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## Supplementary Lesson #1: English, Spanish & Portuguese Vowel Sounds

Chart #1: Major vowel sounds in English:

English Vowels		
Symbol	Examples	Notes
i	heed, heat, bead, beat	
ɪ	hid, hit, bid, bit	
ej	hayed, hate, bayed, bait	always pronounced as diphthong
ɛ	head, bed, bet	
æ	had, hat, bad, bat	
ɑ	hod, hot, body, bought	
ɔ	hawed, hot, bought	NE dialects only, otherwise same as [a]
ow	hoed, bode, boat	always pronounced as a diphthong
ʊ	hood, put	
u	who'd, hoot, boot	
ʌ	HUD, hut, bud, but	same as [ə], often used in stressed syllables
ə	above	same as [ʌ], used in unstressed syllables
	<b>"r" coloring</b>	
ɝ	herd, hurt, bird, Bert	
ɑɪ	hard, heart, barred, Bart	
ɪɪ	hear, beard, beer	
ɛɪ	hair, bear, bared	
ɑjɪ	hired,	
	<b>Diphthongs</b>	
aj	hide, height, bide, bite	
ɔj	Boyd	
aw	how, bowed	
ju	hued,	



Chart #2: Major Vowel Sounds in Portuguese

Portuguese Vowels		
Symbol	Example	Notes
i	vi, vida, vivi, vive	stressed {i} and word final {e}
e	vê, vejo, você, levamos	
ɛ	pé, pedra, até	stressed syllable only
a	pá, pato, dará, falamos	
ɔ	pó, pode, avó	stressed syllable only
o	pôde, avô, podemos	
u	pude, urubu, vivo	stressed {u} and word final {o}
ə	viva, coma	word final {a}
<b>Nasal Vowel</b>		
ĩ	vim, cinto	
ẽ	cento, sem	frequently pronounced as a diphthong [ẽj]
ẽ	vã, órfã, santo	
õ	bom, conto	
ũ	atum, assunto	
<b>Oral Diphthongs</b>		
ej	lei	
ɛj	papéis	
aj	pai	
ɔj	rói	
oj	boi	
uj	cuidado	
iw	riu	
ew	deu	
ɛw	véu	
aw	mau	
ow	soube	usually reduced to [o]
<b>Nasal Diphthongs</b>		
ẽj	porém	
ẽj	mãe	
õj	põem	
ũj	muito	
ẽw	nação, falam	



Chart #3: Major Vowel Sounds in Spanish

Spanish Vowels		
Symbol	Example	Notes
i	sí, sida, bebí	
e	se, seda, hablé, come	
a	sa, sabe, sabrá, beba	
o	solo, soda, cantó	
u	su, sube, hindú, tribu	
	<b>Falling Diphthongs</b>	
aj	hay	
ej	rey, seis	
oj	soy	
aw	auto	
ew	Europa	
ow	bou	
	<b>Rising Diphthongs</b>	
ja	piano	
je	pie, siete	
jo	idioma	
ju	ciudad	
wa	actual	
we	puedo	
wi	muy, fui	
wo	cuota, continuo	