

Outcomes

Elementary – Pronunciation 4

Diphthongs

We saw in Pronunciation 1 that some vowels are two sounds together. They're called diphthongs.

/eɪ/ date	/aɪ/ driver	/ɪə/ career	/eə/ area
/ɔɪ/ noise	/aʊ/ cloudy	/əʊ/ soul	/ʊə/ tourist

A 🎧 Listen and say the words and the sounds.

B 🎧 Listen and say the single sounds, then the diphthongs. Touch your lips. They move when you say the diphthong.

1	/e/	/ɪ/	/eɪ/
2	/æ/	/ɪ/	/aɪ/
3	/ɪ/	/ə/	/ɪə/
4	/e/	/ə/	/eə/
5	/æ/	/ʊ/	/aʊ/
6	/ɔ/	/ɪ/	/ɔɪ/
7	/ə/	/ʊ/	/əʊ/
8	/u:/	/ə/	/ʊə/

C Work in pairs. Try to say these words.

1	/laʊd/	5	/en'dʒɔɪ/
2	/feə/	6	/'nəʊtɪs/
3	/tʊə/	7	/ə'reɪndʒ/
4	/klɪə/	8	/'klaɪənt/

D 🎧 Listen and check.

F Work in pairs. Practise saying these sentences. Who has good pronunciation?
Which sounds are difficult for you?

- 1 I can't find my flight details.
- 2 Wait outside the hotel in the main square.
- 3 I'm going to the protest against the new airport.
- 4 We only employ reliable people here.
- 5 I do a fair share of the housework.
- 6 I went on a romantic tour round Paris with my boyfriend.