

Step-by-Step Phonetics Practice for ESL Learners

Level 2

Sam Walton: From Farm Boy to Walmart

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

/sæm/ /'wɔ:ltən/ /wɒz/ /bɔ:n/ /ɒn/ /ə/ /fɑ:m/ /ɪn/ 1918.

/hɪz/ /'fæməli/ /wɒz/ /'veri/ /pɔ:r/. /æz/ /ə/ /tʃaɪd/,

/sæm/ /wɜ:kt/ /'evri/ /deɪ/. /hi:/ /dɪ'lɪvəd/ /mɪlk/ /ænd/

/'nju:z,peɪpəz/ /tu:/ /meɪk/ /'mʌni/. /sæm/ /wɒz/ /ə/

/gʊd/ /'stju:dənt/ /ænd/ /ə/ /strɒŋ/ /'li:də/.

/'ɑ:ftə/ /'kɒlɪdʒ/, /sæm/ /dʒɔɪnd/ /ðɪ/ /'ɑ:mi/. /ðen/ /hi:/

/ˈəʊpənd/ /hɪz/ /fɜːst/ /stɔːr/ /ɪn/ /ə/ /smɔːl/ /taʊn/. /hiː/

/səʊld/ /ˈprɒdʌkts/ /æt/ /ləʊ/ /ˈpraɪsɪz/. /ˈpiːpəl/ /lʌvd/

/hɪz/ /stɔːz/ /bɪˈkɒz/ /ˈevriθɪŋ/ /wɒz/ /tʃiːp/. /ɪn/ 1962,

/sæm/ /ˈəʊpənd/ /ðə/ /fɜːst/ /ˈwɔːlmaɪt/.

/sæm/ /bɪˈliːvd/ /smɔːl/ /taʊnz/ /ˈniːdɪd/ /gʊd/ /stɔːz/

/tuː/. /hiː/ /wɜːkt/ /haɪd/ /ænd/ /ˈlɪsənd/ /tuː/ /hɪz/

/ˈwɜːkəz/. /wen/ /sæm/ /daɪd/ /ɪn/ 1992, /ˈwɔːlmaɪt/

/wɒz/ /ɔ:l'redi/ /ə/ /hju:ɔʒ/ /'kʌmpəni/. /tə'deɪ/,

/'wɔ:lma:t/ /ɪz/ /'evriweə/.

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

1.born

a. /fɑ:m/

2.farm

b. /'fæm^əli/

3.family

c. /pɔ:r/

4.poor

d. /bɔ:n/

Select the word on the right that has the same stressed syllable sound as the word on the left.

1. money

a. song

2. strong

b. meet

3. small

c. horse

4. leader

d. funny

Select the word on the right that has a similar phonetic structure to the word on the left.

1.child	a. forgive
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2.work	b. fat
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3.every	c. cam
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4.deliver	d. only
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Write the number of syllables in each word from the lesson.

- join: _____ syllables
- open: _____ syllables
- product: _____ syllable
- store: _____ syllable
- army: _____ syllables

Group these lesson words by their vowel sounds.

Word bank: because, cheap, believe, listen, already

Long vowels:

Short vowels:

Diphthongs:

Answers

Sam Walton was born on a farm in 1918. His family was very poor. As a child, Sam worked every day. He delivered milk and newspapers to make money. Sam was a good student and a strong leader.

After college, Sam joined the army. Then he opened his first store in a small town. He sold products at low prices. People loved his stores because everything was cheap. In 1962, Sam opened the first Walmart.

Sam believed small towns needed good stores too. He worked hard and listened to his workers. When Sam died in 1992, Walmart was already a huge company. Today, Walmart is everywhere.

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

1d 2a 3b 4c

Select the word on the right that has the same stressed syllable sound as the word on the left.

1d 2a 3c 4b

Select the word on the right that has a similar phonetic structure to the word on the left.

1b or c 2c or b 3d 4a

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

join:1 syllables open:2 syllables product:2syllable

store: 1 syllable army: 2 syllables

Group these lesson words by their vowel sounds.

Word bank: because, cheap, believe, listen, already

Long vowels: cheap believe

Short vowels: because listen already