

Versatile Pronunciation set

These forty words contain all the vowel sounds of English, and as twenty minimal pairs represent all the voiced/voiceless pairings in English as well. Some of the words are rare which makes them useful for vocabulary teaching. Note that *cas* is short for casual and *puđ* is short for pudding.

RP	voiceless	voiced
aɪ	fife	five
aʊ	lout	loud
æ	cash	cas
ɑː	staff	starve
e	shelf	shelve
eɪ	face	faze
ɛə	scarce	scares
ɜː	search	serge
iː	ether	either
ɪ	rip	rib

RP	voiceless	voiced
ɪə	pierce	peers
ɒ	watch	wodge
ɔɪ	joint	joined
ɔː	brought	broad
əʊ	loath	loathe
uː	louche	luge
ʊ	put	puđ
ʊə	tour	dour
ʌ	buck	bug
ə	writer	rider