

KEYS TO ENGLISH PHONETICS

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INTRODUCTION

English language = 25% Saxon / Scandinavian origin + 75% Latin / Greek origin
 Specific pronunciation even when Latin or Greek origin

I. SENTENCE RHYTHM

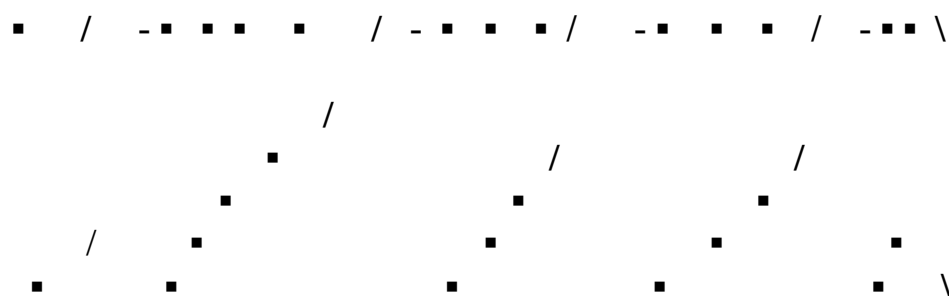
French	English
Tense	≠ Non tense
Same value for each syllable	≠ Different value for each syllable, stressed or not

1. Positive / Negative Statement

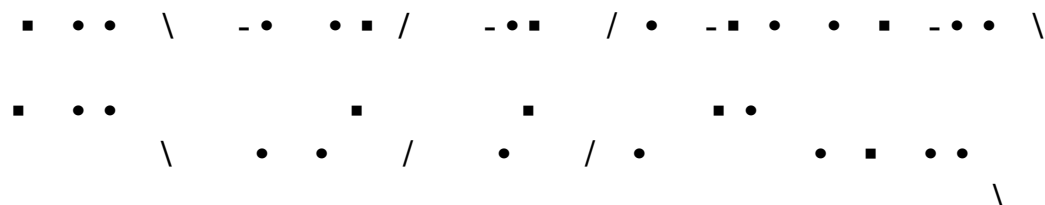
Stressed syllable	▪
Unstressed syllable	•
Rising intonation	/ on the last stressed syllable (word / group of words / sentence)
Falling intonation	\ on the last stressed syllable (word / group of words / sentence)

The stressed syllable is in **bold** (ex: dedicated / **memory** / **souvenir** / margarine)

Hier **soir** - **de** retour chez **moi** - j'ai vu Sophie - **qui** m'attendait - à la **porte**.



Yesterday **night** - when I **got home** - I **found** Sophie - **waiting** for **me** - at the **door**.



2. Wh-question

Yes / No question

Falling intonation

Rising intonation

on the LAST stressed syllable

What's your **name**?

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Where does he \ **live**?

How are \ **you**?

How long has she been \ **waiting**?

Whose \ **car** is this?

What are they \ **doing**?

Can you **repair** it?

• •

/ •

Is that / **right**?

Can I / **help** you?

Is she / **well**?

Will you / **come**?

Did he go / **home**?

3. Change of intonation = change in meaning

\ **She** flew to Dublin last April (not her friend!).

C'est elle qui est allée à Dublin par avion en avril dernier.

She \ **flew** to Dublin last April (not by boat!).

C'est en avion qu'elle est allée à Dublin en avril dernier.

She flew to \ **Dublin** last April (not London!).

C'est à Dublin qu'elle est allée par avion en avril dernier.

She flew to Dublin last \ **April** (not in June!).

C'est en avril dernier qu'elle est allée par avion à Dublin.

How \ **long** have you stayed in London? (which period of time?)

How long have \ **you** stayed in London? (not your friend!)

How long have you \ **stayed** in London? (not lived!)

How long have you stayed in \ **London**? (not Dublin!)

Have / **you** already sent the two letters? (not your colleague!)

C'est vous qui avez déjà envoyé les deux lettres ?

Have you al/**ready** sent the two letters? (so soon!)

Vous avez déjà envoyé les deux lettres ?

Have you already / **sent** the two letters? (not by email!)

Vous avez déjà fait l'envoi des deux lettres ?

Have you already sent the / **two** letters? (not three!)

Ce sont bien les deux lettres que vous avez déjà envoyées ?

Have you already sent the two / **letters**? (not parcels!)

Ce sont bien les lettres, au nombre de deux, que vous avez déjà envoyées ?

II. STRESS

Do not stress the stressed syllables exaggeratedly!

But do un-stress the unstressed syllables!

1. In most cases, the stress is on the core of the word

► **Noun (n.) // adjective (adj.) = n. + suffix 'ful' / 'ate' // adverb (adv.) = adj. + suffix 'ly'**

beauty /

beautiful

/

beautifully

fortune /

fortunate

/

fortunately

► **Prefix ‘un’ + n. / adj. = prefix + n. + suffix ‘ate’ / adv. = adj. + suffix ‘ly’**
 un**fortune** / un**fortunate** / un**fortunately**

2. Compound words

The main stress is on the core of the word

blackbird

breakfast

cupboard [kʌp bəd]

Monday

necklace

shepherd

Tuesday

woodcutter

fireproof

Grandpa

merry-go-round

tennis-court

► **Mind!**

apple-tree / apple-pie

duty-free

good-bye!) / good-bye(s)

good-looking / good-natured / good day / good morning

X-ray

► **Unstressed suffix**

n. + berry [bri] **blackberry** / **cranberry** / **gooseberry** / **raspberry** / **strawberry**

n. + .ford [fəd] **Clifford** / **Hertford** / **Oxford** / **Stratford** / **Watford**

n. + land [lənd] **England** / **Iceland** / **Ireland** / **island** [ailənd] / **Scotland**

n. + man [mən] **craftsman** / **craftsmanship** / **workman** / **workmanly** / **workmanship**

n. + mouth [məʊ] **Bournemouth** / **Plymouth** / **Portsmouth**

n. + shire [ʃə] **Cheshire** / **Hertfordshire** / **Lancashire** / **Lincolnshire** / **Yorkshire**

n. + pan [pən] **saucepan**

n. + pence [pns] **twopence** [tʃəp(ə)ns]

n. + penny [pni] **halfpenny** [heipni]

n. + yard [jəd] **vineyard**

3. Stress on the 1st syllable

► **Words of 2 syllables**

answer

blanket

brother

clever

doctor

elbow

father

flower
habit
lesson
oder
Oscar
oyster
pencil
question
river
Robert
sister
traffic
window

► **Words of 2 syllables with a suffix**

baker / **f**armer / **t**eacher
cleanness / **k**indness / **w**itness
heirdom / **k**ingdom / **w**isdom
childhood / **k**nighthood / **p**riesthood
cheerful / **d**oubtful / **p**ainful
friendship / **k**inship / **t**ownship
playing / **r**eading / **s**wimming

► **Words of 3 syllables**

accident
allergy
amethyst
arbiter
archangel
camera
cardigan
collarbone
domino
ebony
haemorrhage
hurricane
medicine
memory
menopause
orchestra
pergola
phosphorous
ultrasound
vagabond

► **Words of 3 syllables with a suffix**

beautiful / **g**raceful / **h**opeful / **p**owerful
cranberry / **g**ooseberry / **r**aspberry / **s**trawberry
brotherhood / **f**atherhood / **m**otherhood / **s**isterhood
fellowship / **l**eadership / **p**artnership / **s**cholarship

gardening / **o**ffering / **l**ingering / **t**owering
cleverness / **h**eaviness / **n**arrowness / **s**tubbornness

► **Words of 4 syllables**

alabaster
allegory
alimony
Almondbury
apiculture
citizenship
pulmonary
terminally

4. Stress on the 2nd syllable

► **Words of 3 syllables**

angina
appraisal
behaviour
beloved
description
destruction
diploma
emotion
eventful
familiar
historian
injustice
inquiry
insertion
insidious
insistence
lumbago [l ʊ mbeigəu]
pragmatic
prediction
safari

► **Words of 4 syllables**

appreciative
appropriate
biography
community
ecology
indifference
inhabitant
inheritance
insensible
insinuate
investigate
legitimate

leguminous
mammography
relationship
retirement
ridiculous
significance
unananimous
unclassified

► **Words of 5⁺ syllables (with prefix and suffix)**

inhospirable
inhospirability
involuntarily
involuntariness

5. Stress on the 3rd syllable

► **Words of 4 syllables**

abjauration
abolition
academics
application
automatic
conjuration
constitution
consultation
demonstration
epidemics
evolution
hesitation
hyperbolic
inharmonious
innovation
patrimonial
predilection
preferential
revelation
revolution

► **Words of 5 / 5⁺ syllables**

automatically
cardiovascular
chronological
chronometrical
cinematograph
hospitality
hydrotherapy
imbecility
immaterialism
inhumanity

ins**ign**ificant
insincer**ity**
metrop**ol**itan
oppo**rtu**nity
para**dox**ical
para**lle**logram
perso**na**lity
phono**log**ical
phras**eol**ogy
phreno**log**ical

6. Stress on the 4th syllable

► Words of 5 syllables

adminis**tration**
antic**ipa**tion
append**icitis** [ai]
appogg**iatu**ra
communi**cation**
contra**posi**tion
interde**pend**ent
Mediterr**anean**
paradig**ma**tic
paraphern**alia**
particip**ation**
pasteuriz**ation**
reacti**va**tion
refriger**ation**
regener**ation**
regiment**ation**
remuner**ation**
sophistic**ated**
subordin**ation**
visualiz**ation**

► Words of 6 syllables

applicability
impeach**ability**
imposs**ibility**
irasci**bility**
irritab**ility**
operab**ility**
paleont**ology**
parallelepiped

7. Stress on the 5th / 6th syllable

anticonstit**utionally**
immobiliz**ation**
impenetrab**ility**
impercept**ibility** (2 main stresses)
incompatib**ility** (2 main stresses)

intercommunication (2 main stresses)
interoperability (2 main stresses)
invulnerability

8. Stress on the last syllable

► Words of 2 syllables

approach
away
bazaar
canal
caress
cement
cigar
crevasse
Defoe
Degas
degree
divine
domain
except
forget
hello
hotel
July
saloon
torment

► Words of 3 / 4 syllables

aquamarine
aquarelle
arabesque
chimpanzee
clarinet
gelatine
magazine
majorette
margarine
personnel

9. Mind the change in stress

academy (n.) / academic (adj.) / academ^{**i**}cian (n.)
acc^{**e**}nt (n.) / acc^{**e**}nt (v.) / acc^{**e**}ntual (adj.) / acc^{**e**}ntuate (v.) / acc^{**e**}ntuation (n.)
acc^{**e**}pt (v.) / acc^{**e**}ptable (adj.) / acc^{**e**}ptance (n.) / acc^{**e**}ptability (n.) / acc^{**e**}ptation (n.)
all^{**e**}rgy (n.) / all^{**e**}rgic (adj.)
aut^{**i**}sm (n.) / aut^{**i**}stic (n.) (adj.)
biog^{**o**}raph (n.) / biog^{**o**}rapher (n.) / biog^{**o**}raphic (adj.) / biog^{**o**}raphical (adj.) / biog^{**o**}raphically (adv.)
cin^{**e**}ma (n.) / cin^{**e**}matog^{**o**}raph (n.) / cin^{**e**}matog^{**o**}graphy (n.) / cin^{**e**}matog^{**o**}raphic (adj.)
civ^{**i**}l (adj.) / civ^{**i**}lize (v.) / civ^{**i**}lizable (adj.) / civ^{**i**}lian (n.) / civ^{**i**}lity (n.) / civ^{**i**}lization (n.)
opt^{**i**}mism (n.) / opt^{**i**}mistic (adj.) / opt^{**i**}mistical (adj.) / opt^{**i**}mistically (adv.)

personalize (v.) / **personify** (v.) / **personal** (adj.) / **personally** (adv.) / **personality** (n.) / **personification** (n.)
pharmacy (n.) / **pharmacist** (n.) / **pharmaceutics** (n.) / **pharmaceutical** (adj.) / **pharmacologist** (n.) / **pharmacopoeia** (n.)
photograph (n.) / **photographer** (n.) / **photographical** (adj.)
thermometer (n.) / **thermometric** (adj.)
science (n.) / **scientist** (n.) / **scientific** (adj.) / **scientifically** (adv.)
Victor (n.) / **victory** (n.) / **victorious** (adj.)

► **Adjective or noun / verb**

absent (n.) (adj.) / **absent**
abstract (n.) (adj.) / **abstract**
annex (n.) / **annex**
collect (n.) / **collect**
comment (n.) / **comment**
complement (n.) / **complement**
compliment (n.) / **compliment** (v.)
contract (n.) / **contract**
contrast (n.) / **contrast**
control (n.) / **control**
convict (n.) / **convict**
decrease (n.) / **decrease**
detail (n.) / **detail**
direct (adj.) / **direct**
discount (n.) / **discount**
export (n.) / **export**
extract (n.) / **extract**
frequent (adj.) / **frequent**
increase (n.) / **increase**
insult (n.) / **insult**
object (n.) / **object**
overload (n.) / **overload**
perfume (n.) / **perfume**
present (n.) (adj.) / **present**
progress (n.) / **progress**
project (n.) / **project**
prospect (n.) / **prospect**
protest (n.) / **protest**
rebel (n.) (adj.) / **rebel**
record (n.) / **record**
survey (n.) / **survey**
suspect (n.) (adj.) / **suspect**
transfer (n.) / **transfer**
transport (n.) / **transport**

III. VALUE OF VOWELS

1.	Short vowels:	[—]	[e]	[ə]	[i]	[ø]	[ɹ]	[u]
	Long vowels:	[ɛ:]	[ɪ:]		[i:]		[ɹ:]	[u:]

► [ə] in unstressed syllables

Read each column, then each line!

[—]	[ɑ:]	[e]	[±:]	[i]	[i:]	[ə]	[ɪ]	[ɪ:]	[u]	[u:]
at	art	ate	earth	it	eat	upper	hot	horse	hood	hoof
bad	bard	bed	bird	bid	bead	bud	body	bore	bull	boo
ban	barn	Ben	burn	bin	bean	bun	bon	born	buffe(t)	boon
bat	bath	bet	berth	bit	beat	but	boss	border	book	boot
cap	carp	cepe	curve	sip	keep	cup	crop	corp.	cook	coop
cat	cart	kept	curt	kit	keel	cut	cot	caught	crook	crude
fan	far	fell	furl	fill	feel	fun	fond	fall	full	fool
had	hard	head	heard	hid	heed	hull	hod	horde	hood	hoot
hat	heart	hell	hurt	hit	heat	hut	odd	horse	hook	hoof
pack	park	peck	pearl	pick	peak	Puck	pock	pork	pull	pool
pat	part	pet	pert	pit	peat	putt	pot	port	put	poop

2. Same pronunciation but differences in spelling

[i:] e / ea / ee: Cene / feet / heap / keen / lead / leap / meat / meet / seat / seek

[ə] a / ai / e / o / oa / oe / ou / u / etc.: a [ə] (boy) / could [kəd] / does [dəz] / for [fə] / saint [sənt] / that [ət] / them [əm] / there [ə] / to [tə] / us [əs]

[ə] o / ou / on / u:

colour / cover / dove / dozen / honey / London / love / money / one / once

buck / butter / bus / cup / cut / duck / luck / mug / plus / rug

cough / double / Lough (surname) / Loughman / rough / touch / tough / trouble / troublesome / troublous

[ɪ] a / au / aw / o / oa / oo / ou: cause / dawn / door / four / gore / hall / lawn / pause / port / roar

[u] u / o / oo / ou: bullet / bully / butcher / could / look / pudding / shou(l)d / sugar / woman / wou(l)d

[u:] oo / u: boost / booze / cool / crude / full / pool / prude / rule / wood / wool

[±:] i / e / o / u / ea: bird / birth / burn / curse / earth / fern / nurse / worse / worm / worth

3. Specific pronunciation for am / an / em / en / om / on / um / un

amber [—mbə] / ambient [—mbiənt] / ambition [—mbiʌən] / amnesty [—mnesti] / amplify [—mplifai]

ancestor [—nsistə] / andante [—nd—nti] / Andrew [—ndru:] / angel [eind | əl] / anger [—|gə]

emba(l)m [imba:m] / embark [imba:k] / embassy [embəsi] / embody [imbɔdi] / embrace [imbreis]

enhance [inha:ns] / enjoy [ind | ɪ] / enlarge [inla:d |] / enlight [inlait] / entrance [intra:ns]

omnibus [ɔmnibəs] / omnipotence [ɔmnipətəns] / omnipresence [ɔmniprezəns] /

omnivorous [ɔmnivərəs] / Omsk [ɔmsk]

oncoming [ɔnk ʃə mi |] / on-drive [ɔndraiv] / onto [ɔntu] / ontology [ɔntɔləd | i] / onward [ɔnwəd]

umbel [ʃə mbəl] / umbilic [ʃə mbilik] / umbrage [ʃə mbrid |] / umbrella [ʃə mbrelə] / Umbria [ʃə mbriə]

un [ʃə n] is always stressed = no / not + noun or adjective / past participle or verb

unarm (read: **un** / **arm**) [ʊ na:m] / **unbelief** [ʊ nbilif] / **unborn** [ʊ nbɔ:n] / **unrest** [ʊ nrest] / **untrue** [ʊ ntru:]

4. Diphtongs

Read each column, then each line!

Models:

[əu]	[au]	[iə]	[↔ə]	[uə]	[ɔə]
boat	bout	beer	bear	boor	bore
dough	doubt	dear	dare	doer	door
foe	fowl	fear	fair	fluor	floor
mole	Mauser	mere	mare	moor	more
pole	pound	pier	pear	poor	pour
soul	sour	sheer	share	sure	shore
tone	town	tear (n.)	tear (v.)	tour	tore

[ai]	[ei]	[ɔi]
buy	bay	boy
die	day	Doyle
file	fail	foil
isle	ale	oil
pint	paint	point
sigh	say	soy
tie	tail / tale	toy

5. Triphthongs

[eɪə] **player**

[aɪə] **fire**

[aʊə] **flour** / **flower**

[ɔɪə] **lawyer** [lɔɪə] or [lɔ:ɪə]

[əʊə] **follower**

6. Mind!

[bau] bow (proue / courber) / bough (rameau) / [bəu] bow (arc) / [bɔ:] bought (buy)

[bizinis] business (being busy = occupation) / [biznis] bus(i)ness (affaires, profession)

[drɔ:ft] draft (avant-projet) / draught (courant d'air) / [draut] drought (sècheresse) / [drɔ:] draw (tirer, dessiner)

[flauə] flour (farine) / flower (fleur) // [flauəri] floury (farineux) / flowery (fleuri)

[gəra:] garage (US) / [g—ra:d] or [g—rid] garage (UK)

[əuk] oak (chêne) / [hɔ:k] hawk (faucon) / [aul] owl (chouette, hibou) / [əu] (to) owe (devoir)

[saɪəns] science / [saɪənsɪz] sciences / [ɔmnisiəns] omniscience / [ɔmnɪsjənt] /

[ɔmnɪɔɪənt] / [ɔmnɪɔjənt] / [ɔmnɪɔnt] omniscient

[təwɔ:dz] / [tuwɔ:dz] / [twɔ:dz] / [tɔ:dz] / [tɔdz] towards (vers)

[wɔndə] wonder (se demander) / [wɔndə] wander (errer)

IV. CONSONANTS

1. Main difference with French consonants

Most consonants are plosive (slight breath [^h]): Tea for two [^ht i: f(ə) ^htu:]

Only the second consonant is plosive in the case of two consonants: act [—k^ht]

2. Consonants when different from the French ones

- [♣] cashier / shine / ship / shoe / shoot / show / shush / shut / sure / **Yorkshire**
-a Asia / **Russia**
-cial artificial / commercial / controversial / judicial / potential / **social** / superficial
-cian **Belgian** / electrician / Georgian / musician / optician / Parisian / politician
-tion action / attention / consideration / meditation / prohibition / reaction / section
► **BUT:** [st♣] **Christian** / combustion / **question**
- [ks] axe / axes / axial / axiom
- [t♣] capture / chap / **chapel** / chat / **Chaucer** / cheer / chip / chop / church / **rapture**
- [®] use / useful / yard / yawn / year / **yellow** / yes / **yogh**ourt / you / young
- [v®] nephew
- [t®] tuba / tube / tuberculosis / tubular / **Tudor** / **Tuesday** / **tuition** / tulip / tumult / **virtue**
- [l] along / foreign / king / long / lung / ring / sing / song / reign / **sovereign**
- [□] author / breath / **theory** / thick / thin / thorn / thought / **thousand** / three / tooth
- [l] than / that / then / thence / there / thereafter / **therefore** / **thereupon** / this / those
- [l] (**light**) label / lamp / late / learn / lend / liar / **library** / **limpid** / **liner** / **listen**
- [l] (**dark**) bell / bill / **bottle** / bull / **bully** / full / hell / **noble** / pull / sell / swell / well
- [l] **leisure** / **measure** / **pleasure** / **treasure**
- [d l] courage / courageous / gym / jail / jam / **jingoism** / joy / July / June / **orange**
- [h] hair / hand / hard / **harvest** / hat / hay / hen / hero / home / house
- [w] waiter / **weary** / what / when / where / who / whose / why / wool / **worry**

3. Some irregularities

- no [b]** bom(b) / dum(b) / lim(b) / num(b) / tom(b) / wom(b)
- no [h]** heir / **honest** / hour
- no [k]** (k)nee / (k)**neecap** / (k)now / (k)new / (k)nown / (k)**nowledge**
- [k] bronchitis [kai] / [ki:] **chemotherapy**
- no [l]** ca(l)f / cou(l)d / ha(l)f / shou(l)d / woo(l)f / wou(l)d
- no [p]** (p)neumatic / (p)neumatologist / (p)neumatology / (p)neumonia / (p)neumonic
- no [t]** lis(t)en / lis(t)ener / lis(t)ening
- [s] **advice** [ədvaɪs] / **basin** / close to (proche de) / **device** / loose / (to) loose / use (a)
- [z] (to) **advise** [ədvaɪz] / (to) close (fermer) / **disease** / **exercise** / (to) lose / (to) **possess** [pəzɛs] / possession [pəze♣ən] / possessive [pəzesɪv] / (to) use

4. Consonant clusters

- **breakfast**
crisps
lifts
months

mouths
stitch
switch
upstairs (read: **up** / **stairs**)

- at three
brown tree
coloured chalk
dark dress
dark street
- ask the question [a:sk|əkwɛst♣ən]
clothes [kləu|z]
it's true [itstru:]
obstruction [əpstrəkwɛst♣ən]
paths [hpa:|z]
whisked [hwɪskt]

5. -ED = regular past / past participle

[d] soft consonant ending: **authorized** / **changed** / **considered** / **designed** / **organized** / **phoned**

[t] hard consonant ending: **barked** / **developed** / **soaked** / **talked** / **walked** / **worked**

[ɪd] [t] or [d] ending: **created** / **consulted** / **demanded** / **deviated** / **illuminated** / **wanted**

6. -(E)S = present 3rd person singular / possessive 's / plural

[s] with 'hard' consonants: **f / h / k / p / s / ♣ / t / □**

Sg. it barks / she cooks / he cuts / she looks / she parks / he rents / he sits

's **Robert's** books [rɒbəts bʊks]

Pl. bites / bricks / carts / cups / lists / parks / risks / streets / tastes / traps

[z] with 'soft' consonants: **b / d / g / l / m / n / | / r / | / v / w / z / |**

Sg. he does / he dreams / he drives / he goes / she knows / she phones / she sells

's Ray's kids [rejz kidz] / Sally's house [sɒliz haʊs]

Pl. alleys / **bodies** / churches [əz] / **cigars** / **dollars** / **euros** / **holidays** / houses [zɪz] / **rivers** / trees

V. REDUCED FORMS

A	[ei]	>	[ə]		Rent a car or a motorbike!	
Am	[æm]	>	[əm]	>	[m]	I'm a student.
An	[æn]	>	[ən]	>	[n]	An exceptional person!
And	[ænd]	>	[ənd]	>	[n]	Boys and Girls / Boys 'n Girls.
Are	[a:]	>	[ə]	>	[ə]	They're good to me! / How are you?
As	[æz]	>	[əz]			She's as clever as her sister.
At	[æt]	>	[ət]			He stands at the door.
Can	[kæn]	>	[kən]	>	[kn]	He can go!

Could	[kʊd] >	[kəd] >	[kd]	He couldn't come.
Do	[du:] >	[də] >	[d]	Where d'you go?
Does	[dɒz] >	[dəz] >	[dz]	Where does he come from?
For	[fɔ:] >	[fə] >	[f]	Tea for two, please!
From	[frʌm] >	[frəm] >	[frm]	He comes from Paris...
Had	[hæd] >	[əd] >	[d]	He'd never flown before!
Has	[hæz] >	[əz] >	[s] / [z]	He's gone by now!
Have	[hæv] >	[əv] >	[v]	They've gone home.
He	[hi:] >	[i:] >	[i]	He sold it!
Her	[hɜ:] >	[ɜ:] >	[ər]	She's parked her car.
Him	[him] >	[im]		Tell him to come.
His	[his] >	[iz]		He calls his dog.
Is	[iz] >	[z]		He's kind to me.
Many	[meni] >	[məni] >	[mni]	How many pages?
Not	[nɒt] >	[nt]		I don't know!
Of	[ɒv] >	[əv] >	[v]	The consequence of it all!
Or	[ɔ:] >	[ɔ] >	[ə]	Two or three minutes!
Saint	[seint] >	[sint] / [sənt] >	[snt]	St John
Shall	[ʃæl] >	[ʃəl] >	[ʃl] / [ʃ]	He shall obey!
Should	[ʃʊd] >	[ʃəd] >	[ʃd] / [ʃt]	He should go home!
Than	[æn] >	[ən] >	[n]	Better than nothing!
That	[æt] >	[ət] >	[t]	That's it!
The	[i:] >	[ə] >	[]	The town's near.
Them	[em] >	[əm] >	[m]	Tell them!
There	[ɪə] >	[ə] >	[r]	There's a park downtown.
Till	[tɪl] >	[tl]		Till next morning.
To	[tu:] >	[tu] >	[tə] / [t]	He flies to Geneva.
Us	[ʊs] >	[əs] >	[s]	Let's go!
We	[wi:] >	[wi] >	[wə] / [w]	We came home late.
Who	[hu:] >	[u:] >	[u]	Who's come?
Will	[wɪl] >	[ɪ]		He'll do it!
Would	[wʊd] >	[wəd] >	[əd] / [d]	They would know.
You	[ju:] >	[ju] >	[jə]	You'll see with her!
Your	[jɔ:] >	[jɔ] >	[jə]	You've lost your key!

IS >	'S [z]	/	HAS >	'S [z] / [s]
He is handsome >	He's handsome		She has gone home >	She's gone home
He is joking >	He's joking		She has been playing >	She's been playing
HAD / WOULD >			'D [d]	
He had gone home.			He'd gone home.	
He would travel if...			He'd travel if...	
He would have travelled if...			He'd have travelled if...	
AM > 'M [əm] / [m] /			ARE > 'RE >	[ə]
I am (not) glad			I'm (not) glad	
We are happy			We're happy	
We are not going	We're not going		We aren't going [a:nt] (UK)	
(US) Ain't [eɪnt] = am not / is not / are not / has not / have not				
WILL / SHALL >			'LL [l]	

He will come tomorrow
We shall overcome!

NOT

>

He'll come tomorrow
We'll overcome!

N'T [nt]

He cannot do it
He must not do it
He need not do it
He could not do it
He should not do it
He would not do it
He was not pretending
They were not at home
He does not want to
I do not want to
He did not want to

He can't do it
He mustn't do it
He needn't do it
He couldn't do it
He shouldn't do i.
He wouldn't do it
He wasn't pretending
They weren't at home
He doesn't want to
I don't want to
He didn't want to

Doesn't he want to?
Didn't he want to?
Don't you want to?

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