

Introduction to Linguistics: Quiz 1 (Phonetics) Practice questions

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(1) Write the three-part articulatory description for the following consonant sounds.

- a) Example: [dʒ] - voiced palatal affricate
- b) [b]
voiced bilabial stop
- c) [f]
voiceless labiodental fricative
- d) [g]
voiced velar stop
- e) [m]
(voiced) bilabial nasal
- f) [ʃ]
(voiceless) palatal fricative
- g) [ŋ]
(voiced) velar nasal

(2) Give the conventional spelling for the following phonetically transcribed words.

- a) [ritʃ] reach
- b) [rɪtʃ] rich
- c) [bjʊri] beauty
- d) [pɪtsə] pizza
- e) [kənʃəs] conscious
- f) [bʊʃ] bush
- g) [peɪn] pain
- h) [ræt] rot
- i) [ʃʊləs] shoelace
- j) [slɒp] slope
- k) [wɛnzdeɪ] Wednesday
- l) [lʊk] look
- m) [bɒks] box
- n) [sɪtʃt] searched
- o) [pələtɪʃən] politician
- p) [dɪzəɪn] design
- q) [ðəʊ] though
- r) [eɪzə] Asia
- s) [sɪrveɪ] survey
- t) [neɪʃn] nation

(3) Find the errors in the transcription of the consonant sounds in the following words. In each word there is one error, indicating an impossible pronunciation of that word for a native speaker of English of any variety. **Make a correct transcription in the space provided after the word.** (3 points each)

- a) Example: strength [strɛŋgθ] ⇒ [streŋθ] or [streŋkθ]
- b) wishing [wɪʃɪŋ] ⇒ [wɪʃɪŋ]
- c) these [θiz] ⇒ [ɪz]
- d) chipping [tʃɪpɪŋ] ⇒ [tʃɪpɪŋ]
- e) sixteen [sɪksɪn] ⇒ [sɪkstɪn]

(4) Give the conventional spellings of the following sentence.

[aɪ dɪdnt noʊ ðæt aɪ pi eɪ ɪz ðɪs mʌʃ fʌn]
I didn't know that IPA is this much fun!