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Requirements
1) 4 Exams: 1st 15%; others 25% each
2) Preparation, participation, homework: 10%
3) Optional Final: Do Make-up versions of 1 or 2 Exams.

WebCT
WebCT: http://online.csus.edu

Students who want to add: Send me an e-mail (fredm@csus.edu) telling me that you want to take the class and enclosing your SacLink ID (not your password), so I can add you to the WebCT Roster.

For next class:
● Get book
● Get Syllabus & Schedule: WebCT or www.csus.edu/indiv/m/marshallf
● Get Exercise 1 (Online) and do it to turn in.

Group these words into sets with the same vowel sound:

peace isle size
gray move quiz
pie size proof
che ache

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- peace
- ache
- proof
- size
- can

How many sounds?

Target: The sounds produced — our reporter might represent the sounds produced using special symbols to represent each sound. In fact, the alphabet symbols of English are not adequate to represent all the sounds of English, particularly with the vowels, where we have 5 letters but about 13 different vowel sounds.

So, English spelling is not a sure guide.

Sounds & Spelling

- About 13 different vowel sounds.
- We will use a special alphabet, with symbols that are defined to always represent the same sound. Although speech is primary, it is convenient to have a written form as a record, and as something to reflect on.

Transcription

- 2 senses of "transcribe":
  - Write down using normal spelling, as a secretary, medical recorder or court reporter might write down using normal spelling, as a record of words.
  - Write down using special symbols to transcribe spoken language: write it down.
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Transcribing words

Goal: one symbol for one sound
- Same symbol every time sound is used
- No "silent" symbols — a symbol always represents something pronounced
- A sequence of symbols represents a sequence of sounds.

Transcription
### Consonants: Expected sounds

- b
- d
- f
- g
- h
- k
- l
- m
- n
- p
- r
- s
- t
- v
- w
- y
- z

### Practice: What are the symbols for the initial sounds in these words?

- gate
- wind
- time
- moon
- phone
- character
- city

### Other consonant symbols

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### Sounds

| z | r |
| v | p |
| w | n |
| ɬ | m |
| ʃ | l |
| s | k |

Initial sounds in these words? Practice: What are the symbols for the sounds expected: Consonants?
Transcribe the consonants