

Transcription exercise 1 — basic transcription practice
The following exercises are designed to go with tape number 1.

1. Review of technical terms. Listen to exercise 1 on the tape. You will hear the following lists of words pronounced. As you listen to the words, circle the ones that fit the description for the list.

a. Circle words that begin with a bilabial consonant.

baby blink pabulum picnic psyche moan mixer mnemonic

b. Circle words that begin with a velar consonant.

got cat chat chaos nice know gander gender gnat

c. Circle words that begin with an alveolar consonant.

zipper nice super sugar knife topiary pteropod gnaw

d. Circle words that begin with a dental consonant.

thigh sigh that thin soup ship theory thyme

e. Circle words that begin with a postalveolar consonant.

shape chew juice Joey Jose choose Tuesday genes

f. Circle words that end with a nasal.

ran ram rang rank tub thumb thong drone droned

h. Circle words that end with an oral plosive.

pup pub tube graph art forte tank tack tag tang

i. Circle words that contain an affricate.

much Bach ads edge itching chew chevron joy giant

j. Circle words that begin with an approximant.

we you only one raw lull Jacob Jakov

k. Circle words in which the medial consonant is voiced.

tracking tagging stopper stomach robber runner ether either

razor lesser leisure

l. Circle words in which the vowel is high (i.e. close).

sat suit got boot meet mist mice nude mud

m. Circle words in which the vowel is low (i.e. open).

nicks snacks wad bomb rude

n. Circle words that contain a front vowel.

kit cat gate caught cad caw

o. Circle words that contain a back vowel.

maid weep coop cop cap good gall glass

2. Transcription. Each of the following transcriptions of words contains an error, indicating a pronunciation for that word that does not exist in any dialect of English (or at least in the dialect of the speaker on the tape). As you listen to the words on the tape, circle the error and write the correct transcription in the space provided.

1. 'strength'	['strɛŋgθ]	should be	[]
2. 'crime'	['crɪɪm]		[]
3. 'wishing'	['wɪʃɪŋ]		[]
4. 'wives'	['warvs]		[]
5. 'these'	['θiz]		[]
6. 'hijacking'	['haɪjækɪŋ]		[]
7. 'yellow'	['jɛlləʊ]		[]
8. 'chipping'	['tʃɪppɪŋ]		[]
9. 'sixty'	['sɪxtɪ]		[]
10. 'thesis'	['ðɪsɪs]		[]
11. 'man-made'	['mænmeɪd]		[]
12. 'snowball'	['snəʊbɒl]		[]
13. 'tea chest'	['ti:tʃɛst]		[]
14. 'tomcat'	['tɒmkæt]		[]
15. 'tiptoe'	['tiptəʊ]		[]
16. 'avoid'	[æ'vɔɪd]		[]
17. 'remain'	[rɪ'mæn]		[]
18. 'roommate'	['rʊmmet]		[]
19. 'umbrella'	[ʊm'bɹɛlə]		[]
20. 'manage'	['mænædʒ]		[]
21. 'exclusion'	[eks'klʊʃən]		[]
22. 'traffic'	['træfɪk]		[]

23. 'simplistic'	['sɪmplɪstɪk]	[]
24. 'citation'	[si'teɪʃən]	[]
25. 'improvement'	[ɪm'pru:vmənt]	[]
26. 'demonstrate'	['dɛmənstreɪt]	[]
27. 'human being'	[hʌmən 'bi:ɪŋ]	[]
28. 'appreciate'	[ə'pri:ʃieɪt]	[]
29. 'joyful'	['dʒɔɪfʊl]	[]

3. Transcribe the following words and phrases as you hear them pronounced on the tape. Each item will be repeated three times.

a. chocolate pudding _____

b. either _____

c. either _____

d. digest _____

e. digest _____

f. calm down _____

g. caught _____

h. corollary _____

i. corollary _____

j. exit _____

k. exit _____

l. newspaper _____

m. newspaper _____