

~:: ñm̃j̃ŋí: ĩt̃ŋí̃t̃ m̃āñí t̃ŋí̃ŋá̃ ~:
≈ ā t̃ōŋí t̃h̃n t̃ŋ̃ ḡj̃ŋān.

eĩñō j̃m̃j̃ŋm̃ é ỹj̃m̃n ĩt̃ŋí̃m̃

eĩñō é t̃h̃ā ē̃t̃n ĩm̃j̃ñí̃m̃

m̃ ĩỹm̃ŋ t̃ŋ̃m̃ỹm̃j̃ŋ

ĩŋāñí̃ p̃t̃. ē̃ŋ p̃t̃m̃n

m̃ t̃h̃ā ē̃ŋ j̃m̃j̃ŋm̃

j̃m̃ŋ āỹp̃j̃ŋm̃

ḡj̃ m̃n ĩ ē̃t̃m̃ m̃n ĩt̃h̃āē̃β

ĩm̃ ḡj̃ p̃h̃ā̃t̃ ē̃ŋ āí̃t̃ŋí̃

é h̃ñō m̃j̃ŋp̃ ĩt̃h̃āj̃ŋ m̃j̃ŋ

ĩm̃ ĩt̃ŋ p̃í̃m̃

ĩm̃ ḡj̃m̃j̃ŋí̃t̃ ē̃āp̃ m̃āñí̃

ĩ h̃t̃m̃t̃m̃n ĩp̃ m̃p̃.

ĩm̃ λj̃ŋí̃ ĩh̃āj̃ŋ ē̃t̃ē̃ŋ m̃j̃ŋ āí̃t̃.

ḡj̃ ē̃m̃ā m̃j̃. ñj̃m̃t̃ ē̃m̃ā. ē̃t̃m̃n

ñm̃j̃ŋí̃ m̃ā λ̃ỹē̃t̃ ē̃t̃m̃n

m̃ā í̃t̃ λ̃ỹē̃ ñm̃j̃ŋí̃ ≈

An Introduction to Phonetics with Elvish Writing

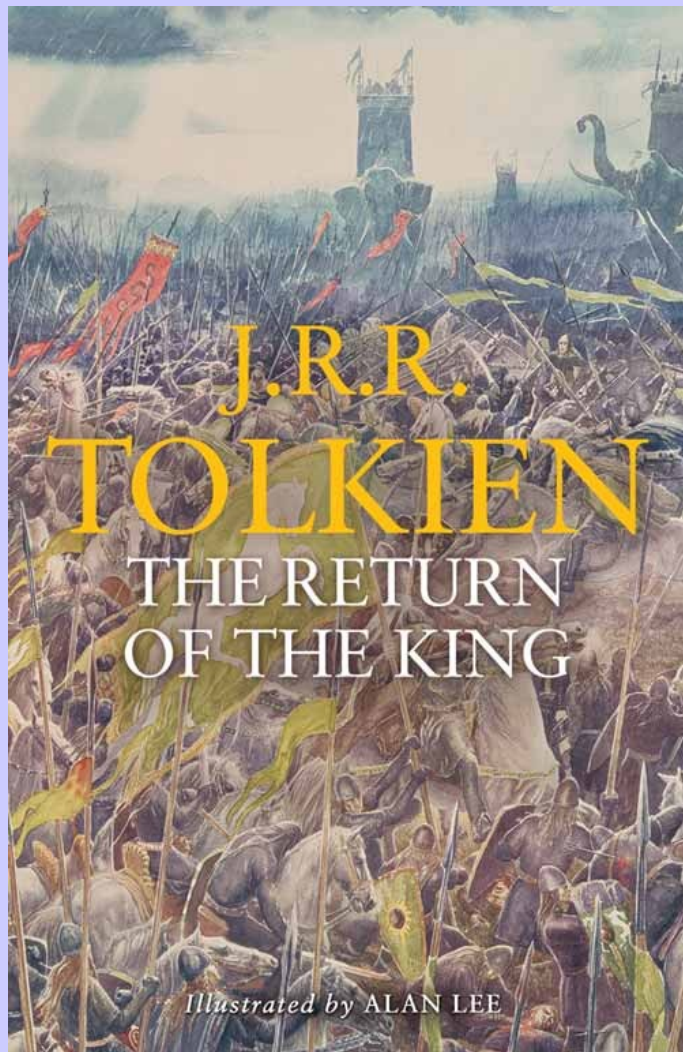
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A Disclaimer

The *Tengwar*



Appendix E

WRITING AND SPELLING

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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*

	dental	labial	palatal	velar
plosives				
unvoiced	ᚖ t	ᚑ p	ᚕ ch	ᚗ k
voiced	᚛ d	ᚒ b	ᚙ j	ᚘ g
fricatives				
unvoiced	ᚖ th	ᚑ f	ᚕ sh	ᚗ (kh)
voiced	᚛ dh	ᚒ v	ᚙ zh	ᚘ (gh)
nasals	ᚖ n	ᚑ m	ᚕ (ny)	ᚗ ng
approximants	ᚖ r	ᚑ w	ᚕ y	ᚗ (lh)

But Wait: There's More!

γ ^r

τ ^l

ℓ γ ^s

ℓ γ ^z

λ ^h

d ^{wh}

Dn't frgt bt th vwls...

at
p

it
p

ut
p

et
p

ot
p

Dn't frgt bt th vwls...

ăt ět ĭt ۆt ۆot ŭ/ət
ř ř ř ř ř ʀ

aa=ä ii=ē uu=ōō
ġ ģ ı

ay=ī ey=ā ow=ō yuu=ū
č č ȳ ȳ

A Few More Miscellaneous Rules...

 ^{nt}


 ^{mp}


 ^{nk}


 nd


 ^{mb}


 ^{ng-}


 ^{ts}

 ^{x (ks)}

 "the"

 "of"

 "of the"

 "and"

Making Sense of the One Ring

၃ နက္ခတ္တရာဇ်ဇာတ်. နက္ခတ္တရာဇ်ဇာတ်
နက္ခတ္တရာဇ်ဇာတ်. နက္ခတ္တရာဇ်ဇာတ်

Break time!

The Phonology of English Consonants

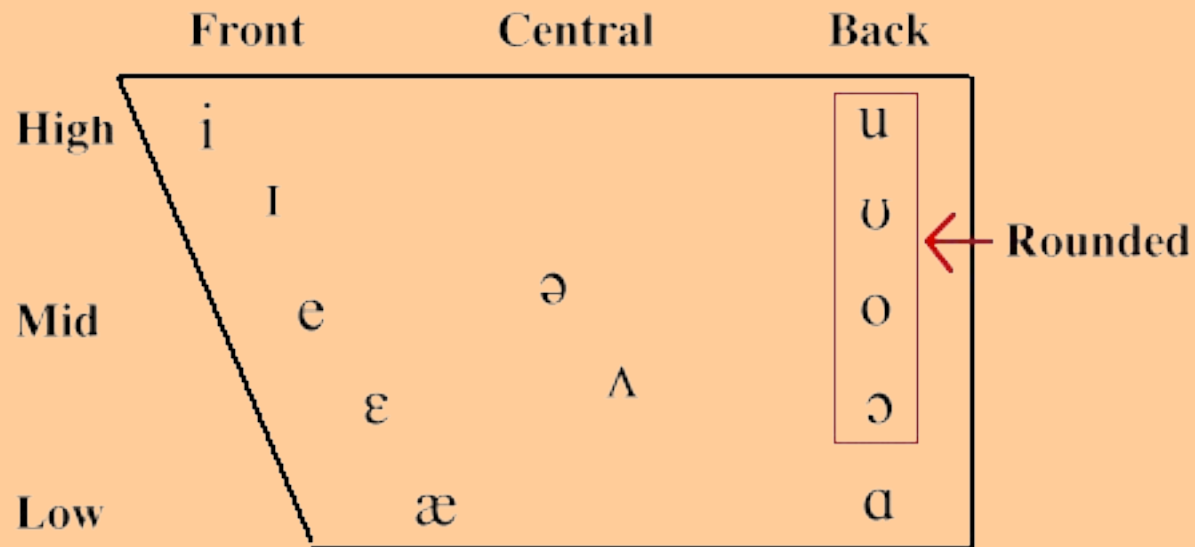
		bilabial	labio-dental	dental	alveolar	post-alveolar	palatal	velar	glottal
nasal		m			n			ŋ	
plosive	voiceless	p			t			k	
	voiced	b			d			g	
affricate	voiceless					tʃ			
	voiced					dʒ			
fricative	voiceless		f	θ	s	ʃ			h
	voiced		v	ð	z	ʒ			
approximant						r	j	w	
lateral					l				

IPA in All Its Glory

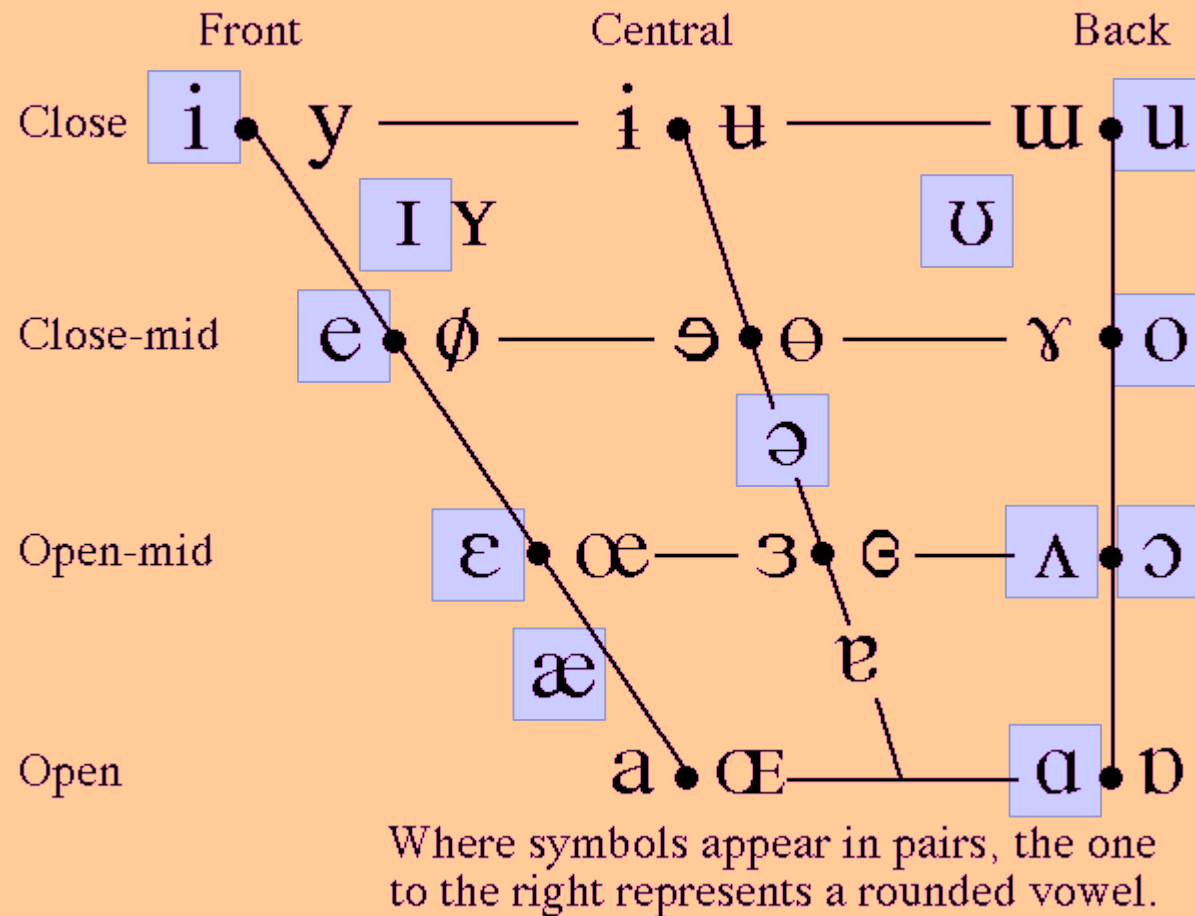
Don't worry, this won't be on the test.

		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			ɽ̚					
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			ɭ̝	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
- ...

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