

## English Vowels for Koreans

### - Common Mispronunciation -

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1. Tense /i/
  - a seat, a teacher, a tree
  - He's speaking to the chief.
  - They're feeding the people.
  
2. Lax /ɪ/ (= /i/ )
  - sit, sick, hit, kill, ill, fish
  - a big ship, a little bridge, a gift for my sister
  - A ship in a river. A mill on a hill.
  
3. Tense/lax
  - seat/sit, heel/hill, seek/sick, heat/hit
  - She's teaching English.
  - He's stealing the ring.
  - (Are you ill ? -> Are you eel ?)
  
4. /e/ and /æ/ : bet/bat, set/sat, dead/dad
  - 1) /æ/ -> /e/ : bat - bet, sat - set, dad - dead
    - This is a shadow.
    - This is a map of the land.
  
  - 2) /e/ -> /æ/ : bet/bat, set/sat, dead/dad
    - He's mending net.
    - She's sending a letter.

## 5. /ɑ:/

star, car, castle, farm, garden  
 They're laughing. They're marching.  
 They're planting the garden.

## 6. /ɔ / (= ɒ ) -&gt; /ɔ:/

dog, box, rock, watch, shop  
 Where's the doctor ?  
 He's not at the hospital.  
 The watch stopped. It dropped from his pocket.

## 7. /ɔ:/ (= ɔ )

sword, wall, horse, quarter  
 I'm talking to the horse.  
 He's on the floor in the hall.

## 8. Lax /ʊ/

cook, pudding, book, good  
 Please, cook !  
 She looks in her book.  
 He takes some sugar.

## 9. Tense /u:/

school, shoe, fruit, moon, room  
 I'm teaching at school.  
 She's cleaning the room.  
 They're looking at the moon.

## 10. /ʌ/

son, sun, brother, husband, uncle, cut  
 We go to the country.  
 My son and his brother run.  
 We all sit in the sun.

## 11. /e:/ and /ə/ -&gt; /eɪ(:)/ ( Λ )

- a) nurse, girl, bird, servant, verse

The girl is learning words.

The servant is searching.

The nurse is working.

- b) an animal, a machine, a sailor, harbour

a ship in harbour.

a policeman arresting a sailor.

## 12. Diphthongs :

/ei/ - paper, say, day, game

They're playing games.

/ai/ - buy, site, pipe, sigh, high

He's lighting his pipe.

/ɔi/ - boy, toy, coin, Lloyd

The boy likes his toy.

/ɛə/ - air, hair, bear, care

/iə/ - ear, hear, appear

/ou/ - go, home, boat, stone, nose, snow

Go home !

Throw the stone.

Hold your nose. I hope so.

## 13. Strong and Weak Forms - /ə/.

a, an, as, and, some, the, at, from, of, but, us, them, than

as soon as he came [ əz su:n əz hi keim ]

I'm as innocent as a child.

I had a call from Bill.

a bottle of milk. A whisky and soda.

Can I have some more ?

I should have done it [ai fd əv dʌn it]

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