

# 8: The Vowels of English

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# Diphthongs

- *A diphthong is a glide from one vowel to another, and the whole glide acts like one of the long, simple vowels.*
- **The diphthongs of English are in three groups:**
- **those which end in /ʊ/, /əʊ, aʊ/,**
- **those which end in /ɪ/, /eɪ, aɪ, ɔɪ/,**
- **those which end in /ə/, /eə, ɪə, ʊə/.**

# Diphthongs

## /əʊ, aʊ/

ləʊ low

lɔ: law

səʊ so

sɔ: saw

snəʊ snow

snɔ: snore

bəʊt boat

bɔ:t bought

kləʊz close

klɔ:z claws

kəʊk coke

kɔ:k cork

kəʊl coal

kɔ:l call

nəʊ now

nəʊ know

laʊd loud

laʊd load

fəʊnd found

fəʊnd phoned

rəʊ row (quarrel)

rəʊ row (line)

dəʊt doubt

dəʊt dote

təʊnz towns

təʊnz tones

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**/eɪ, aɪ, ɔɪ/**

leɪt	late	leɪt	let	seɪl	sail	seɪl	sell
peɪpə	paper	pepə	pepper	treɪd	trade	treɪd	tread
reɪk	rake	rek	wreck	feɪl	fail	feɪl	fell

waɪt	white	weɪt	wait	laɪd	lied	leɪd	laid
raɪs	rice	reɪs	race	raɪz	rise	reɪz	raise
laɪk	like	leɪk	lake	faɪl	file	feɪl	fail

bɔɪ	boy	tɔɪ	toy	ənoɪ	annoy	nɔɪz	noise
ɔɪl	oil	dʒɔɪn	join	əvɔɪd	avoid	bɔɪlz	boils
vɔɪs	voice	hɔɪst	hoist	dʒɔɪnt	joint	lɔɪtə	loiter

# Diphthongs

**/eə, ɪə, ʊə/**

hɪə	here	heə	hair	bɪə	beer	beə	bare
stiəd	steered	steəd	stared	ɪəz	ears	eəz	airs
riəlɪ	really	reəlɪ	rarely	wɪəri	weary	weəri	wary

ɪə	ear	jiə	year	bɪə	beer	klɪə	clear
fiə	fear	riəl	real	bɪəd	beard	aɪdɪəz	ideas
kəriən	Korean	fiəs	fierce	piəs	pierce	nɪərə	nearer
riəlɪ	really						

pʊə	poor	ɪnʃʊərəns	insurance
ʃʊəlɪ	surely	kjʊəriəsəti	curiosity
fjʊəriəs	furious	kjʊə	cure

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