



# Learning and Practicing Truespel Phonetics

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The listing below contains video tutorials for learning and practicing truespel phonetics. This should be all you need to know to be able to spell words phonetically. Use the converter at <http://truespel.com> to paste words and paragraphs for instant conversion to truespel phonetics. The converter is derived from the spoken words of popular talking dictionaries and is the truespel standard for US English dialect. Additions and changes can be recommended to me at [tzurinkas@gmail.com](mailto:tzurinkas@gmail.com)

1. The “quick beige fox” story shows how to spell all 40 sounds of USA English using truespel phonetics.

The Beige Fox Truespel Story  
This story contains the 40 sounds of USA English.

“That quick beige fox jumped in the air over each thin dog. Look out, I shout, for he’s foiled you again, creating chaos.”

Now written in truespel:  
—That kwik hoezh fawks jumpd in thee air oever eech thhin daug. Look out, le shout, for he z foild yue uggen, kree”ueteeng kae”axx.—

Rules:

- A tilde (~) indicates truespel: a double tilde (~~) starts and ends a phrase.
- Stress is always first syllable or after a double consonant (or quote sign).
- An apostrophe splits two vowels or shows a glottal stop (quote = stressed).

Basically, the above sums up all you need to know about truespel. But it takes a bit of practice to recognize sounds and attach correct spellings.

2. This video counts the 40 phonemes of US English in the “quick beige fox story”

# Counting the 40 sounds (Phonemes) of USA English



Th-a-t k-w-i-k b-ae-zh f-aa-k-s j-u-m-p-d

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17

i-n th-ee air oe-v-er ee-ch thh-i-n d-au-g.

18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27

L-oo-k ou-t, le sh-ou-t, f-or h-ee-z f-oi-l-d

28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36

y-ue u-gg-e-n, k-r-ee-"ae-t-ee-n-g k-ae-'aa-s

37 38 39 40

by Tom Zurnskie

3. Comparing IPA and truespel using quick beige fox story.

<http://tinyurl.com/6qnmngn>

4. This is a large table showing the truespel pronunciation key

**17 USA English vowels**  
 (Sample words are in USA traditional spelling with developed phonetic spelling, USA accent. Note that a tilde (~) means truespel phoneme(s))

short vowels	long vowels	other	truespel
ɪ = fit (-fit)	ī = Mīre (-Mīre)	ɪə = (Sear) (-Sear)	ā = air (-air)
e = met (-met)	ē = (see) (-see)	ə = (siper) (-siper)	ē = ee (-ee)
ɪ = will (-will)	ī = pīe (-pīe)	o = (out) (-out)	ū = ue (-ue)
ʊ = look (-look)	ū = (too) (-too)	o = (out) (-out)	
u = up (-up)	ū = (blue) (-blue)	o = (out) (-out)	

**23 USA English consonants**  
 (Truespel default stress is on the first syllable or shifts to the vowel after a double consonant)

ʃ = (sh) share (-shar)	ʃ = let's allow (-lets-wallow)	ʃh = (sh) whān (-shah-wāhan)
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5. The 17 Vowels of US English are shown with most popular words given.

The first and second most popular words in US English are shown for each sound

		<u>tradspeil</u>	<u>-truespeil</u>			<u>tradspeil</u>	<u>-truespeil</u>
<b>5 short vowels</b>				<b>3 "r" vowels</b>			
1	~a	and, that	~and, ~that	11	~air	there, their	~thair, ~thair
2	~e	said, them	~sai, ~them	12	~er	her, were	~her, ~wer
3	~i	in, it	~in, ~it	13	~or	for, or	~for, ~or
4	~oo	would, could	~wood, ~kood	<b>2 "ah/aw" vowels</b>			
5	~u	the, of	~thu, ~ov	14	~as	on, not	~an, ~not
<b>5 long vowels</b>				15	~un	all, also	~al, ~alsee
6	~ay	they, way	~thai, ~wai	<b>2 diphthongs</b>			
7	~ee	be, be	~bee, ~bee	16	~oi	point, voice	~point, ~vois
8	~ie	I, by	~ie, ~bie	17	~au	out, about	~out, ~about
9	~oe	so, no	~soe, ~noe				
10	~ue	to, you	~toe, ~yoe				

6. The 23 Consonants of US English are shown with most popular words given.

The first and second most popular words in US English with each sound is shown

		<u>tradspeil</u>	<u>-truespeil</u>			<u>tradspeil</u>	<u>-truespeil</u>
1	~b	be, but,	~bee, ~but,	13	~r	for, are	~for, ~ar
2	~ch	which, much	~wich, ~much	14	~s	this, so	~this, ~soe
3	~d	and, had	~and, ~had	15	~sh	she, should	~shee, ~shood
4	~f	for, from	~for, ~frum	16	~t	to, it	~toe, ~it
5	~g	get, go	~get, ~goe	17	~th	the, that	~thu(~thee), ~that
6	~h	he, had	~hee, ~had	18	~thh	with, think	~withh, ~thheek
7	~j	just, large	~just, ~larj	19	~v	of, have	~ov, ~hav
8	~k	can, like	~kan, ~like	20	~w	was, with	~wuz, ~withh
9	~l	all, will	~al, ~wil	21	~y	yes, years	~yes, ~yoez
10	~m	from, my	~frum, mie	22	~z	was, is	~wuz, ~iz
11	~n	and, in	~and, ~in	23	~zh	usually, television	~yuezhyulee, ~telviziin
12	~p	up, people	~up, ~peepool				

7. This video explains the way stressed syllables are shown in truespel.

the second syllable – showing how each of the 23 consonants is doubled to indicate stress.

~b about ~ubbout ~ch achieved ~uccheevd  
 ~d idea ~ieddeeyu ~f before ~beeffer  
 ~g again ~uggen ~h perhaps ~perhhaps  
 ~j suggested ~suggjestid ~k because ~beekkez  
 ~l along ~ullaung ~m among ~ummung  
 ~n another ~unnuther ~p important ~impportint  
 ~r around ~urround ~s himself ~himssself  
 ~sh machine ~mussheen ~t until ~unttil  
 ~th without ~witthout ~thh within ~witthhin  
 ~v university ~yuvivversitee " create ~kree "act  
 ~w between ~beetwween ~y beyond ~beeyyaand  
 ~z present ~nrizzent ~zh regime ~rae zzhheim

8. This data table shows the top 3 ways each of US English sound is spelled.

by Thomas E. Zeslock 2007, from data in Truespel Book 4, at [Audiobase.com](http://Audiobase.com)  
 Note: "trad" means letters used for this sound in traditional spelling

sound	as in	1st way	2nd way	3rd way	sound	as in	1st way	2nd way	3rd way
		trad %	trad %	trad %			trad %	trad %	trad %
-a	bat	"a" 100%			-e	eat	"e" 99%	"kn" 1%	
-aa	Seab	"o" 66%	"u" 34%		-oo	too	"o" 63%	"ow" 36%	"ou" 1%
-oe	oatmeal	"e" 34%	"y" 20%	"u" 17%	-oi	point	"o" 62%	"oy" 38%	
-or	far	"e" 30%	"u" 20%	"er" 17%	-oo	good	"a" 28%	"e" 24%	"ou" 20%
-aa	ager	"a" 50%	"o" 29%	"ough" 7%	-er	fern	"e" 59%	"one" 21%	"our" 8%
-b	bat	"b" 100%			-ou	out	"ou" 69%	"ow" 31%	
-ch	chip	"ch" 72%	"t" 22%	"ch" 5%	-p	pop	"p" 100%		
-d	de	"d" 100%			-r	run	"r" 100%		
-a	man	"a" 77%	"u" 9%	"au" 6%	-i	sun	"i" 83%	"e" 14%	"y" 3%
-aa	most	"a" 31%	"y" 25%	"t" 19%	-ch	shed	"sh" 51%	"t" 30%	"d" 8%
-er	her	"e" 80%	"u" 19%	"ur" 7%	-t	te	"t" 100%		
-f	far	"f" 96%	"ph" 2%	"gh" 2%	-th	the	"th" 100%		
-g	good	"g" 96%	"r" 2%		-thh	thin	"th" 100%		
-h	hat	"h" 94%	"wh" 5%		-u	up	"u" 29%	"e" 25%	"o" 25%
-i	hip	"i" 61%	"e" 21%	"u" 4%	-oo	blue	"o" 60%	"ou" 35%	"y" 3%
-ie	die	"i" 37%	"e" 33%	"y" 18%	-e	see	"e" 53%	"t" 47%	
-j	jet	"j" 59%	"t" 33%	"d" 5%	-u	see	"u" 70%	"ai" 17%	none 10%
-k	kip	"c" 58%	"k" 26%	"r" 5%	-y	jet	none 55%	"y" 43%	"t" 2%

9. Here is practice reading truespel phonetics using single syllable nonsense words.

2	puel	23	thorn
3	liem	24	zeet
4	gaav	25	koom
5	laeb	26	raag
6	hoesh	27	maaz
7	yook	28	wooth
8	shoop	29	voed
9	thoos	30	pora
10	chaun	31	lauth
11	jairu	32	goush
12	zhoet	33	laik
13	nuj	34	hoib
14	lij	35	nerz
15	joek	36	beezh
16	sach	37	dial
17	kezh	38	soop
18	kash	39	laej
19	seih	40	thoed
20	deu	41	toom
21	soed	42	koesh

10. Here is practice reading truespel phonetics using the names of the 50 US states.

2	-Aairzo-enu	18	-Luzzeeryyuu	34	-Oehhe'oe
3	-Alshhann	19	-Maentann	35	-Oehheyoee
4	-Delhwair	20	-Maen	36	-Oekduhhoenu
5	-Florida	21	-Mairilind	37	-Origh
6	-Ilurvuur'ee	22	-Masscheesets	38	-Pensilvvaeriyu
7	-Ilethhoe	23	-Mississordu	39	-Rood Ieland
8	-Ie'usu	24	-Mississuetu	40	-South Dakkoetu
9	-Ieyuuu	25	-Mishighn	41	-South Dakkoedu
10	-Ilind'ann	26	-Missispee	42	-South Karullienu
11	-Indeeryyuu	27	-Missuree	43	-Telok
12	-Ieeje	28	-Nebraska	44	-Tenessee
13	-Kashurandoe	29	-Nevada	45	-Ulaskin
14	-Kaliffaeriyu	30	-North Dakkoetu	46	-Vergjiryu
15	-Kanzis	31	-North Dakkoedu	47	-Verramaani
			-North Karullienu	48	-Wasscheengin
			-New Hampshire		
			-New Jersey		

Truespel books are available at <http://tinyurl.com/3v2ekzn> They include:

**Book 1.** Analysis of US English - looking at a listing of 57k words - counting phoneme frequency and comparing to other languages.

**Book 2** Listing of 33k root words by phonetic spelling first for phonetic lookup.

Book 3. The VOA Special Dictionary of basic words is given a truespel pronunciation guide with the second half of the book putting the phonetic words first for phonetic lookup.

Book 4. Analysis of US English - gives a listing of the 5,000 most popular words of English, each ranked by having an instance count. Thus, the frequency of phonemes by popularity is determined. Very interesting data.

For a listing of other various tutorials see <http://justpaste.it/useit>

SUMMARY English is the lingua franca of the world: It's necessary to have [phonetics](#) based on [English](#).