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Vowel sequences

- There are vowel sequences as well as consonant sequences but they are not so difficult.
- *When one vowel (or diphthong) follows another you should pronounce each one quite normally but with a smooth glide between them.*
- **The most common sequences are formed by adding /ə/ to a diphthong, especially to /aɪ/ and /aʊ/ in words like /faɪə/ fire and /aʊə/ our.**

Vowel sequences

taɪə	tyre
traɪəl	trial
kwaɪət	quiet
kauəd	coward
baɪə	buyer
flaɪə	flyer
aɪən	iron
auəz	ours

tauə	tower
traʊəl	trowel
taɪəd	tired
paʊəfʊl	powerful
baʊə	bower
flaʊə	flower
raɪət	riot
ʃaʊəri	showery

greɪə	greyer
grəʊə	grower
pleɪə	player
rɔɪəl	royal
fɒləʊəz	followers

ɪmplɔɪə	employer
θrəʊə	thrower
bɪtreɪəl	betrayal
lɔɪəz	lawyers

Vowel sequences

- The verb ending -ing /ɪŋ/ gives various sequences in words like the following:*

bɪ:ɪŋ being

du:ɪŋ doing

əlaʊɪŋ allowing

drɔ:ɪŋ drawing

gəʊɪŋ going

si:ɪŋ seeing

stju:ɪŋ stewing

baʊɪŋ bowing

sɔ:ɪŋ sawing

nəʊɪŋ knowing

Vowel sequences

- *Other vowel sequences are found both within words and between words.*
- **a smooth glide between the vowels.**

keɪdʒs chaos

biɒnd beyond

bluːɪʃ bluish

ðiː end the end

ruiɪn ruin

riækt react

ɡreɪ aɪd grey-eyed

maɪ əʊn my own

baɪɒɡrəfi biography

kəʊpəreɪt co-operate

juː aɪnt you aren't

ɡəʊ aʊt go out

tuː aʊəz two hours

meɪ aɪ əʊɪt tuː juː may I owe it to you?

Activity

- Feel
- File
- Fill
- Dead
- Duck
- Fire
- Annoy
- oil
- Dark
- Cord
- Close
- Luke
- Burn
- Approve
- Loud
- Poor

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