

Skill 1: Count Segments

Example: The word “bat” has **3** segments (sounds): [b], [æ], [t].

Practice: How many segments (sounds) do the following words have?

- 1. clock: _____
- 2. exit: _____
- 3. singsong: _____

Skill 2: Odd Vowel Out

Example: Among “bin”, “till”, “tin”, and “scene”, “**scene**” has the different vowel sound.

Practice: In the following sets of words, the vowel sound is identical in all of them but one. Which word has the different vowel sound (i.e., is the ‘odd one out’)?

- 1. cook, soot, boot, good, brook
- 2. dud, ton, stun, bond, one
- 3. find, vain, sane, break, feign

Skill 3: Sound Description

Example: For the word “bath”, the characteristics of the underlined sound are: **voiceless, oral, interdental, fricative.**

Practice: For the words below, what are the characteristics of the underlined sound? (Your answer should be in terms of voicing, oral/nasal, place of articulation, manner of articulation).

- 1. rim: _____
- 2. amend: _____
- 3. shine: _____

Skill 4: Phonetic Decoding

Example: The conventional English spelling for [dagz] is “**dogs**”.

Practice: Give the conventional English spelling for the following phonetically transcribed word:

- 1. [fikst]: _____
- 2. [hæŋŋ]: _____
- 3. [moutɛl]: _____

Skill 5: Terminology-Word-Matching

Example: Among “pile”, “bin”, “mnemonic”, “pneumonia”, “message”, “tin”, and “skin”, the words “**pile**”, “**bin**”, and “**message**” all begin with bilabial consonants.

Practice 1: Pick all words ending in a nasal consonant: mine, pig, bring, will, swim, sip, kit

Practice 2: Pick all words containing a high vowel: leap, blood, win, spleen, mood, bread, crook

Practice 3: Pick all words ending in a voiceless consonant: pith, cats, pins, bathe, tough, pit, hall

Skill 6: Transcription

Example: In broad transcription, the example would be the following in the IPA: **mɛski**

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Skill 7: Articulation With Images

Example: The top left image depicts a **bilabial nasal**. Among the listed words below, “mint” has an initial sound that matches the place and manner of articulation shown in the top left image.

Word List: bin, gain, change, tiny, nine, sign, think, hunger, rain, mint

Practice: Using the images, list the place and manner of articulation for each sound. Then, select which of the listed words has an initial sound matching that place and manner of articulation.

