

## Accent Reduction- (Alberta, Canada)

### Freebie page.

This is not a therapy page. It may give you an idea if you might need help with vowel sounds.

One way to probe if you might be missing or substituting some vowel sounds is to read these words to a few different people who have English as their first language in Canada. Note-there is some variation between provinces. Choose people who don't seem to have an accent. Ask them to circle vowels that don't sound quite right. However, remember that the people you are checking in with are not trained speech-language pathologists. This probe is not to be used in place of a speech or language assessment. A speech-language pathologist will listen to vowels, consonants, stress patterns, language skills and more. We use other descriptors for vowels but to keep it simple we will call them "long" or "short" vowel sounds.

<b>Listen for the long A vowel:</b> late break Plane aim age able ape steak capable (2 syllable words may have more than one type of vowel on this list)	<b>Short A vowel</b> bat apple appear award ant anchor ax add Answer Vancouver last Example Practical Gallons	
<b>Long U vowel:</b> boot unicorn use usual unit utensils USA true	<b>Short U Vowel type of sound:</b> Oven us none umbrella hundred underwear some Under brush	<b>Another short vowel:</b> Took, book, Look, bush sugar cook Took put
<b>Long O Vowel:</b> November old told only over own oval four north drove forty	<b>Short O vowel:</b> Wash lodge non-profit October otter confident popcorn project on also always arm ostrich wash	
<b>Long E vowel:</b> eat east ear earmuff meet three speak these feel Lease	<b>Short E vowel:</b> enough elephant letter west enter air eleven September area arrow elk electric ready bed pen Edmonton twelve	
<b>Long I Vowel:</b> idea eye Island ice cream ice drive	<b>Short I Vowel:</b> still diploma lift this live kid it igloo bin thin sit (continues on the next page)	

3 other sounds: sort of a blend of 2 vowel sounds: 1. Ointment, toy, boy 2. high, cry, bye (see long I vowel from above) 3 now, couch, thousand, south	A vowel with a bit of R: Saturday, bird, learn, turn, thirteen
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