

English 110A – Linguistics & the English Language

Exercise 1: Consonant transcription

Transcribe the consonant sounds in the following words. Leave a blank for the vowel sounds.

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| 1. sit | /s t/ | 21. chaotic |
| 2. sleep | | 22. yes |
| 3. cash | | 23. clown |
| 4. cat | | 24. loose |
| 5. street | | 25. lose |
| 6. jar | | 26. choice |
| 7. ledge | | 27. choose |
| 8. rough | | 28. sin |
| 9. dough | | 29. sing |
| 10. cough | | 30. sink |
| 11. top | | 31. who |
| 12. preach | | 32. you |
| 13. rich | | 33. hue |
| 14. phone | | 34. huge |
| 15. sheep | | 35. her |
| 16. thin | | 36. word |
| 17. thumb | | 37. wail |
| 18. them | | 38. whale |
| 19. city | | 39. wise |
| 20. chaos | | 40. what |

Exercise 1 Answer key: Consonants

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| 1. sit | /s t/ | 21. chaotic | /k t k/ |
| 2. sleep | /sl p/ | 22. yes | /y s/ |
| 3. cash | /k š/ | 23. clown | /kl n/ |
| 4. cat | /k t/ | 24. loose | /l s/ |
| 5. street | /str t/ | 25. lose | /l z/ |
| 6. jar | /j r/ | 26. choice | /č s/ |
| 7. ledge | /l j/ | 27. choose | /č z/ |
| 8. rough | /r f/ | 28. sin | /s n/ |
| 9. dough | /d / | 29. sing | /s ŋ/ |
| 10. cough | /k f/ | 30. sink | /s ŋk/ |
| 11. top | /t p/ | 31. who | /h / |
| 12. preach | /pr č/ | 32. you | /y / |
| 13. rich | /r č/ | 33. hue | /hy / |
| 14. phone | /f n/ | 34. huge | /hy j/ |
| 15. sheep | /š p/ | 35. her | /h r/ or /h / |
| 16. thin | /θ n/ | 36. word | /w rd/ or /w d/ |
| 17. thumb | /θ m/ | 37. wail | /w l/ |
| 18. them | /ð m/ | 38. whale | /w l/ |
| 19. city | /s t / | 39. wise | /w z/ |
| 20. chaos | /k s/ | 40. what | /w t/ |

Exercise 1 Answer key: complete

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| 1. sit | /s ɪ t/ | 21. chaotic | /k e a t ɪ k/ |
| 2. sleep | /s l i p/ | 22. yes | /y ε s/ |
| 3. cash | /k æ š/ | 23. clown | /kl aw n/ |
| 4. cat | /k æ t/ | 24. loose | /l u s/ |
| 5. street | /str i t/ | 25. lose | /l u z/ |
| 6. jar | /j a r/ | 26. choice | /č o y s/ |
| 7. ledge | /l ε j/ | 27. choose | /č u z/ |
| 8. rough | /r ʌ f/ | 28. sin | /s ɪ n/ |
| 9. dough | /d o / | 29. sing | /s ɪ ŋ/ or /s i ŋ/ |
| 10. cough | /k ɔ f/ or /k a f/ | 30. sink | /s ɪ ŋk/ or /s i ŋk/ |
| 11. top | /t a p/ | 31. who | /h u / |
| 12. preach | /pr i č/ | 32. you | /y u / |
| 13. rich | /r ɪ č/ | 33. hue | /hy u / |
| 14. phone | /f o n/ | 34. huge | /hy u j/ |
| 15. sheep | /š i p/ | 35. her | /h ə r/ or /h ə / |
| 16. thin | /θ ɪ n/ | 36. word | /w ə rd/ or /w ə d/ |
| 17. thumb | / θ ʌ m/ | 37. wail | /w e l/ |
| 18. them | /ð ε m/ | 38. whale | /w e l/ |
| 19. city | /s ɪ t i / | 39. wise | /w ay z/ |
| 20. chaos | /k e a s/ | 40. what | /w ʌ t/ |