



UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS
HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

ASSIGNMENT 2: PHONOLOGY

This assignment introduces you to the basics of English phonology. 1 page long. You will list examples of phonemes in the vowel space.

DIRECTIONS

1. Using Crystal or Ogden, make a list of front vowels, back vowels, and schwa in English. (Ignore mid-vowels.) Use the **International Phonetic Alphabet** (IPA).
2. Find a word in English that corresponds to each vowel phoneme. Try to find a word that is peculiar to your regional dialect.
3. Write the word as you usually would, and write a phonemic transcription in IPA. (IPA and other language fonts are available through <https://software.sil.org/charis/>.)

<u>Vowel</u>	<u>IPA</u>	<u>word</u>	<u>IPA transcription</u>
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