

CONSONANTS

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Where on words of one syllable, no intonation is indicated, say the drills with a High Falling tone [`].

See Plosives **GPE §9.2: /p,b/ §9.2.5; /t,d/ §9.2.6 and §9.2.8; /k,g/ §9.2.7.**

/ p /	/ t /	/ k /
peɪn ˈpa:ɪn	teɪk ˈteɪŋɡlz	keɪn ˈkəʊstleɪn
ˈpeɪmənt səˈpɔ:t	əˈtendəns dɪsˈtɜ:b	rɪˈkʌvə ɪŋˈkɜ:z
speɪn ˈspaɪfl	steɪk ˈstæmæk	skeɪn ˈskɛɪn
ˈspɑ:kld ˈspjuəriəs	ˈstaɪflɪŋ ˈstiəriɔʒ	ˈskændl ˈskəʊldɪd
ˈstæmpɪŋ pɑ:ˈtɪsɪpeɪt	ˈmætəz ˈprɒfɪtɪŋ	ˈlʌki ˈbʊkɪʃ
ˈwɪspəd ˈtæpɪstrɪ	ɑ:trɪˈzæn tækˈseɪʃn	ˈfleɪkɪŋ ˈæŋkəriɔʒ
straɪpt ˈlæmppeʊst	ˈaʊtbɔ:d ˈnaɪttam	ˈblæk ˈprɪns dɪˈpɪktɪd
ˈtɒp ˈdɒg ˈraɪp ˈtʃi:z	ˈðæt ˈkaɪnd ˈwaɪt ˈtʃɔ:k	ˈrɒkkeɪks ˈdektʃeə
straɪpt hu:p wɪsp	ʃɜ:t brʌʃt raɪt	ɔʒ:k blæŋk ˈsi:sɪk
ˈtɒpməʊst ˈtʃi:p ˈmɪlk	ˈəʊtmɪ:l ˈrɒtn	ˈbæŋknəʊt ˈpɑ:k ˈni:tli
ˈhæpn ˈheɪpni	ˈrɪtn ˈsta:t ˈnaʊ	əkˈnɒlɪɔʒ ˈθɪkɪŋ
ˈplezə ˈʌp ˈleɪt	ˈætles ət ˈla:st	ˈkliəriŋ ˈbrɪkleɪə
ˈsɪmpl ˈkʌplz	ˈmetlz ˈbɒtld	ˈləʊkl ˈrɪŋklz

Further practice

ə ˈpækɪt əv ˈti: plɪ:z.

wɪ: ˈtɔ:kt tə ˈtɒm.

ˈkæn ju: ˌki:p ɪt?

ˈdəʊnt kɪk ðə ˈkɪtn.

ʃi: ˈpleɪd baɪ ˈɪnstɪŋkt.

ðeɪ ˈkrept ˈʌp tu ɪm.

ɪts ə ˈprɪtɪ stɪf ˈpraɪs.

hi: ˈtraɪpt ɒn ðə ˈkɑ:pɪt.

ɪts ən ˈəʊld ˈmeɪpl ˈtri:.

ðeɪ ˈstʊd baɪ ən ˈwɒtʃt.

ænd ə ˈpaʊnd əv pəˈteɪtəʊz.

hi: ˈpʊt ɪt ɪn ɪz ˈpɒkɪt.

ðeɪ əˈtækt ðə ˈtaʊn.

aɪl ˈteɪk ˈðæt kəʊt.

ˈwɒt ə ˈspektəkl.

ɪt wəz ə ˈtaɪt ˈskwi:z.

ɪtl ˈdu: tə kli:n ðə ˈketl.

ˈtraɪ tə bɪ ˈkwaiət pi:tə.

ˈwɪtʃ ˈtreɪn dɪd ɪ: ˈkætf?

ˈðætɪl teɪk ə ˈtɑ:m.

/ p /	/ t /	/ k /
pain partial	take tingles	cane coastline
payment support	attendance disturb	recover incurs
Spain spiteful	steak stomach	skein scullery
sparkled spurious	stifling steerage	scandal scolded
stamping participate	matters profiting	lucky bookish
whispered tapestry	artisan taxation	flaking anchorage
striped lamp-post	outboard night-time	Black Prince depicted
top dog ripe cheese	that kind white chalk	rock-cakes deckchair
stripe hoop wisp	shirt brushed right	jerk blank seasick
topmost cheap milk	oatmeal rotten	banknote park neatly
happen halfpenny	written start now	acknowledge thicken
pleasure up late	atlas at last	clearing bricklayer
simple couples	metals bottled	local wrinkles

Further practice

A packet of tea, please.

We talked to Tom.

Can you keep it?

Don't kick the kitten.

She played by instinct.

They crept up to him.

It's a pretty stiff price.

He tripped on the carpet.

It's an old maple tree.

They stood by and watched.

And a pound of potatoes.

He put it in his pocket.

They attacked the town.

I'll take that coat.

What a spectacle!

It was a tight squeeze.

It'll do to clean the kettle.

Try to be quiet, Peter.

Which train did he catch?

That'll take a time.

/ b /	/ d /	/ g /
ə'beɪd ə'bo:d	ɪn'devə ə'dɔ:nmənt	dɪ'gri:z ə'gɑ:st
'leɪbərɪŋ 'steɪl 'bred	ʃædəʊɪ 'ten 'dʌzn	'ɔ:gəst 'θri: 'grəʊs
bʌlʃ 'bleɪntɪli	'dɑ:kən 'dʌznt	gɑ:dz 'grɑʊndɪd
'raɪp bə'nɑ:nəz 'sɪks 'boɪz	'ɒf 'dju:tɪ 'lɪft 'daʊn	'frʌnt 'geɪts dɪs'gɔ:ʃɔ:d
əb'teɪnd 'rɒb 'pi:tə	'hed 'boɪ 'gʊd 'dɒg	'rʌgbɪ 'hʌg 'tɑ:tlɪ
'rʌb 'daʊn əb'ʃekʃn	'mɪd 'gri:n 'hɑ:d 'tʃeə	'bɪg 'geɪm 'fɪgtri:z
traɪb ʃrʌb rəʊb	kraɪd ə'freɪd stɔ:d	stæg pʌg veɪg
sʌbmə'ri:n 'rɒb mʌst	'rəʊdmæp 'kʊdnt	dɒg'mætɪk ɪg'nɔ:d
'rɪbnz əb'nɒkʃəs	'gɑ:dən 'gʊd 'nju:z	'drægnet 'ɔ:gɪ træn'zplɑ:nt
'blaɪnfəʊld 'ʃɒpblɪs	'bædlɪ 'hɑ:d 'lʌk	'gli:nd 'fɒglɑ:ts
'sɪmbl 'traɪbl	'bʌndlz 'gɜ:dɪz	'strʌglz 'ræŋglz

Compare

/ p /	pɪl	spɪl	'ræpɪd	pʌlp	mɒpt	'sɪmpl	pleɪd	preɪd	'əʊpən
/ b /	bɪl	bɪl	'ræbɪd	bʌlb	mɒbd	'sɪmbl	bleɪd	breɪd	'həʊbən
/ t /	tʌn	stʌn	'wɔ:tə	bɪlt	'hɪt 'twɔ:s	'mɒtl	'spɒtlɪs	'rɪtn	
/ d /	dʌn	dʌn	'wɔ:də	bɪld	'hɪd 'twɔ:s	'mɒdl	'gɒdlɪs	'rɪdn	
/ k /	keɪn	skem	'bɪkə	rʌk	lækt	'ræŋkl	klɑ:s	kru:	'θɪkən
/ g /	geɪn	gem	'bɪgə	rʌg	lægd	'ræŋgl	glɑ:s	gru:	'ɔ:gən

Further practice

'ʃɔ:ʃ wəz ə 'braɪt boɪ.

hi: 'dɪdnt 'du: ɪt.

wɪ: 'begd ɪm tu ə'gri:.

hi: 'ʃʌʃd ɪt ɪg'zæklɪ.

aɪm 'glæd 'ʃzæks ˌdrɑ:vɪŋ.

ɪt wəz 'ɔ:dəli ən 'dɪgnɪfaɪd.

hi:z ə 'gʊd 'ʃʌʃ əv 'brændɪ.

wɪ:d 'baɪ ə beɪbɪ 'grænd.

hi: 'ʃʌmpt ɒn tə ðə 'bed.

wɪə 'mʌtʃ ə'blaɪʃɔ:d.

'gɑɪd dɒgz fə ðə 'blaɪnd.

ɪts ə 'bɪg 'gæmbl.

hi: 'græbd ðə 'hændl.

'gɪv mɪ ə rʌbə 'bænd.

'rʌgbɪz ə 'hɑ:d geɪm.

'deɪvɪd brəʊk ðə wɔ:drəʊb dɔ:.

wɪ: 'geɪv ɪm bæk ðə 'ʃʌg.

'sʌdnɪ ðə bʌbl 'bɜ:st.

'tu: 'ʃɑ:z əv strɔ:bri 'ʃzæm.

ðə 'braɪd n braɪdgrʊm 'stʌmblɪd.

/ b /	/ d /	/ g /
obeyed aboard	endeavour adornment	degrees aghast
labouring stale bread	shadowy ten dozen	August three gross
bulge blatantly	darken doesn't	guards grounded
ripe bananas six boys	off duty lift down	front gates disgorged
obtained rob Peter	head boy good dog	rugby hug tightly
rub down objection	mid green hard chair	big game fig-trees
tribe shrub robe	cried afraid stored	stag plug vague
submarine Rob must	road-map couldn't	dogmatic ignored
ribbons obnoxious	garden good news	dragnet organ-transplant
blindfold jobless	badly hard luck	gleaned fog-lights
symbol tribal	bundles girdles	struggles wrangles

Compare

/ p / pill spill rapid pulp mopped simple played prayed open

/ b / bill bill rabid bulb mobbed symbol blade braid Holborn

/ t / ton stun water built hit twice mottle spotless written

/ d / done done warder build hid twice model godless ridden

/ k / cane skein bicker ruck lacked rankle class crew thicken

/ g / gain gain bigger rug lagged wrangle glass grew organ

Further practice

George was a bright boy.

He didn't do it.

We begged him to agree.

He judged it exactly.

I'm glad Jack's driving.

It was orderly and dignified.

He's a good judge of brandy.

We'd buy a baby grand.

He jumped on to the bed.

We're much obliged.

Guide dogs for the blind.

It's a big gamble.

He grabbed the handle.

Give me a rubber band.

Rugby's a hard game.

David broke the wardrobe door.

We gave him back the jug.

Suddenly the bubble burst.

Two jars of strawberry jam.

The bride and bridegroom stumbled.

See Affricates **GPE §9.3.**

/ tʃ /	/ tr /
ʃælɪŋɔ̃ ʃɑ:nz ʃɑ:kɹɪt	ˈtri:tmənt ˈtrænsɹɑ:t ˈtrɒdn
ʃu:zɪŋ ʃɜ:lɪʃ ʃeəməŋ	ˈtru:θfl ˈtreɪdɪŋ traɪflz
əʃi:vmənt dɪsʃɑ:ʒd	əˈtrɪbjʊtɪd əˈtrækʃn
ɪnʃɑ:ntɪŋ ʌnʃæritəbl	ɪnˈtrɑst kənˈtrɑ:stɪd ɪnˈtri:tɪ
ʃi:tʃəz ˈretʃɪd ˈnætʃrl	
ˈtɑ:ʃəd ˈbʊtʃəri ˈmɜ:ʃəndaɪz	
ˈmɪstʃɪf ˈkæptʃə ədˈventʃə	
	ˈstri:mleɪnd ˈstreɪndʒəz
	ɪkˈstri:m ɪkˈstrævəgənt ɒˈstreɪljə
ri:tʃ mɑ:tʃ pɑ:tʃ hɔ:tʃ	
pɜ:tʃ rɪˈpɹəʊtʃ brəʊtʃ kraʊtʃ	
bentʃ brɑ:ntʃ lɔ:ntʃ ˈbʊlfɪntʃ	ˈpetrl ˈmeɪtrnli ˈkʌntri
lʌntʃ mɪltʃ belʃ ˈreɪtʃl	ˈkɒntrɑ:st ˈpəʊltrɪ kɒntrəˈdɪkt
/ ʒ /	/ dr /
ˈʒi:njəs ʒʌmbl ʒɑ:ndɪs	ˈdri:mə drɪld ˈdredfl
ˈʒɜ:nɪ ʒɑɪənt ʒʊəriməŋ	ˈdrɔ:lɪŋ drəʊv ˈdriəriːnɪs
ˈseɪf ˈʒɜ:nɪ ˈstɒp ʒəʊkɪŋ	ˈkwaɪt ˈdredfl ˈsɪks ˈdrʌmz
ˈhju:ʒ ʃi:z ˈlɑ:ʒ ˈtri:z	ˈblæk ˈdresɪz ˈʒæks draɪvɪŋ
brɪʒ hju:ʒ əˈsweɪʒ əˈblaɪʒ	
hɪndʒ spʌndʒ ʃeɪndʒ bʌlʒ	
əˈʒendə əˈʒeɪsnt ˈriəl ˈʒi:njəs	əˈdrest əˈdrɔɪt haɪˈdreɪndʒə
ˈbrɪʒɪz ˈfræʒaɪl ˈmɑ:ʒɪnl	kəˈθi:drɪ ˈsʌndri ˈhɪndrɪs
ˈɜ:ʒnt ˈrɪʒɪd ˈtræʒədɪ	ˈʃɪldrɪn ˈkɔ:lɪdrɪz

Compare

/ tʃ /	tʃʊkt	dɪk ʃɹɪəd	ˈlɑ:tʃ tri:z	bætʃ	lʌntʃ	ˈpɜ:tʃɪz
/ ʒ /	ʒʊkt	dɪk ʒɹɪəd	ˈlɑ:ʒ tri:z	bæʒ	lʌndʒ	ˈpɜ:ʒɪz
/ tr /	treɪnz	streɪnz	ɪts ˈtraɪŋ	hi:z ˈtraɪŋ	dɪˈtrɔɪt	ˈɔ:tri ˈkʌntri
/ dr /	dreɪnz	reɪnz	ɪts ˈdraɪŋ	hi:z ˈdraɪŋ	əˈdrɔɪt	ˈɔ:drɪ ˈsʌndri
/ tʃ /	tʃɪps	ʃɑ:nz	ɪnʃeɪnz	əʃi:v	ɪksʃeɪndʒ	ˈreɪtʃl
/ tr /	trɪps	trɑ:nz	ɪnˈtreɪnz	rɪˈtri:v	ɪksˈtreɪnjəs	ˈpetrl
/ ʒ /	ʒʌg	ˈʒʊəri	ɪts ˈhɑ:f ˈʒʌŋk	hi:z ˈʒɑɪvɪŋ	ˈmɜ:ʒə	ˈɔ:ʒɪ
/ dr /	drʌg	ˈdruəri	ɪts ˈhɑ:f ˈdrʌŋk	hi:z ˈdraɪvɪŋ	ˈmɜ:drə	ˈɔ:drɪ

/ tʃ /	/ tr /
challenge chance chalkpit	treatment transport trodden
choosing churlish chairman	truthful trading trifles
achievement discharged	attributed attraction
enchancing uncharitable	entrust contrasted entreaty
features wretched natural	
tortured butchery merchandise	
mischievous capture adventure	
	stream-lined strangers
	extreme extravagant Australia
reach march porch hutch	
perch reproach brooch crouch	
bench branch launch bullfinch	petrol matronly country
lunch milch belch Rachel	contrast poultry contradict
/ ʒ /	/ dr /
genius jumble jaundice	dreamer drilled dreadful
journey giant juryman	drawling drove dreariness
safe journey stop joking	quite dreadful six drums
huge cheese large trees	black dresses Jack's driving
bridge huge assuage oblige	
hinge sponge change bulge	
agenda adjacent real genius	addressed adroit hydrangea
bridges fragile marginal	cathedral sundry hindrance
urgent rigid tragedy	children cauldrons

Compare

/ tʃ / choked Dick cheered larch trees batch lunch perches
 / ʒ / joked Dick jeered large trees badge lunge purges
 / tr / trains strains it's trying he's trying Detroit Awtrey country
 / dr / drains drains it's drying he's drying adroit Audrey sundry
 / tʃ / chips chance enchains achieve exchange Rachel
 / tr / trips trance entrains retrieve extraneous petrol
 / ʒ / jugs jury it's half junk he's jiving merger orgy
 / dr / drugs Drury it's half drunk he's driving murderer Audrey

See Fricatives **GPE §9.4**; /f,v/ **§9.4.3**, /θ,ð/ **§9.4.4**, /s,z/ **§9.4.5**, /ʃ,ʒ/ **§9.4.6**, /h/ **§9.4.7**.

/ f /	/ θ /	/ s /	/ ʃ /
ˈferi ˈfa:ðə	ˈθɹæ θɔ:t	ˈsevn ˈsɪŋɡl	ˈʃɑ:pnis ʃɒk
ˈfeɪlɪŋ faʊlz	ˈθaʊznd ˈθɪətə	ˈsɒftli ˈsəʊɪŋ	ʃu:t ʃəˈra:d
ˈfri:dəm ˈflʌdɪŋ	θri: ˈθredɪd	ˈsmailɪŋ ˈsləʊli	ʃrɪmp ʃrʌɡ
ˈʃju:taɪl ˈfrəʊzn	θru: θrəʊt	ˈswi:dɪʃ splæʃ	ʃrʌŋk ʃru:d
dɪˈfaɪ ˈɒfətri	ˈeθɪks ˈmeθəd	rɪˈsenʃl ˈaɪsɪ	məˈʃi:n ˈeɪʃn
bɪˈfrend ˈkʌmfət	ˈleŋkθɪ æθˈletɪk	əˈstreɪ ˈkɒnsət	ˈbɪʃəp ˈwɒʃɪŋ
bɪ:f lɑ:f ru:f	ri:θ bɑ:θ bæʊθ	pi:s kla:s	bræʃ hɑ:ʃ
kɒf sɜ:f waɪf	klɒθ feɪθ	greɪs rɪˈhɜ:s	ˈfɪnɪʃ ˈvɑ:nɪʃ
fɪfθs left rɑ:fts	eɪtθs wɔ:mθ	sɪksθs rɪˈlæps	ˈmenʃnd ˈəʊʃn
ˈsɒfnd ˈtraɪəmfz	leŋkθs welθ	plæŋks ˈpɪstlz	ˈpeɪʃnts ˈbʊʃlz
ˈbæflz twelfθs	mʌnθ mɒθs	ˈrɪdnz krɑ:fts	ˈmɑ:ʃld

/ v /	/ ð /	/ z /	/ ʒ /
ˈveri ˈvæniʃ vaɪnz	ði:z ðens ðeɪ	zɪŋk ˈzeləs	
vəˈnɪlə vəˈrændə	ðəʊ ðaɪn	ˈzebrə ˈziərəʊ	
ðæts ˈveri ˈɡʊd	ˈteɪk ˈði:z ðen	ˈɡreɪt ˈzi:l	ˈbeɪʒ ˈkɜ:tnz
ˈsɪks vɑ:st ˈvæts	aɪv ˈlɒst ðəm	ˈðæt ˈzɪŋk	ˈkæməflɑ:ʒ peɪnt
ˈfaɪv frʌnt ˈvauəlz	ˈɪz ɪt ðəʊ?	ˈfrentʃ ˈzəʊn	
bɪˈli:v lʌv	ti:ð wɪð	fri:z rɪˈfɜ:z	presˈti:ʒ ru:ʒ
disˈpru:v əˈlaɪv	smu:ð beɪð	greɪz dɪˈfaɪnz	ˈkæməflɑ:ʒ
ˈbi:haɪv kɒnˈkleɪv	kləʊð raɪð	bri:ðz ˈhi:ðnz	ˈɡæra:ʒ beɪʒ
priˈvent ˈnevju:	ɔ:lˈðəʊ ˈaɪðə	rɪˈzɒlvd rɪˈreɪzd	ˈplezə ˈju:ʒuəl
di:ˈvɔ:st ˈsɪlvə	ˈbri:ðɪŋ ˈleðə	əbˈzɜ:v ˈpɔ:lɪz	ˈlezə ˈvɪʒn
rɪˈsi:vd ˈkænvəs	ˈbrʌðə ˈnɔ:ðn	ˈpreznts ˈflɪmzɪ	ˈmeʒəd ˈvɪʒwəl
li:vz ˈɡrævl	ri:ðd ˈrɪðmz	heɪzɪˈteɪʃn	ɪndɪˈsɪʒn

/ f /	/ θ /	/ s /	/ ʃ /
ferry father	thorough thought	seven single	sharpness shock
failing fowls	thousand theatre	softly sowing	shoot charade
freedom flooding	three threaded	smiling slowly	shrimp shrug
futile frozen	threw throat	Swedish splash	shrunk shrewd
defy offertory	ethics method	essential icy	machine Asian
befriend comfort	lengthy athletic	ashtray concert	bishop washing
beef laugh roof	wreath bath both	peace class	brash harsh
cough surf wife	cloth faith	grace rehearse	finish varnish
fifths left rafts	eighths warmth	sixths relapse	mentioned ocean
softened triumphs	lengths wealth	planks pistols	patients bushels
baffles twelfths	month moths	riddance crafts	marshalled

/ v /	/ ð /	/ z /	/ ʒ /
very vanish vines	these thence they	zinc zealous	
vanilla veranda	though thine	zebra zero	
that's very good	take these, then	great zeal	beige curtains
six vast vats	I've lost them	that zinc	camouflage paint
five front vowels	is it though?	French zone	
believe love	teethe with	freeze refers	prestige rouge
disprove alive	smooth bathe	graze defines	camouflage
bee-hive conclave	clothe writhe	breathes heathens	garage beige
prevent nephew	although either	resolved erased	pleasure usual
devoiced silver	breathing leather	observe palsy	leisure vision
received canvas	brother northern	presents flimsy	measured visual
leaves gravel	wreathed rhythms	hesitation	indecision

Compare

/ f /	fowl	few	surface	laughter	belief	wife's
/ v /	vowel	view	service	larva	believe	wives
/ θ /	thigh	ether	wreaths	teeth		
/ ð /	thy	breather	wreathes	teethe		
/ f /	fought	free	oaf		/ v /	vine Ivor breve
/ θ /	thought	three	oath		/ ð /	thine either breathe
/ t /	taught	tree	oat		/ d /	dine eider breed
/ s /	seal	ceases	fancy	that's	ink	niece once
/ z /	zeal	seizes	pansy	that	zinc	knees ones
/ θ /	think	ethics	faith		/ ð /	seething breathe writhe
/ s /	sink	Essex	face		/ z /	seizing breeze rise
/ ʃ /	ruche	fission	pressure			
/ ʒ /	rouge	vision	pleasure			
/ ʃ /	sheep	wash	marshes		/ ʒ /	leisure seizure vision
/ tʃ /	cheap	watch	marches		/ dʒ /	ledger besieger pigeon
/ s /	sow	lease	person		/ z /	composer Caesar bays
/ ʃ /	show	leash	Persian		/ ʒ /	composure seizure beige

Further practice

Pass the salt, please.	Whose is this thimble?
Is this the thing?	Where's the thick thread?
Ethel's health's good.	Is this the way to Hampstead Heath?
His charges are far too high.	She's starting a thorough search.
Her face flushed scarlet.	Have you finished with the floor-polisher?
Daffodils are such attractive flowers.	Seen anything of Sheila recently?
Are three measures sufficient?	Well, who were Henry VIII's wives?
I haven't found either of them.	He's joined the Leith police.
Seeing's believing, they say.	Is there any pleasure in it still?
Joseph's wife's a school-teacher.	Stop at the zebra crossing.
There are some very fine views.	Which month suits the others?
Trevor never watches television.	Try some Cheddar cheese, Roger.
George's house cost thousands.	Is this traffic-jam worse than usual?

/ h / (GPE §9.4.7)

'hi:θlənd 'hɑ:pɪst 'hɔ:tɪli 'hɜ:bl 'heɪtrɪd 'hɑʊzɪz 'heəri
 hə'ræŋ hʌ'ləʊ heks'ægənɪ hɑ:'pu:n hæp'hæzəd hezɪ'teɪfɪn
 həlu:sɪ'neɪfɪn

ə'hed pə'hæps 'brɪdʒhed 'enɪhau ɪn'heɪld əb'hɒrənt əd'hɪərənt
 ʌn'hæpɪ

Compare

/ h /	hi:l	hedʒ	hɑ:t	'hɔ:ltə	hɜ:l	heɪk	hɪə	heə	ʌn'hɑ:md
/ - /	i:l	eʒ	ɑ:t	'ɔ:ltə	ɜ:l	eɪk	ɪə	eə	ʌn'a:md

Further practice

'hau mʌtʃ dɪd henrɪz 'hɑʊs kɒst ɪm?

'hæz ɪ: teɪkn ɪz ʌm.brelə wɪð ɪm?

'weər ɪn ðə wɜ:lɪdz ɪ: 'pʊt ɪz kəʊθæŋə?

pə'hæps ɪ:l grɪv ju: ə hænd ɪm'self.

'hævnt ju: ʰɜ:d frɪm hæri ætkɪnz?

ˈdəʊnt hezɪteɪt tu a:sk fər ə hɑ:f deɪ ˈɒf.

hi: 'həʊps tə hæv ɪz hɒlədɪ wen ðə 'hɑ:vɪsts əʊvə.

ˈherɪfəd n ˈhʌntɪŋdən / ə ˈhɑ:dli ɪn ˈdʌstriəl eəriəz.

'hu: helpt hærlɪd tə bɪld ðə 'heɪstæk?

'hu:z ɪz ðæt nju: ˈhɑʊs / 'hɑ:f wei ʌp haɪwəd 'hɪl?

hi:z 'edʒd ðə ˌɔ:n / ən 'trɪmd ðə 'hɔ:θɔ:n hedʒɪz.

aɪ kəd 'hɑ:dli meɪk maɪself 'hɜ:d / əbʌv ˌɔ:l ðə ˌhʌbʌb.

hɜ: 'hʌzbænd heɪlz frɪm 'hɑ:pændən / ɪn 'hɑ:fədʃə.

'hau menɪ eɪprnz n 'hæŋkətʃɪfs ə ðə tu aɪən hetɪ?

aɪ 'hævnt 'hɜ:d hau ɪ: hɜ:t ɪz hænd.

hi: wəz 'hɪt ɒn ðə hed baɪ ə 'hɒkɪstɪk.

'weər ɒn ɜ:θ əv ju: 'hɪdn ðə hevi hæmə?

ðə 'həʊl ˌhɑʊshəʊld / əd 'mu:vɪd tu ə həʊtel ɪn 'hærəɡɪt.

'hau əbaʊt hɑ:f ə ˌpaɪnt / ət ðə 'heər ən 'hɑʊndz?

ˈhelənz hɪfhaɪkɪŋ θru: ˈhɒlənd / tə 'dʒɜ:mənɪ ən 'hʌŋɡəri.

'hau hɑ:d wəz ʒɔ:r ɪŋɡlɪʃ 'hɪstrɪ ɪgzæm?

ˈhaɪdn ɔ: hændl ɒn ðə ˈhɑ:psɪkɔ:d / ɪz 'maɪ aɪdrə əv 'hevɪn.

ˈhau hərəɪfɪəʊ held ðə ˈbrɪdʒ / ɪz ə 'teɪl əv greɪt 'herəʊɪzm.

'hɪldəz 'həʊm frɪm ˌhɒspɪtl / 'heɪl ən 'hɑ:tɪ əɡem.

/ h /

heathland harpist haughtily herbal hatred houses hairy
 harangue hallo hexagonal harpoon haphazard hesitation
 hallucination

ahead perhaps bridgehead anyhow inhaled abhorrent
 adherent unhappy

Compare

/ h /	heel	hedge	heart	halter	hurl	hake	here	hair	unharmed
/ - /	eel	edge	art	alter	earl	ache	ear	heir	unarmed

Further practice

How much did Henry's house cost him?

Has he taken his umbrella with him?

Where in the world's he put his coathanger?

Perhaps he'll give you a hand himself.

Haven't you heard from Harry Atkins?

Don't hesitate to ask for a half-day off.

He hopes to have his holiday when the harvest's over.

Hereford and Huntingdon are hardly industrial areas.

Who helped Harold to build the haystack?

Whose is that new house, halfway up Highwood Hill?

He's edged the lawn and trimmed the hawthorn hedges.

I could hardly make myself heard above all the hubbub.

Her husband hails from Harpenden in Hertfordshire.

How many aprons and handkerchiefs are there to iron, Hetty?

I haven't heard how he hurt his hand.

He was hit on the head by a hockey-stick.

Where on earth have you hidden the heavy hammer?

The whole household had moved to a hotel in Harrogate.

How about half a pint at the *Hare and Hounds*?

Helen's hitchhiking through Holland to Germany and Hungary.

How hard was your English history exam?

Haydn or Handel on the harpsichord in my idea of heaven.

How Horatio held the bridge is a tale of great heroism.

Hilda's home from hospital, hale and hearty again.

See Nasals **GPE §9.6**; /m/ §9.6.1, /n/ §9.6.2, /ŋ/ §9.6.3.

/ m /	/ n /	/ ŋ /
ˈmætə ˈmɪstəd	ˈni:dlz ˈnɔ:ɪŋ	ˈfɪŋgə ˈæŋgrɪ
ˈmu:vmənt ˈmɜ:ʃɪŋ	ˈnɜ:srɪ ˈneɪmseɪk	ˈstrɒŋgɪst ˈlæŋgwɪdʒ
mɪˈkænɪk maɪˈnju:t	nju:ˈmætɪk nəˈtɔ:riəs	ˈɪŋɡlənd ˈnaɪtɪŋgeɪl
ˈsmɪtn smæft	ˈsni:zɪz ˈsnæpɪŋ	ˈrɪŋə ˈstɪŋɪŋ
ˈsmɑ:tlɪ ˈsməʊkɪŋ	ˈsnəʊbɔ:l snɪəz	ˈhæŋɪŋ ˈlɒŋɪŋ
rɪˈmu:vl kəˈmɪt	əˈnɪl əˈnaʊnst	æŋˈzaɪɔtɪ ˈθɪŋkə
æsˈmætɪk ˈtremə	ʌnˈrɪəl ˈθɪnə	ˈæŋkəd ˈæŋkl
ˈsæmən ˈhæmpə	ˈwɪntə ˈænθəm	ˈkɒŋkəriŋ ˈʌŋkl
ˈkʌmfət ˈθɪmbl	ɪnθju:zɪˈæstɪk ˈɪnvɔɪs	ˈæŋkʃəs sɪŋks mʌŋks
ˈkærəml kəmˈpel	kənˈdʌkt ɪnˈstrʌktə	dɪsˈtɪŋkt əˈmʌŋst
wɔ:mθ glɪmps læmp	pʌntʃ mʌnθs ɪkˈspændz	streŋkθ θɪŋk
	ˈpenslz went	
læm stri:m pɑ:m	wen ˈmelən rɪˈgeɪn	θɪŋ sæŋ rɒŋ
kəʊm blu:m bleɪm	ɡʊn bu:n taʊn	θɒŋ tʌŋ əˈmʌŋ
ˈrɪðm ˈprɪzɪm	ˈrɒtn ˈsʌdn	
ˈlɪsm	ˈʌvn ˈz:θnweə	
	ˈsʌðn ˈlɪsnz	

Compare

/ m /	meɪm ˈsɪmə sʌm	/ n /	θɪn ˈbænə ˈmaʊntɪn
/ n /	neɪm ˈsɪnə sʌn	/ ŋ /	θɪŋ ˈbæŋə ˈmaʊntɪŋ
/ ŋ /	θɪŋ ˈbæŋə hæŋd	/ ŋ /	ˈsɪŋə ˈlɒŋɪŋ
/ ŋk /	θɪŋk ˈbæŋkə hæŋkt	/ ŋg /	ˈfɪŋgə ˈlɒŋgɪst

Further practice

aɪ ˈθɪŋk sʌmθɪŋz ˈrɒŋ.

ˈwʌn hæŋəz nɒt ɪˈnʌf.

ˈkʊdnt meəri rɪˈmembə?

hɪ: ˈræŋ fræŋks nʌmbər əˈgen.

ɪts ˈten paʊndz sevntɪ ˈpens.

ˈðætɪ set sm ˈtʌŋz wæŋɪŋ.

aɪl bɪ ˈbrɪŋɪŋ ə ˈdʌzn.

ˈtraɪ θɪnɪŋ ɪt ˈdaʊn.

ˈmaɪnəz ər ɒfn faɪn ˈsɪŋəz.

aɪm ˈʃʌst ˈdaɪŋ fər ə ˈdrɪŋk.

ˈkaʊnt ʌp dʒ: ˈmʌnɪ.

ˈməʊst əv ðəm ə ˈmɪsɪŋ.

ʌŋkl ˈʃɒnz kʌmɪŋ ɪn ðə ˈmɔ:nɪŋ.

ˈklaɪmɪŋ ˈmaʊntɪnz / ɪz ˈveri ˈdeɪndʒərəs.

ðəz ˈnʌθɪŋ ðə ˈmætə.

ðə ˈjʌŋgə men / wə ˈdrɪŋkɪŋ ˈbrə.

maɪ ˈfɪŋgəz bɪ:n eɪkɪŋ d:l ˈdeɪ.

ðə wɒznt ə ˈsɪŋɡl wʊmən ˈpreznt.

hɪ:z ˈkʌmɪŋ hæʊm ɪn ðə ˈsprɪŋ.

hɪz ˈstreŋks ɪˈnɔ:məs.

/ m /	/ n /	/ ŋ /
matter mustard	needles gnawing	finger angry
movement merging	nursery namesake	strongest language
mechanic minute	pneumatic notorious	England nightingale
smitten smashed	sneezes snapping	ringer stinging
smartly smoking	snowball sneers	hanging longing
removal commit	annul announced	anxiety thinker
asthmatic tremor	unreal thinner	anchored ankle
salmon hamper	winter anthem	conquering uncle
comfort thimble	enthusiastic invoice	anxious sinks monks
caramel compel	conduct instructor	distinct amongst
warmth glimpse lamp	punch months expands	strength think
	pencils went	
lamb stream palm	when melon regain	thing sang wrong
comb bloom blame	gone boon town	thong tongue among
rhythm prism	rotten sudden	
lissome	oven earthenware	
	southern listens	

Compare

/ m /	maim	simmer	some	/ n /	thin	banner	mountain
/ n /	name	sinner	sun	/ ŋ /	thing	banger	mounting
/ ŋ /	thing	banger	hanged	/ ŋ /	singer	longing	
/ ŋk /	think	banker	hanked	/ ŋg /	finger	longest	

Further practice

I think something's wrong.	One hanger's not enough.
Couldn't Mary remember?	He rang Frank's number again.
It's ten pounds seventy pence.	That'll set some tongues wagging.
I'll be bringing a dozen.	Try thinning it down.
Miners are often fine singers.	I'm just dying for a drink.
Count up your money.	Most of them are missing.
Uncle John's coming in the morning	Climbing mountains is very dangerous.
There's nothing the matter.	The younger men were drinking beer.
My finger's been aching all day.	There wasn't a single woman present.
He's coming home in the spring.	His strength's enormous.

/l/

(GPE §9.7.1)

ˈli:nɪŋ ˈlesnz ˈla:ftə bleɪmd ˈblæknis ˈglɑ:sɪz ˈjeləʊ
 ˈbætʃələ ˈnəʊblɪ ˈaɪlənd əˈlaʊ sɪˈleksjən ˈwɪljəm ˈfeɪljə
 mɪljəˈneə

pleɪs klɪəd ˈflaɪŋ sləʊ ˈkʌtləs ˈbʌtlə ˈgɑ:stli ˈsprɪŋklə
 sti:l stɪl bel kəˈnæɪl mʌl dɒl fɔ:l pʊl stu:l twɜ:l reɪl
 bəʊl smʌɪl kaʊl ˈrɔɪəl

welp bʌlb fɪld spelt mɪlk mɪltʃ bʌldʒ fɪlm kɪln ʃelf
 rɪˈzɒlv welθ pʌls selz welf ɔ:lˈðəʊ

ˈsɪmpl ˈstʌmbl ˈɪtl ˈmʌdl ˈbʌkl ˈsætʃl ˈkæml ˈkwɔ:rl
 ˈəʊvl ˈpɑ:sl ˈju:sfl ˈɔ:zwɪd

ˈbʌkl ɪt ˈsetl ɪt ˈdʌbl ɪt ˈwɪsl ɪt

/r/

(GPE §9.7.2)

ˈri:pə ˈræʃli ˈru:dnɪs reɪd ræmz ˈreɪdɪəʊ ˈrɑ:skl əˈraɪv
 əˈrestɪd dɪˈrekʃjən vəˈraɪəti kəˈrɪə tɪˈrænikl ʌmˈbrelə
 əˈgri:mənt ˈbreɪvəri ˈgri:di brɑ:ntʃ graʊlz rɪˈspekt reprɪˈtɪʃn
 rəˈbʌst rɪˈzent brɪgəˈdiə ˈdʒenrɪ

ˈmɪrə ˈmerɪ ˈmæri ˈmeəri ˈsɔ:ri ˈdaɪəri ˈdeəri θri:

prɪˈzent preɪ krɔ:l səˈpraɪzd ɪkˈstri:mli træʃ freɪd ʃrɪmp
 ˈkæprɪkɔ:n ˈbʌkrəm ˈlu:dɪkrəs ˈempərə ˈhɪstri

Compare

/ r / rɪˈzent reɪd spreɪ skrɔ:l reɪnz reɪnz

/ r / prɪˈzent freɪd preɪ krɔ:l treɪnz dreɪnz

/ r / ri:f raɪt ˈpaɪərət kræmp preɪz breɪd fri:

/ l / li:f laɪt ˈpaɪlət klæmp pleɪz bleɪd fli:

/l/(GPE §9.7.1)

leaning lessons laughter blamed blackness glasses yellow
 bachelor nobly island allow selection William failure
 millionaire

plaise cleared flying slow cutlass butler ghastly sprinkler
 steel still bell canal mull doll fall pull stool twirl rail
 bowl smile cowl royal

whelp bulb filled spelt milk milch bulge film kiln shelf
 resolve wealth pulse sells welsh although

simple stumble little muddle buckle satchel camel quarrel
 oval parcel useful Oswald

buckle it settle it double it whistle it

/r/(§9.7.2)

reaper rashly rudeness raid rams radio rascal arrive
 arrested direction variety career tyrannical umbrella
 agreement bravery greedy branch growls respect repetition
 robust resent brigadier general

mirror merry marry Mary sorry diary dairy three

present pray crawl surprised extremely trash frayed shrimp
 Capricorn buckram ludicrous emperor history

Compare

/r/ resent raid spray scrawl rains rains

/r/ present frayed pray crawl trains drains

/r/ reef write pirate cramp praise braid free

/l/ leaf light pilot clamp plays blade flee

/ j /

(GPE §9.7.4)

ʃi:ldɪd ʃestədi ʃɑ:d ʃɒt ʃu:nɪˈvɜ:sɪti ʃʊərəˈpiən
 ˈbju:tɪfl dju:n ˈmju:zɪkl nju: vju: ˈɑ:gju: ˈʌnjən fəˈmɪljə
 kəˈləʊnjəl ˈnevju: ˈfəʊbjə
 pju:s ˈtju:bjʊlə ˈkju:kʌmbə ˈhju:mən pəˈtɪkjələ ˈpjuəri
 sɪˈkjuəri ˈspjuəriəs ˈstju:pə mˈθju:zɪæzm rɪˈfju:zd

/ w /

(GPE §9.7.4)

ˈwɪntri ˈwɒlɪt ˈwʊdnt ˈwɜ:ldli ˈweɪvəriŋ əˈweɪ ˈɔ:lwəz
 ˈlæŋgwɪdʒ ˈdwaɪndl dʊə:ft ˈɡwɪnɪθ
 ˈskwɪrl skwɒft ˈskwɒlɪd ˈskwɛltʃɪŋ skwɜ:m skweə ˈskwærə
 ˈswɪmə swɔ:d ˈʌpwədz ˈaʊtwəd ˈɪ:kwɪl ˈlæpwɪŋ ˈbækwədz
 twɪnz twelv twaɪs twenti kwi:n kwat ˈkwærət rɪˈkwɒlɪti

Compare

/ v / vent vein vail vɜ:s viəd ˈveəri

/ w / went wein wail wɜ:s wiəd ˈweəri

Further practice

wi: wə ˈveri ˈwʌrɪd.

ɪts ˈlaɪəbl tə breɪk ˈdaʊn.

ʃi: wəz ˈweəriŋ sɪlvər ˈəriŋz.

'weəz ðə ˈreɪlweɪ taɪmteɪbl?

jɔ: ˈvaʊəlz ə ri:li ˈterəbl.

ðə wəz ˈdraɪ ˈrɒt / ɪn ðə ˈrɑ:ftəz.

ɪts ɡɒt ə ˈjeləʊ ˈstraɪp raʊnd ɪt.

'aɪ prɪfɜ:r ə ˈstriŋ vest.

ɪt wəz ən ˈɒbvʃəs klerɪkl ˈerə.

'twelv kærəlz ɪ bi ˈæmpl.

'ni:ərəʊ ˌfɪdld / waɪl ˈrəʊm ˈbɜ:nd.

wɒt ˈbju:tɪfl ˈbɪlbrɪz.

ðə ˈrɔ:əl ʃɒt wəz ˈweəriŋ.

wi: ˈɔ:lwɪz ˈwɒntɪd wʌn.

*sevrəl ˈskwɪrlz / ˈræn əkrɒs ðə ˈru:f.

'wɒt ə ju: ˈkwɒrəlɪŋ əʊvə?

ðə ˈwʊdwɜ:k / wəz ˈɔ:l rɑ:ðər ˈəʊld.

wi: wʌn baɪ ˈθri: ɡəʊlz tə ˈnɪl.

hi: ˈplɑ:ntɪd ðə rɒŋ ˈbʌlbz.

'wɔ:ltə wəz ə ˈmɒdl pju:pl.

ði əˈrɪdʒənɪz ɪn ðə ˈlaɪbrəri.

ði ˈɔ:l meɪl ˈtʃʊəri / əˈkwɪtɪd ɪm.

/j/

yielded yesterday yard yacht university European

beautiful dune musical new view argue onion familiar
colonial nephew phobiapuce tubular cucumber human particular purity
security spurious stupor enthusiasm refused

/w/

wintry wallet wouldn't worldly wavering away always
language dwindle dwarfed Gwyneth

squirrel squashed squalid squelching squirm square squire

swimmer sward upwards outward equal lapwing backwards

twins twelve twice twenty queen quite quiet equality

Compare

/v/ vent vain vile verse veered vary

/w/ went wane while worse weird wary

Further practice

We were very worried.

It's liable to break down.

She was wearing silver ear-rings.

Where's the railway timetable?

Your vowels are really terrible.

There was dry rot in the rafters.

It's got a yellow stripe round it.

I prefer a string vest.

It was an obvious clerical error.

Twelve carols'll be ample.

Nero fiddled while Rome burned.

What beautiful bilberries!

The royal yacht was waiting.

We always wanted one.

Several squirrels ran across the roof.

What are you quarrelling over?

The woodwork was all rather old.

We won by three goals to nil.

He planted the wrong bulbs.

Walter was a model pupil.

The original's in the library.

The all-male jury acquitted him.