

The Science Behind Truespel Phonetics

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For US English, there is a much better pronunciation guide than the "new" British Council version <http://bit.ly/13MLm4P> which is not English friendly. It is far better than the "official?" US government phonetics used by the VOA see <http://justpaste.it/voaspel> . It is truespel phonetics.

Truespel follows the criteria <http://justpaste.it/truecriteria> . Thus, truespel is phonics-based, using no special symbols. It looks like English making it easily writable, allowing typical capitalization and punctuation rules, which is a first for phonetics.

Truespel phoneme spelling is based on a scientific analysis of US English phonics and spelling rules . See the analysis of letters of the alphabet at <http://justpaste.it/aqe> and the analysis of the frequencies of spellings of each sound of US English at <http://justpaste.it/phonemefreq> . Both analyses are from the new perspective of counting the popularity of appearance of phonemes in text (15.4M total instances for the topo 5k words - ref truespel book 4).

Truespel is mature and free on the internet. It can be learned by ELL's in an hour. The free two-way converter shows phonetics next to regular spelling where words can be clicked for definitions <http://bit.ly/1Dvx4Tz> . Free tutorials are at <http://justpaste.it/course2> .

In summary, popular phonetics in the USA is a hodge podge non-system. Even newspapers and US government avoid the strange symbols of the International Phonetic Alphabet see <http://www.screenr.com/cbn8> . Thus the need for truespel phonetics is obvious and is outlined here <http://justpaste.it/truespelnow> .

For much more detail, see the links from my presentation at the 2015 Florida Literacy Coalition at <http://justpaste.it/flctruespel2015>