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Навчально-методичний посібник передбачає подальше вдосконалення навичок читання та, як наслідок, вдосконалення навичок мовлення та правопису.

Посібник складається з комплексу теоретичних пояснень та вправ на читання.

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Вступ

Методичний посібник «Правила читання в англійській мові (для студентів із рівнем знань Pre-Intermediate та Intermediate)» призначено для розвитку та вдосконалення вмінь читання англійською мовою, та вдосконалена навичок письма і вимовляння.

Методичний посібник складається з 3 частин, об'єднаних у 12 глав. Поданий матеріал відображає різні правила читання, та, як наслідок, допомагає розвивати навички письма та мовлення.

Система завдань спрямована на вдосконалення навичок читання, а також на розвиток навичок зв'язування графічного та звукового образу слова в єдине ціле в пам'яті студента.

Методичний посібник побудовано таким чином, що кожен розділ можна використовувати окремо, в залежності від потреби.

Посібник має практичне значення та призначений для використання на практичних заняттях (або самостійно) з дисципліни „Англійська мова” у закладах вищої освіти, для студентів із рівнем знання англійської мови А2-В1.

Part I. Four main reading rules

There are four main reading rules in the English language.

Chapter 1. 1st reading type.

The 1st reading type: in an open syllable there is alphabetic reading.

NB! *The letter “e” at the end of a word is silent; its function is only to form an open syllable.*

1.1. Letter “a” makes a sound [ei].

plate	plane	bake	grape
slate	Jane	drake	drape
skate	table	flake	vase
date	crane	lake	data

Ex.1.

a)

cake - sake	mane - make	brame - frame
pale - bale	dane - dake	grane - brane
take - dake	frame - frames	same - James
vase - face	game - came	lace - place

b)

James	Jane	Lane	Abel	Amy
Dave	Jacob	Jake	Kate	Mabel
Sadie				

Ex.2. Some geographical names.

Aden	Adriatic	Capetown
Lagos	Male	Naples
		Wales

Ex.3. Phrases.

Save the date!
Place the space.
Glaze the trace.
Make a trace!

1.2. Letter “e” makes a sound [i:].

me – be	he - we	
Pete – Steve	mete – Bede	Eve – even
evening – even	Swede – Crete	grebe – crepe

Ex.4.

Eden	eve	evil	even	evening
evener	Eton			

1.2.1. Double “ee” is read as one sound [i:].

bee	fee	tree	free	Jee	pee	Dee	lee	
de’gree	refe’ree	de’cree	gran’tee	refu’gee				

Ex.5.

peel	deed	jeep	feet	meeek
steel	need	keep	meet	seek
keel	seed	deep	street	geek
heel	freed	beep	greet	week
keel	seed	seep	beet	spree

feel	tweed	steep	wee
reel	greed	sweep	see
	reed		fee

1.2.2. Double “ee” before “r” forms a sound [ɪə].

beer	career	cheer	cheerful
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Ex. 6.

a)

career	auctioneer	beer	cheer
cheerful	cheerless	peer	deer
Meer	leer	veer	sheer
steer	sneer	jeer	

b) Stress is on the last syllable.

profiteer	volunteer	compeer	overseer
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c)

cheer – cheerful	peer – peerage
steer – steerage	sneer – sneering

1.2.3. Letter combination “ea” makes a sound [ɪ:].

lea	tea	sea	pea
meat – seat	great – feat		
seaman			

! Exception: *break [breɪk], great [greɪt], steak [steɪk]*

! Exception: *breakfast [ˈbrekfəst]*

1.2.4. Letter combinations “ea” before “d”, “th”, “lth”, “-sure”, “-sant” make a sound [e].

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bread feather wealth pleasure pleasant

! Exception: *bead* [bi:d], *read* [ri:d], *lead* [li:d]

Ex. 7.

a)

head	bread	dead	lead	thread
spread	dread			
breath	death	weather	feather	pleather
wealthy	healthy	unhealthy		
pleasure		treasure	treasurer	erasure
measure		composure		
displeasure		pleasurable	measurable	
pleasant		peasant	dean	

b)

heal – head	deal – dead	steal – stead
beat – breath	treat – thread	
lead – lead	read – read	

c)

heed – head	deep – death	breed – breath
breed – bread	deed – dead	reed – read
fleet – lead		

Ex.8.

a)

tea	sea	plea	pea	flea
mea	lea	kea	rea	
eat eaten	eating	easy	ease	
emu eater	East	eagle		

b)

beam peal bead speak

team meal beat peak

seam peal seat steak

bean deal lead freak

lean zeal read leak

jean seal great weak

dean heal neat sneak

c)

leave leap seam neap teal

eagle ease easel eat east

easiness

Ex. 9. Phrases.

Meet me!

Keep sleeping!

Steal meat.

Clean the feet!

Peel the seeds!

See the sea!

1.3. Letters “i” and “y” make a sound [ai].

nice pipe like time die

size ripe dike dime

slice

by fly-sly style tyke

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my	fry – pry	dyke	type
cry	my-dry	syce	Tyne
try			

Ех. 10.

a)

ice	ibex	iceberg	Iris	Iceland
ide	ibis	idyll	icon	Ireland
ivy	item	ice-cream		island
idle	irony	icing	idol	Idem
isolate	ivory	Irish	icy	

b)

pike	bite	time	dice	side
file	kite	dime	vice	hide
gibe	site	wine	ice	pride
life	write	nine	spice	bride
	rite	line		
	tile	pine		

c)

iron	Iris	ide	icon	
lie	tie	die	pie	
try	spy	dry	fry	by
fly	cry	sky	dye	sty

d)

file – mile	mile – pile
fine – dine	lime – crime

pipe – ripe	gripe – stripe
ride – side	bride – pride
drive – wife	strive – wife

e)

my	by	type	dyke
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f) Stress's on the last syllable.

imply	reply	defy	deny	apply
supply	July	comply	unify	clarify
terrify				

Ex. 11. Phrases.

Ride the bicycle

Fly a kite!

Fire the idol.

Drive the wife!

1.4. Letter “o” makes a sound [ou].

rose	scope	joke	hole	open
pose	dope	stoke	dole	close
dose	grope	spoke	pole	
nose	rope			

Ex.12.

a)

go	home – Rome	stone - cone
so	bone – cone	tone – zone
no	crone – stone	prone – Rome
lo	stove – grove	strove – wove

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rose – prose

nose – close

b)

open	opening	openness	opal	ode
omen	oval	only	overcoat	overlap
own	owner	ocean	odium	ogle

c)

pole	bone	Rome	nose	robe	node	joke
dole	tone	dome	pose	probe	soda	stokes
vote	cone	home	rose	hope	ode	poke
note	zone	pome	dose	globe	mode	smoke
note	tome					

d)

notary	potency	rodent	moment
ex`ponent	ex`plosion		
localism	motion	`loco`motion	e`rosion
a`bode	a`tonement	cor`rosion	

Ex.13. Phrases.

No, I don't think so

I don't know

Phone me home

I hope you go home

Don't go home alone

There's no place like home

1.5. Letter “u” makes a sound [ju].

June	mule	mute	tube	hue
duke	super	cute		due

NB! After the letters “r” or “l”, the letter “u” makes a sound [v.]

rude	Bruce	rue	glue
brute	truce	true	clue

Ex. 14.

a)

sue	Sue	hue	clue	cue
true	duel	rue	cues	

b)

truce	duke	tune	rude	cube
Bruce	cute	dune	nude	tube
Hume	mute	June	mude	fule
Lucie	brute		hude	pule
In ‘duce	pute			fume

c)

duty	July	flutist	usual	usually
Neptune				
rescue	tissue	residue	avenues	ex`cuse
cucumber	cumulus			

Ex.15. Phrases.

Duke is super!

Brute truce.

Neptune is flutist.

True glue.

Ex.16. Summary exercise.

pale	Pete	pile	pole	pule
bake	mete	bite	role	rule
make	Feke	dike	dole	duma
safe	Mede	side	soda	spume
grave	grebe	tribe	grove	crude
drake	Creve	drive	drove	drupe
trace	tree	trice	trove	truce

Ex.17. Summary exercise.

glade – glide – globe

dame – dime – dome

grape – ripe – rope

stale – style – stole

raze – rise – rose

tape – type - trope

Ex.18. Summary exercise.

seed – seat

seem - seam

reed –real

green – great

deep – dean

geese - crease

green – cream

deed – deal

peel – peal

meet – meat

see – sea

steel - seal

pee – peal

see – seal

wee – weal

Ex.19. Summary exercise.

Dyke, size, probe, meet, broke, tune, Rome, place, drake, huge, rose, rule, price, tribe, prose, jeep, nude, bite, bone, stove, bate, pride, strike, stroke, truce, prose.

Ex. 20 Personal names.

Steve, Pete, James, Eve, Eva, Pose, Abe, Ada, Beattie, Conan, Cy, Dave, David, Eli, Gabe, Gene, Gladys, Hazel, Greta, Hagar, Hope, Huber, Hugo, Ida, Irina, Ivor, Ivy, Jacob, Jamie, Jane, Janice, Jason, Jean, Josef, Jozy, Judah, Julian, June, Kate, Katie, Laban, Labe, Lee, Lean, Lina, Lisa, Lionel, Lola, Lu, Luke, Lyme, Mabel, Mamie, Meta, Micah, Miles, Mona, Moses, Muriel, Myra, Nate, Neal, Nonie, Obadiah, Octavia, Owen, Penelope, Prudence, Pius, Roland, Romeo, Rory, Ruby, Rufus, Rupert, Rosabella, Sadie, Si, Stevie, Sue, Teresa, Titus, Tobe, Toby, Tony, Trudy, Una, Vi, Vida, Viola, Violet, Zeke, Zoe.

Ex.21. Geographic names.

Arabia, Dee, the Nile, the Avon, Egypt, Bogota, ‘Bohemia, Cuba, Bolivar, Bonin Islands, Brugge, Crete, Galesburg, Freetown, Cana, Delos, Cambodia, Dakota, Adriatic Sea, Greece, Bethlehem, Fiji. Holy Rome.

Ex.22. Summery exercise.

These trees need heat to keep them green.

Each teacher needs to be free to teach as he pleases.

The queen in green screamed.

Please, feel at ease.

Health is better than wealth.

Chapter 2. The 2nd reading rule: reading in a closed syllable.

2.1. Letter “a” makes a sound [æ].

pan	mad	dad	act	apple
anger	sad	pad	pat	man

Ex.23.

a)

apple	act	adder	ankle	annals
amber	alcohol	actor	ant	

b)

can	Sam	mat	cab	nap
Dan	dam	fat	lab	lap
pan	clam	flat	tab	scrap
ran	dam	fact	dab	clap
fan	mam	tact	sab	gap

c)

pan – pane	mad – made	sad – Sade
pad – pace	man – mane	bad – bade

d)

cat – bobcat	nap – kidnap	tax – poll tax
land – Finland	abs – abbot	pad – padding
mad – madness	ass – asset	bad – badminton
act – action	bank – bankrupt	cap – captain

2.2. Letter “e” makes a sound [e].

end	egg	elf	entry	pest
dent	mend	neck	nest	bed

Ex.24.

a)

pen	desk	beg	rent	red
prep	elm	lend	bet	let
lent	kept	swept	send	sent

b)

pen	bed	rep	dress	next
ben	pet	step	press	text
Ren	slept	nep	stress	prex
den	met	prep	cress	crex
men	vent	dep	mess	

c)

sad – set	sand – send	land – lend
pad – pet	cap – kept	crap – crept
bad – bed	van – vent	rap – rep
ran – rend	rat – rest	lab – led

d)

men – meme	met – mete	pet – Pete
led – lead	den – dene	stem – stele
bed – Bede	wed – Swede	met – me

e)

bat – bet – bade	flat – let – late
ass – mess – mace	mass – tress – trace
pan – pen – pane	man – men – mane
dam – den – dame	

2.3. Letters “i” and “y” make a sound [i].

inn	ill	imp	infant	fist
pin	lid	disc	kill	list
syllable	hydro	synced		

2.3.1. At the beginning of a word before a vowel, a letter “y” sounds like [j].

yard [jɑ:d]	year [jɪə]	yes [jes]	you [ju:]
yoghurt [ˈjɒgət]			

Ex. 25.

a)

mil	lid	Sid	six	trip
script	drip	lip	pilling	grip
mill	dig	rid	sting	bring
sling	clink	risk	brisk	crib

b)

Sid – side	mil – mile	grip – gibe
grip – gripe	rid – ride	clip – cline
disc – dice	bid – bide	flip – flite
min – mine	slip – slype	rip – ripe

c)

rid – ride – ridge	line – lane	size – graze
grid – bride – bridge	mile – male	lime – lane
scrib – scribe – midge	style – stale	kite – Kate
mince – mine – midge	type – tape	cite – skate
wince – wine – ridge	rise – craze	pine – pane
quince – twine – twinge		

d)

Sam – sem – sim	lap – let – lid
bad – bed – bid	ran – rem – rim
dam – den – dim	strap – strep – strip
clasp – crest – crisp	tram – trend – trim

Ex.26.

analysis	synonym	yoghurt	syllable	
ill	Bill	Jack	jump	
cross	slept	wing	swing	
crump	connect	trip	swop	
prompt	yes	ell	track	slack
damp	dress	kiss	miss	plan

2.4. Letter “o” makes a sound [ɔ].

ox	omelet	pod	pot	dog
Oscar	otter	box	Tom	moss
oblong	optimist	fox	fog	top

Ex.27.

a)

ox	pox	prod	frond	font
pod	rod	Bob	dog	fog
frog	crop	top	stop	drop

b)

pod	fox	song	gob
rod	pox	long	sob
prod	lox	prong	rob
frond	sox	tong	cob

c)

pod – pole	sod – soda	cross – rose
bon – bone	loss – close	lob – lope
cod – code	cot – cote	not – note
mop – mope	nod – node	hop – hope

d)

clap – clef – clip – clop	mass – mess – miss – moss
sap – step – sip – stop	pram – pen – prim – prom
rap – rep – rip – prop	dram – den – drip – drop
drank – rent – drink – drop	dag – den – dig – dog

2.5. Letter “u” makes a sound [ʌ].

ulster	ultra	pun	bun	dull
umber	uncle	Vulcan	bust	punt
uplift	under	lump	fund	run
bus	trust			

Ex. 28

a)

plump	dump	cut	cub	sum
run	jump	drum	tub	plunk
us	trust	fuzz	sung	trump
hug	tug	drug	jut	crust

b)

plump	cut	cub	run	bus
dump	but	tub	dub	Gus
jump	jut	cup	bun	gnus
crump	lust	rub	gun	muss

c)

cut – cute	but – brute	bus – bused
jut – jute	cup – cue	trust – truce
us – use	tub – tube	hug – huge
plum – plume	run – rune	jut – June

d)

cat – kept – kid – cop – cup
sat – set – sip – sop – sup
pat – pet – pit – pot – bot
clap – clef – clip – clop – cup
stamp – step – stim – stop – stump

Ex.29. Summery exercise.

tram – trek – trip – trop – truss
strap – strep – strip – strop – trust
mass – mess – miss – moss – muss

ham – hem – him – ohm – hum
last – lest – list – lost – lust
bag – beg – big – bog – bug
pan – pen – pin – pond – pun
pram – rent – print – prompt – runt
grand – trend – grind – grog – grunt
drag – dress – drift – drop – drum
stamp – step – stim – stomp – stump
stand – spell – spill – spot – pump
Sam – Nell – Bill – Bob – Nun

Ex.30. Summery exercise.

Clan, drunk, rob, clap, tap, drop, slang, prompt, fox, rod, tank, dress, miss, rank, stim, cut, song, trap, Sam. bat, roll, twig, long, crap, dang, cut, grand, ill, prop, trans, strip, strong, pump, doll, tub, amber, Oscar, Dan, drink, stamp.

Ex.31. Proper names.

Abner, Gibb, Agnes, Al, Bob, Bess, Bill, Caddie, Brett, Constance, Crispin, Dannie, Em, Eddie, Dalby, Dicky, Edwin, Effie, Fanny, Francis, Franklin, Gabriel, Gilda, Gusto, Hester, Hilda, Ingram, Jackie, Jasper, Jemma, Jim, Kelvin, Kitty, Lesly, Linda, Lottie, Max, Mat, Maggie, Natty, Nat, Nell, Nelson, Octavia, Oscar, Paddy, Pam, Pat, Robby, Randal, Rex, Russel, Sal, Sandy, Sally, Stanley, Sydney, Ted, Sylvia.

Ex.32. Geographic names.

Akron, Maska, Alps, Amsterdam, Andaman Islands, Ankara, Andes, Ashville, Brest, Ashland, Finland, Atlantic Ocean, Baffin Bay, Baghdad, Bangkok, Bedford, Bollington, Bonn,

Boston, Gascony, Calgary, Bristol, Dublin, Buckingham, Bronx, Brussels, Bug River, Gulfstream, Findley, Buckland.

Ex.33. Write the words in letters.

[pæn] [desk] [læst] [pen] [dres] [kæt] [trip]
[trʌmp] [kæp].....[spɒt] [ʌs]....[mis] [fæn] [split]
[mɒs] [klæp] [il] [trent] [træm] [rɒd] [risk]
[ræn] [klip] [lænt] [lent] [dɒl] [krisp] [sæm]

Chapter 3. The 3d type of reading: Reading a vowel before a letter “r”.

3.1. Letter “a” before “r” makes a sound [a:] (the letter “r” is silent in the British variant, and is pounced in the American one)

art	army	farm	star	harp
arm	arsenal	car	part	bar
Argo	argon	park	parking	

Ex.34.

a)

far – car – bar – mar – tar – star
car – cart – barn – card – par – carp
part – start – tart – cart – art
arm – farm – darn – barn – tarn – dark

b)

carve – starve	large – barge	sparse
parch – par	march – mar	starch
barge – large	charm – chart	charge

! Exception: word “are” is pronounced as [a:].

c)

b) fame – farm	scape – scar	lake – lark
far - are	Dane – darn	cape – carp
fate – are	make – mark	dark – are
Stake – stark	cave – carve	bake – bark
scar – are	spade – spar	

d)

cat – cart	stab – barb	dad – arm
mat – smart	bad – bard	cad – card
cap – carp	badge – barge	have – hard
bat – Bart	match – march	bad – bard

e)

but – Bart	cuff – carve
cut – cart	us – starve
up – harp	hum – harm
duck – dark	bun – barn
spun – spar	gulf – scarf

3.2. Letter “o” before “r” makes a sound [o:] (letter “r” is silent)

order	form	horn	pork	
orbit	orgy	port	torn	morning

Ex.35.

a)

for – form	nor – norm	or – storm
sort – short	torch – scotch	torn – storn
fork – cork	ford – Cord	born – corn

b)

cod – corn
odd – lord
cock – cork
fog – gorge
Bob – born
non – morn

c)

code – Cord
tone – torn
cone – corn
phone – form
stone – storm
bone – born

d)

card – Cord are – or
are – form farce – force farm – form
start – stort

**3.3. Letters “i”, “e”, “u” before “r” make a sound [ə:]
(letter “r” is silent)**

a)

kern	fern	Bert	err	erne
her	herd	herder	erg	Perl

b)

fir	sir	stir	girl
first	firm	dirt	dirk
bird	circle		

c)

purge	purse	burst	spur	urban
turn	Turk	burn	curl	urn
curve	blurt	hurt	burden	bur

Ex. 36.

a)

dirt – dirty	firm – firman
bird – flirt	sir – circus
first – firstly	kirk – skirmish
firman – chirpy	virgin - girl

! Exception: *were* [ə:]

b)

verb – were
serve – were
fern – were
term – were
herm – were

c)

serve – service
serve – servant
term – thermal
jerk – jerky
nerve – nervy
verb – verbal

merge – merger
term – termer
fern – ferny
germ – German
her – hermit

d)

fur – further	surd – surplus
fur – furnish	Turk – Turkish
fur – furnace	turn – turnip
curl – curly	nurse – murder
surd – sturdy	urge – urgent

e)

curdy – wordy	murder – worship
furnace – worker	churchy – wormy
urgent – workman	murmur – wormy
curly – worldly	

3.3.1. Double “rr” forms a closed syllable and is read like the 2nd type of reading.

terry	ferry	carry	cherry	berry
terrible	error	terror	horror	mirror
barrack	barren	rubber		
Morris	Larry	Jerry	Garry	

E.37. Words beginning with a vowel.

a)

art	army	armful	arm	arson
Argo	arbiter	artistry	arctic	argon
artful	artificial	artless	Argentina	

b)

orb	orbit	orbiter	order	ordering
oar	oarlock	organ	orgy	organism
ornament	ordinance	organist	organizer	Orson

c)

earn	early	ergotis	earth	earthy
earthnut	ergot	err	ergative	Ernst
urban	urbanism	urge	urgent	urn

Ex.38.

farmer – former - termer – firmer – Furner

car – corn – kern – cur – curve

mark – fork – nerd – mirk – murk

far – for – fern – fir – fur

scar – scorn – sperm – skirt – scurf

smart – sort – alert – skirt – spurt

lark – lord – lerp – bird – lurk

Ex.39. Summery exercise.

Oscar, farm, bar, firm, terry, tar, pardon, parking, Lord, lard, dark, ferry, sport, forming, stardom, Jerry, part, fur, fir, carp, carry, terrible, purse, cord, sort, terror, barn, star, mirror, port, tartar, orbit, horror, Turkey, dirty, stir, surf, skirt, blur, hurt, barrack, ford, Scarlet, storm, barren, stork, Perl, curt, card, berry, cord, horn, born, morrow.

Ex. 40. Proper names.

Barney, Bart, Bert, Charles, Earl, Ferdinand, Casper, Clark, Gertie, Gordon, Harvey, Herman, Hubert, Jordan, Orson, Orville, Mercy, Mortimer, Myrtle, Norma, Perceval, Persse, Scarlet, Urban, Ursula, Vernon, Morris, Larry, Jerry, Garry. Harry, Garret, Myrrha.

Ex. 41. Geographical names.

Alberta, Casper, Harbin, Dorchester, Antarctica, ‘Antwerp, Clarksburg, Dorset, Carson City, Carrol, Barking (Town), Barley, Borneo, Bergen, Berkeley, Berne, Burlington, Burma, Berkenhad, Burnley, Birmingham, Cardiff, Cardigan Bay, Cordova, Corfu, Cork, Cornwall, Corsica, Dardanelles, Darlin, Erne, Durban, Forfar, Harvard, Fargo, Fort-de-France, Solway Firth, Palermo.

Chapter 4. 4th type of reading.

4.1. Letter combinations “are”, “ai+r” and “ei+r” make a sound [ɛə].

mare	bare	care	dare	fare
air	pair	hair	fair	pair
chair	share	stair	Clare	

de`pare	re`pair	af`fair	im`pair
compare	declare	prepare	ensnare

Ex. 42.

a)

fair –fairly	hair – hairless	bare –barely
care – careful	air – airless	rare – rarely
care – careless	air – airship	

b)

mar – mare	dark – dare	car – care
spar –spare	star – stare	far – fare
bar – bare	clar - Clare	

c)

mate – mare	wake –ware	cate – care
rake – rare	state – stare	bake - bare
shake – share		

d) Pay attention! If there is a vowel adding after a word, ”r” is sounded.

flare – flaring	stare – staring	dare – daring
spare – sparing	pare – paring	share – sharing
fare – faring	ware – waring	care – caring

fare – vary	mare- Mary	carry – Mary
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4.2. Combination “oa+r’ forms a sound [ə:].

bore pore fore core ore
board boar roar coarse oar
! exception: door floor four your [ə:].

Ex. 43.

a)

yore your more door
fore floor shore four
bore roar your store
ore oar course floor
core coarse more shore
fourth board

b)

afore before ashore aboard
implore explore deplore ignore
oral restore adore

c)

import – implore retort – restore
inform – ignore adorn – adore
export – explore deport – deplore

4.3. Combinations “ee+r” and “ea+r” are read as [iə].

here mere sere deer
beer veer steer fear

Ex. 44.

a)

ear	near	dear	rear	tear
shear	smear	hear	clear	leer
era	zero	Nero		

b)

appear	endear	besmear	arrear
adhere	revere	inhere	sincere
veneer	career		

c)

mete – mere	meat – near	feast – fear
ream – rear	clean – clear	dean – dear
eat – ear	see – steer	been – bear
feel – veer	deep – deer	bee – beer

d)

her – here	serve – sere	verbal – fearing
fir – fear	stern – steer	fern – fear

4.3.1. Combination “ear” + consonant produces a sound

[ɜː].

learn	search	earth	pearl	earn
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Ex.45.

earth	peart	hearth	dearth	earl
early	earner	learn	learner	search
research				
earth-nut		earth-road		

4.4. Combinations ‘ire/ira’, ‘yer’, ‘iry’ make a triphthong [aiə].

mire	hire	tire	fire	tired
byre	pyre	lyre	dyer	
viral	spiral	firing	hiring	

Ex.46.

a)

spire	sire	wire	dire	tier
wiry	virus	tire	dyer	tyrant

b)

admire	attire	inspire	expire
conspire	desire	respire	retire
entire	admire		

c)

fine – fire	type –tire	wide – wire
time – tired	hide – hire	site – sire
spite – spire	mile –mire	pipe – pyre

d)

filling – firing	hiding – hiring	typing – tiring
citing – Cyrus	spiting – spiral	vital – wiry

e)

fir – fire	stir – spire	sir –sire
firm –fire	firm –wire	bird – byre
birch – lyre	serve – sire	stir – sire

4.5. Combinations “u+re”: “u+re” is read as [juə], and “oo+r” makes a sound [uə].

cure pure poor spoor moor

Ex. 47.

a) *Stress is on the second syllable.*

endure	immure	inure	secure
procure	endure	secure	immure
adjure	allure	adjure	allure

b)

purest – purism – jury – curate
mural – fury – lurid – curate
rural – plural – mooring – during
inuring – curing – putting – luring

c)

cute – cure	huge – pure
rule – poor	rude – moor
plume – pure	flute – spoor
jute – poor	June – jure

d)

cur – cure	purr – pure
port – poor	morn – moor
purse – poor	curse – cure

e) *Stress is on the second syllable.*

occur – procure	incur – inure
incurve – secure	demur – demure
recur – endure	recurve – obscure

Ex. 48. Summery exercise.

a)

mat	mate	mar	mare
stack	stake	star	stare
shack	shake	shark	share

b)

cod	code	cork	core
stock	stoke	storm	store
shot	shone	short	shore

c)

net	neat	nerve	near
hen	heat	her	here
pen	peen	pert	peer

d)

fin	fine	fir	fire
spit	spite	spirt	spire
sit	site	sir	sire

e)

cut	cute	curt	cure
punch	pule	purr	pure
plum	plume	blur	lure

4.6. Combination “ou+r” under a stress forms a sound [auə].

our	sour	dour	flour	scour
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Ex. 49.

a)

hour ([auə]) –hourly sour – sourness

flour – floury dour – dourly

flour – flouring sour – souring

b) *When stress is on the first syllable, the combination is read as [ə].*

harbor ardour favour odour

humour splendour vapour armour

parlour flavour tumour candour

NB! *In American the words with “-our” are written without letter “u”, for example “favor”, “humor” and so on. They are read in the same way.*

Ex.50. Proper names.

Mary, Clare, Mariah, Mira, Ira, Clare, Byron, Flora, Ira, Marian, Muriel.

Ex.51. Geographic names.

Amur, Bavaria, Bospourus, Clare, Roman Empire, Cairo, Eire, Cape Fear, Coral Sea, Epirus, Erie, Etruria, ‘Exmore, Faeroes, Fairbank, Cape Farewell, Maryland, Tyrone, Ontario.

Part II. Reading the consonants and consonant combinations.

Chapter 1. Letters “c” and “g”

1.1. Letter “c” before “e”, “i”, “y” makes a sound [s], in other cases, it is read like [k].

centre censer practice cinema scene
science

Ex.52.

a)

cist – cyst	cab – cad – cam	since-fence
cell – Celt	can – camp – cap	mince – pence
cell – cent	cob – cod – con	since – mince
cis – cess	clog – crop – cop	fence – pence
	cum – scum – cut	

b)

pack – stack – slack	duck – stuck – struck
Nick – stick – click	lock – clock – block
deck – neck – reck	

c)

sell – cell – Kent	slap – clap	sat – catsup – cum
sent – cent – kept	slump – clump	stud – scud – cam
sit – cyst – kiss	slip – clip	sob – cob
sup – cup	slot – clot	stick – click
		struck – cluck

1.2. Letter combination “ck” makes a sound [k].

desk – deck	risk – rick	act – pact
fact – pact	crab – scrap	fact – duct
disk – dick	frisk – flick	strict – sect
brisk – brick	disc – slick	crag – crack

Ex.53.

crimp	cress	cross	crux	cram
clip	clep	crop	crump	cramp
click	fleck	clock	cluck	clack
dick	deck	dock	duck	drack
sick	neck	sock	suck	sack
rick	feck	rock	struck	stack
lick	specs	lock	luck	lack

1.3. Letter “g” before “e”, “i”, “y” makes a sound [dʒ].

! Exception: *get give begin gift anger*
begin forget forgive geese girl hunger
target tiger together.

gem – gym	gap – gas – gad	glad – grab
grunt digital	got – god – gob	gest – gist
gip – gyp	gum – glum – grunt	
gin – gim	gut – gust – gulp	
	frog – gloss – gos	
	golf – gulf – gas	
	gum – gun – gull	

Ex.54.

bag – lag – hag - brag – crag

beg – leg – keg – cleg – peg

big – pig – brig – grig – big

bug – lug – hug – fug – plug

hog – log – hog – fog – flog

Ex.55.

a)

dog – dodge

leg – ledge

bad – badge

fringe – hinge

log – lodge

hog – hodge

pod – podge

lunge – plunge

bag – badge

brig – bridge

bud – budge

plug – plunge

egg – edge

fled – fledge

b)

Madge – age

cab – cadge

badge – page

cadge – cage

cadge – sage

c)

geology

geometry

geography

geometric

geological

geologist

geodesist

geodesics

1.4. Letter “g” in the words of French origin is read as [ʒ].

Stress is on the last syllable.

garage

massage

genre

rouge

message

regime

dressage

montage

protégé

reportage

cordage corsage

Ex.56. Summery exercise.

Madge, age, gift, forgive, cat, fence, dance, gym, geometry, cent, century, centre, canter, badge, gimp, guppy, Gypsy, cell, centurion, cab, Celt, geology, cyst, cup, gyp, gymnastics, geodesist, Gemmy, Celestine, act, back, get.

Ex.57. Proper names.

Cis, Cliff, Clifford, Gerard, Nigel, Regina, Roger, Celeste, Vincent, Jock, Cindy, Patricia. Lettice, Nance, Octavia, Oscar, Ulrica, Zack, Zachariah, Nick, Constance, Crispin, Clark, Vicky, Frances, Gilda, Priscilla, Nigeria,

Ex. 58. Geographic names.

Bridgeport, Celebes Sea, Ceylon, Central Valley, Concepeion, Cyprus, Cyclades, Dickson Island, East Orange, Genoa, Gent, Ganges, Germany, Greece, Cincinnati, Cicero.

Chapter 2. Combination with a letter ‘h’.

2.1. Combination “sh” makes a sound [ʃ].

ship	shrill	sheep	sheaf	shucks
sham	shake	shimmer	shine	shark
sherry	sharp	sheave	shot	shop

Ex.59.

a)

shop – shot	shock – shod
shell – shaft	shrill – shrimp
shall – sham	shut – shunt

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b)

ash – dash – rash – cash

smash – splash – crash – trash

rush – hush – flush – crush

mesh – dish – fresh – fish

bosh – gosh – cosh – Rosh

c)

mess – mesh

fuss – flush

hiss – dish

mass – smash

fizz – fish

truss – crush

d)

skip – ship

scop – shop

scrub – shrub

skill – shrill

scum – Shum

scruff – shunt

skim – shim

scull – shrill

scotch – shot

skiff – shift

script – shrimp

Scott – shot

e)

wish – fish

blush – crush

dish – dash

rush – plush

cash – flash

gash – hush

brush – push

trash – smash

lash – clash

radish – polish

rash – sash

flash – mash

f)

shrub – brush

sham – mash

shell – flesh

shop – posh

shock – cosh

shack – cash

shad – dah

shad – dash

shall – lash

sheaf – fish

shag – gash

shank – gnash

Ex. 60. Proper names.

Sharia, Shakira, Shayla, Shirley, Sheila, Shaina. Shipka Pass, Shepard.

Ex.61. Geographic names.

Gateshead, Hampshire, Sheffield, Shetland, Shelby, Shenandoah, Shilka, Shreveport, Shoa, Shark Bay, Shanghai, Tsushima.

2.2. Combination “ch”.

2.2.1. Combination “ch” makes a sound [tʃ].

chin	chess	hill	chips
chops	such	chapter	arch
spinach			

Ex.62.

a)

Chablis	chafing	chamber	change
check	cheese	choice	chooses
chick	chill	chart	chirp
chub	chuck	chuff	chum
chief	chaser	chatter	chitters

b)

cheese	cheek	chin	chill	check
chest	choose	church	chirr	chimney

c)

butcher	catcher	archer	itching	snatching
rancher	teacher	breeches	breach	preacher

2.2.2. Combination “ch” makes a sound [ʃ] in the words of French origin.

machine	chic	Chicago	Champaign
charade	chef		

Ex. 63.

parachute	chauffeur	chaperone
moustache	nonchalant	chandelier
chanson	chantage	

2.2.3. Combination “ch” makes a sound [k] in the words of Greek origin.

architect	archaic	chemistry	scheme
character	technical	school	chorus
archaic			

Ex. 64.

chemistry	technical	archaism	chrome
mechanic	chronology	Chrystal	Christmas
chronicle	chronogram	archive	echo
ache	anarchy	character	chemist
Christ	monarch	monarchy	orchestra
stomach	technology	technician	chaos

Ex. 65. Summery exercise.

Children, parachute, chemistry, chief, chef, machine, Chicago, archive, arch, school, butcher, monarch, chanson, echo, chamber, chimp, church, technology, character, chandelier, mechanic, moustache, chart, breech, orchestra, champion.

Ex.66. Proper names.

Charlotte, Charles, Chester, Chris, Chrissie, Christine, Christian, Mitchel, Rachel, Charlie, Chaplin.

Ex. 67. Geographic names.

Charlottetown, Chatillo, Chersonese, Chemnitz, Chicago, Bucharest.

2.3. Letter combination “th” makes sound [ð] or [θ]. As a rule, sound [ð] is read in the function words.

[ð] this these that those than
then the this with within them

thus

[θ] synthetic synthase synthon theme

therapy

Ex.68.

a)

thin	thick	theft	thud	myth
math	thig	thump	throb	thrill
Blyth	kith	thill	thrum	thrift
thrust	depth	fifth	thug	throne smith
	tenth	with myth	thus	math
fifth	them			
this	that	then	thick	truth

b)

this – myth	that – math	with – fifth
this – pith	that – depth	with – Smith
this – throb	that – thrill	with – Blyth

c)

then- ten	then –hen	zip –this	dent – them
that – fat	that – hat	zed – them	den – then
them - stem	them – hem	Zend – then	dad – that
thus – truss	thus – hush	zepp – thus	dust – thus
this – till	this – his	his – with	disk – this

d)

sick – thick	mat – math
sump – thump	tilt – fifth
sub – thod	kit – kith
sin – thin	tent – tenth
silk – thill	mitt – myth

e)

shrill – thrill	smash - math
ship – third	shunt – thump
shrub – throb	sham – thrum
Welsh – width	

Ex.69. Proper names.

Theodor, Catherine, Edith, Elizabeth, Ruth, Elspeth, Agatha, Seth, Esther, Othello, Keith, Beth, Kenneth, Luther, Matthew, Nathen, Thad, Theodora, Timothy, Faith, Martha.

Ex.70. Geographic names.

Athens, Corinth, Death Valley, East Lothian, Ethiopia, Fort Smith, Firth-or-Forth, Gotha, Westmeath.

2.4. Letter combination “ph” forms a sound [f].

phrase	photo	phase	phone	alphabet
physics	physical	phonetics	elephant	alpha

Ex. 71.

telephone	graphic	prophecy	nymph
geography	typhoon	biography	triumph
phonograph	symphony	Philharmonics	
Hyphen	alpha	philology	

Ex.72. Proper names.

Phillip, Phil, Philippa Phebe, Phoebe, Phyllis, Phemy, Phineas.

Ex.73. Geographic names.

Cephalonia, Ephesus, Haiphong. Philippines, Philadelphia, Phoenicia, Phoenix, Phrygia.

Chapter 3. Letter “w”, combination “qu” and their influence on the following vowels.

3.1. Letter “w” makes a sound [w].

West	waste	well	Winston
went	western	wish	twig
twiggy	twist	twenty	twelve

Ex.74.

a)

wet – went – well	wish – wit – wig
west – wept – swept	wish – witch – wick
will – win – wind	swim – swift – switch

b)

dwell – twelve

twin – twist

swell – well

twig – wig

wedge – witch

twinge – wish

3.2. Letter combination “qu” makes sounds [kw].

quill – quilt

quell – quest

squid – quill

squirrel – quick

quip – squib

west – quest

well – quell

squint – squib

quiz – quint

3.3. Letter “a” after “w” and “qu” makes a sound [o], combination “ar” sounds like [o:].

was

wad

waddle

want

wanton

wapiti

Ex. 75.

a)

wallow

wallop

wallpaper

warder

wardress

war

warm warmer

warty warship

b)

quad – squad

wash – squash

waft – squat

quash – squash

watt – quad

wand – squad

was – squab

want – quant

wad – quad

watch – squash

wat – squat

c)

gosh – quash

gift [ɪ] – quit

got – squat

guest [e] – quest

give – quill

3.4. Letter “o” after “w” and “qu” makes sound [ə:].

world	work	worse	worst
worth	workshop	worm	worn

3.5. Combination ‘que’ makes a sound [k] or [kə] in the words of French origin; stress is on the last syllable.

clique	claque	antique	coquette	unique
grotesque	conquer	technique	boutique	bouquet
banquette	critique	applique		

Ex.76. Proper names.

Wallace, Walt, Walter, Warren, Wat, Winston, Wilma, Wilfrid, Wendell, Wesley, Will,

Ex. 77. Geographic names.

Ottawa, Quebec, Queen Charlotte Islands, Queensland, Quincy, Waco, Waddington, Washington, Wakefield, Warran, Warrington, Warsaw, Warwick, Wash Bay, Washita, Waterbury, Waterloo, Watford, Westmeath, Windsor.

Ex. 78. Summery exercise.

Well, west, waste, grotesque, wing, technique, squirrel, twist, Quince, Quench, quarrel, equal, bouquet, quarter, wine, winery, win, winner, wind, warren, warranty, will, work, world, was, were, quest, quiz, critique.

Chapter 4. Silent letters.

4.1. Letter “w” before “r” is silent.

wrap	wrench	wreak	wren	wrench
wrist	wring	write	wrong	wrote

4.2. Letter “h” before “o” at the beginning of a word is silent.

honest	honesty	hour	hourly	hourglass
honor	honorable	haute	dishonorable	

4.3. Letter “b” before “m” is silent.

bomb	climb	comb	crumb	jamb
lamb	limb	numb	thumb	tomb [u]

4.4. Letter “k” before “n” is silent.

know	knowledge	knew	knot	knife
knives	knight	knee	knapsack	knead

4.5. Letter “g” before “n” is silent. If it’s not at the beginning of a word, the syllable is open.

sign	design	gnat	gnaw	reign
feign	gnash	gnome	align	gnarl
gnu	gnarr			

4.6. Letter combination “gh” is silent and the syllable is open.

bright	fight	right	eight	height
taught	caught	taught	daughter	naught
night	neighbor	through		
sigh	high			

! Exception: ghost [goust]

4.6.1. There are the words-exceptions where combination “gh” makes a sound [f].

cough draught enough laugh rough tough

4.7. Letter “p” is not read in combination “ps” at the beginning of a word.

psalm [sɑ:m] pseudo ['sju:deu] psychiatry [saɪ'kaɪətri]

Ex. 79.

psammitic pseudologer pseudonym
psalm pseudonymous psychics
psychology

Ex. 80. Summery exercise.

Bright, cough, know, column, bomb, honest, wrap, enough, write, hour, night, knight, climb, high, rough, wrong, right, laugh, haute, wrist, tough, tomb, debt, daughter, taught.

4.7. Combinations “nk” and “ng” make a sound [ŋ].

sing – sting sing – king sang – slang

Ex.81.

sang – sprang ring – bring wing – swing
sang – bang sang – tang sling – fling
spring – bring gang – hang rang – sprang
sing –bring

Chapter 5. Suffixes

5.1. Suffix “-ture” is read as [tʃə].

culture gesture torture aperture

Ex.82.

lecture future feature nature
rapture capture venture adventure
creature fracture literature architecture
departure mixture fixture

5.2. Suffix “-sure” is read as [ʒə].

treasure pleasure closure exposure

! Exception: *pressure* [ʃə].

Ex.83.

measure leisure composure exposure
enclosure erasure displeasure

5.3. Suffix “-tion” is pronounced as [ʃn]. In the Ukrainian language we read it as “-ція”: демонстрація.

demonstration illumination administration

Ex.84.

computerization dictation illustration
motion pollution invention

5.4. Suffix “-sion” is pronounced as [ʒn].

confusion fusion infusion concision

! Exception: *session, profession, fission* [tʃ]

Ex.85.

exclusion	occasion	erosion	prolusion
invasion	effusion	television	vision
division	suffusion	allusion	profusion

Ex.86. Summery exercise.

Culture, invasion, treasure, gesture, invasion, communication, exploration, measure, nature, effusion, capture, computerization, illumination, fusion, future, motion.

Part III. Vowels combinations

Chapter 1. Combinations with the letter “a”.

1.1. Combinations “ai” and “ay” form a sound [ei].

pain	bail	tail	play	mail
nail	chain			

Ex. 87.

pain	jail	play	bay
chain	fail	tray	may
Hain	sail	clay	day
drain	wail	spray	say
rain	grail	stay	pay
grain	daily	gray	ray
brain	wail	flay	stay

1.2. Combinations “au” and “aw” make a sound [ɔ:].

maunder	jaunt	flaunt	taunt
flaw	draw	awful	drawler

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Ex.88.

a)

paw	saw	law	caw
maw	raw	draw	slaw
jaw	yaw	taw	thaw

b)

haunt	taunt	vaunt	daunt
haunch	launch	paunch	staunch
maunder	jaunt	flaunt	taunt

c)

August –autist	aura – aural	auto – autumn
austral – auburn	caucus – causal	mauler – saucer
Maundy – saucy		

awful – sawmill	trawler- crawler
bawdy – sawyer	dawdler – sawfish
Warsaw – Hawk	

1.3. Letter “a” before “ff”, “ft”, “th” makes a sound [a:].

staff	craft	bath	father
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Ex.89.

staff – chaff	aft – craft – shaft
staff - bluff	bath – path – lath
chaff – fluff	

1.4. Combination “al”

1.4.1. Combination “al” + “m”, “f”, “v” is read as [a:].

palm half halves

Ex.90.

a)

calm – palm calf – half calves – halves

b)

calm – charm palm – farm half – harm
balm – barn calf – scarf draft – darn

1.4.2. Combination “al” + “k” makes a sound [a:].

talk chalk stalk

Ex. 91.

talk calk stalk Falk
chalk walk balk salt

1.4.3. Combinations “all” or “al” + any consonant (except “k”, “m”, “f”, “ve”) make a sound [o:].

tall small fall ball
salt malt Walt

Ex.92.

a)

small tall fall wall stall
call hall spall ball mall
wallet fallen

b)

caller	faller	smaller	taller	Waller
calling	falling	stalling	balling	walling

Ex.93. Proper names.

Audrey, Dais, Austin, Dayton, Dairen, Laurence, Lainey, Mauna, Maine, Paul, Paulina.

Ex.94. Geographic names.

Auburn, Auckland, Augusta, Austin, Austria, Australia, Caucasus, Dubawnt, Fort Lauderdale, Gaul, Hawk's Bay, Cawnpore, Cairo, Haifa, Haiti, Hawaii, Lawton, Lausanne, Mainland, Mayo, Paisley, Payne Lake, Taurus Mountain, Taunton, Taurida.

Chapter 2. Combinations with a letter “o”.

2.1. Combination “oa” forms a sound [ov].

road	float	load	boat	coat
coast	goal	goat	moan	overcoat

Ex.95.

a)

moat	loaf	loan	road	coast
throat	soap	groan	toad	roast
float	goal	moan	oath	toast
moat			loathe	
goat				

b)

boat – boatswain

coast – coast line

throat – sore throat

soap – soap-suds

loathe – loathing

loaf – loafing

Ex. 96. Phrases.

Roast me a toast!

Show a float goal!

Go with the flow to the coast!

Moan the oath!

I loathe coast toads!

2.2. Combinations “oi” and “oy” form a sound [oi].

noise

poison

oil

choice

moist

oyster

boy

joy

doyen

cloy

Ex. 97.

a)

joint

boil

poison

joist

coin

point

toil

join

moist

poise

moil

coin

foist

soy

coil

hoyden

hoist

doily

royal

doyen

joist

b)

boy

joy

moil

spoil

groin

soy

troy

moil

toil

join

toy

cloy

roil

spoil

loin

c)

noisy	roister	toilet	boyish
poison	roily	boiler	boycott
cloister	toiler	cloyed	Goidelic

d)

boy – boyish	cloy – cloyed
boil – boiler	toil – toilet
boy – cowboy	

2.3. Combination “oo” before “k” is read like [u].

cook	look	brook	hooky
nook	rookie	cookie	

Ex. 98.

book – look	took – hook	hook - nook -
cook – look	brook – nook	rookie – cookie

NB! Combination “oo” before other letters is read like [u:].

soon	mood	school	choose	woo
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! Exception: *good [gud], wood [wud], hood[hud], wool [wul],*

! Exception: *In some words, a combination “oo” before “d” is read like [ʌ.]*

blood	flood
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! Exception: *door [dɔ:], floor [flɔ:]*

Ex. 99.

a)

brook	book	took	nook	look
hook	shook	wood	wool	crook
good	rook	cook		

b)

stood	foot	soot	shoot	spoon
stool	coon	fool	sooth	boot
tool	cool	root	roof	brood
food	boon	loop	moon	pool

c)

hook – hood	good – soot	cook – school
shook – stood	wood – stood	good- goods
rook – brood	took – stood	cook – coon

d)

wool	good	crook	blood	soot
flood	shook	shoot	hook	root
stool	too	stood	wood	proof

e)

book – book-stall	wood – fox-wood
spoon – spoonful	hood – childhood
hook – hookey	wood – woodbine
good – goods	wood – woodcock

Ex.100. Phrases.

Look in a cookery book.

Choose this school.

It' cool!

Good food is cool.

A groom took crook of the foot.

Ex.101.

a)

sooth – use

smooth – muse

noose – fuse

rood – rude

root – rule

snooze – use

loom – plume

loot – flute

swoop – June

room – rule

groove – Bruce

swoon – jute

b)

took – tune

nook – nude

shook – June

crook – crude

foot – flute

stood – plume

good – gloom

wood – boom

2.4. Combination “ou” makes a sound [ʌv].

out

ouch

our

outing

outlet

pound

found

round

ground

around

! Exception: *soul* [səʊl], *shoulder* [ˈʃəʊldə]

Ex.102.

a)

about

aground

around

aloud

account

denounce

renounce

pronounce

propound

announce

without

account

amount

b)

out – loud

out – south

gout – pout

tout – rout

mound – round

pound – wound

vouch – couch

pouch – slouch

c)

Don't shout loud in the house. Go out.

Ex.103.

faun – found

haunt – hound

pause – rouse sauce

– house

laud – loud

Maud – mound fault –

foul

staunch – stout

2.4.1. Combination “ou” in unstressed syllable makes a sound [ə].

fabulous

moustache

famous

previous

odour

armour

splendor

candour

NB! Combination “our” in the British variant is written with “u” – “humour”, in American one – without it – “humor.”

Ex.104.

advantageous

dangerous

anonymous

monotonous

famous

curious

courageous

various

obvious

previous

desirous

sulphurous

Ex.105.

favour	flavour	fervour	armour
splendour	vapour	parlour	savour
harbour	candour	tumour	ardour
odour			

Ex.106.

venous – vinous	viscous – ferrous
ferrous – monstrous	wondrous – nervous
famous - pompous	

Ex.107.

a)

jaunt – ground	pause- hound	launch – lounge
haunch – pounce		

b)

shawl – shout	awe – out	straw – sprout
pawn – pound	squaw – scout	law – loud

saw – now	draw – down	dawn – town
raw – row	claw – clown	crawl – crown

2.4.2. Combination “ou” before “ght” makes a sound [ɔ:].

ought bought fought thought

! Exception: *drought* [draut] — *nocyxа*

Ex.108.

sought	fought	brought	bought
thought	ought	wrought	ought

NB! There are words which are the exceptions.

1. Combination “ou” is read as [ʌ] in the following words:

double couple country cousin
young trouble enough southern
touch

2.5. Combination “ou” is read as [u] in following words:

could would should

2.4.3. Combination “ou” is read as [u:] in the words:

soup group route rouble

2.5 Combination “ow”

2.5.1. Combination “ow” is read as [au] at the beginning and in the middle of a word; usually when it’s stressed.

gown brown town grown

NB! Exceptions:

bowl [bəʊl] — чаша, own [əʊn] — власний,
flown [fləʊn] — 3 форма дієслова fly — літати
grown known thrown

Ex.109.

crowd frown now howl
clown down wow growl
crown town sow prowl
drown gown cow
brown how

2.5.2. Combination “ow” is read as [ou] (= [əu]) at the end of a word.

know slow yellow fellow

Ex.110.

snow know show row
grow throw flow brow

2.5.3. Combination “ow” is pronounced as [ou] (= [əu]) if it’s not stressed and a word consists of two syllables.

arrow pillow yellow

Ex. 111.

window narrow sparrow rainbow
elbow yellow sorrow pillow
fellow follow gallows arrow

Ex.112.

vow – row low – tow – throw soy-sow
owl – growl slow – grow – snow toy – tow
clown – crown glow – stow – sow joy– throw
troy – trow boy – bow
cloy – low

2.5.4. Combination “ow” + “e” produces a sound [auə].

tower towel flower

Ex.113.

grower rowel towel flower
shower trowel vowel crower

Ex.114. Phrases.

They grow so slowly.

I know.

I know you know.

I know you know I know.

Throw a yellow towel.

Yellow flowers grow.

Fellows throw arrows.

Ex.115.

outer	powder	power	dowry
souder	shower	counter	clownish
dower	bounder	bouncer	dowdy
trousers	boundless		outward
vowel			

Ex.116.

hawk – how	dawn – down	yaw – oust
pawl – foul	pawn – pound	awn – ounce
	claw – clown	

2.6. Letter “o” before combinations “ld”, “lt”, “st” is read like [ou] (= [əu])

! Exception: *frost* [frɒst], *lost* lɒst],

old	folder	colt	cost	post
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Ex.117.

a)

jolt	most	lost	cost	hold
post	bolt	colt	fold	bold
cold	old	mold		

b)

post – lamp-post	most – upmost
post – postage	bold – bolder

Ex.118. Phrases.

I am cold in my old coat.

I hold an old cold bolt.

Hold the old folder!

Chapter 3. Combinations with “i”.

3.1. Letter “i” before “ld”, “nd”, “gh” (which isn’t read) produces a sound [ai].

find	mind	grind	fight	wild
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Ex.119.

a)

wild – child – mild kind – mind – blind

high – sigh – nigh – slight – thigh

b)

night – fight – tight – sight – might – bright

slight – light – right – plight – flight – fright

Ex.120.

a)

fight – file

night – Nile

sight – site

sight – site

plight – pile

light – lime

right – write

flight – flite

might – mite

b)

will – wild

bill – blind

mill-mild

chill – child

fill – find

dill – rind

grill – grind

drill - grind

3.2. Combinations “ei” and “ey”

3.2.1. Combination “ei” in stressed position forms a sound [ei].

weight

sleight

freight

they grey

Ex. 121.

eight – weight – weigh – neigh

freight – sleight – height – sleight

they – grey – prey – Rey – Trey – vey

Ex.122.

weight – Wight

sleight – slight

eight - right

neigh – sigh

freight – fright

sleigh – slight

height – high

deity – flighty

Geist – bight

3.2.2. Combination “ei” in unstressed position produces a sound [i].

money

jersey

foreign

Ex.123.

monkey	donkey	Trunkey
Rodney	Jenney	Branney

3.2.3. Combination “ei” in stressed position before a silent “e” produces a sound [i].

receive perceive deceive

NB! key [i].

3.2.4. Combinations “eu”, “eau” and “ew” make a sound [ju:].

feudal neutral beauty few dew

Ex.124.

euro	feudal	neutral		
few	dew	flew	threw	knew

Ex.125.

money, key, feudal, blind, threw, feud, beauty, donkey, weight, knew, sleight, mild, kind, right, mild, child, monkey.

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