

ENGLISH DIPHTHONGS

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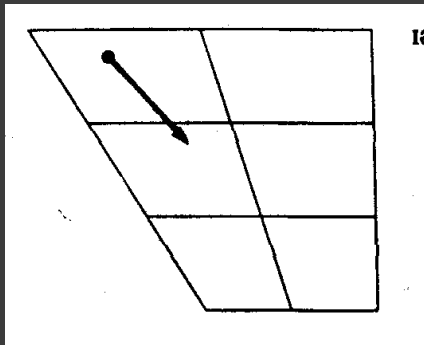
Diphthongs

- Diphthongs are sounds that consist of a movement or glide from one vowel to another.
- The first part of the diphthong is much longer and stronger than the second part.
- The total number of diphthongs is eight.

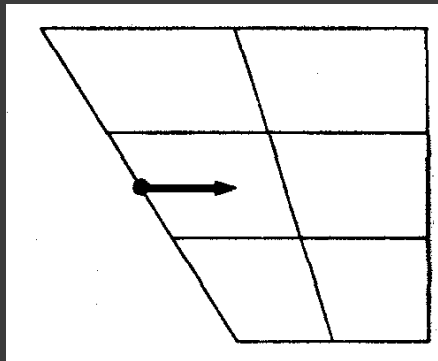
Centring diphthongs

- The centring diphthongs move towards the schwa.

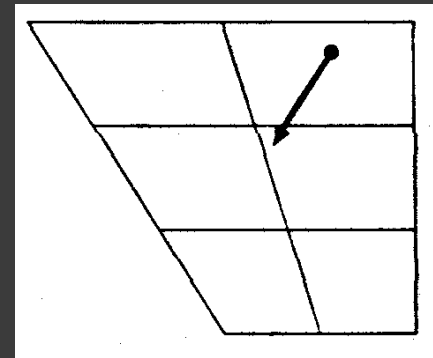
ɪə



eə



ʊə



Iə

-eer: beer deer cheer engineer
-ea / ear: ear near fear hear year idea
-ie+r pierce fierce
-ere: here we're mere

eə

-are: rare hare share care square
-air chair airport fair hair stairs
-ear bear pear wear tear (verb)
-ere / aer- where there / aerosol aerobics

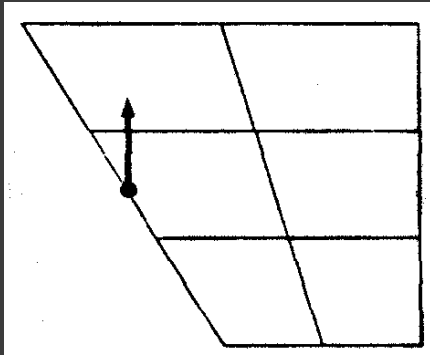
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-ure: sure pure
our: tour tourist
Oor: poor

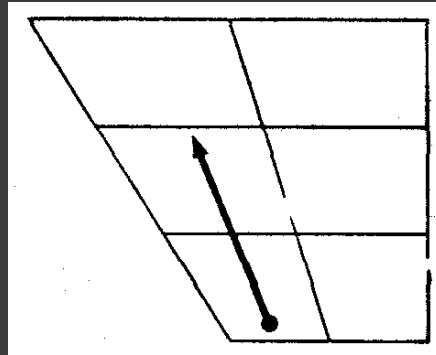
Closing diphthongs

- Ending in /ɪ/

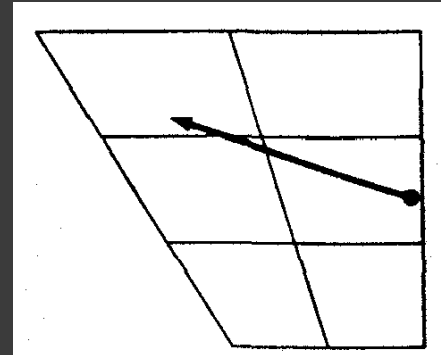
eɪ



aɪ



oɪ



eɪ

-a + Cons.+e: tale face plane cake lake grape
-ai: train chain mail sail wait afraid
-ay play way say today always
-ei / ey eight neighbour sleigh / grey they pray
-ea: break steak great

aɪ

-i + Cons.+e time bike five like wife write
-ei / -uy height neither either / buy guy
-ie tie die lie pie
-y my cry fly try why reply
-ye bye dye

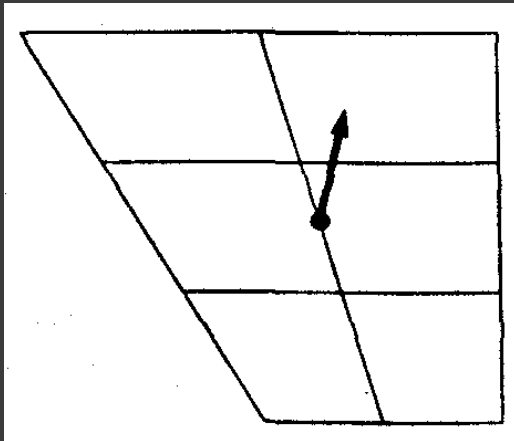
ɔɪ

-oi point coin noise voice oil toilet
-oy boy joy toy enjoy royal employ

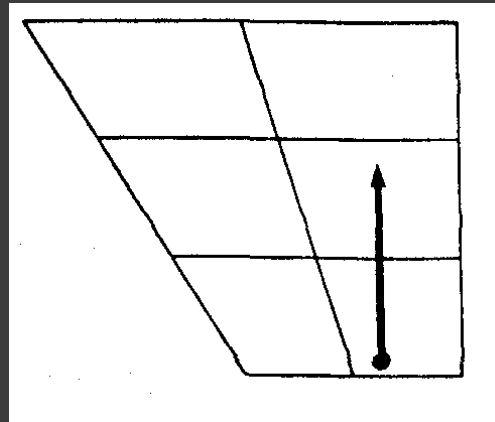
Closing diphthongs

- Ending in /ʊ/

əʊ



aʊ



əʊ

Spelling: - **o** + **Cons.+e**

note phone close home hope

Spelling: -**ow**

grow low window slow bowl

Spelling: -**oa**

road coast boat load soap

Spelling: -**ou** /

shoulder soul though dough

Spelling: -**ew** : sew

aʊ

Spelling: - **ow**

cow now town down clown allow

Spelling: - **ou**

about loud house mouth found