

English Vowel Sounds (19)

/ā/	b <u>a</u> by	a	45%	ai (pain), ay (hay), ea (great), eigh (sleigh), aigh (straight)
	l <u>a</u> ke	a_e	35%	
/ē/	se <u>e</u> ret	e	70%	ee (feet), y (baby), ea (eat), ie (piece), e_e (Pete), ey (monkey), I (ski), ei (receive)
/ī/	t <u>i</u> ger	i	37%	igh (high), y (fly), ie (pie), y_e (type)
	bi <u>t</u> e	l_e	37%	
/ō/	p <u>o</u> ny	o	73%	o_e (hope), ow (row), oa (boat), oe (toe)
/yōō/	u <u>s</u> e	u	69%	u_e (cute), ew (few), ue (value)
/ǽ/	a <u>t</u>	a	96%	ai (plaid)
/e/	f <u>e</u> d	e	91%	ea (head),
/ī/	i <u>t</u>	i	66%	y ((gym)
/ɔ/	o <u>o</u> dd	o	79%	ough (cough)
/ū/	u <u>p</u>	u	86%	ou (touch), o (front), oo (flood)
/oo/	f <u>oo</u> d	oo	38%	u_e (flute), ew (flew), ue (blue), ou (soup), o (who)
	l <u>u</u> nar	u	21%	
/oo/	pu <u>t</u>	u	54%	ou (could), o (wolf)
	bo <u>o</u> k	oo	31%	
/oi/	co <u>oi</u> n	oi	62%	oy (boy)
/ou/	hou <u>se</u>	ou	56%	NA
	cow <u>ow</u>	ow	29%	
/aw/	paw <u>aw</u>	NA	NA	aw (paw), augh (caught), a (water), au (because), ough (bought)
/ar/	car <u>ar</u>	ar	89%	ear (heart)
/er/	her <u>er</u>	er	40%	or (doctor), ar (vinegar)
	fu <u>r</u>	ur	26%	
	sir <u>ir</u>	ir	13%	
/or/	po <u>or</u> t	NA	NA	or (port), ou (four), ore (more), oar (board)
ə (schwa)	le <u>mon</u>	o	27%	NA
	ab <u>o</u> ut	a	24%	
	penc <u>i</u> l	i	22%	
	take <u>e</u>	e	13%	

\* **Percent of the Time:** Based on the number of occurrences each sound-spelling appeared in the 17,000 most frequently used words, including multisyllabic words. (Hanna et al., 1966)

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