

English Phonetics and Phonology

A practical course

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Chapter 7

Written Exercises

A The indefinite article is 'ə' before consonant phonemes and 'ən' before vowel phonemes. Select the appropriate form from the drop-down menus for each word in the list.

1 jar

4 exit

2 order

5 uniform

3 yard

6 hour

Check Answers

Start Again

B The definite article is pronounced ðə before a consonant phoneme and ði before a vowel phoneme. Select the appropriate form from the drop-down menus for each word in the list.

1 way

4 oyster

2 opening

5 use

3 house

6 whale







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Audio Exercises






A The velar nasal ŋ occurs in all the words in the following list. In some of them the ŋ is followed by g in BBC pronunciation, while in others there is no g. Using the drop-down menu next to each word, choose 'with g' or 'without g' as appropriate. Now check your answer, then listen to the recording of the word and repeat it.

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|---------------|----------------------|---|
| 1 angle | <input type="text"/> |  |
| 2 singer | <input type="text"/> |  |
| 3 strongest | <input type="text"/> |  |
| 4 linger | <input type="text"/> |  |
| 5 willingness | <input type="text"/> |  |
| 6 springy | <input type="text"/> |  |

Check Answers

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B "Clear l" and "dark l" have their own appropriate contexts of occurrence in BBC pronunciation. In the words below, use the drop-down menus to choose "clear" or "dark" for the correct allophone of l. Now check your answer, then listen to the recording of the word and repeat it.

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|------------|----------------------|---|
| 1 full | <input type="text"/> |  |
| 2 help | <input type="text"/> |  |
| 3 alive | <input type="text"/> |  |
| 4 leak | <input type="text"/> |  |
| 5 building | <input type="text"/> |  |

Check Answers

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