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# Basic English



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Talk to your partner. **Discuss** the questions below:

1. In your opinion, what is the difference between *accent* and *pronunciation*?
2. What are the most problematic aspects of your communication in English language? Have you ever had a misunderstanding with your speaker? What happened?



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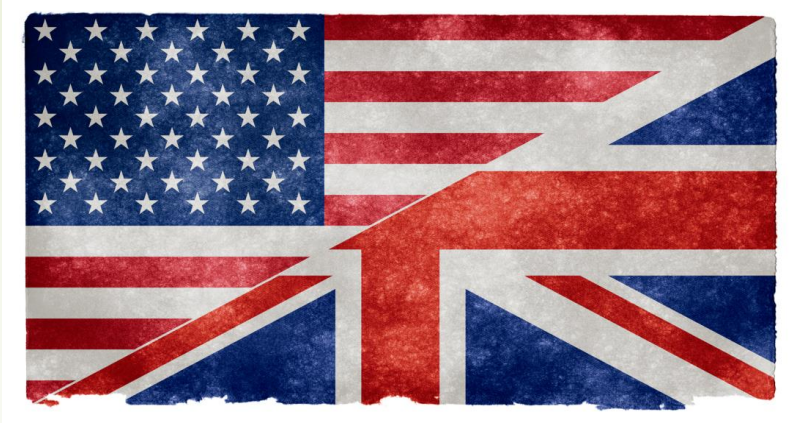
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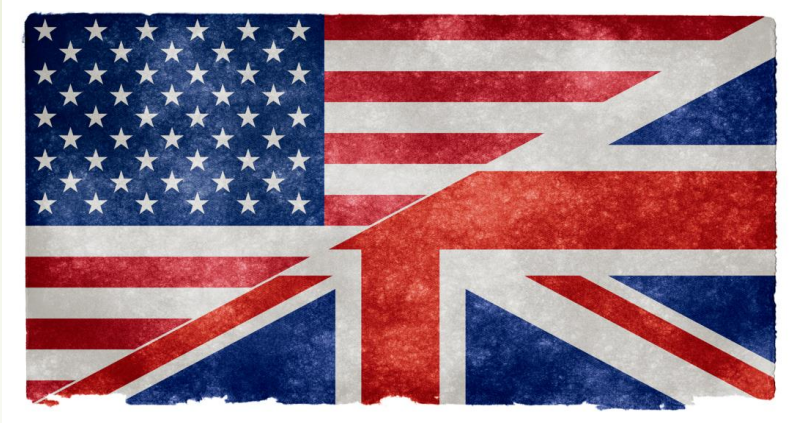
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Look at the chart below. What do the following symbols stand for?

ɪ:	ɪ	ʊ	u:	ɪə	eɪ	ɪ	ɪ
e	ə	ɜ:	ɔ:	ʊə	ɔɪ	əʊ	
æ	ʌ	ɑ:	ɒ	eə	aɪ	aʊ	
p	b	t	d	tʃ	dʒ	k	g
f	v	θ	ð	s	z	ʃ	ʒ
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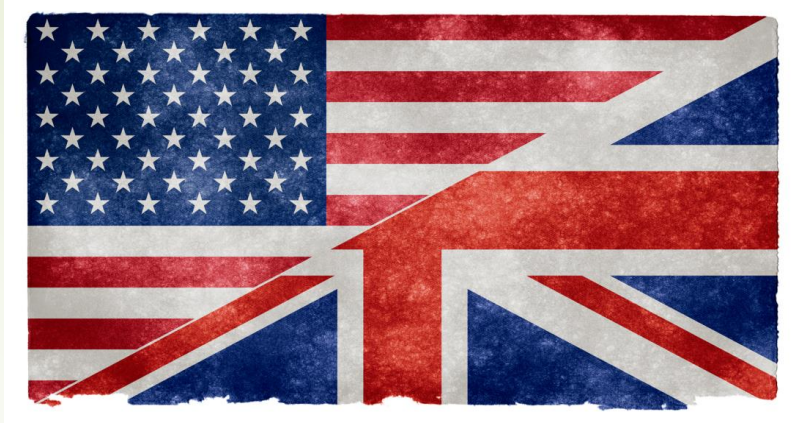


## International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA)

ɪ	ɪ	ʊ	u:	ɪə	eɪ	ɪ	ɪ
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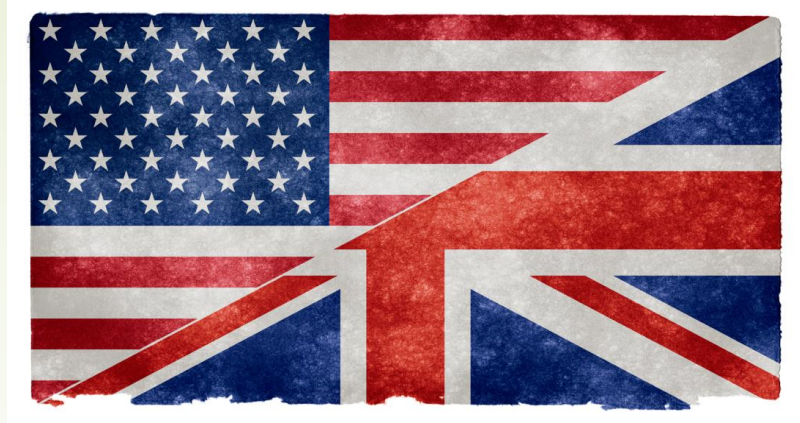
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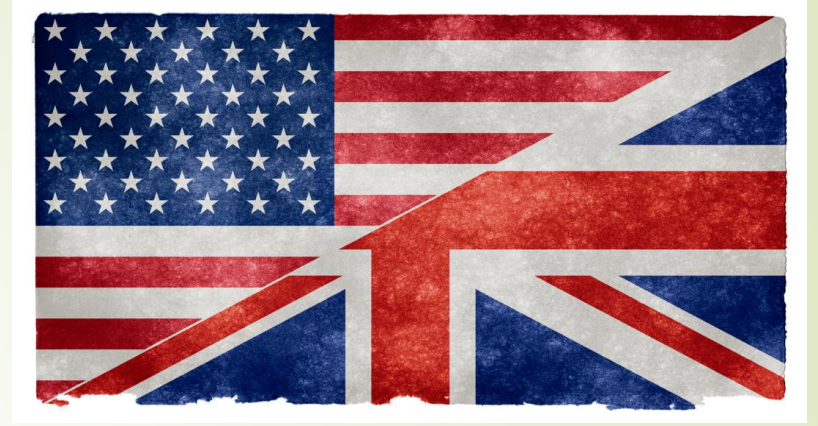


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Long sounds

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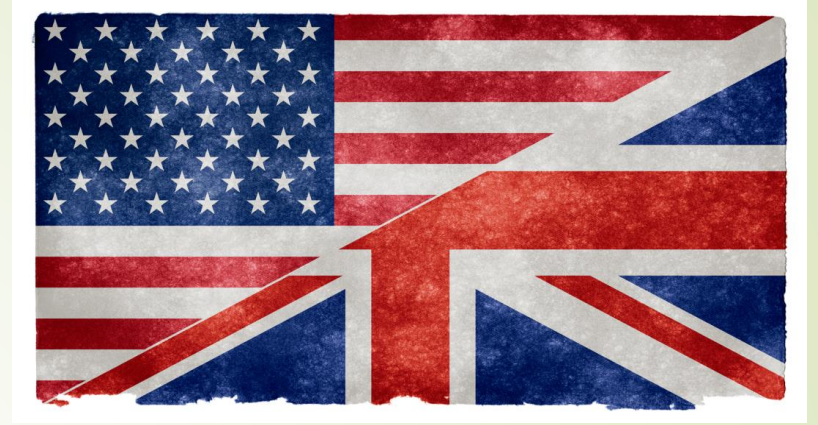
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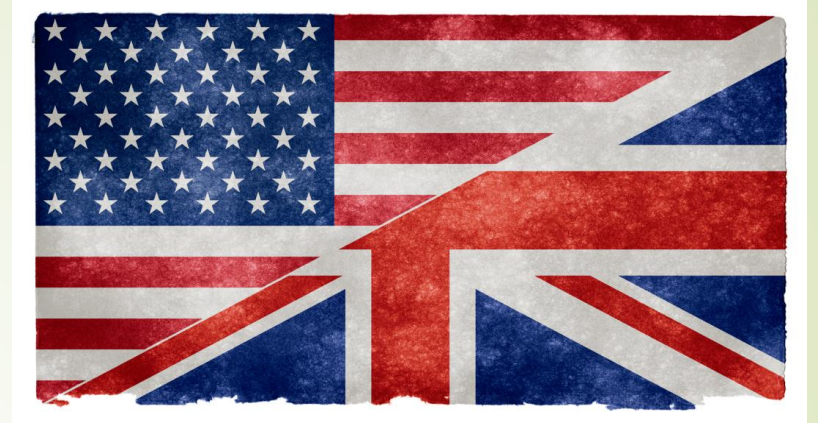
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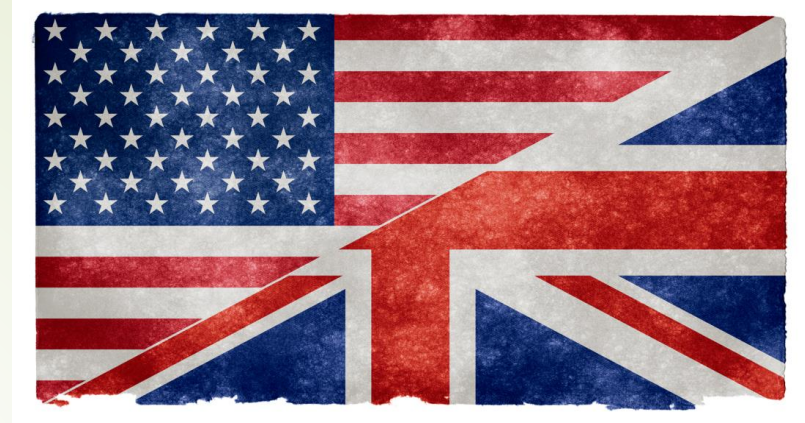
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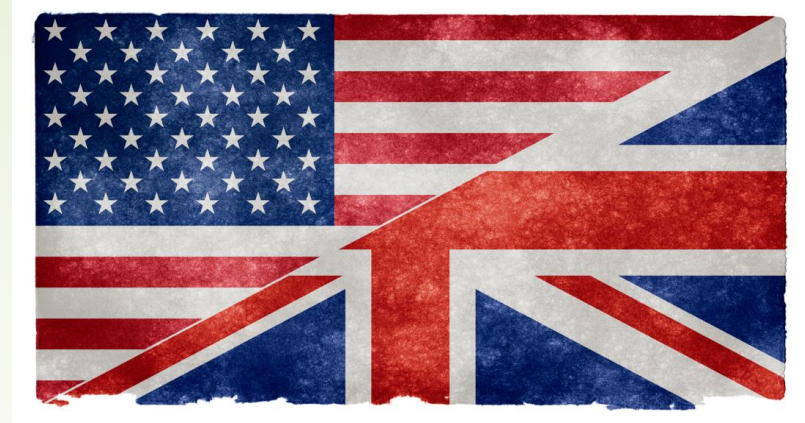
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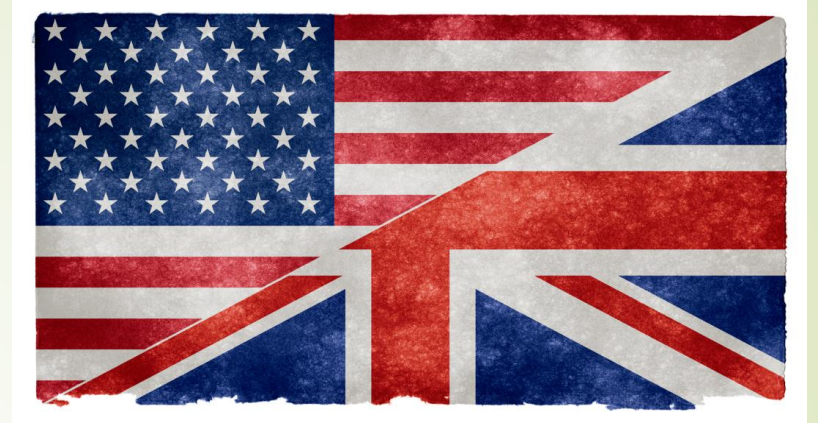


How do you call the sound below?

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Schwa

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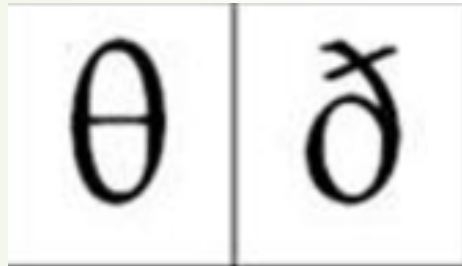
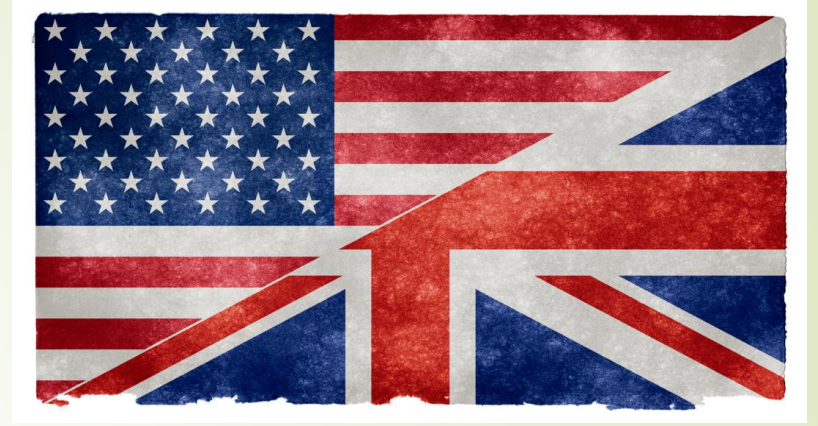


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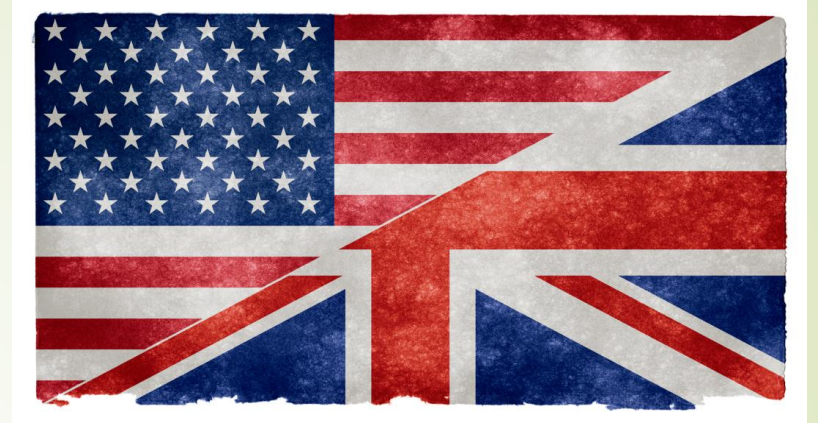
about – comput**er** – accid**ent** – fut**ur**e – inter**net** – import**an**t – p**er**son – quest**ion**

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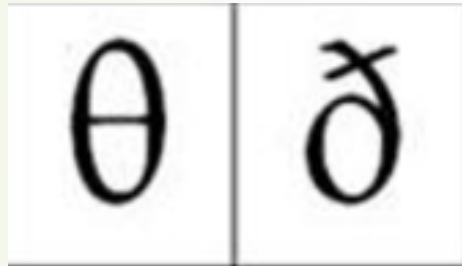




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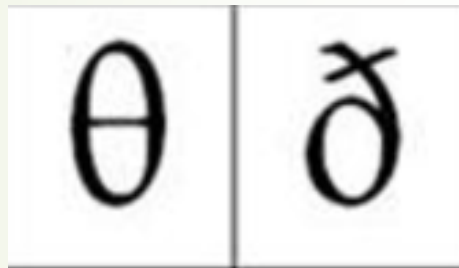
“Th” sound



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unvoiced    voiced

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Listen and repeat:

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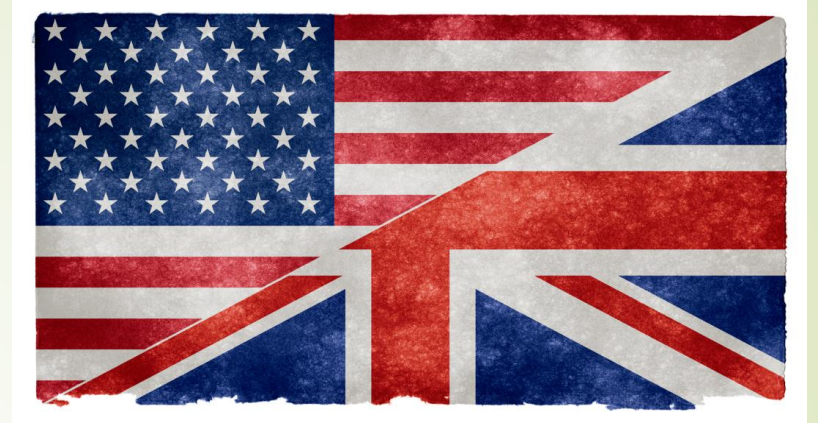
thought – both – teeth – thirty – throw

ð

mother – either – neither – they – brother



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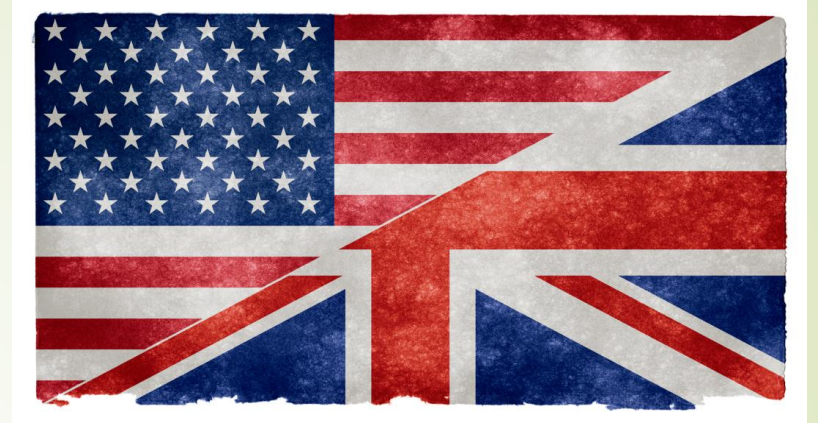


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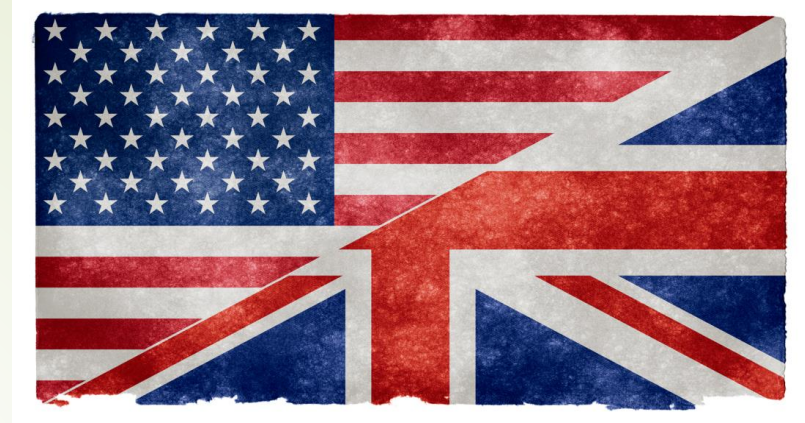


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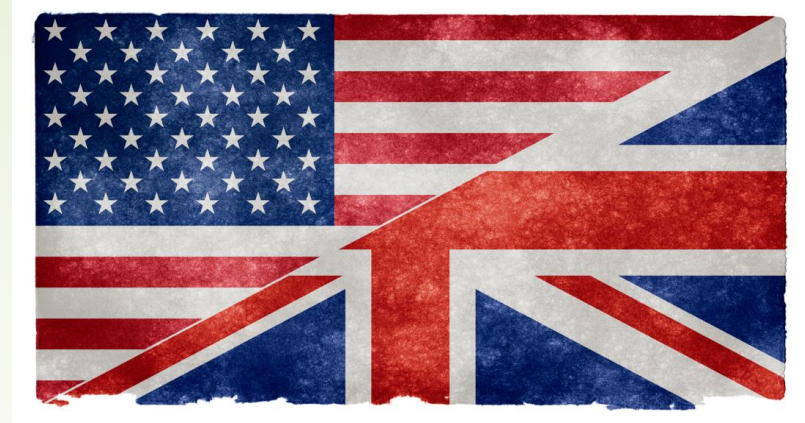


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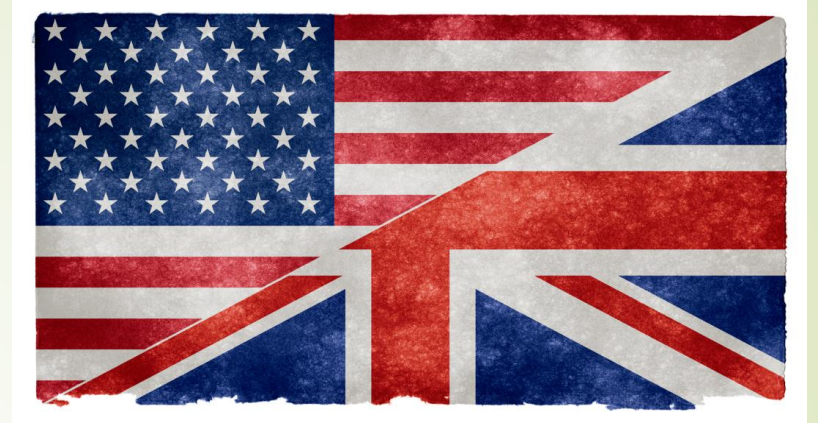
Listen and repeat:

stop	stopped
look	looked
pass	passed
laugh	laughed
etch	etched
push	pushed





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Listen and repeat:

wait

add

waited

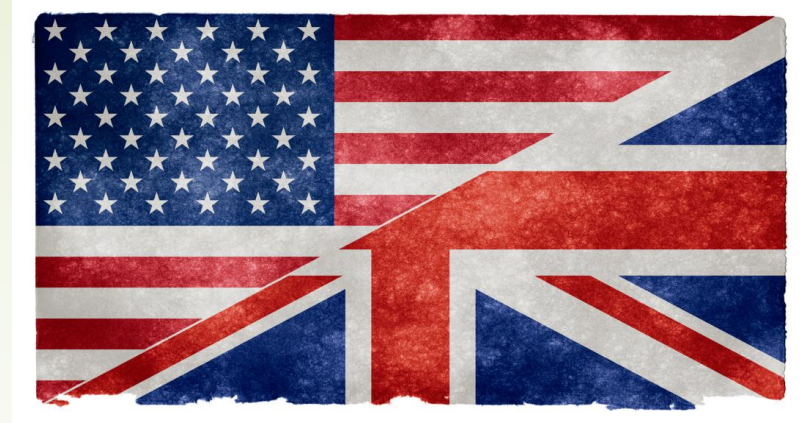
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The "GN" sound

Listen and repeat:

magnetize  
signal  
recognize



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The "GN" sound

Listen and repeat:

gnome  
sign



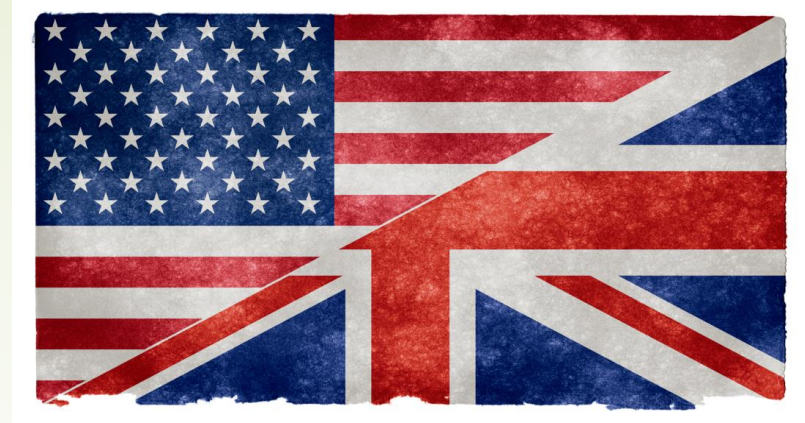


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The "OUGH" sound

Listen and repeat:

enough/rough  
cough  
bought/thought  
though  
through  
bough



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The “CH” sound

Listen and repeat:

chip

cheap

choice

chain

character

characteristic

mechanism

checker

chatty

Chinese

achieve

chemicals

architectures

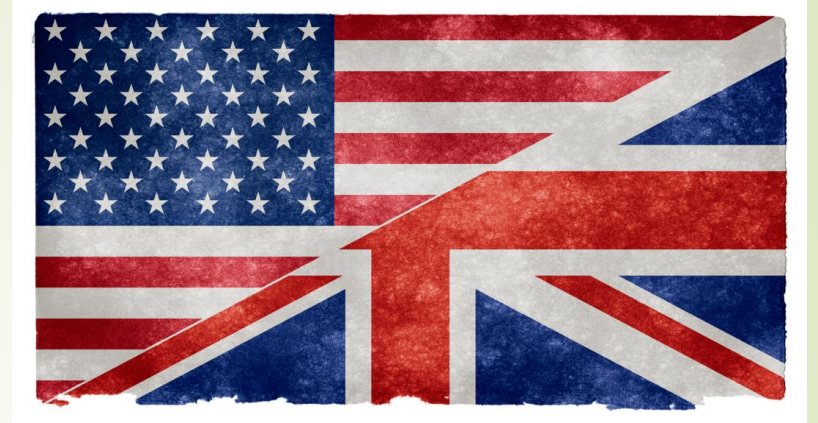
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The "KN" sound

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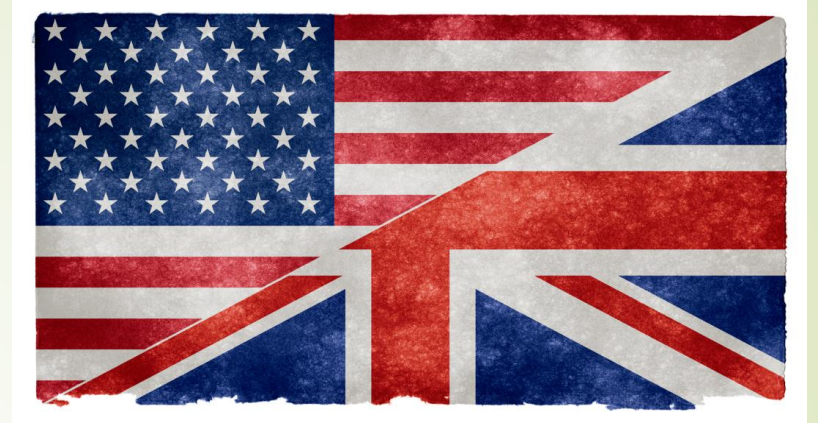
know  
kneel

knife  
knock





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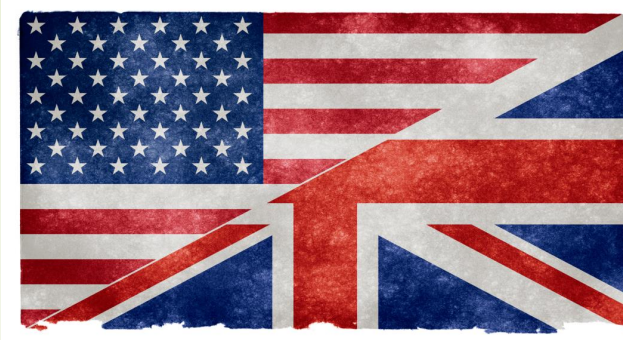
The “PN” and “PS” sound

Listen and repeat:

pneumonia

psychology

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Practise reading the sentences aloud. Pay attention to the underlined words:

- 1) The boy stopped, looked right then left and crossed the road.
- 2) When I cleaned my shoes I used that brush.
- 3) We waited an hour for the bus
- 4) I posted a letter to my mother yesterday.
- 5) Those shops don't sell plugs.
- 6) He watches television every evening.
- 7) I didn't recognize you!
- 8) Sign your name here please.
- 9) I can't access the information.
- 10) I thought my cough was bad enough, but yours sounds really rough.
- 11) Though the bough was strong it broke under his weight and he fell through the green-house roof.
- 12) This chatty Chinese child has great character.
- 13) I didn't know that he was a psychiatrist.

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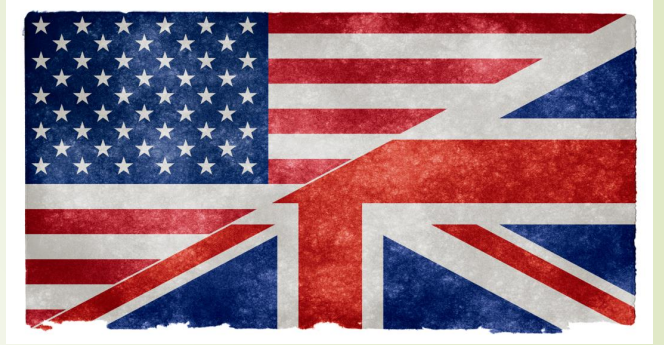


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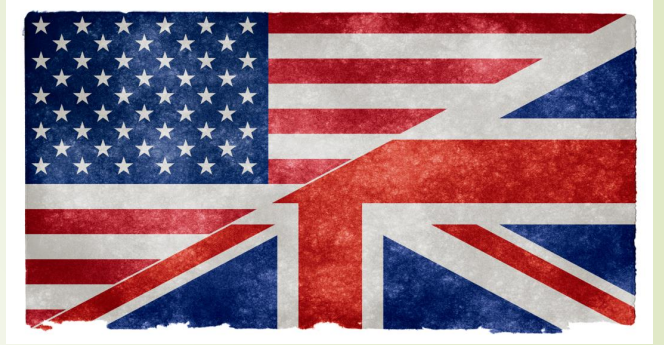


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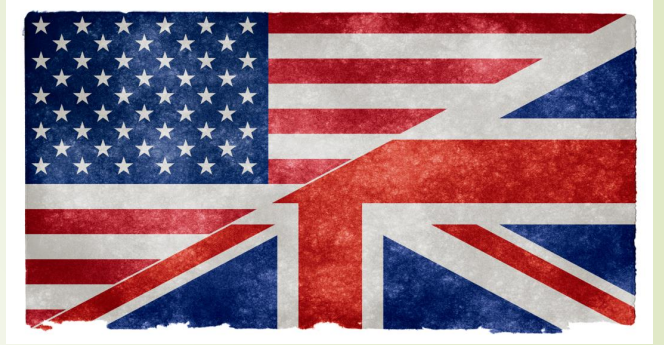


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How would you read these words?

key – anxiety – xenophobic – breath – breathe – years