

KEY TO ACTIVITIES

PRONUNCIATION

Activity 1

The letters in group A are all vowels; those in group B are all consonants.

Activity 2

eɪ	aɪ	ɔɪ	aʊ	əʊ	ɪə	eə
paint	mind	soil	lounge	throw	sphere	square
eight	fly	spoil	cow	bone	fear	pear
day	blind	boy	brow	boat	beard	hair
break	five	coin	down	phone	shear	chair
bake	high	enjoy	house	snow	dear	dare

Activity 3

	Common sound	odd sound	
a.	ʃ	s	in pass
b.	ʒ	ʃ	in sheep
c.	tʃ	ʃ	in sherry
d.	dʒ	tʃ	in choke
e.	ʌ	ɒ	in wander
f.	əʊ	aʊ	in town
g.	eɪ	e	in said
h.	u:	ɒ	in bomb

Activity 4

	θ	ð	t
brother		x	
leather		x	
method	x		
mother		x	
mouth	x		
myth	x		
Thames			x
thank	x		
theatre	x		
Thomas			x
those		x	
through	x		
thyme			x
with	x	x	

With can be pronounced in two different ways: wɪð or wɪθ

Activity 5

1. b; 2. d; 3. g; 4. h; 5. k; 6. p; 7. r; 8. s; 9. t; 10. w.

Activity 6

a'rithmetic	- arith'metical	- arithme'tician
'competence	- compe'tition	- com'petitive
'human	- huma'nistic	- hu'manity
op'pose	- 'opposite	- oppo'sition
'photograph	- photo'graphic	- pho'tography
practica'bility	- 'practical	- practi'cality

Activity 7

RULE	EXCEPTION
economical	Arabic
geographic	arithmetic
historic	arsenic
inelastic	catholic
ironical	heretic
sarcastic	lunatic
scientific	rhetoric

Activity 8

chemistry biology geography mathematics literature geometry physics philosophy history algebra science

These are all school or university subjects.

Activity 9

	Stress	translation	grammatical category
a.1.	'conduct	condotta, comportamento	noun
a.2.	con'duct	condurre	verb
b.1.	'conflict	conflitto	noun
b.2.	con'flict	sono in contraddizione	verb
c.1.	'fragment	stralcio	noun
c.2.	frag'ment	si frantumano	verb
d.1.	'increase	aumento, crescita	noun
d.2.	in'crease	aumentare	verb
e.1.	pre'sents	presenta	verb
e.2.	'presents	regali	noun
f.1.	'rebels	ribelli	noun
f.2.	re'bels	si ribella	verb
g.1.	'suspects	sospetti	noun
g.2.	sus'pects	sospetta	verb
h.1.	trans'fer	trasferire	verb
h.2.	'transfer	trasferimento	noun

a. A number of two-syllable words in English have stress on the first syllable if they are nouns or adjectives, but on the second if they are verbs.

b. Here are some other words like this: **contest, decrease, desert, ferment, import, insult, permit, progress, protest, record, reject, reprint, subject, upset, torment.**

Activity 10

	<i>British English</i>	<i>American English</i>
a. arbitrary	'ɑ:bitrəri	'ɑ:rbitrəri
b. booth	bu:ð	bu:θ
c. customarily	'kʌstəmələri	'kʌstə'merəli
d. figure	'fiɡə(r)	'fiɡjər
e. financier	fai'nænsiə(r)	'finəns'ɪər
f. laboratory	lə'bɔrətəri	'læbrətɔ:ri
g. sure	ʃʊ:(r)	ʃʊər

Activity 11

1. 'bæʊliŋ
2. kəm'pjʊ:tə(r)
3. 'ɪmɪdʒ
4. 'mæniɪdʒmənt
5. 'mæniɪdʒə(r)
6. 'bɪrɪndʒ, AE 'ɔ:r-
7. 'wɪmɪn
8. ju:nɪ'vɜ:sətri

Activity 12

C	H	E	A	P		B	E	A	R			S
	E		T			I		T	O	A	S	T
C		E		W	O	R	D		B			A
O	W	N		A	N	D		I		D	A	Y
M		O		S		S	O	N		O	R	
B	O	U	G	H	T				A		M	Y
		G	O		O	U	G	H	T		S	O
		S	H	A	L	L			E	E	L	U
N	O		L		D	O	O	R		A	R	T
	M		S	O		W		E	A	T		H
M	E	N		N	O	N	E		T	E	N	

Activity 13

1. /flu:/
2. /fɔ:(r)/
3. /aɪ/
4. /ɔ:(r)/
5. /peə(r)/
6. /pi:k/
7. /sart/
8. /wi:l/
9. /weə(r)/
10. /ju:/

Activity 14

a. arms/alms	h. court/caught	o. pour/poor/pore	u. suite/sweet
b. aunt/aren't	i. guessed/guest	p. sauce/source	v. talk/torque
c. ball/bawl	j. haul/hall	q. so/sew/sow	w. threw/through
d. baron/barren	k. its/it's	r. soar/saw/sore	x. waste/waist
e. blue/blew	l. key/quay	s. some/sum	y. weight/wait
f. C, see, sea	m. kernel/colonel	t. straight/strait	z. won/one
g. course/coarse	n. piece/peace		

Activity 15

a.1. rain	b.1. write	c.1. meat	d.1. buy	e.1. they're	f.1. I'll
a.2. reign	b.2. right	c.2. meet	d.2. by	e.2. there	f.2. aisle
a.3. rein	b.3. rite	c.3. mete	d.3. bye bye	e.3. their	f.3. isle
g.1. deer	h.1. tale				
g.2. dear	h.2. tail				
g.3. dear	h.3. tail				

Activity 16**Phonetic transcription**

a.1. /ɪrvz/
a.2. /laɪvz/
b.1. /li:d/
b.2. /led/
c.1. /laɪv/
c.2. /ɪrv/
d.1. /'mɪnɪt/
d.2. /mɑɪ'nju:t/
e.1. /sɑs/
e.2. /səs/
f.1. /ju:s/
f.2. /ju:z/
g.1. /ri:d/
g.2. /red/
h.1. /wɪnd/
h.2. /waɪnd/
i.1. /rəs/
i.2. /raɪs/

Italian translation

vive
vite
vantaggio
piombo
dal vivo
vivono
minuto
(in modo) minuzioso
scrofa
seminerebbero (<i>qui</i> : getterebbero)
(in) pratica
usare
leggere
lesse
vento
caricare
fila
litigio