

English Diphthongs

Diphthongs Definition

A diphthong is a glide from one vowel to another, and the whole glide acts like one of the long, simple vowels.

-The diphthongs of English are in three groups: those end in /ʊ/ , as in / əʊ/ and /aʊ/ , and those which end in /ɪ/ , as in /eɪ/ , /aɪ/ and /ɔɪ/ and those which end in /ə/ as in /ɪə, eə , ʊə/.To sum up, the diphthongs are 8 in number.

The Difference between

<i>/əʊ/</i>	<i>/aʊ/</i>
Low-snow-close- coal-so-boat-coke- know-load-phoned- row-dote-tones	Now-loud-found-row- doubt-towns

The Difference between

<i>/aɪ/</i>	<i>/eɪ/</i>	<i>/ɔɪ/</i>
White-rice-like-lied- rise-file-	Late-paper-rake- sail-trade-fail- wait-race-lake- liad-raise-fail	Boy-oil- voice-toy- join-hoist- annoy- avoid- joint- noise- boils-loiter

The Difference between

/ ʊə /	/ eə /	/ ɪə /
Poor-surely- furious- insurance- curiosity-cure- pure-sure- tourist-purely	Hair-stared- rarely-bare-airs- wary	Ear-fear- Korean-really- year-real-fierce- beer- beard- pierce-clear- ideas-nearer- here-steered- really-beer-ears- weary

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