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bridging L1 and L2

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A sound dictionary  
"bridging the L1 and L2"

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## Problems with some letters of the alphabet

**e** sounds like /i/

**g** sounds like /**dj**i/

**j** sounds like /**dj**ei/ (notice the Portuguese diphthong ei)

**h** sounds like /ei**tch**/ (use of the same diphthong as above)

**i** sounds like the Portuguese diphthong /ai/

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## Problems with some letters of the alphabet

**q** sounds like /**kiu**/

**r** sounds like /**ár**/ (an "r" the verb form "are")

**u** sounds like /**iú**/

**y** sounds like /**uai**/ (use of the diphthong /ai/)

**z** sounds like /**zí**/ [or /zéd/ in British English]

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## Vowel sounds: "a"

the vowel sound "a" can have different sounds

/a/ as in "about"; /aé/ as in "act"; /ei/ as in "ache"; /á/ as in "are";

/é/ as in "any"

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## Vowel sounds: "u"

the vowel sound "u" can sound as

**/a/** in "ugly"

**/iú/** in "unit", "uniform"...

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## Vowel sounds: "i"

the vowel sound "i" can sound as

/ai/ in "I" and "ice"

/i/ in "if" and "ill"

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## Consonant sounds: "th"

there are two "th" sounds (that need practice)

**/th/** (like a soft "d"; the tip of the tongue touches the back of the upper teeth) as in "this", "they", "the", "there"...

**/th/** (tongue between the teeth) as in "thanks", "think", "thirteen", "tenth"...

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## Consonant sounds: final "s"

the final "s" can be pronounced as /z/: "as", "always", "classes"...

and as /ss/: "bus", "clocks", "famous"...

[I use the double "ss" is to emphasize the medial and final "s" sound]



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## Consonant sounds: "g"

"g" can be pronounced in different ways: /g/, /j/ and /dj/

initial and medial "g" as /**g**/: "gas", "go", "good", "ago"...

initial and medial "g" as /**dj**/: "giraffe", "age"

medial "g" as /**j**/: "beige", "garage"

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## Consonant sounds: "sh" and "ch"

"**sh**" is pronounced as /**ch**/ (as in the Portuguese "chão"): "she",  
"shoe", "brush"

"**ch**" can be pronounced as

/**tch**/: "chair", "cheese", "achieve"...

/**k**/: "ache", "architect", "chemistry"...

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## Consonant sounds: "r"

I pronounce the "r" as in "red" whether at the beginning, middle or end of a word (I'm influenced by the American pronunciation)

"ran", "read", "are", "area", "around", "cover", "dear", "for",  
"forward"...

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## Colors

red	/réd/
white	/u <u>ai</u> t/
green	/gr <u>ín</u> /
yellow	/ié <u>lou</u> /
violet	/v <u>ai</u> a lat/
grey	/gr <u>ei</u> /
purple	/par pel/

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## Days of the week

Tuesday      /tiuz dei/

Wednesday      /uênz dei/ (notice the "ê" as in the Portuguese "você")

Thursday      /tharz dei/

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## Months of the year

April            /ei pril/

July             /dju lai/

August          /ó gasst/

the ending "uary" /uéri/

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**Thanks for completing the survey,  
Maria João!**

Hope this has been useful. If I didn't answer all your questions, please email me at [teredeca@gmail.com](mailto:teredeca@gmail.com)

**Have a great year with your Seniors!**