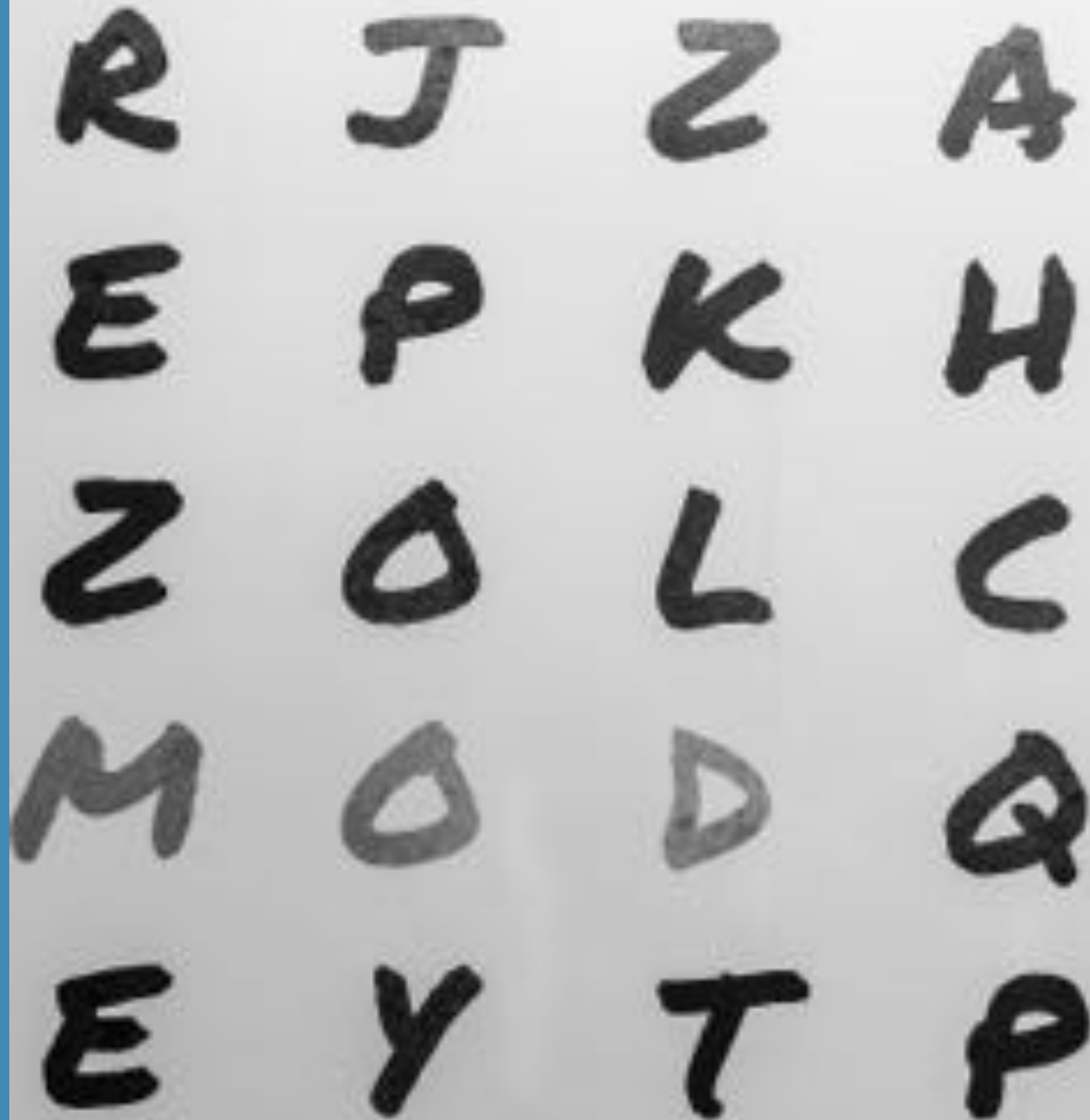


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THE INTERNATIONAL PHONETIC ALPHABET (IPA)

What is it?

- It's based on a set of symbols
- The symbols represent all the sounds in the English language
- Each sound is known as a phoneme.

/i:/ /e/ /ð/

WHY LEARN THE PHONETIC ALPHABET TO IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH?

- To pronounce the words according to their sound and not their spelling
- To sound more natural
- To be better understood

WHERE CAN I FIND THE PHONETIC TRANSCRIPTION OF WORDS?

- In most English Language dictionaries
- American English and British English phonetics are featured because they can be different.

[merriam-webster.com](https://www.merriam-webster.com)

dictionary.cambridge.org

PHONEMIC CHART

- The 'phonemic chart' is a set of symbols that represent all the 44 sounds in spoken English.
- Vowels, consonants and diphthongs
- Learn a few sounds at a time

PHONEMIC CHART

1 i:	2 ɪ	3 e	4 æ	13 eɪ	14 ɔɪ	15 aɪ			
5 ə	6 ɜ:	7 ʌ	8 ɑ:	16 əʊ	17 aʊ	18 ɒʊ			
9 u:	10 ʊ	11 ɔ:	12 ɒ	19 ɪə	20 eə	21 ʊə			
22 p	23 t	24 k	25 f	26 θ	27 s	28 ʃ	29 tʃ		
30 b	31 d	32 g	33 v	34 ð	35 z	36 ʒ	37 dʒ		
38 m	39 n	40 ŋ	41 w	42 r	43 j	44 l	45 t	46 h	47 ʔ

PHONEMES REVIEW

PHONEME

ə

- /ə/ - also known as the Schwa as in “water” or “the”.

**EXAMPLES OF VOWELS
PHONEMES**

PHONEME

ʌ

/ʌ/ as in “up” or “cup”

- Short voiced sound
- Voiced means that we are using our vocal cords, we are making a sound
- Usually associated with the letter “u
- Under, until, much, such.

PHONEME

ɜ:

/ɜ:/ as in “bird” or “word” is a long voiced sound

It is similar to the /ə/ sound, but the two dots mean that it is a longer sound **/ɜ:/ and not /ə/.**

PHONEME

3:

- Usually associated with the letters:
 - “e-r” – person
 - “o-r” - world
 - “u-r” - turn
 - “i-r” - first

LET'S PRACTICE TOGETHER!

ANSWER IN THE COMMENTS BELOW

1. What sound can you hear in the word “hurt”?

a) /ɜ:/

b) /ʌ/

ANSWER IN THE COMMENTS BELOW

2. What sound can you hear in the word “butter”?

a) /ɜ:/

b) /ʌ/

ANSWER IN THE COMMENTS BELOW

3. What's the difference between the sounds /ɜ:/ and /ə/ ?

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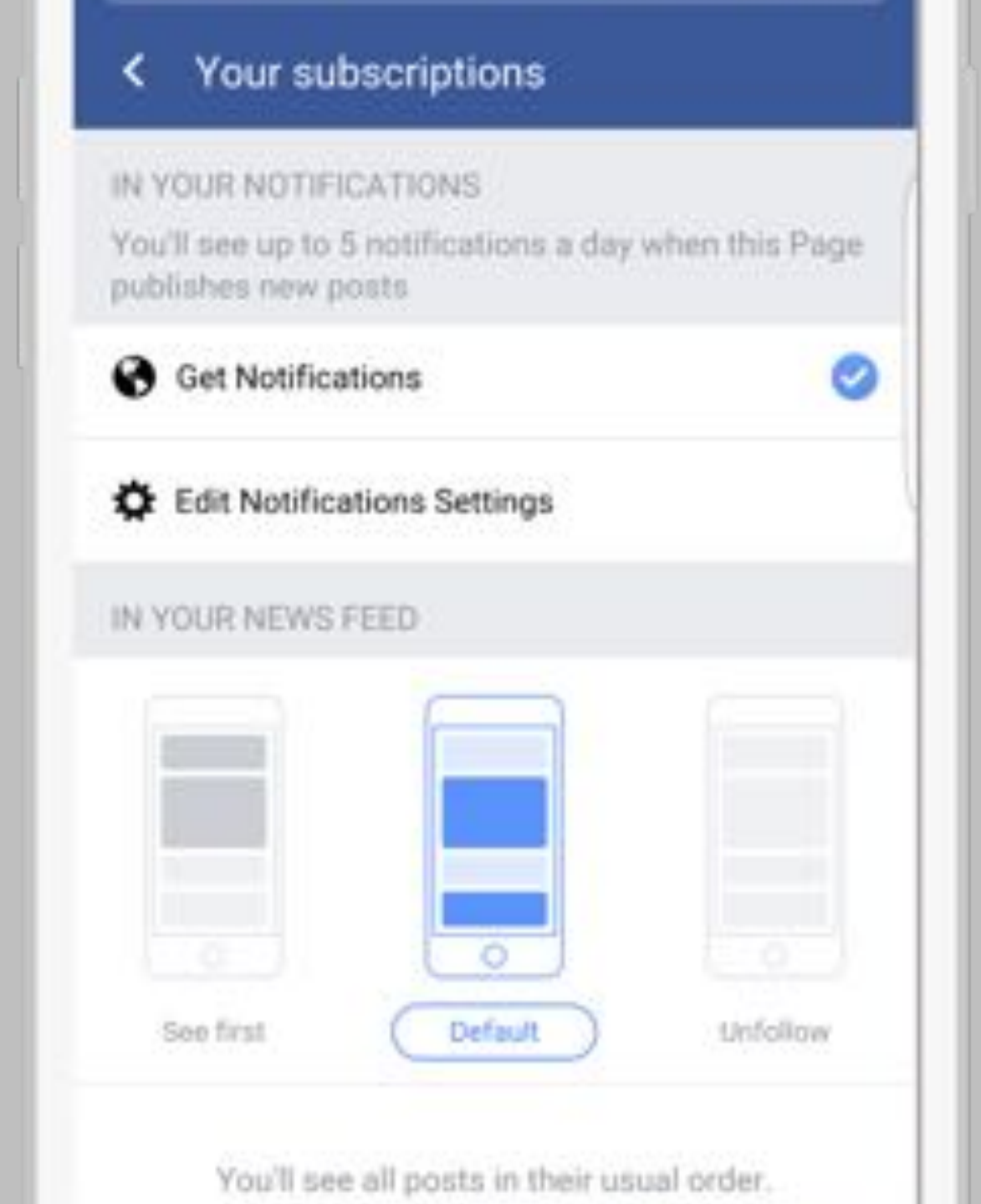
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