

Jenny Dance English Pronunciation Worksheet 2 - SAMPLE

Using the International Phonetic Alphabet Chart to Understand Vowel Sounds

In this part of the course, we are taking a closer look at the 20 vowel sounds in standard British English. You can see the IPA symbol and hear an audio recording for each vowel sound in our [interactive Sounds Chart](#) and also in the [English File Pronunciation Chart](#).

Task 1 – Identifying difficult vowel sounds

Review the vowels section of the chart, and in the table below, write down any sounds which are:

- new for you
- difficult for you

Then find an additional example word and confirm that it contains the target vowel sound by checking on the [Oxford Learner's Dictionaries site](#) or in another learner's dictionary. Can you see the phonetic symbol for your target sound in the IPA script for your example word?

Phonetic symbol	Example word in English File chart	My own example word

Task 2 - Monday, over, oven

1. Which syllable is stressed in the word 'Monday'?
2. Does the first syllable rhyme with the word 'on', 'up' or 'of'?
3. Which of these is the correct phonetic script for 'Monday':
 - a. /mʌn'deɪn/
 - b. /'mʌndeɪ/
 - c. /'mʌnθli/
4. Which of these is the correct phonetic script for 'over':
 - a. /'əʊvə(r)/
 - b. /əʊ'vɜ:t/
 - c. /'kʌvə(r)/
5. Which of these is the correct phonetic script for 'oven':
 - a. /əv/
 - b. /'i:vən/
 - c. /'ʌvən/

Task 3 - Speaking practice

Practise saying these phrases. Focus on getting the stress on the correct syllable:

- a. I'll see you next Monday.
- b. By the time Steve arrived, the meeting was over.
- c. Can you turn the oven off for me? I think it's done.

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Answers

Task 2 - Monday, over, oven

1. Which syllable is stressed in the word 'Monday'? Syllable 1
2. Does the first syllable rhyme with the word 'on', 'up' or 'of'? It rhymes with 'up'
3. Which of these is the correct phonetic script for 'Monday':
 - a. /mʌn'deɪn/ mundane
 - b. /'mʌndeɪ/ Monday
 - c. /'mʌnθli/ monthly
4. Which of these is the correct phonetic script for 'over':
 - a. /'əʊvə(r)/ over
 - b. /əʊ'vɜ:t/ overt
 - c. /'kʌvə(r)/ cover
5. Which of these is the correct phonetic script for 'oven':
 - a. /əv/ of (weak form)
 - b. /'i:vŋ/ even
 - c. /'ʌvŋ/ oven

This is a short section of the second Worksheet from the Pronunciation Power course. It's designed to give you an idea of the kind of material the course includes.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me at jenny@jdenenglishpronunciation.co.uk.

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