Module: Phonetics

Level: L1- FILA

Time Allotted: 90 min

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Lecture 5: How letters change the pronunciation

**How does ‘e’ change the pronunciation?**

Without - e: fat – cat – am – plan – hat **/æ/**

a

With - e: gate – late - name – plane – hate **/eɪ/**

Practice: man – same – take – that – safe – tap - tape

Without - e: sit – in – begin – if – swim **/ɪ/**

i

With - e: invite – fine – wine – wife – time **/aɪ/**

Practice: fit – inside – still – mile – hid – hide – ride – like

Without - e: stop – top – not – hot – clock **/ɒ/**

o

With – e: hope – home – note – nose **/əʊ/**

Practice: job – smoke – stone – nose – god – joke – bone – on – spot

Without – e: bus – run – sun – just **/ʌ/**

u

With – e: June – rude – use – tube **/u:/**

Practice: much – cube – cub – gun - fun – duke – duck

Exceptions: some [ʌ] – come [ʌ] – one [ʌ] – have [æ] – give [ɪ] – live [ɪ] - love [ʌ]

**\*Pronunciation of the letter ‘a’:** the rules are as follows:

Before consonant + e: make – late - take

/eɪ/

Before i + consonant: rain – Spain – fail

Before final consonant: ban - sad

/æ/

Before double consonants: apple – hand

Before mute ‘r’: artist

Before ‘f’: half

/a:/ Before ‘s’ + consonant: past – pass

Before final ‘th’: bath

Before final ‘w’: law - saw

/ͻ:/ before double ‘l’: call – tall

Before ‘lk’: talk - walk

/ə/: about – again – attend

**\*Pronunciation of the letter ‘e’**

/e/: red – dress - get

e /i:/: he – eat – see

/ə/: settlement - /’setlmənt/

Practice: went – meat – men – bed – be – left – read – speak - me

**\* Pronunciation of the letter ‘i’**

/ɪ/: before final consonant: sit – in – big

i /aɪ/: before consonant + e: wine – five and also before final ‘ght’: might- right

/3:/: before mute ‘r’: first – shirt

**\*Pronunciation of the letter ‘o’**

Atthe end of words in ‘oa’: coat, boat

**/**əʊ/

Before consonant + e: home – hope

/ɒ/ before final consonant in most other cases: on – got – job

/ͻ:/ for ‘or’: more - short – forty (or can be pronounced /ə/ like in forget – doctor

/3:/ for ‘wor’: work – world – worse

For ‘o’: some – one - mother

/ʌ/

For ‘ou’: young - country

/ə/ oppose – obtain – tomorrow – purpose

**\*Spelling of /3:/**

‘er’: certain

‘ir’: first

/3:/ ‘ur’: burn – Thursday

‘wor’: world – work

‘ear’: learn – early - heard