

Step-by-Step Phonetics Practice for ESL Learners

Level 1

Gold Becomes More Popular

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Refer to the phonetic chart and write the sentence based on the IPA symbols:

/gəʊld/ /ɪz/ /'veri/ /'speʃəl/.

/gəʊld/ /kɒsts/ /ə/ /lɒt/.

/'meni/ /'pi:pəl/ /baɪ/ /gəʊld/.

/ðeɪ/ /wɒnt/ /tu:/ /bi:/ /seɪf/.

/gəʊld/ /meɪks/ /ðem/ /seɪf/.

/'pi:pəl/ /trʌst/ /gəʊld/.

/sʌm/ /seɪ/ /'praɪsɪz/ /fɔ:l/.

/bʌt/ /naʊ/ /gəʊld/ /ɪz/ /kɪŋ/.

Match each word on the left with its correct phonetic transcription on the right.

gold	/ˈspeʃəl/
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very	/gəʊld/
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special	/kɒsts/
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cost	/ˈveri/
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Select the word on the right that has the same stressed syllable sound as the word on the left.

many	eye
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buy	table
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want	cat
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safe	hot
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Select the word on the right that has a similar phonetic structure to the word on the left.

make

song

trust

bank

want

dress

king

mike

Write the number of syllables in each word from the lesson.

- people: _____ syllables
- them: _____ syllables
- safe: _____ syllable
- gold: _____ syllable
- price: _____ syllables

Group these lesson words by their vowel sounds.

Word bank: fall, trust, want, safe, many

Long vowels:

Short vowels:

Diphthongs:

Answers

Gold is very special.

Gold costs a lot.

Many people buy gold.

They want to be safe.

Gold makes them safe.

People trust gold.

Some say prices fall.

But now gold is king.

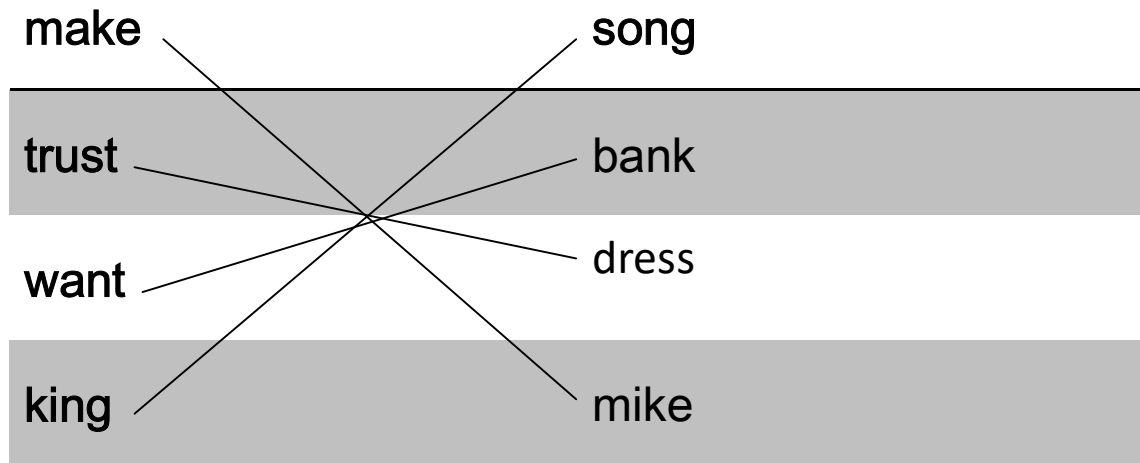
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Write the number of syllables in each word from the lesson.

- people: 2 syllables
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- gold: 1 syllable
- price: 1 syllables

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Word bank: fall, trust, want, safe, many

Long vowels: *fall*

Short vowels: *trust, want, many*

Diphthongs: *safe*