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Vowels Aren't Always Magic

favorite positive have olive
been captain vaccine active

All Vowels Except W Can Copy

Short U

America poem holiday wagon
up Babylon soda Linda

A usually copies short U at the end of a word—
tuna.

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The Sound of SH

Sh always makes its own sound as in
ship shape shop she shin shot shed
brush crash trash dash cash sherbet

sherbet

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The TH Sounds

1. Th makes a spoken sound as in:
this these that those the them thy
2. Th makes a whispered sound as in:
thin thick Beth Seth thrill theme
3. The h is sometimes silent as in: Thailand
Thomas Theresa thyme apartheid
Lufthansa

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The CH Sounds

1. Ch usually makes its own sound as in:
chip chocolate chest child ranch chop
2. Ch sometimes copies k as in: Christmas
chaos echo chorus Bach
chrysanthemum
3. Ch sometimes copies sh as in: chef chic
Chevrolet champagne Chicago
machine

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The WH Rules

1. Wh makes a unique hw sound:
when why which whine whiz
2. W before h is sometimes silent:
who whose whom whole
3. Irregular wh words: whoa wharf

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The Phonetic Symbols

The most common phonetic symbols are shown below.

1. Short vowel: a e i o u
2. Long vowel: a e i o u
3. ah as in father ä (short o sound)
4. Short u or silent (a schwa)
5. E copies long a é café
6. Ac cent mark: (loudest syllable)