9 STRONG AND WEAK SYLLABLES

1 Transcribe the following words:

better happy thank you

open sharpen architect

photograph radio influence

2 Transcribe the following words with schwa:

*a*ttend char*a*cter barr*a*cks

p*a*rticular mol*a*r mon*a*rchy

intim*a*te accur*a*te desol*a*te

t*o*morrow p*o*tato carr*o*t

f*o*rget ambass*a*d*o*r opp*o*rtun*i*ty

settlem*e*nt viol*e*t postm*e*n

p*e*rhaps strong*e*r sup*e*rman

aut*u*mn s*u*pport halib*u*t

thor*ough* bor*ough*

graci*ous* call*ous*

3 **Syllabic l**

Transcribe the following words:

a) with alveolar consonant preceding

cattle bottle wrestle muddle

b) with non-alveolar consonant preceding

couple trouble struggle knuckle

bottle – bottling muddle –muddling

struggle – struggling

c) followed by *–al* or *–el*:

panel kernel parcel Babel

petal pedal papal ducal

4 **Syllabic n**

Transcribe the following words:

seven heaven often

5 **Syllabic m, ŋ**

Transcribe the following words:

happen uppermost thicken ‘broken key’

6 **Syllabic r**

hungry - Hungary

7 The following sentences have been partially transcribed, but the vowels have been left blank. Fill in the vowels, taking care to identify which vowels are weak; put no vowel at all if you think a syllabic consonant is appropriate, but put a syllabic mark beneath the syllabic consonant.

1 A particular problem of the boat was a leak

p t kj 1 pr bl m v ð b t w z 1 k

2 Opening the bottle presented no difficulty

p n ŋ ð b t l pr z nt d n d f k lt

3 There is no alternative to the government’s proposal

ð r z n lt n t v t ð ɡ v nm nt spr p zl

4 We ought to make a collection to cover the expenses

w t t m k k l k ʃ n t k v ð ksp ns z

5 Finally they arrived at a harbour at the edge of the mountains

f n 1 ð r v d t h b r t ð dʒ v ð m nt nz