

THE PHONEMIC ALPHABET

Work through the following. Learn the symbol for each sound.

1. Vowels (1)

- 1) Compare these pairs of sounds. Can you recognize the difference between each pair?

/i:/ see /ɪ/ big
 /u:/ you /ʊ/ book
 /ɔ:/ four /ɒ/ not

- 2) Cover the symbols above and write in the symbol for the words from 1) above.

/ / see / / big
 / / you / / book
 / / four / / not

- 3) Write in the correct symbol for the following word.

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| a. /ɒ/ | h. / / | o. / / |
| hot | wool | feel |
| b. / / | i. / / | p. / / |
| hit | pull | fill |
| c. / / | j. / / | q. / / |
| rude | pill | boot |
| d. / / | k. / / | r. / / |
| read | sit | bought |
| e. / / | l. / / | s. / / |
| good | seat | beat |
| f. / / | m. / / | t. / / |
| God | fall | bit |
| g. / / | n. / / | |
| wall | fool | |

2. Vowels (2)

- 1) Compare these pairs of sounds. Can you hear the difference between each pair?

/e/ bed /æ/ cat
 /ɜ:/ bird /ə/ mother
 /ɑ:/ car /ʌ/ up

- 2) Cover the symbols above and write in the symbol for the words from 1) above.

/ / bed / / cat
 / / bird / / mother
 / / car / / up

- 3) Circle the correct symbol for the vowel sound on the right for the words on the left

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| a. man | /ʌ/ /e/ /æ/ |
| b. men | /ʌ/ /e/ /æ/ |
| c. fast | /ʌ/ /æ/ /ɑ:/ |
| d. first | /ʌ/ /ɜ:/ /ɑ:/ |
| e. head | /ɜ:/ /ə/ /e/ |
| f. had | /æ/ /ʌ/ /ɑ:/ |
| g. heard | /ɜ:/ /ə/ /ɑ:/ |
| h. hard | /æ/ /ʌ/ /ɑ:/ |
| i. pass | /ɑ:/ /e/ /æ/ |
| j. purse | /ɜ:/ /ʌ/ /ə/ |
| k. run | /ɜ:/ /ʌ/ /æ/ |
| l. ran | /ɜ:/ /ʌ/ /æ/ |

Learn the symbol for each sound.