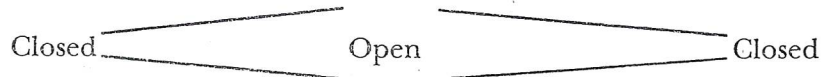


VOWELS AND CONSONANTS

The Singer's Scale of Pure American English Vowel Sounds

Tongue Vowels	(Neutral)	Lip Vowels
* [i] [e] [ɪ] [ɛ] [æ]	* [a] [ɑ] [ʌ] [ɔ]	* [ɜ] [o] [ʊ] [u]
Nee nay nit net	nat nigh nah nut naught	nerd no nook noo



The schwa is an unstressed vowel sound as in the *a* of *about*. [ə]

DIPHTHONGS

A	=	ay – ih, as in <i>day</i>	[e ɪ]
I	=	ah – ih, as in <i>night</i>	[a ɪ]
O	=	oh – oo, as in <i>no</i>	[o u]
U	=	ee – oo, as in <i>you</i>	[i u]
OW	=	ah – oo, as in <i>now</i>	[a u]
OY	=	augh – ih, as in <i>boy</i>	[ɔ ɪ]

CONSONANTS

<u>Vocal</u>		<u>Sub-Vocal</u>
L – love		B – body
M – mother		D – do
N – no		G – go
NG – ing		J – jump
R – ring		
V – very		
W – word		
TH – this		
Z – zebra		

* Use only the primary (or first) vowel sound of this word.

<u>Explosives</u>	<u>Sibilants</u>	<u>Aspirates</u>
C – cart	C – center	WH – when
K – kick	CH – church	H** – heart
P – pop	F – father	
Q – quick	S – sister	
T – tot	SH – show	
	TH – thought	
	X – extra	

** H can also be silent, as in the word *hour*.

with permission