

WORKING ON YOUR PRONUNCIATION SKILLS

1) Look at the following grid: it is a list of the different vowels that exist in English. Then, classify the following items into the empty grid :

attack - ball - bench - block - eam - competitor - defend - rules - cup - exclude - shirt - warning - partner - jersey

Short vowels		Long vowels	
[ɪ]	swim , did	[i:]	goal <u>ke</u> eper , see
[i]	vol <u>l</u> e <u>y</u> ball, happy	[u:]	bo <u>o</u> ts , sho <u>o</u> t
[ʊ]	fo <u>o</u> tball , bo <u>o</u> k	[ɔ:]	sc <u>o</u> re , do <u>o</u> r
[ɒ]	sh <u>o</u> t , no <u>o</u> t	[ɜ:]	bi <u>r</u> dy , fi <u>r</u> st
[ʌ]	su <u>b</u> stitute, bu <u>t</u>	[ɑ:]	ba <u>r</u> s , la <u>r</u> ge
[æ]	ba <u>ck</u> , ca <u>t</u> , tha <u>t</u>		
[ə]	pl <u>a</u> yer , ri <u>d</u> er		
[e]	ne <u>t</u> , be <u>s</u> t		

Short vowels		Long vowels	
[ɪ]		[i:]	
[i]		[u:]	
[ʊ]		[ɔ:]	
[ɒ]		[ɜ:]	
[ʌ]		[ɑ:]	
[æ]			
[ə]			
[e]			

2) Look at the following grid: it is a list of the different diphthongs (two-vowel sounds) that exist in English. Then, classify the following items into the empty grid.

voice - fake - to clear - game - to disallow a goal - rowing - direct - to blow the whistle - rebound

[aɪ]	f <u>i</u> nal , r <u>i</u> ght , l <u>i</u> ght
[eɪ]	team-m <u>a</u> te , l <u>a</u> te , m <u>a</u> ke
[ɔɪ]	p <u>o</u> int , b <u>o</u> y
[ɔʊ]	yellow <u>o</u> card , thro <u>u</u> (US)
[aʊ]	f <u>o</u> ul , m <u>o</u> uth, n <u>o</u> w
[ɪə]	are <u>a</u> , ye <u>a</u> r
[əʊ]	opponent , thro <u>u</u> (UK)

[aɪ]	
[eɪ]	
[ɔɪ]	
[ɔʊ]	
[aʊ]	
[ɪə]	
[əʊ]	

3) Look at the following grid: it is a list of the different consonants that exist in English.

Consonnes phonétiques plosives	
/ p /	pitch
/ b /	ball
/ t /	tennis
/ d /	diving
/ k /	karate , climbing
/ g /	leg
Consonnes phonétiques fricatives	
/ θ /	three , thank you
/ ð /	the , this , there
/ h /	horse , handball
/ ʃ /	shirt , show
/ s /	send ; set
Consonnes phonétiques affriquées	
/ tʃ /	change ; chair ; Tchernobyl
/ dʒ /	judge ; injury ; didjeridoo
/ ŋ /	ping-pong ; sing
Consonne phonétique rétroflexe	
/ r /	red card

Now let's play a quick board game to work on your pronunciation of consonants! Follow the prompts on the Powerpoint presentation.

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