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In the English alphabet, the five letters A, E, I, O, and U are vowels. The remaining 21 letters are consonants: B, C, D, F, G, H, J, K, L, M, N, P, Q, R, S, T, V, X, Z, and usually W and Y. The letter "y" sometimes is a consonant as in "yet" and sometimes is a consonant as in "mythology." Sometimes the letter "w" can represent a vowel, but it is very rare as in "sweet." That is why they are called semi-vowels. The English alphabet has 26 letters, which are used to represent speech sounds. 5 letters of the alphabet (A,E,I,O,U) are vowels and 21 other letters are consonants (B, C, D, F, G, H, J, K, L, M, N, P, Q, R, S, T, V, X, Z, W, Y). These letters are Latin based. English alphabet is the initial lesson that everybody start learning, so it is essential to study the English letters. • What are the English alphabet letters (Capital letters) are: a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z In English a group of letters can give a separate sound such as: ph, sh and th. This is called digraph. Examples: photo, they, she Spelling of a word in English can be tricky to pronounce the letters correctly in a word. Click here to learn phonetic alphabet or here to learn phonetic alphabet on YouTube
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You will find vocabulary information exercises on this website as well for additional practice. Home Page > Main Vocabulary List > English Alphabet The modern English alphabet is a Latin alphabet of 26 letters (each having an uppercase form), of which five[1] are vowels (a, e, i, o, and u) and 21 are consonants - exactly the same letters that are found in the ISO basic Latin alphabet: The exact shape of printed letters changes depending on the typeface (and font). The shape of handwritten letters can be very different from the standard printed form (and between individuals), especially when written in cursive style. See the individuals), especially when written in cursive style. See the individuals (follow the links on any of the uppercase letters above). Written English uses 18[2] digraphs (strings of two letters to represent just one sound), such as ch, sh, th, ph, wh, etc., but they are not considered separate letters of the alphabet. English alphabet A to Z (Listen to a Received Pronunciation British English speaker recite the English alphabet) Problems playing this file? See media help. The English language was first written in Anglo-Saxon futhorc runes, used since the 5th century. This alphabet was brought to what is now English language was first written in Anglo-Saxon futhorc runes, used since the 5th century. This alphabet was brought to what is now English language was first written in Anglo-Saxon futhorc runes, used since the 5th century. with most of these being short writings or pieces. The Latin script, introduced by Christian missionaries, began to replace the Anglo-Saxon futhorc from about the 7th century, although the two continued to be used alongside each other for some time. Futhorc influenced the new Latin-based English alphabet by giving it letters thorn (Þ þ) and wynn (P p). The letter eth (Đ ð) was later devised as a rewriting of the letter dee (D d), and finally yogh (3 3) was created by Norman scribes from the insular g in Old English and Irish, and used alongside their Carolingian g. The a-e ligature ash (Æ æ) was adopted as a letter in its own right, named after a futhorc rune æsc. In very early Old English the o-e ligature ethel (Œ œ) also appeared as its own letter, likewise named after a rune, œŏel. Also, the v-v or u-u ligature double-u (W w) was in use. In the year 1011, a monk named Byrhtferð recorded the traditional order of the Old English alphabet.[3] He listed the 24 letters of the Latin alphabet first (including ampersand), then 5 additional English letters, starting with the Tironian note ond (7), an insular symbol for and: A B C D E F G H I K L M N O P Q R S T V X Y Z & 7 P D D Æ In the alphabet of Modern English, thorn (b), eth (d), wynn (p), yogh (3), ash (æ), and ethel (œ) do not exist. Latin borrowings reintroduced homographs of ash and ethel into Middle English and Early Modern English, though they are not thought to be the same letters[source?] but rather ligatures, and in any case are somewhat old-fashioned. Thorn and eth were both replaced by th, though thorn continued in existence for some time, its lowercase form becoming more and more difficult to tell from the minuscule y in most handwriting. Y for th can still be seen in pseudo-archaisms (modern writings spelled to look like older words or phrases), such as "Ye Olde Booke Shoppe". The letters be and of are still used in present-day Icelandic while of is still used in present-day Icelandic while of its account of the modern while of its account of the Icelandic while of the Icelandic while of its account of the Icelandic while of its account of the Icelandic while of the Icelandic while of its account of the Icelandic while of the Icelandic wh Yogh disappeared around the 15th century and was typically replaced by gh. In the 16th century, the letters u and j were being written as letters distinct from v and i respectively. Before thatthe former two letters were just different forms of the latter two letters. w also became its own letter, rather than being thought of as 2 different letters. With these changes, the English alphabet now has 26 letters: A B C D E F G L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z The alternate lowercase form long s (f) lasted into early modern English, and was used in non-final position up to the early 19th century. Different alphabets have been proposed for written English -mostly extending or replacing the basic English alphabet -such as the Deseret alphabet, the Shavian alphabet, Gregg shorthand, etc. Diacritics marks to help non-native speakers with pronunciation) mainly appear in loanwords such as naïve and façade. As such words become a normal part of English vocabulary, there is a tendency to remove the diacritics, as has happened with old borrowings such as hôtel, from French. Informal English writing tends to get rid of diacritics because of their absence from the keyboard, while professional copywriters and typesetters tend to include them, such as Microsoft Word.[4] Words that are still thought to be foreign tend to keep them; for example, the only spelling of soupçon found in English dictionaries (the OED and others) uses the diacritic. Diacritics are also more likely to be kept where there would otherwise be confusion with another word (for example, résumé (or resumé), and, rarely, even added (as in maté, from Spanish yerba mate, but following the pattern of café, from French). Sometimes, especially in older writing, diacritics are used to show the syllables of a word: cursed (verb) is pronounced with one syllable, while cursed (adjective) is pronounced with two. È is used widely in poetry, e.g. in Shakespeare's sonnets. J.R.R. Tolkien uses ë, as in O wingëd crown. Similarly, while in chicken coop the letters -oo- represent a single vowel sound (a digraph), in outdated spellings such as zoölogist and coöperation, they represent two. This use of the diaeresis is rarely seen, but is still used in the 2000s in some publications, such as MIT Technology Review and The New Yorker. An acute, grave, or diaeresis may also be placed over an "e" at the end of a word to indicate that it is not silent, as in saké. In general, these markings are often not used even when they could ease some level of confusion. The & has sometimes appeared at the end of the English and many other languages it is used to represent the word and and occasionally the Latin word et, as in the abbreviation &c (et cetera). The apostrophe, while not considered part of the English alphabet, is used to contract, or shorten, English phrases. A few pairs of words, such as its (belonging to it) and it's (it is or it has), were (plural of was) and we're (we are), and shed (to get rid of) and she'd (she would or she had) are distinguished in writing only by having or not having an apostrophe also distinguishes the possessive endings -'s and -s' from the common plural ending -s, a practice that began in the 18th century; before, all three endings were written -s, which could lead to confusion (as in, the Apostles words).[5] The names of the letters are rarely spelled out, except when used in compound words (for example tee-shirt, deejay, emcee, okay, aitchless, etc.), derived forms (for example em (space) in printing and wye (junction) in railroading). The forms listed below are from the Oxford English Dictionary. Vowels stand for themselves, and consonants usually have the form consonant (e.g. bee and ef). The exceptions are the letters aitch, jay, kay, queue, ar, ess (but es- in compounds), wye, and zed. Plurals of consonants end in -s (bees, efs, ems) or, in the cases of aitch, ess, and ex, in -es (aitches, esses, exes). Plurals of vowels end in -es (aes, ees, ies, oes, ues); these are rare. Of course, all letters may stand for themselves, generally in capitalized form (okay or OK, emcee or MC), and plurals may be based on these (aes or As, cees or Cs, etc.) Letter Modern English name Modern English pronunciation Latin pronunciation Old French Middle English A a /'eɪ/, /æ/[nb 1] ā /a:/ /a:/ B bee or be /'bi:/ bē /be:/ /be:/ /cee /'si:/ cē /ke:/ /tse:/ > /se:/ bē /be:/ /de:/ /de:/ fe (eff as a verb) /'ɛf/ ef (eff as a verb) /'ef/ ef (eff as a verb) /'ef/ ef /ef/ /a:/ J jay /'dʒe:/ - - -/y://iw/V vee /'vi:/ - - - - W double-u /'dabel.ju:/[nb 7] - - - - X ex /'sks/ ex /sks//iks//sks/ ix /rks/ Y wye /'wai/ hȳ /hy:/ ui, gui ? /i:|gre/?i graeca /i: 'graika/ /i: graika/ /i: especially when heard over the telephone or a radio communications link. Spelling alphabets such as the ICAO spelling alphabet, used by aircraft pilots, police and others, are made to get rid of this confusion by giving each letter a name that sounds quite different from any other. The names of the letters are for the most part direct descendants of the Latin (and Etruscan) names through French. The regular phonological developments (in rough chronological order) are: palatalization before front vowels of Latin /g/ to Proto-Romance and Middle French /dʒ/. Affects G. fronting of Latin /uː/ to Middle French /y:/, becoming Middle English /iw/ and then Modern English /ju:/. Affects Q, U. the inconsistent lowering of Middle English /sr/ to /ar/. Affects R. the Great Vowel Shift, shifting all Middle English /iw/ and then Modern English /iv/ to /ar/. Affects A, B, C, D, E, G, H, I, K, O, P, T, and presumably Y. The novel forms are aitch, a regular development of Medieval Latin acca; jay, a new letter presumably vocalized like neighboring kay to avoid confusion with established gee (the other name, jy, was taken from French); vee, a new letter named by analogy with the majority; double-u, a American leveling of zed by analogy with the majority; and izzard, from the Romance phrase i zed or i zeto "and Z" said when reciting the alphabet. The letters A, E, I, O, and U are considered consonant letters, since when not silent they generally represent consonants. However, Y commonly represents vowels as well as a consonant (e.g., "myth"), as very rarely does W (e.g., "cwm"). Conversely, U and I sometimes represent a consonant (e.g., "quiz" and "onion" respectively). letter is Z. The table below shows how often each letter is used in written English, although the frequencies change somewhat according to the type of text.[6] N Letter Frequency 1 A 8.17% 2 B 1.49% 3 C 2.78% 4 D 4.25% 5 E 12.70% 6 F 2.23% 7 G 2.02% 8 H 6.09% 9 I 6.97% 10 J 0.15% 11 K 0.77% 12 L 4.03% 13 M 2.41% 14 N 6.75% 15 O 7.51% 15 O 16 P 1.93% 17 Q 0.10% 18 R 5.99% 19 S 6.33% 20 T 9.06% 21 U 2.76% 22 V 0.98% 23 W 2.36% 24 X 0.15% 25 Y 1.97% 26 Z 0.07% Alphabet song NATO phonetic alphabet English braille American braille New York Point ↑ often in Hiberno-English ↑ in compounds such as es-hook ↑ Especially in American English, the /l/ is often not pronounced in informal speech. ↑ in British English ↑ in Scottish English ↑ in Sco Archived from the original on 2016-04-13. Retrieved 2016-04-13. Retrieved 2016-04-13. Retrieved 18 September 2016. ↑ "Apostrophe Definition". dictionary.com. Retrieved 14 June 2015. ↑ Beker, Henry; Piper, Fred (1982). Cipher Systems: The Protection of Communications. Wiley-Interscience. p. 397. Retrieved from "Definition: The English language in written form. It is derived from the Latin alphabet and consists of both uppercase (capital) and lowercase (small) letters. The alphabet is the foundation of English writing and is used to form words, sentences, and texts. The letters in the alphabet are arranged in a specific order, which is commonly used for alphabetical sorting in dictionaries, indexes, and lists. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z The English alphabet consists of: Vowels:Vowels are letters that represent open, unobstructed sounds in spoken language. English has five primary vowel letters:A, E, I, O, U The letter Y can sometimes function as a vowel, as in words like gym or myth. Consonants:Consonants are letters that represent sounds produced with some closure or obstruction in the vocal tract. The remaining 21 letters of the English alphabet are consonants: B, C, D, F, G, H, J, K, L, M, N, P, Q, R, S, T, V, W, X, Y, Z Case (Uppercase and Lowercase): Each letter in the English alphabet has two forms: uppercase (capital) and lowercase (small). Uppercase letters are typically used at the beginning of sentences and for proper nouns, while lowercase letters are used for the rest of the text. Example: Apple (uppercase A at the beginning of a proper noun), book (all lowercase for a common noun). Fixed Order: The letters of the English alphabet are arranged in a fixed order (A through Z), which is used for organizing information alphabetically in dictionaries, phone books, lists, and indexes. Example: In a dictionary, words beginning with A come before words beginning with B, and so on. Phonetic Representation: Each letter in the alphabet represents one or more sounds in the spoken language. However, the correspondence between letters and sounds in English is not always straightforward, as the same letter can represent different sounds depending on the word. Example: The letter C sounds like /k/ in cat but like /s/ in city. Silent Letters:Some letters in English words are silent, meaning they are written but not pronounced. These silent letters are part of the historical development of English spelling. Example: The letter k is silent in the word knight, and the b is silent in debt. Diacritical Marks: In general, the English alphabet does not use diacritical marks (accents, tildes, etc.), unlike many other languages. However, English may use borrowed words from its French origin. Origins in Latin: The English alphabet is derived from the Latin (or Roman) alphabet, which was introduced to Britain during the Roman occupation. As Latin influenced Old English, the Latin alphabet became the foundation for the writing system of the English language. Addition of Letters: Over time, letters such as J and U were added to the Latin alphabet, which originally had only 23 letters. These additions helped to accommodate the sounds of English, which were originally variants of the same letter in the Latin alphabet but later became distinct letters in English. Evolution of Writing:The English alphabet evolved alongside changes in the spoken language. Early versions of written English used a mix of runes and Latin letters, and over centuries, the alphabet became standardized. By the time of Modern English, the 26-letter alphabet we use today was established. Printing Press and Standardized. By the time of Modern English, the 26-letter alphabet we use today was established. 15th century helped standardize the English alphabet and its usage in books, documents, and newspapers. This technological advancement led to more consistent spelling and grammar conventions. Forming Words: The primary function of the alphabet is to form words by combining letters in meaningful ways. These combinations follow specific phonetic, grammatical, and syntactic rules in the language. Example: The word cat is formed by combining the letters C, A, and T. Spelling and Pronunciation: The English alphabet is used to represent the sounds of spoken language in written form. However, due to irregularities in English spelling, the relationship between letters and pronunciation is not always direct. Example: The word read can be pronounced as /red/ (past tense) or /ri:d/ (present tense), depending on context. Alphabetically. This system is used in dictionaries, directories, and libraries for easy retrieval of information. Example: A list of names is sorted alphabetically: Alice, Bob, Charlie, David. Acronyms and Abbreviations: The English alphabet is often used to create acronyms and abbreviations, where the first letter of each word in a phrase is used to form a shortened version. Example: NASA stands for National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and ASAP stands for As Soon As Possible. Numerical Representation: In certain contexts, letters of the alphabet are used to denote major sections, while 1, 2, 3 are used for subsections. Irregular Spelling: One of the major challenges of the English alphabet is its irregular spelling system. The same letter or combination of letters can represent differently in words like though, through, through, through, and rough. Silent Letters: Many English words contain silent letters, which are written but not pronounced. These letters can make spelling difficult, especially for language learners. Example: The letter b is silent in the word thumb, and the letter b is silent in knife. Inconsistent Phoneme Representation: Some letters in the English alphabet represent multiple sounds, and the sound of a letter can vary depending on its position within a word or its neighboring letters. Example: The letter G has a hard sound (/g/) in go, but a soft sound (/g/) in giraffe. Letter-Sound Discrepancies: English has more phonemes (sounds) than letters. This can create confusion in spelling and pronunciation. Example: The sound /ʃ/ is represented by the letters sh in shoe, but the same sound can also be spelled s as in sure. Foundation of Literacy: The English alphabet is the first step in learning to read and write. Children are typically taught the alphabet before progressing to words and sentences, making it essential for literacy. development. Example: Learning the ABCs is a common early educational activity for young children. Communication in a standardized form. It is used in all forms of writing, from casual texts to formal documents. Example: Letters, emails, books, and websites all rely on the alphabet for communication. Cultural Transmission: The alphabet is used to preserve and transmit cultural knowledge, history, and literature. Written texts, both ancient and modern, use the alphabet to convey stories, values, and information across generations. Example: Historical documents like the U.S. Constitution and literary works like Shakespeare's plays are written using the English alphabet. Standardization: The English alphabet provides a standardization are written using a common writing system, even if their spoken accents or dialects differ. Example: An English speaker from the U.S. and one from the U sounds, and ideas. Despite some challenges with spelling and pronunciation irregularities, the English alphabet is essential for reading, writing, and literacy. 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