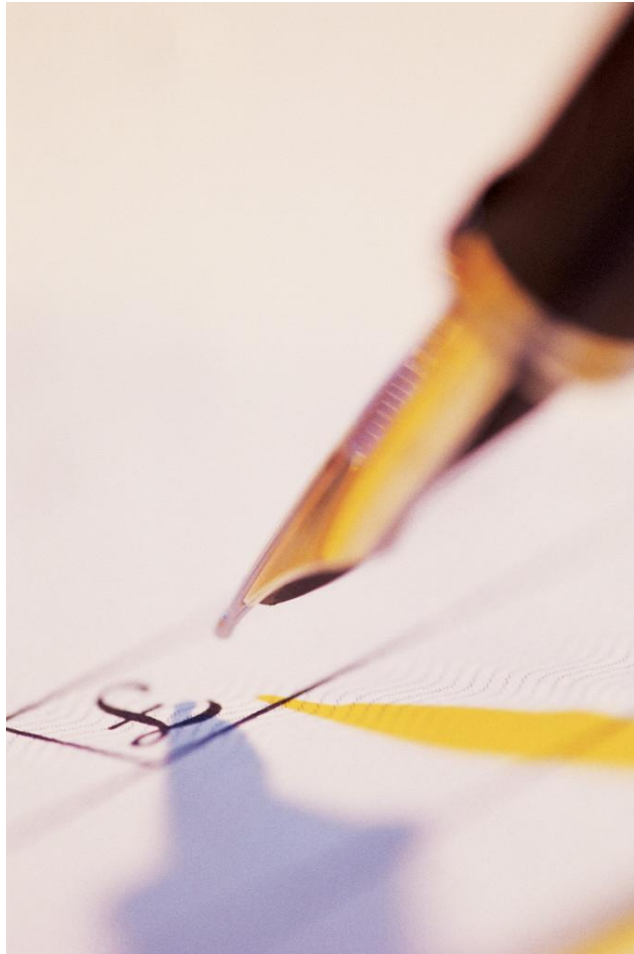


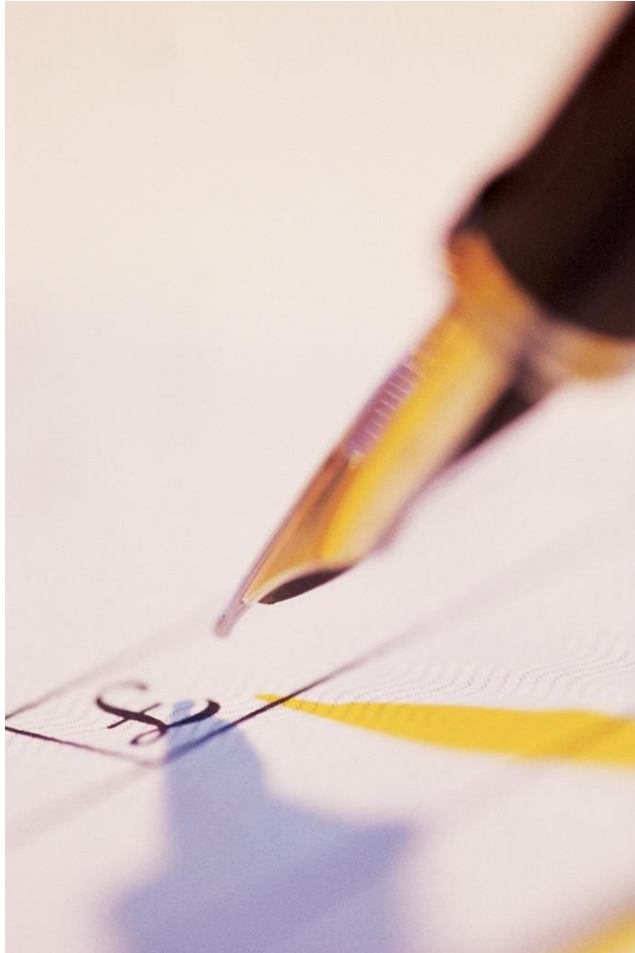


fish, England

kid, kit, live,
ship, trip

/e/





pen, hen, ten,
leather

bed, shed,
red, friend

/æ/





cat, mad, fat,
hat

/ɑ:/





car, far, star,
heart, laugh

/b/





dog, hot,
because,
sausage

/ɔ:/





horse, floor,
door,

cord, roar,
sport

/ʊ/

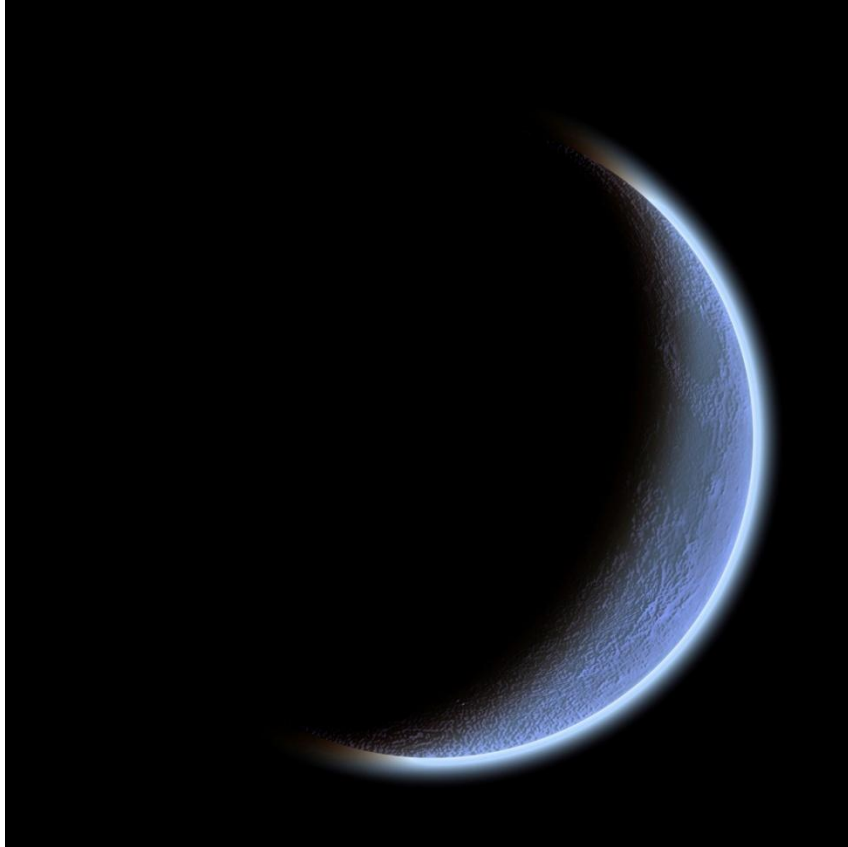




football,
could,
woman,
put, wool

/u:/





pool, smooth,
moon, new
boots, blue

W





bus, mother,
sun, son,
monday

/3:/





bird, girl,
learn, fur

/ə/ (shwa)





America,

Oxford,

bananaa,

police

/eɪ/

* HAPPY *
BIRTHDAY!





make, say,
May, mail

/əʊ/





toad,
shoulder
road, don't

/aɪ/





pie, eye, try
bike, tie, kite

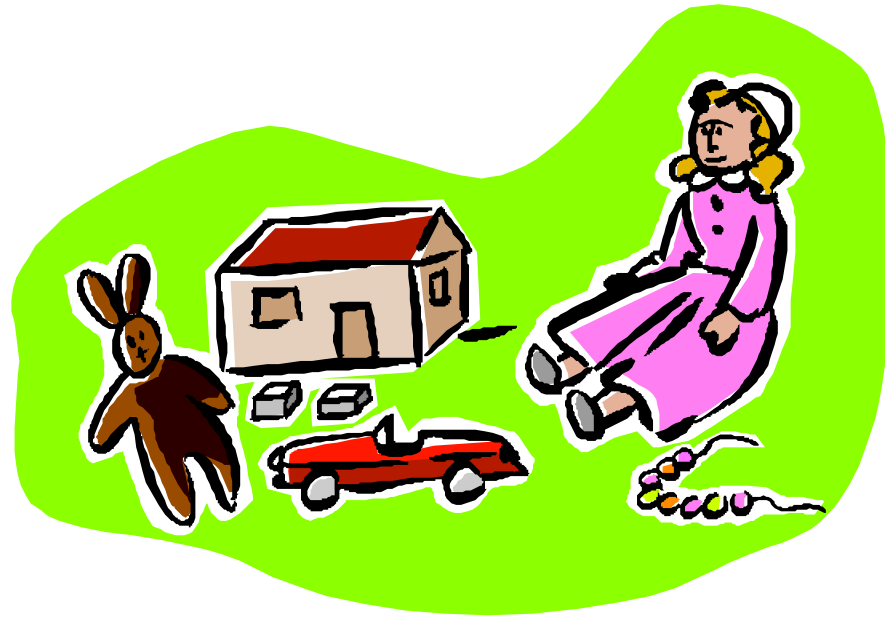
/aʊ/

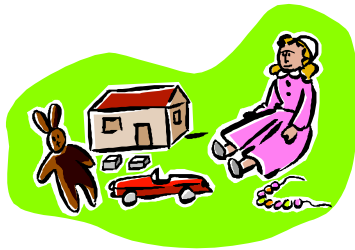




house,
mouse,
cow, brown,
allow,

/ɔɪ/





toy, joy,
enjoy, boy,
Rolls Royce

/ɪə/





beer, here,
fear, dear,
pier, tears,
idea

/eə/





bear, rare, pear,
stair, fair, share,
rare

/və/





**tourist, pure,
poor, sure!**