

The Sound Foundations Phonemic Chart (US version)



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Sounds which are not phonemes, just allophones/replacements of certain phonemes:

[f] = alveolar tap (flap), replacing /t/ in AmE

[?] = glottal stop (=plosive], replacing [t] and sometimes even [p] and /k/ in substandard accents of British English; originated in Scotland

[ts] = affricated /t/ in initial positions in SE accents

[dz] = affricated /d/ in initial positions in SE accents

Yod dropping and Yod Coalescence - what is the difference?

These two are mutually exclusive - if you get Yod Dropping you don't get Yod Coalescence, and vice-versa.

Yod Dropping REMOVES the j after t and d before u:



Yod Coalescence happens when the j has NOT dropped, but AFFRICATES the preceding t or d -



- so *dew* and *Jew* become homophones (=pronounced the same), and *Tuesday* is pronounced *Choose-day*.

Yod Dropping is common in North America, Yod Co in Britain.

Note that in older Cockney (up to the last third of the 20th century) Yod Dropping was common in Cockney; since then it has disappeared and Yod Coalescence has replaced it.

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