

- i) Spelt with 'a'; strong pronunciation would have æ
 'attend' ətend 'character' kæræktə
 'barracks' bæreks
- ii) Spelt with 'ar'; strong pronunciation would have ɑ:
 'particular' pətɪkjələ 'molar' məʊlə
 'monarchy' mənəki
- iii) Adjectival endings spelt 'ate'; strong pronunciation would have eɪ
 'intimate' ɪntɪmət 'accurate' ækjərət
 'desolate' desələt (though there are exceptions to this:
 'private' is usually praɪvɪt)
- iv) Spelt with 'o'; strong pronunciation would have ɒ
 'tomorrow' təmɒrəʊ 'potato' pətətəʊ
 'carrot' kærət
- v) Spelt with 'or'; strong pronunciation would have ɔ:
 'forget' fəget 'ambassador' æmbæsədə
 'opportunity' ɒpətju:nɪti
- vi) Spelt with 'e'; strong pronunciation would have e
 'settlement' setlmənt 'violet' vaɪələt
 'postmen' pəʊstmən
- vii) Spelt with 'er'; strong pronunciation would have ɜ:
 'perhaps' pəhæps 'stronger' strɒŋgə
 'superman' su:pəmæn
- viii) Spelt with 'u'; strong pronunciation would have ʌ
 'Autumn' ɔ:təm 'support' səpɔ:t
 'halibut' hælɪbət
- ix) Spelt with 'ough' (there are, of course, many other pronunciations
 for the letter-sequence 'ough')
 'thorough' θərə 'borough' bərə
- x) Spelt with 'ous'
 'gracious' greɪʃəs 'callous' kæləs

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.

- A particular problem of the boat was a leak
 p t kɪl pr bl m v ð b t w z l k
- Opening the bottle presented no difficulty
 p n ŋ ð b t l pr z nt d n d f kɪt
- There is no alternative to the Government's proposal
 ð r z n lt n tv t ð g v nm nt s pr p zɪ
- We ought to make a collection to cover the expenses
 w tt m k l kɪ nt kv ð ksp ns z
- Finally they arrived at a harbour at the edge of the mountains
 fn l ð r vd t h b r t ð dʒ v m nt nz