



Pronunciation Exercises

Exercise 1: Circle the syllable that has the stress in each word.

- Computer: com-pu-ter
- Engineer: en-gi-neer
- Hotel: ho-tel
- Photograph: pho-to-graph
- Banana: ba-na-na
- Understand: un-der-stand
- Transportation: trans-por-ta-tion
- Application: ap-pli-ca-tion

Exercise 2: Choose the correct pronunciation of each word.

- **Talked:** a) /tɔ:kt/ — b) /tɔ:kɪd/
- **Needed:** a) /ni:dɪd/ — b) /ni:dt/
- **Watched:** a) /wɒtʃt/ — b) /wɒtʃɪd/
- **Loved:** a) /lʌvd/ — b) /lʌvɪd/
- **Decided:** a) /dɪ'saɪdɪd/ — b) /dɪ'saɪdt/
- **Helped:** a) /helpt/ — b) /helpɪd/
- **Started:** a) /'stɑ:rtɪd/ — b) /'stɑ:rtɪd/
- **Asked:** a) /æskt/ — b) /æskɪd/
- **Liked:** a) /laɪkt/ — b) /laɪkɪd/
- **Changed:** a) /tʃeɪndʒd/ — b) /tʃeɪndʒɪd/

Exercise 3: For each phonetic symbol, select the word that contains the sound in its pronunciation.

- /θ/ → a) Think — b) Sink
- /æ/ → a) Cat — b) Caught
- /ʃ/ → a) Sheep — b) Cheap
- /eɪ/ → a) Flat — b) Plate
- /ʌ/ → a) Cap — b) Cup
- /dʒ/ → a) Judge — b) Jump
- /ɪ/ → a) Sit — b) Seat
- /uː/ → a) Foot — b) Food
- /ɜː/ → a) Bird — b) Bed
- /ð/ → a) This — b) Fist

Exercise 4: In each set of words, one word has a different vowel or consonant sound than the others. Circle the word that does not belong.

- Think – Thank – Sink
- Ship – Sheep – Cheap
- Cat – Bat – Caught
- Then – This – Thin
- Boot – Food – Foot
- Bird – Word – Bed

- House – How – Loose
- Judge – Just – Juice
- Pit – Pet – Pete
- Hat – Heart – Bat

ANSWER KEY

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- Bird – Word – Bed
Odd word: Bed (/bed/) – The others have /ɜ:/
- House – How – Loose
Odd word: Loose (/lu:s/) – The others have /aʊ/
- Judge – Just – Juice
Odd word: Juice (/dʒu:s/) – The others have /dʒʌ/
- Pit – Pet – Pete
Odd word: Pete (/pi:t/) – The others have /ɪ/ and /ɛ/
- Hat – Heart – Bat
Odd word: Heart (/hɑ:rt/) – The others have /æ/