

~:: ñm̃j̃ỹí: íτ̃p̃ỹíτ̃ ñm̃m̃í τ̃j̃ỹíp̃m̃g̃ ::~

≈ ñ! τ̃ö̃ỹí τ̃h̃m̃ñ τ̃g̃ ß̃j̃ỹm̃m̃.

eỹm̃m̃ j̃m̃m̃j̃p̃m̃ é ỹj̃m̃m̃ íτ̃ỹm̃!

eỹm̃m̃ é τ̃h̃ó̃ é̃τ̃m̃ ím̃j̃m̃m̃m̃

m̃ íỹm̃ỹ τ̃g̃m̃ỹm̃j̃ỹm̃

íj̃m̃m̃m̃ p̃τ̃. é̃ỹ p̃τ̃m̃m̃

m̃ τ̃h̃m̃ é̃g̃m̃j̃p̃m̃: τ̃h̃m̃m̃m̃m̃

j̃m̃ỹ á̃ỹp̃j̃ỹm̃m̃m̃:

ß̃j̃ m̃m̃ í é̃τ̃m̃ m̃m̃m̃ íτ̃h̃m̃m̃ß̃

ím̃ ß̃j̃ p̃h̃m̃τ̃ é̃ỹ á̃íτ̃g̃í

é̃ h̃m̃m̃m̃ m̃j̃ỹp̃ íτ̃h̃m̃j̃ỹ m̃j̃p̃m̃

ím̃ íτ̃ p̃m̃m̃ íτ̃p̃m̃

ím̃ g̃p̃m̃m̃j̃ỹíτ̃ é̃á̃p̃m̃m̃m̃

í h̃τ̃m̃τ̃m̃m̃m̃ íp̃m̃ m̃p̃.

ím̃ λ̃j̃g̃í íh̃m̃j̃p̃ é̃τ̃é̃ỹ m̃j̃ỹ á̃íτ̃:

ß̃j̃ é̃m̃m̃m̃ m̃j̃. m̃j̃m̃τ̃ é̃m̃m̃m̃. é̃τ̃m̃m̃!

ñm̃m̃j̃ỹí! ñm̃m̃ λ̃ỹm̃τ̃ é̃τ̃m̃m̃!

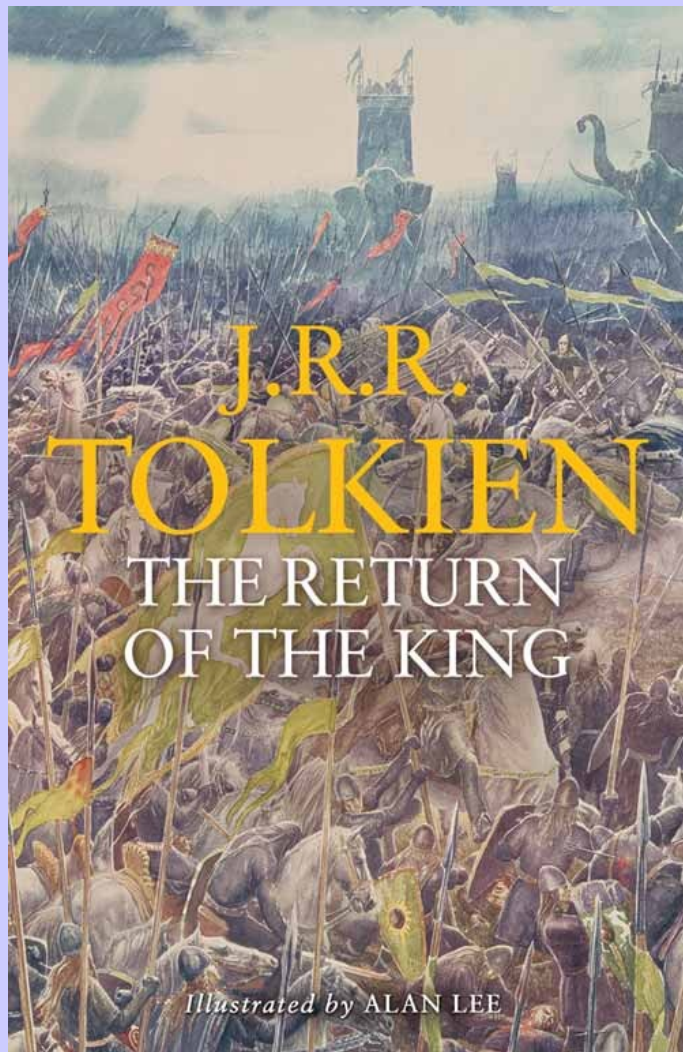
ñm̃m̃m̃ íτ̃ λ̃ỹm̃! ñm̃m̃j̃ỹí! ≈

An Introduction to Phonetics with Elvish Writing

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A Disclaimer

The *Tengwar*



Appendix E

WRITING AND SPELLING

I

A PRONUNCIATION OF WORDS AND NAMES

The Westron or Common Speech has been entirely translated into English equivalents. All Hobbit names and special words are intended to be pronounced accordingly: for example, *Bolger* has *g* as in *bulge*, and *mathom* rhymes with *fathom*.

In transcribing the ancient scripts I have tried to represent the original sounds (so far as they can be determined) with fair accuracy, and at the same time to produce words and names that do not look uncouth in modern letters. The High-elven Quenya has been spelt as much like Latin as its sounds allowed. For this reason *c* has been preferred to *k* in both Eldarin languages.

The following points may be observed by those who are interested in such details.

CONSONANTS

- C has always the value of *k* even before *e* and *i*: *celeb* 'silver' should be pronounced as *keleb*.
- CH is only used to represent the sound heard in *bach* (in German or Welsh), not that in English *church*. Except at the end of words and before *t* this sound was weakened to *h* in the speech of Gondor, and that change has been recognized in a few names, such as *Rohan*, *Rohirrim*. (*Imrahil* is a Númenorean name.)
- DH represents the voiced (soft) *th* of English *these clothes*. It is usually related to *d*, as in S. *galadh* 'tree' compared with Q. *alda*; but is sometimes derived from *n + r*, as in *Caradhras* 'Redhorn' from *caran-rass*.
- F represents *f*, except at the end of words, where it is used to represent the sound of *v* (as in English *of*): *Nindalf*, *Fladrif*.

How *Tengwar* Are Written



- Each of the main consonants has two parts: a **stem** and a **bow**.
- The stem can be **short**, extend **above** the bow, or extend **below** the bow.
- The bow can be single or **doubled**, face **up** or **down**, and be **open** or **closed**.
- Every main letter is a consonant; vowels are added as small marks (**tehtar**) above (or below) the letters.

Letters and Sounds of *Tengwar*

᠊ ^t	᠋᠊ ^p	᠎᠎ ^{ch}	᠎᠎ ^k
᠊᠎ ^d	᠋᠎᠎ ^b	᠎᠎᠎ ^j	᠎᠎᠎ ^g
᠋᠎ th	᠋᠎ ^f	᠎᠎᠎ ^{sh}	᠎᠎᠎ ^(kh)
᠋᠎᠎ ^{dh}	᠋᠎᠎ ^v	᠎᠎᠎᠎ ^{zh}	᠎᠎᠎᠎ ^(gh)
᠎᠎᠎ ⁿ	᠎᠎᠎᠎ ^m	᠎᠎᠎᠎᠎ ^(ny)	᠎᠎᠎᠎᠎ ^{ng}
᠎᠎᠎ ^r	᠎᠎᠎᠎ ^w	᠎᠎᠎᠎ ^y	᠎᠎᠎᠎ ^(lh)

But Wait: There's More!

ʁ ^r

ɹ ^l

ʃ ^s
ʒ

ʒ ^z
ʃ

λ ^h

ɹ ^{wh}

Dn't frgt bt th vwls...

at
r

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et
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Dn't frgt bt th vwls...

ăt ět ĭt ǒt ǒot ů/ət



aa=ä ii=ē uu=ōō



ay=ī ey=ā ow=ō yuu=ū



A Few More Miscellaneous Rules...


 ^{nt}


 ^{mp}


 ^{nk}


 nd


 ^{mb}


 ^{ng-}


 ^{ts}

 ^{x (ks)}

 "the"

 "of"

 "of the"

 "and"

Break time!

The Phonology of English Consonants

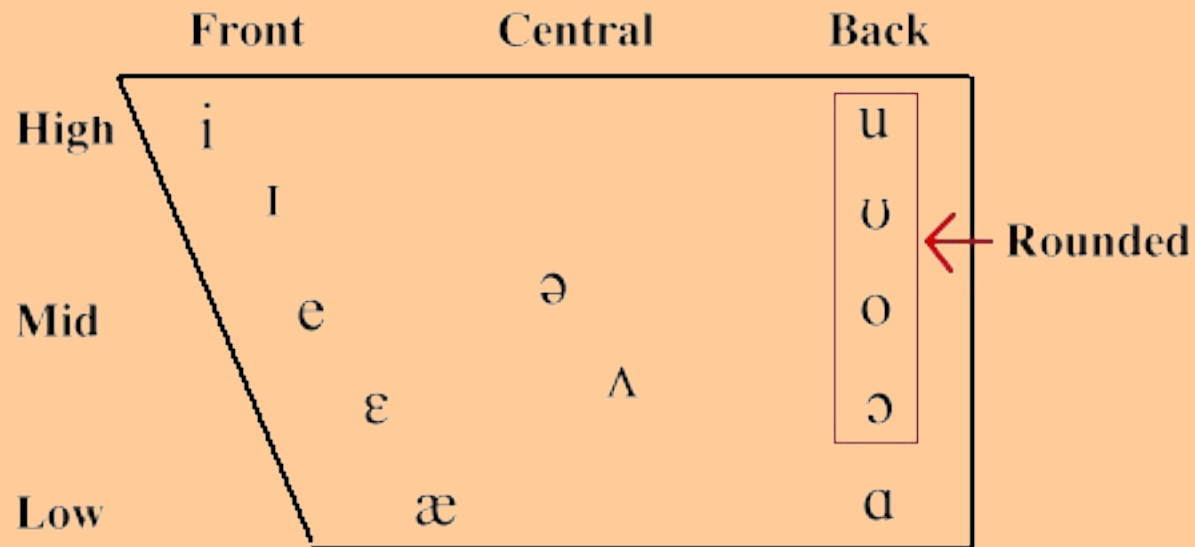
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	voiced	b			d			g	
affricate	voiceless					tʃ			
	voiced					dʒ			
fricative	voiceless		f	θ	s	ʃ			h
	voiced		v	ð	z	ʒ			
approximant						r	j	w	
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IPA in All Its Glory

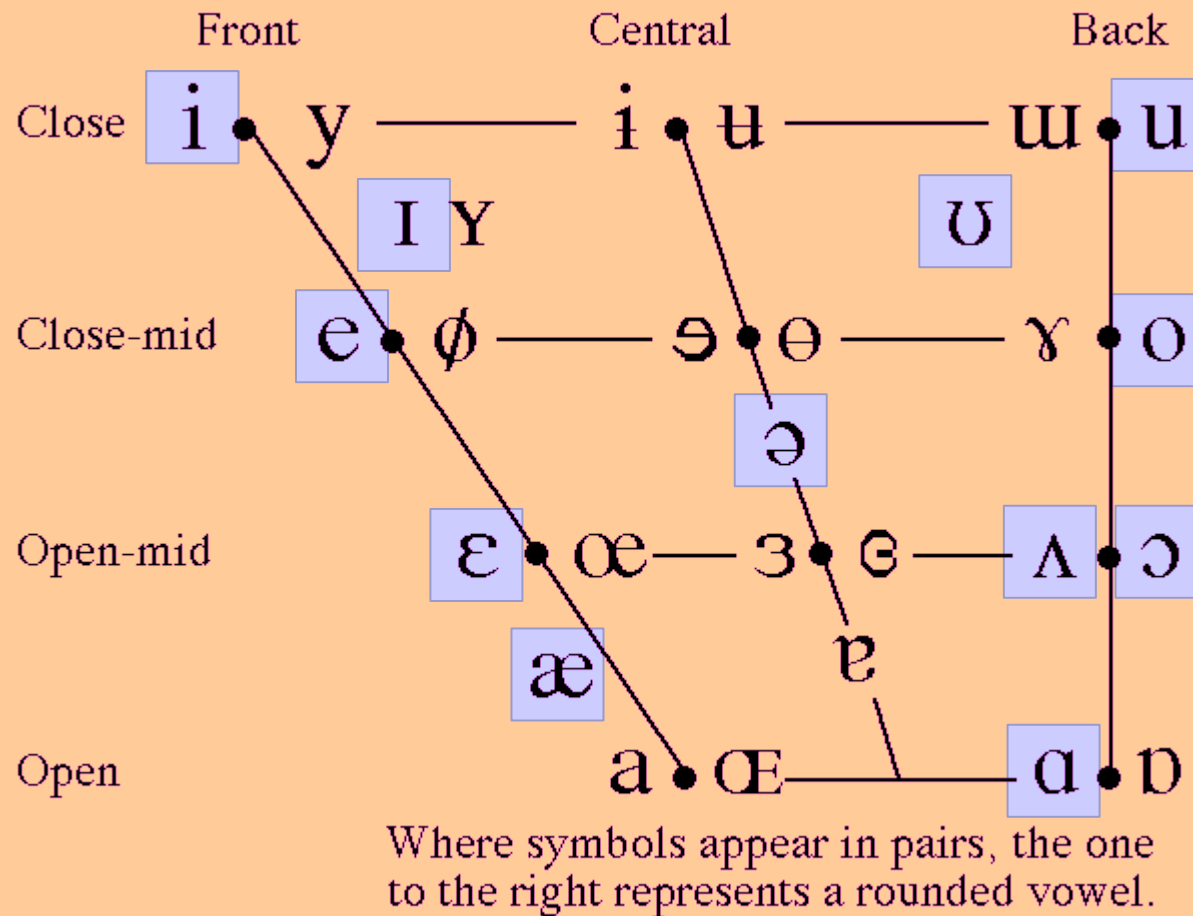
Don't worry, this won't be on the test.

		bilab.	lab.- dent.	dent.	alv.	post- alv.	retro- flex	pal.	velar	uvul.	phar.	glot.
plosive	voiceless	p		t			ʈ	c	k	q		ʔ
	voiced	b		d			ɖ	ɟ	g	ɢ		
nasal		m	ɱ	n			ɳ	ɲ	ŋ	ɴ		
trill		ʙ		r						ʀ		
tap				ɽ			ɽ					
fricative	voiceless	ɸ	f	θ	s	ʃ	ʂ	ç	x	χ	ħ	h
	voiced	β	v	ð	z	ʒ	ʐ	ʝ	ɣ	ʁ	ʕ	ɦ
lateral fricative	voiceless			ɬ								
	voiced			ɮ								
approximant		w	ʋ	ɹ			ɻ	j	ɰ			
lateral				ɭ			ɭ	ʎ	ʟ			

The Phonology of English Vowels



Vowels of the World



Is That It?

- Consonants

- Other places of articulation
- Gemination
- Airstream
 - clicks and pops
 - ejectives
 - implosives
- ...

- Vowels

- Diphthongs
- Length
- Nasals
- Voicing
- Tone
- ...

مَنْ جَاءَنَا