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English (Hons.)

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Topic continued : Phonetic Transcription

vowels

Each English vowel produces many sounds. So in phonetics we have fixed symbols for each vowel phonemes :-

- |ɔ:/ as in 'or' > |ɔ:/ (a phoneme between अ and आ)
- |ɔ:/ as in 'fall' > |fɔ:l/ (same sound as above but longer)
- |ʌ/ as in 'hut' > |hʌt/ (short अ) eher
- |ə/ as in 'reporter' > |rɪpɔ:tə/ (अ) रिपोर्टर
- |ɑ:/ as in 'farm' > |fɑ:m/ (आ)
- |ə/ as in 'the' > |ðə/ (अ) था
- |i/ as in 'he' > |hi/ (इ)
- |i:/ as in 'see' > |si:/ (ई)
- |u/ as in 'do' > |du/ (उ)
- |u:/ as in 'behold' > |sku:l/ (ऊ)
- |e/ as in 'set' > |set/ (ए)

Diphthongs

- |əu/ as in 'go' > |gəu/ (ओउ) = औ
- |ai/ as in 'my' > |maɪ/ (आई) = आइ
- |aʊ/ as in 'mouth' > |maʊθ/ = आउ
- |ei/ as in 'face' > |feɪs/ = एई

/ɔɪ/ as in 'boy' > /bɔɪ/ (सोई)

/iə/ as in 'here' > /hiə/ (हिर)

/uə/ as in 'poor' > /puə/ (पूर)

/juː/ as in 'use' > /juː/ (यूः)

The phoneme for 'r' letter

usually the letter 'r' in an English word is silent if it follows a vowel. That 'r' is represented by a star symbol there as (\*):—  
 'her' > /hɜː\* (the preceding /ɜ/ phoneme is elongated and a star put after it.

Exercise :-

Phonetically transcribe the following words:—  
 (indicating whether it is according to R.P. or Indian Eng.)  
 Ram is a good boy.  
 He lives at London.  
 where was he?  
 I know him well.  
 We are proud of our country.  
 you should not speak loudly.  
 Fools rush in where angels fear to tread.

—X—X—  
 (concluded)