

Phoneme	Lexical Set	RP	Notes   Examples	
i	Fleece, Read	i, <sup>ɹ</sup> i	* contemporary usage	plea, meet, read, dream, each
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please leave the beach before you sneeze.</li> <li>2. Ethan's teeth need cleaning each evening.</li> </ol>				
i	Happy, Quickly	ɪ, i*	*contemporary	pretty, lady, chassis, jazzy, foamy
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Silly Jessie was pretty lazy and very funny.</li> <li>2. The city is dirty, smelly and extremely sexy, baby.</li> </ol>				
ɛ	Dress, Fellow	ɛ		met, bed, left, bless, edge, hem, neck, egg
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Leicester sent ten red roses to Cecily.</li> <li>2. Whenever Jeff gets dressed, he forgets his red necktie.</li> </ol>				
æ	Trap, Actors	æ	*archaic [ɛ]; becoming [a]	flap, jab, cram, bag, sack,
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Naturally, the cat and the rat acted antagonistically.</li> <li>2. The man made a gaff as he calculated the ant's mass.</li> </ol>				
"ar": æ+r	Guarantee	æ		Larry, parasite, harassment, barrel, carrier
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Harriet parried Barry's frantic marriage proposals in the carriage.</li> <li>2. The paratrooper shot an arrow in the arid landscape.</li> </ol>				
a	Bath, Command	ɑ		path, dance, brass, daft, laugh, basket, branch
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The calf stood halfway in the path.</li> <li>2. The castle staff were members of the lower class.</li> </ol>				
ɒ	Lot, Cloth*, not	ɒ	*CLOTH words are merged with LOT in RP. Archaic RP merges some CLOTH words with THOUGHT.	not, rod, rock, bog, profit, honest, loft off, Austria, cost, gone
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The orange moth was extremely fond of cloth.</li> <li>2. Stop waffling Tom and buy the odd clock.</li> </ol>				
ɔ	Thought, Drawing	ɔ		taught, bought, applaud, hawk, small
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Paul taught his daughter to crawl when she was small.</li> <li>2. Never applaud a debauched and naughty performer.</li> </ol>				

u	Goose, moods	uː, ʊ*	* contemporary usage	scoop, boom, boost, move, tomb, groove
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The youth with the loose tooth will choose to move to Vancouver.</li> <li>The rude moose hunter wore his toque as he smooched with Sue.</li> </ol>				
ju	Duke, Music	ju/ ru		cue, few, cube, huge, dupe, new, tune, stew, obtuse, deuce
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The singer resumed the tune as the funeral director gave him is cue.</li> <li>It's your duty to review the human rights bill as a neutral and lucid student.</li> </ol>				
ʌ	Strut, luck	ʌ		cup, rub, hum, pulse, butter, done
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The young monk hummed as he hurried uphill.</li> <li>Her mother fussed about adding a touch of butter to the cup of flour.</li> </ol>				
"ur": ʌ+r	Hurry	ʌ..ɪ		curry, current, currency, furrow, hurry, hurricane, occurrence
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Murray worried about the hurricane destroying the turret.</li> <li>Hurry to Surrey to buy some nourishing currants.</li> </ol>				
Final ə (unstressed)	Comma Letter	ə ɐ*	*archaic	idea, sofa, saliva, arena actor, better, flavour
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The customer got a better offer on the sofa in order to reach the sales quota.</li> <li>The saga tells us the colour of the armour worn by the martyr in the arena.</li> </ol>				
ɜ	Nurse	ɜ*	*archaic [ʌ]	hurt, curd, hurl, burst, irk, birch, girl, fir, myrtle, assert
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The courteous colonel preferred to fish with curds rather than worms.</li> <li>I was urged to be a liquor connoisseur, said the earnest girl at her worst.</li> </ol>				

Diphthong	Lexical Set	RP	Notes   Examples	
eɪ	Face	eɪ	change, taper, base, crêpe, wait, day, rein, they, reign	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The baby's name is April, and she weighs eight pounds.</li> <li>The raven-haired lady deigns to bathe in the wave pool.</li> </ol>				
aɪ	Price	aɪ	more open than Cnd before vs. consonant; -ile endings	night, like, rife, nice, type missile, fertile, agile, mobile
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I like it when the airplane for the night flight gets de-iced.</li> <li>The vampire was attacked with a knife, a spike and an ice pick.</li> </ol>				
ɔɪ	Choice	ɔɪ	toy, choice, moist, coin, groin, hoist, joist	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The boy found joy in employing his voice to make a loud noise.</li> <li>The oil from the buoy spoiled the oysters and made them poisonous.</li> </ol>				
aʊ	Mouth	aʊ, ɔʊ	* possible smoothing a:	out, pouch, south, house, loud, gouge, thou, round, oust, flour
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The count used a towel to dry his mouth.</li> <li>The loud noun featured a foul vowel that was hard to pronounce.</li> </ol>				
oʊ	Goat	əʊ	* before † [ʊə] *archaic [oʊ, eʊ]	soap, boat, oak, coal, rope, joke, both, code, rogue, home, tone, no, toe
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I loathe that the noble will ride the colt along the road.</li> <li>My brooch was sewn on the robe with the hole.</li> </ol>				
ɪə	Near	ɪə	beer, deer, career, here, mere, sincere, interfere, cashier, weir, fear, appear	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I fear her tears are sincere: she's weary of her career here.</li> <li>Don't interfere with the yearling, dear; it's acting queer.</li> </ol>				
ɛə	Square	ɛə	* possible smoothing ɛ:	care, fair, pear, their, scarce
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mary didn't care for what the fairy had to share.</li> <li>My heir swears with flair because our funds are so scarce.</li> </ol>				
ɑː	Start	ɑː	part, large, snarl, arch, marvelous, hearth	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please carve the turkey for the party with the sharp knife, Charles.</li> <li>The hearty sergeant was far from sharp.</li> </ol>				

ɔr	North	ɔ:	*archaic [ɔə]	for, war, resort, horse, chord, short, orchid, swarm
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I adore Laura, who ignores my snoring.</li> <li>2. The performance of the porn star cost a fortune.</li> </ol>				
ɒ+r	Orange	ɒ	orange, porridge, correspond, Dorothy, foreign, horrid, historical	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maurice has gone horribly moral about Dorothy's torrid foreign affair.</li> <li>2. We ate porridge and oranges in the forest.</li> </ol>				
ɔ+r	Oral	ɔ	Often merged with LOT	laureate, boring, chorus, forum, glory, porous
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The chorus sang boring songs in the auditorium.</li> <li>2. Warren attended the forum on the warrior's former glory.</li> </ol>				
ʊr	Cure	ʊə*, ɔ:	*increasingly archaic	boor, poor, tour, allure, assure, lure, contour
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The bourgeois fool assured us of the mural's authenticity.</li> <li>2. The furious gourmet showed his boorishness at the lurid feast.</li> </ol>				
aɪr	Fire, Sapphire	aɪə	*possible smoothing [aə, a:]	admire, buyer, fire, liar
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The buyer will wire the squire about the sapphire she admires.</li> <li>2. Will the liar ever tire of singing in the choir?</li> </ol>				
aʊr	Tower	aʊə, ɑ:*	*smoothing likely	flower, hour, cower
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The rain showered the flowers for two hours.</li> <li>2. The powerless mouse will cower in the bower as we scour the house for him.</li> </ol>				

Consonant	Example	RP	Notes	
hw	What	w	ɹ archaic	whale, wharf, whatever, wheel
ɫ	All	ɫ	*contemporary [ʊ] (e.g. "milk" [mɪɫk])	ball, hole, maul, rule
initial r	Right	ɹ	more lip rounding	read, rent, right, true, drone
medial r	Very	ɹ, r*	*archaic	sorry, arid, merry, hurry
linking r	Far away	fɑː.ɹə. weɪ	same as initial r	better_off, ginger_ale, later_on, after_all, odor_eaters
intrusive r	Idea is	ɹ	"linking" r on words that end in [ə]	idea_is, Donna_and Dave, China_or Japan
<p>1. The idea_of the sofa_and chair coming from India_or China_is ridiculous.                  2. Jenna_and Bertha_are flying to Nicaragua_and America_in the next week.</p>				
initial t	Tip	t <sup>h</sup> , (t <sup>s</sup> )	"splashy t" common but not preferred	Tammy wrote a letter to Ted terminating twenty-two tickets to Timbuktu.
medial t "intervocalic"	Batting	t <sup>h</sup> , t <sup>s</sup>	tendency to dentalize with an "s" like release	latter, letter, metal, pity, atom, seat her
Final t	Quite (good)	t̚, t <sup>h</sup> , ʔ*	* contemporary before a plosive, affricate or sonorant (e.g. n, l, w, ɹ)	bait, bite, cut, deposit, got, great, haste, mate, wait
Lateral Release tl	Battle	t <sup>l</sup>	sound explodes sideways	little, mettle, wattle, get_Len
Nasal Release tn	Beaten	t <sup>n</sup>	soft palate releases air into nose - without a glottal	gotten, written, lighten, gluten, eaten
Plosive epenthesis	Answer, Fence	ns, n <sup>t</sup> s*	* contemporary usage	dance, fence, whence, difference, patience
Yod coalescence	Actual, Perpetual Graduate	tʃu*, tʃu / dʒu*, dʒu	* archaic, particularly in an unstressed syllable similarly in ksju/kʃu	factual, ineffectual, perpetuate, actuator, habitual, mutual, gradual, educate, residual