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English Phonemic Reference Sheet

Vowels					
kit	dr e ss	tr a p	l o t	str u t	f oo t
I	e	æ	Ø	٨	υ
lett er	fl ee ce	b a th	th ou ght	g oo se	n ur se
ə	i:	a:	р:	u:	3:

Diacritics: /: / = length mark. These vowels may be shorter in some accents and will be transcribed without the length mark /: / in this case.

Diphthongs

f a ce	g oa t	pr i ce	m ou th	ch oi ce	n ea r	sq ua re	c u re
еі	δĉ	аі	aʊ	JI	IÐ	eə	σə

Consonants					
p ip	b id	t ack	d oor	c ake	good
р	b	t	d	k	g
ch ain	j am	fly	vase	th ing	th is
t∫	dз	f	v	θ	ð
say	Z 00	sh oe	trea s ure	house	mark
S	Z	ſ	3	h	m
not	si ng	lot	rose	y et	witch
n	ŋ	I	r	j	w
Glotta	Glottal stop Syllabic /l/ bott le		/l/ bott le	Syllabic /n/ fatt en	
? Į		ņ			

Text A

This text was written by Sam (aged 5 years and 1 month) and was produced at school. He is writing about a story he read in class.

A typed version of the data is provided as a guide only. Some aspects of the typed text have been standardised.

Refer to the original text for specific language features.



Typed version:

We're Going on a Bear Hunt 26.02.16 by Sam Vasey

We hav	lt is	The
fond a	darc.	bear is
cav.		hc s in
		us.

Texts B–D are transcripts showing interactions between two parents and their child, and were recorded in the family home over a period of one year and four months.

Key

M = mother L = Lewis F = father	(.) = micro pause (less than a second)	(3) = longer pause (number of seconds indicated)	/_/ = phonemic transcription
[_] = paralinguistic feature or other action	Bold = stressed word	? = rising intonation	// = overlapping speech

Text B: Lewis is 11 months old

M: Lewis where's daddy (1) show me where daddy is (1)

L: daddy [points to door]

M: over there? is daddy over there? (1) shout daddy (2) you do it

L: daddy /dæni:/

M: not danny (.) **daddy** (1) you say it Lewis (1) **daddy**

L: [laughs and points to door]

M: is that exciting?

L: dada dada

M: what a clever boy (1) can you say mammy? (2)

L: mmm (2) //mama// /mæmæ/

M: //mama// good boy Lewis

L: mama

M: what a clever boy you are (1) can you say it again? (.) mama (.) mama (.) daddy listen

L: mama

Text C: Lewis is 13 months old

M: Lewis (.) Lewis (.) shall we /wə/ sing a song? (2) what song do you like? (4) careful (.) what song do you like? (1) row row your boat?

L: row row row /rərərə/

M: row row /rəʊrəʊ/? you want row row?

L: [happy squeal]

M: sing row (.) row (.) row your boat (.) gently down the stream (.) merrily merrily merrily (.) //life is// but a dream (4)

L: //row//

M: you say it

L: row row row /rəʊrəʊrəʊ/

M: what one shall we do? (.) shall we do (.) shall we do the crocodile?

L: uh uh uh

M: row //row row your boat// (.) gently down the stream (.) if you see a

L: //uh uh uh//

M: //crocodile// (.) don't forget to scream (1) are you screaming cos you see a

L: //[screams]//

M: crocodile? [laughs]

L: [screams]

Text D: Lewis is 2 years and 4 months old. They are singing a song, which begins 'Tommy Thumb, Tommy Thumb, where are you? Here I am, here I am, how do you do?'

L: granda /gægæ/ finger /fɪgæ/ (.) granda finger (.) where /eə/ are /ja:/ you (.) here /hi/ l /jaɪ/ am /jæm/ here l am (.) how you do

F: do mammy finger (5)

L: Natalie /leti:/ finger (.) Natalie finger (.) where are you (.) here I am here I am (.) how you do

F: and Megan finger?

L: Megan /meŋæ/ finger (.) Megan finger (.) where are you (.) here I am here I am (.) how you do

F: wow (1) what about the Grand Old Duke of York (.) can you do that for me

L: no

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Source information

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