

9 STRONG AND WEAK SYLLABLES

1 Transcribe the following words:

b e t t e r h a p p y t h a n k y o u

o p e n s h a r p e n a r c h i t e c t

p h o t o g r a p h r a d i o i n f l u e n c e

2 Transcribe the following words with schwa:

a t t e n d c h a r a c t e r b a r r a c k s

p a r t i c u l a r m o l a r m o n a r c h y

i n t i m a t e a c c u r a t e d e s o l a t e

t o m o r r o w p o t a t o c a r r o t

f o r g e t a m b a s s a d o r o p p o r t u n i t y

s e t t l e m e n t v i o l e t p o s t m e n

p e r h a p s s t r o n g e r s u p e r m a n

a u t u m n s u p p o r t h a l i b u t

t h o r o u g h b o r o u g h

g r a c i o u s c a l l o u s

3 Syllabic l

Transcribe the following words:

a) with alveolar consonant preceding

c a t t l e b o t t l e w r e s t l e m u d d l e

b) with non-alveolar consonant preceding

c o u p l e t r o u b l e s t r u g g l e k n u c k l e

b o t t l e - b o t t l i n g m u d d l e - m u d d l i n g

s t r u g g l e - s t r u g g l i n g

c) followed by *-al* or *-el*:

p a n e l k e r n e l p a r c e l B a b e l

p e t a l p e d a l p a p a l d u c a l

4 Syllabic n

Transcribe the following words:

s e v e n h e a v e n o f t e n

5 Syllabic m, ŋ

Transcribe the following words:

h a p p e n u p p e r m o s t t h i c k e n ' b r o k e n k e y '

6 Syllabic r

h u n g r y - H u n g a r y

7 The following sentences have been partially transcribed, but the vowels have been left blank. Fill in the vowels, taking care to identify which vowels are weak; put no vowel at all if you think a syllabic consonant is appropriate, but put a syllabic mark beneath the syllabic consonant.

1 A particular problem of the boat was a leak
p t k j l p r b l m v ð b t w z l k

2 Opening the bottle presented no difficulty
p n ŋ ð b t l p r z n t d n d f k l t

3 There is no alternative to the government's proposal

ð r zn lt n tv t ð g v nm nt spr p zl

4 We ought to make a collection to cover the expenses

w tt m k k l kf nt k v ð ksp ns z

5 Finally they arrived at a harbour at the edge of the mountains

f n l ð r v d t h b r t ð dʒ v ð m nt nz