

# 44 Sounds of the English Language

## The 18 Consonant Sounds

- b (bag, ribbon)
  - k (cat, pick, kite, box, queen)
  - d (dog, add, filled)
  - f (fast, phone, laugh, half)
  - g (get, egg, ghost, guest)
  - h (hot, who)
  - j (jet, page, giraffe, edge)
  - l (lip, fell)
  - m (man, summer, climb, autumn)
  - n (net, penny, know, gnat)
  - p (pan, happy)
  - r (rat, wrist)
  - s (sip, ice, city, science)
  - t (top, Thomas, trapped)
  - v (van, of, five)
  - w (why, wait, queen, choir)
  - y (yes, opinion)
  - z (zap, fuzz, has, cheese)
- c, q, and x are found in other sounds.
- The c sound is found in the k sound and in the s sound (city)
- The q sound is found in 'kw' Kwanza
- The x sound is found in 'ks' words like picks

## The 3 R-Controlled Vowel Sounds

- ar (car, part)
- or (fork, north)
- ur/ir/er (her, bird, hurt)

## The 5 Short Vowel Sounds

- a (bat, after)
- e (egg, pet, bread, friend)
- i (pig, in, busy, women)
- o (hop, off, awful, August)
- u (fun, monkey, trouble)

## The 6 Long Vowel Sounds

- a (made, maid, day, lady)
- e (feet, bean, these, be, candy)
- i (pie, might, like)
- o (boat, bone, open, toe, sew)
- u (you, mule)
- oo (few, blue, soup)

## The 7 Digraphs Sounds

- ch (chip, patch, future)
- sh (shop, fish)
- th (thing)
- th (this, the)
- wh (when)
- ng (ring)
- nk (bunk)



## The 5 Special Sounds, Diphthongs Included

- oi (oil, toy)
- ow (cow, pouch)
- oo (book, pull, soup)
- aw (raw, haul)
- zh (vision, treasure)