

Transcription Practice Exercise 1—Broad Transcription of English

Practice and transcription items for this exercise were recorded by Pat Keating, January 1990.

This exercise covers a broad transcription style for English words and English-like nonsense forms. Use only the symbols on the consonant and vowel charts below for these transcriptions. You may use [ə] for all reduced vowel qualities (as well as for the stressed vowel in, for example, “up”), or you may use both [ə] and [ɪ] for reduced vowels.

CONSONANTS

<u>Manner of Articulation</u>	<u>Places of Articulation</u>											
	Bilabial	Labio-dental	Inter-dental	Alveolar	Palato-alveolar	Retroflex	Palatal	Velar	Labial-velar	Uvular	Pharyngeal	Glottal
Voiceless (oral) stop	p			t				k				
Voiced (oral) stop	b			d				g				
Voiceless (oral) fricative		f	θ	s	ʃ							
Voiced (oral) fricative		v	ð	z	ʒ							
(voiced) Nasal (stop)	m			n				ŋ				
(central) Approximant				ɹ			j	w				h
Lateral (approximant)				l								
Flap				(ɾ)								

VOWELS

	Front	Central	Back	Diphthongs:	ei	ou
High (upper)	i		u		ai	aʊ
(lower)	ɪ	ɜ̞	ʊ		ɔɪ / oɪ	
Mid (upper)		ə, ɚ				
(lower)	ɛ	ʌ	ɔ			
Low	æ		ɑ			

I. Monosyllables

Practice items:

1. pɒp
2. louɡ
3. fi
4. pri:t
5. bidʒ

Transcription items:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

II. Longer English words

Practice items:

1. ɑːs'moʊsəs
2. iː'zʌlt

Transcription items:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

III. Longer nonsense forms

Practice items:

1. 'pɪɛnədi
2. 'ʌŋɡəmək

Transcription items:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____