

My Latin  
Alphabet  
Book

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Classical Latin Pronunciation

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## Latin Pronunciations

There are at least four rival ways to pronounce Latin. The pronunciations in Classical Latin differ from those in Ecclesiastical Latin, which differ from those used in science. Just as there are several dialects of the English language, regional variations in Latin have also been noted. Because of the ever-changing nature of language, we're taking the advice of a seasoned Latin instructor: "Just choose a pronunciation and stick with it."

This pronunciation guide is based primarily upon the Roman System, which can be found in the Appendix of *Henle Latin* under "Pronunciation." In the case of  $\bar{y}$ ,  $y$ , and  $eu$ , we have included pronunciations used in *Latin's Not So Tough*.

For more information, please visit the following websites:

<http://www.ai.uga.edu/mc/latinpro.pdf>

<http://www.txclassics.org/old/PronunciationGuide.pdf>

Pronunciations chosen for this coloring book are as follows:

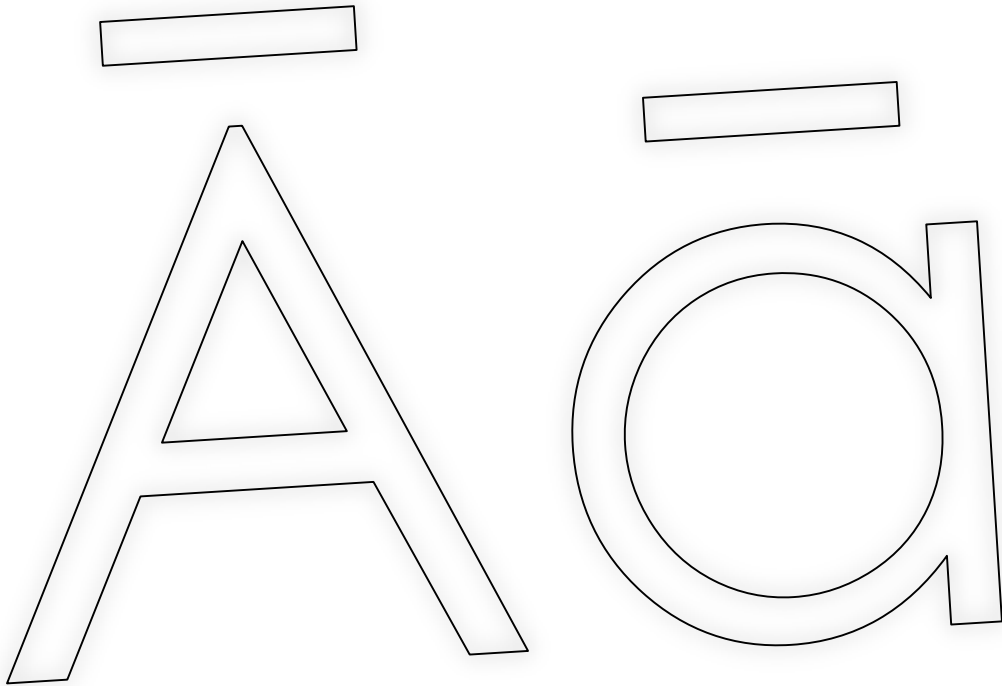
Consonants & Vowels	Pronunciation
b, d, f, h, k, l, m, n, p, qu, r, t, x	as in English
c	hard /c/ as in cat
g	hard /g/ as in girl
i (as a consonant)	/y/ as in yarn
s	/s/ as in sit (not z as in rose)
v	/w/ as in <u>way</u>
z	/dz/ as in <u>adze</u>
ā	/ä/ as in <u>father</u>
a	/ə/ as in <u>idea</u>
ē	/ey/ as in <u>obey</u> .
e	/ě/ as in <u>net</u>
ī	/ē/ as in <u>gasoline</u>
i	/i/ as in <u>pit</u>
ō	/ō/ as in <u>note</u>
o	/ō/ as in <u>omit</u>
ū	/ōō/ as in <u>ruler</u> .
u	/oo/ as in <u>foot</u>
$\bar{y}$	/ee/ as in <u>tree</u>
y	/ee/ as in <u>treat</u>

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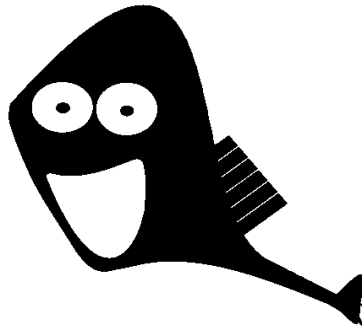
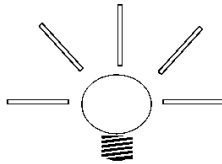
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Letter	Pronunciation
ae	/ī/ as in <u>fly</u>
oe	/oy/ as in <u>toy</u>
ei	/ā/ as in <u>neigh</u>
ui	/uee/ as in <u>queen</u> (or <u>gooey</u> )
au	/ow/ as in <u>cow</u>
eu	/ew/ or /ě-yoo/ (as one syllable).
ch	/k/ as in <u>kick</u> , or <u>character</u>
ph	/f/ as in <u>phone</u>
th	/th/ as in <u>think</u>
gu	/gu/ as in <u>anguish</u>
bs	/ps/ as in <u>cups</u>
bt	/pt/ as in <u>slept</u>
su	/sw/ as in <u>swan</u>



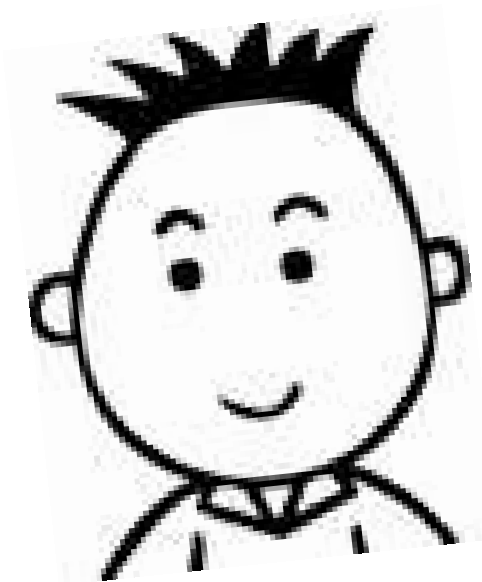
... is pronounced /ä/ as in father.

Ao



... is pronounced /ə/ as in idea.

Bb



... is pronounced /b/ as in boy.

C c



... is pronounced /k/ as in cat.



D d



... is pronounced /d/ as in dog.

E e



... is pronounced /ey/ as in obey.

E e



... is pronounced /ĕ/ as in net.

Ff



... is pronounced /f/ as in fire.

Gg



... is pronounced /g/ as in **g**irl.

Hh



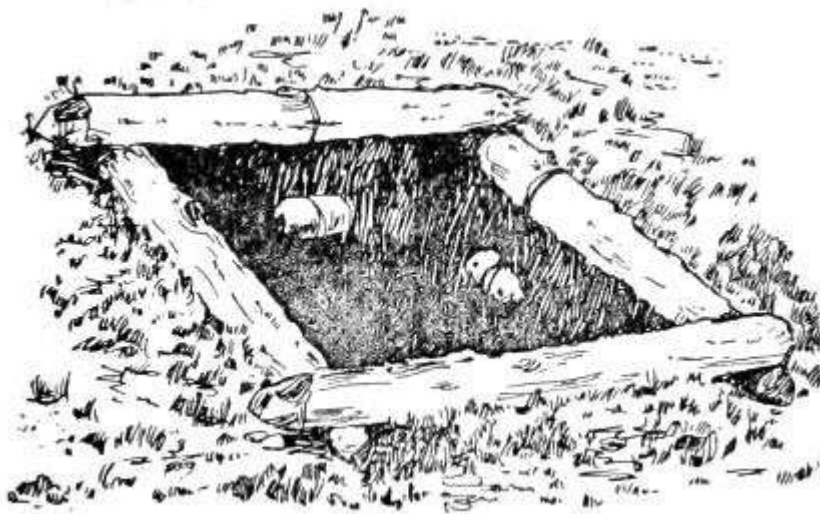
... is pronounced /h/ as in hat.

line



... is pronounced /ē/ as in gasoline.

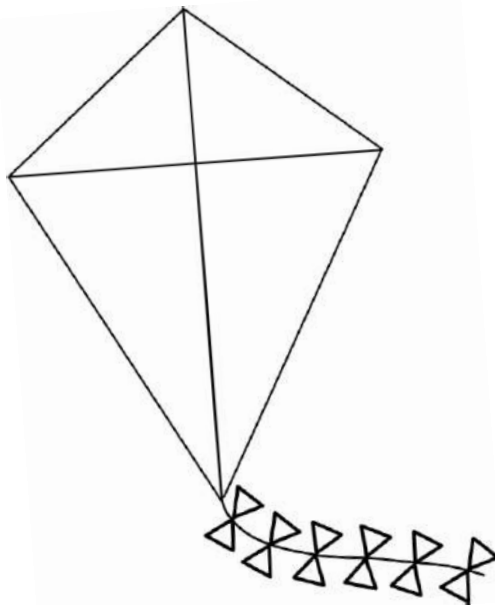
I i



... is pronounced /i/ as in pit.

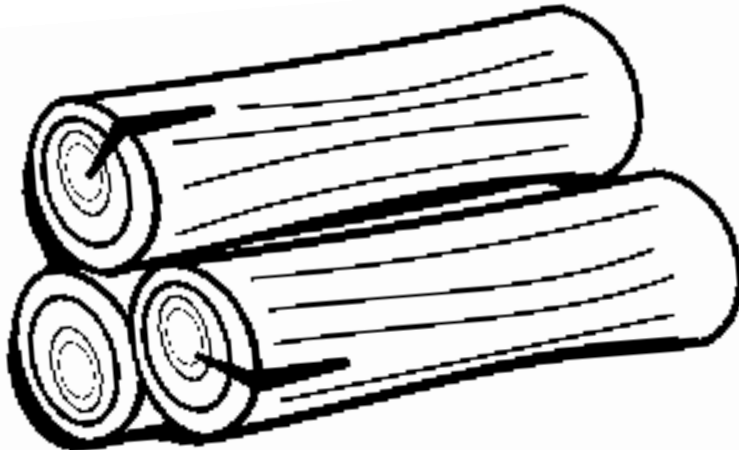


K K



... is pronounced /k/ as in kite.

LI



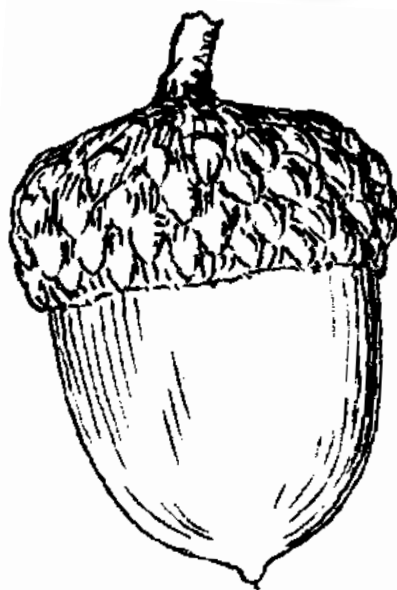
... is pronounced /l/ as in log.

Mm

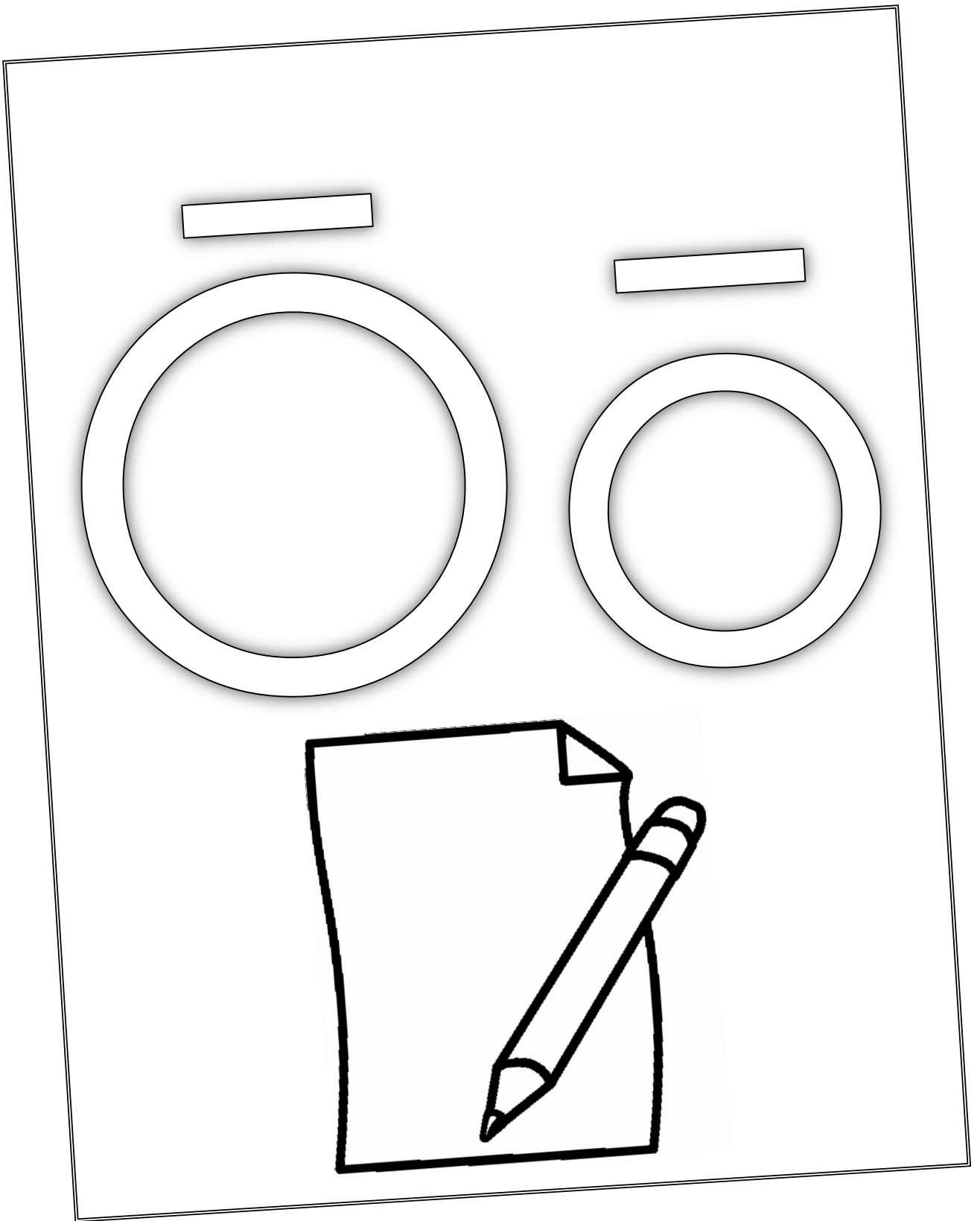


... is pronounced /m/ as in man.

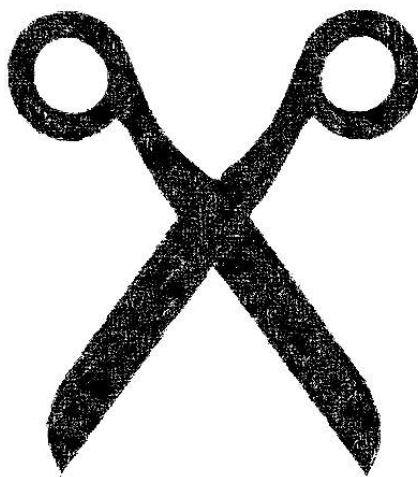
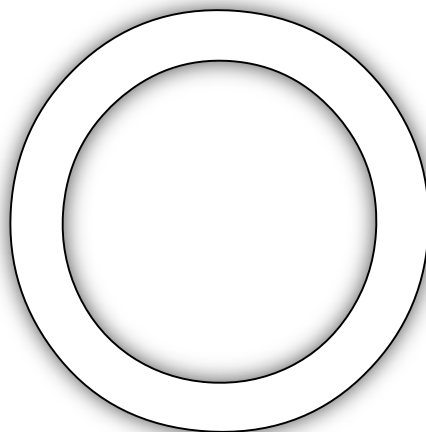
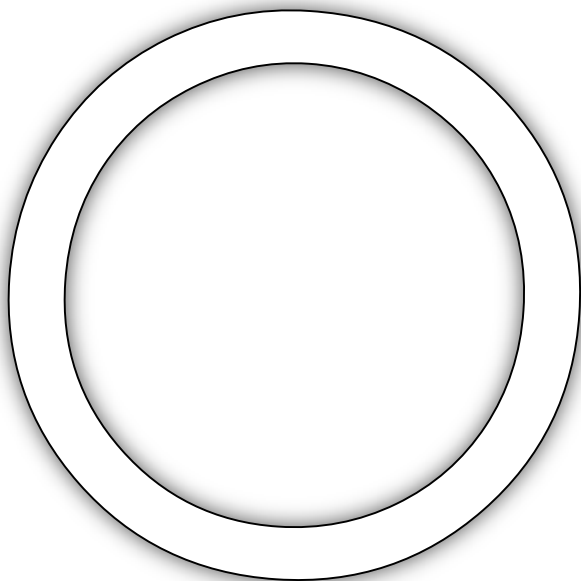
N n



... is pronounced /n/ as in nut.

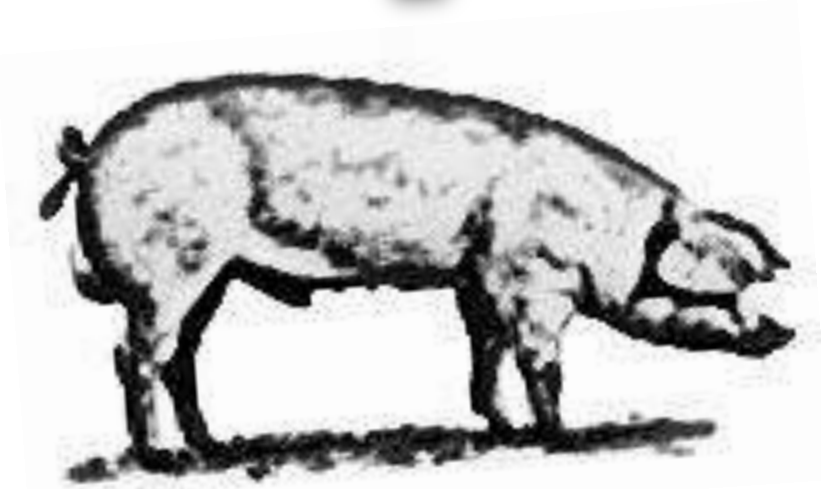


... is pronounced /ō/ as in note.



... is pronounced /ō/ as in omit.

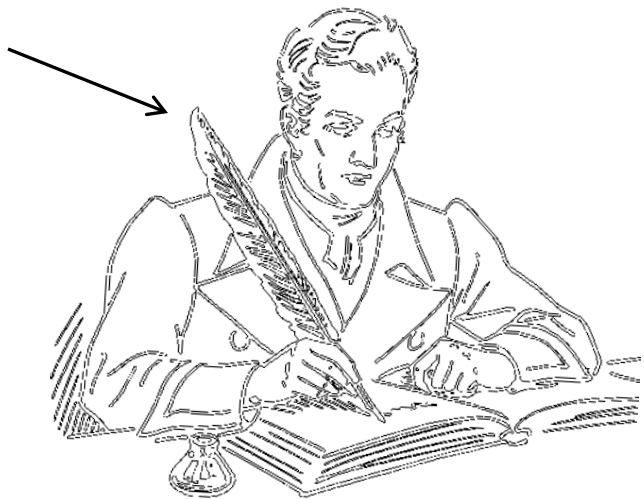
Pp



... is pronounced /p/ as in **p**ig.

Q U

qu



... is pronounced /kw/ as in quill.



Rr



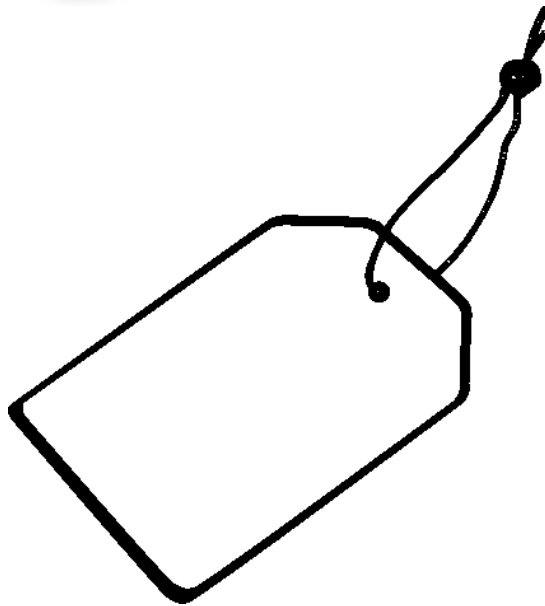
... is pronounced /r/ as in rat.

Ss

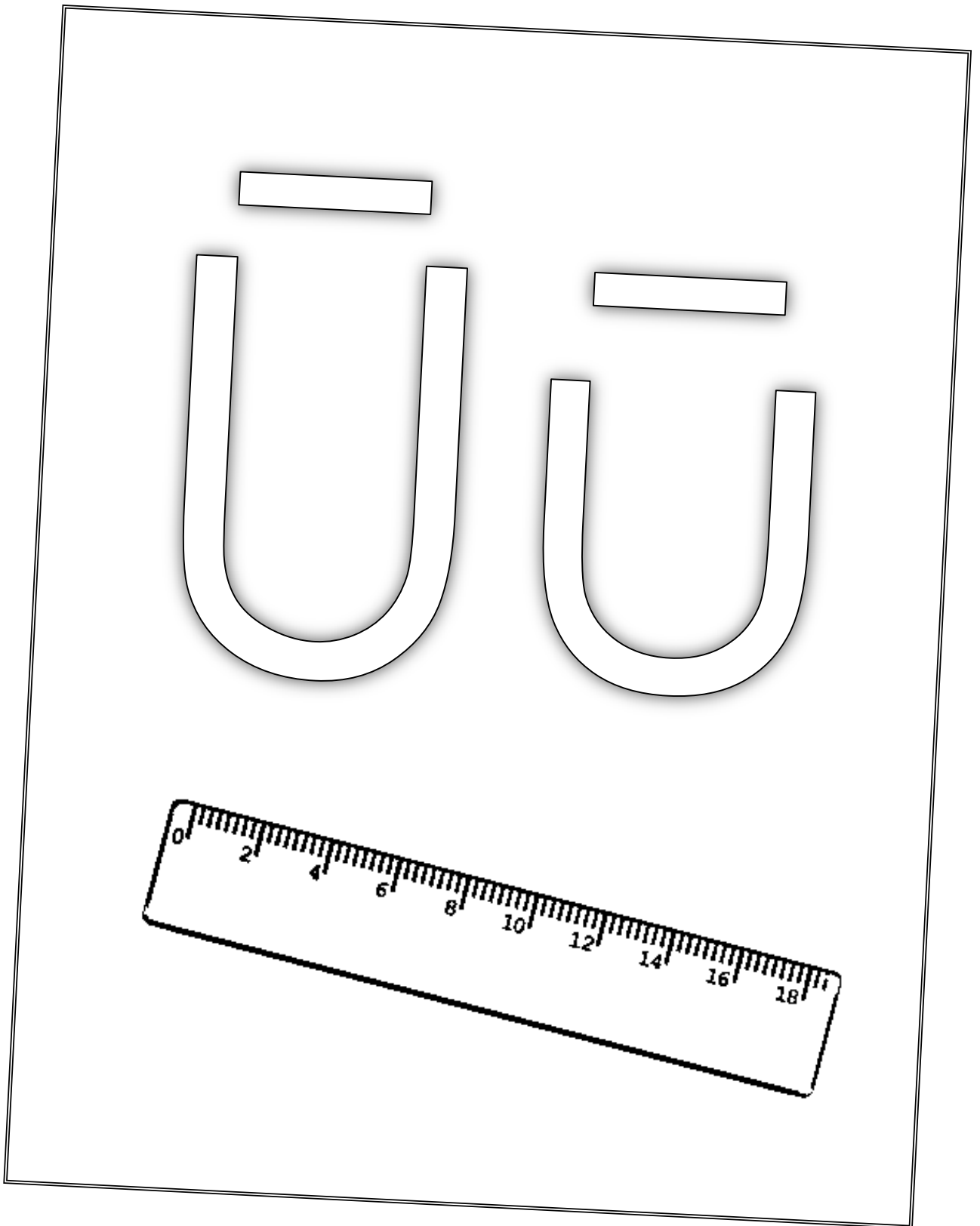


... is pronounced /s/ as in sit.

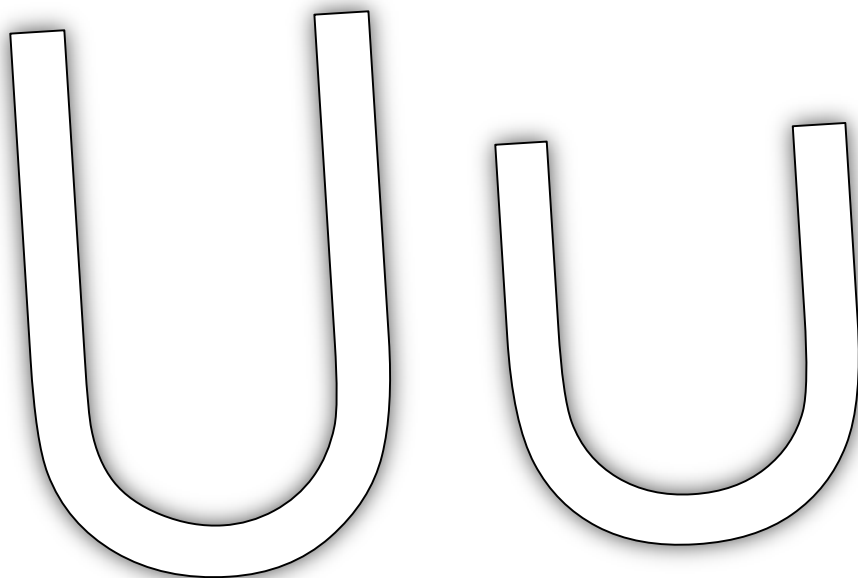
T t



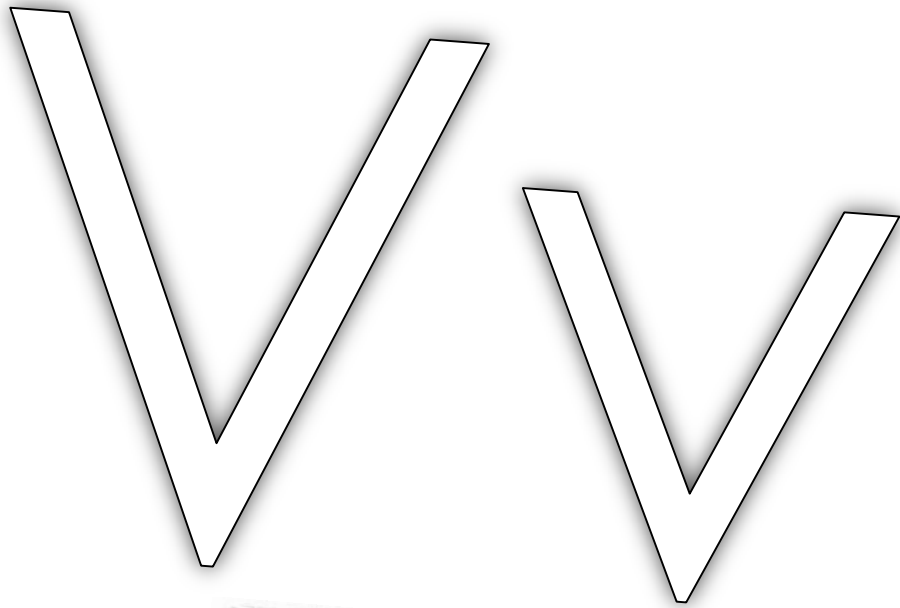
... is pronounced /t/ as in tag.



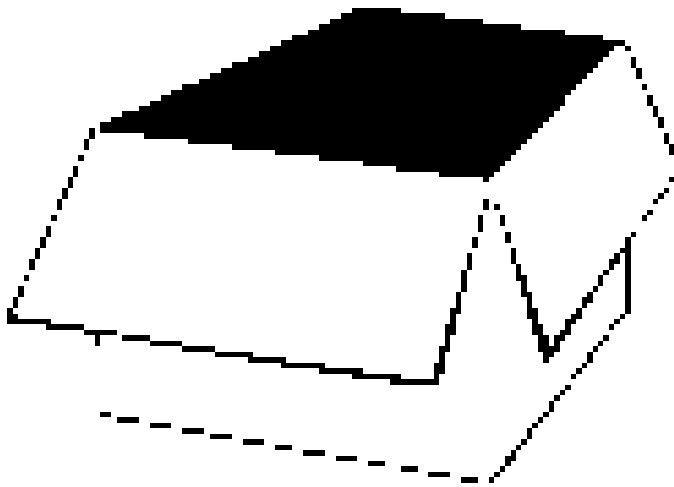
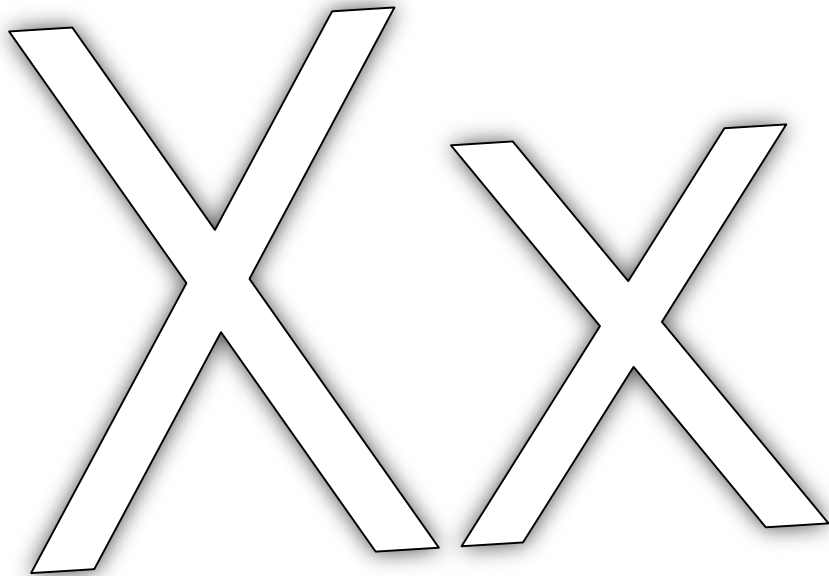
... is pronounced /oo/ as in ruler.



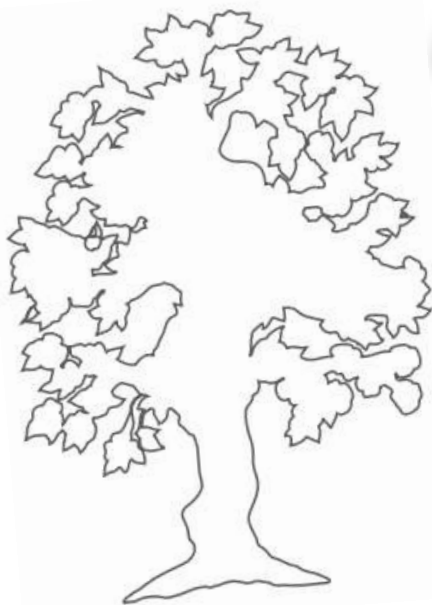
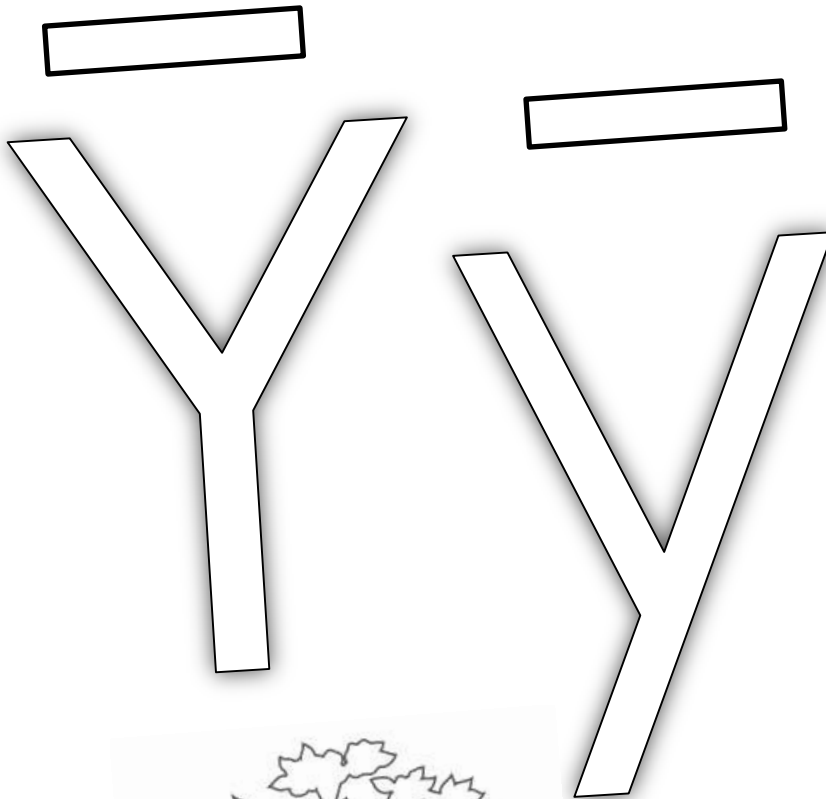
... is pronounced /oo/ as in foot.



... is pronounced /w/ as in way.

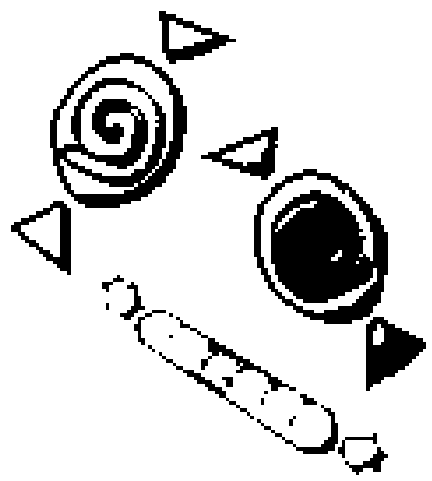
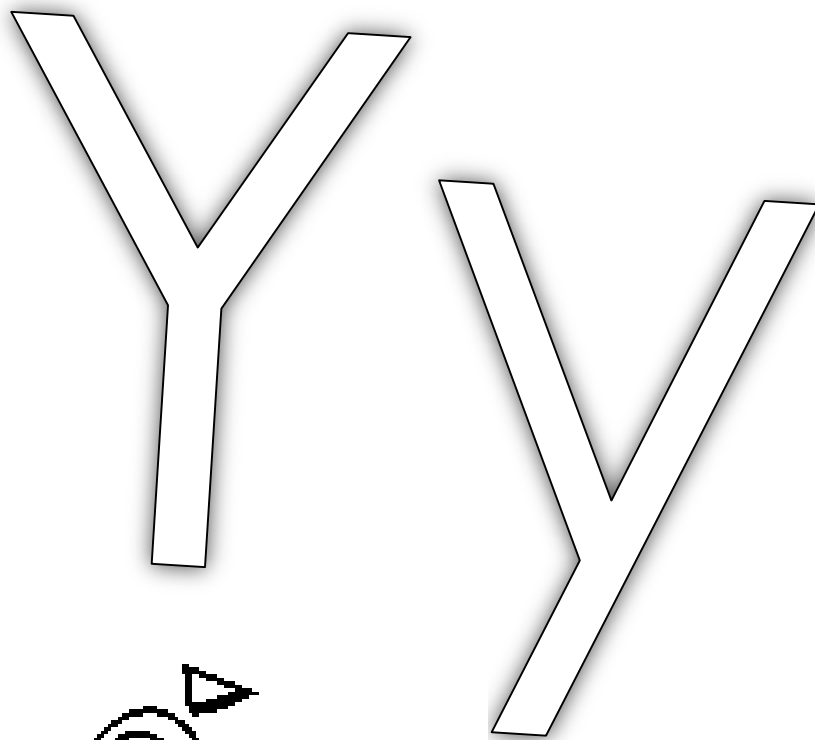


... is pronounced /ks/ as in boxu.



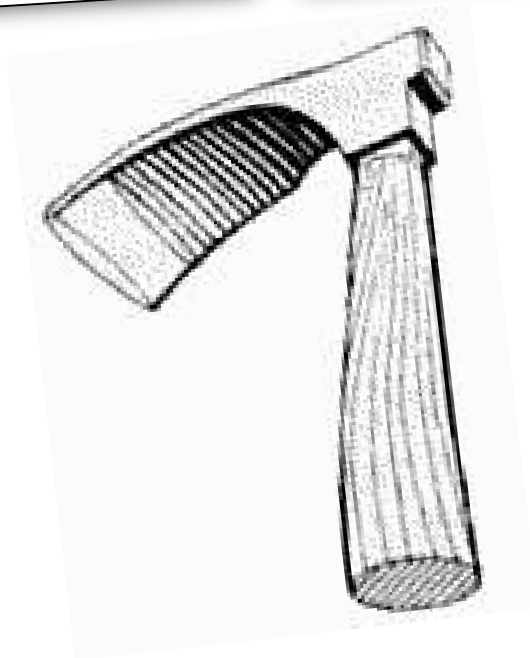
... is pronounced /ee/ as in tree.





... is pronounced /ee/ as in treat.

Zz

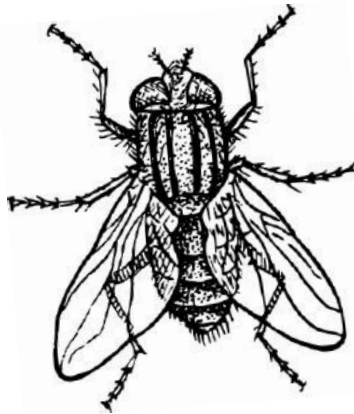


... is pronounced /dz/ as in adze.

# Latin Diphthongs

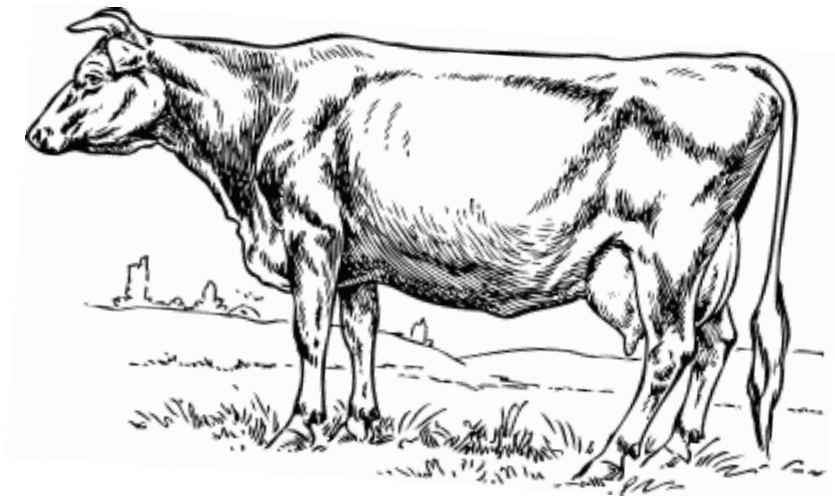


die



... is pronounced /ī/ as in **fly**.

ow



... is pronounced /ow/ as in cow.

e i



Neigh!

... is pronounced /ā/ as in neigh.

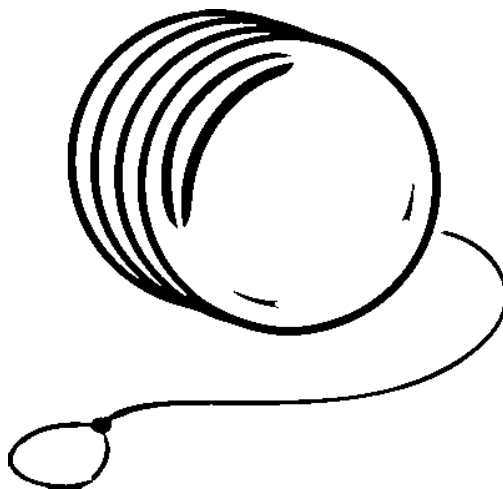
e u



ě-yoo!

... is pronounced /ew/ as in blew.  
... or /ě-yoo/ (as one syllable, like feud).

o e



... is pronounced /oy/ as in toy.

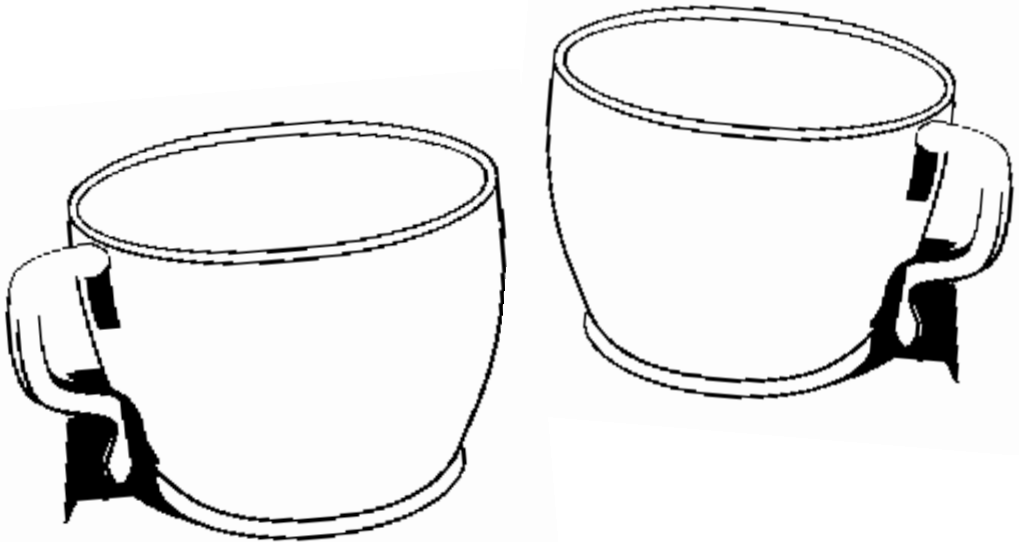


u u i



... is pronounced /uee/ as in queen (or gooey).

b s



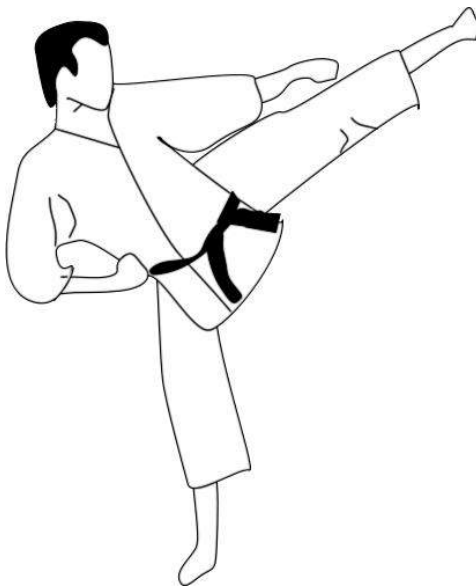
... is pronounced /ps/ as in cups.

bot



... is pronounced /pt/ as in slept.

ch

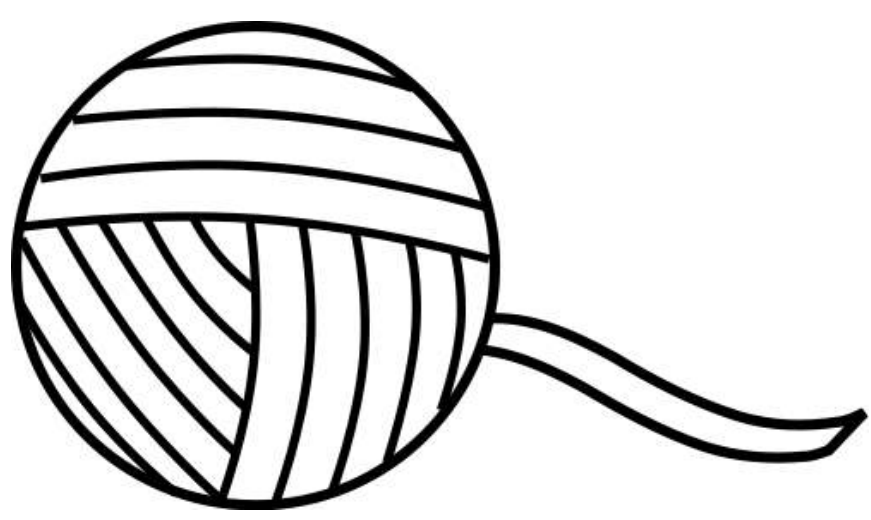
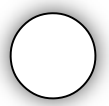


... is pronounced /k/ as in kick, or character.

g u



... is pronounced /gu/ as in anguish.



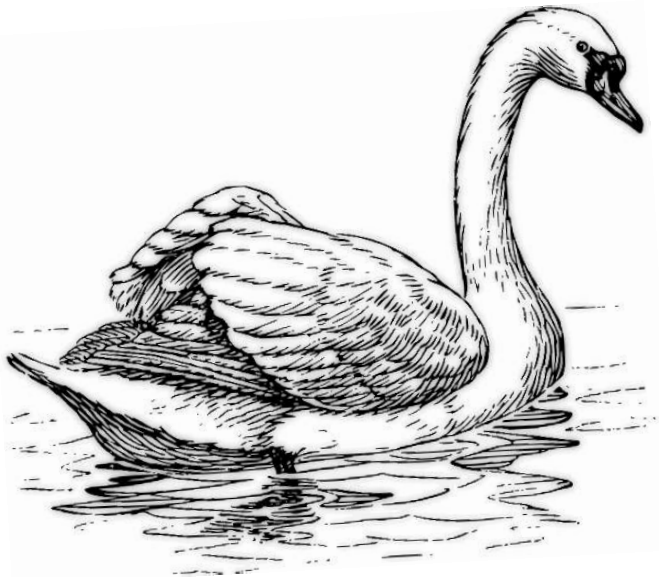
... is pronounced /y/ as in yarn.

ph



... is pronounced /f/ as in phone.

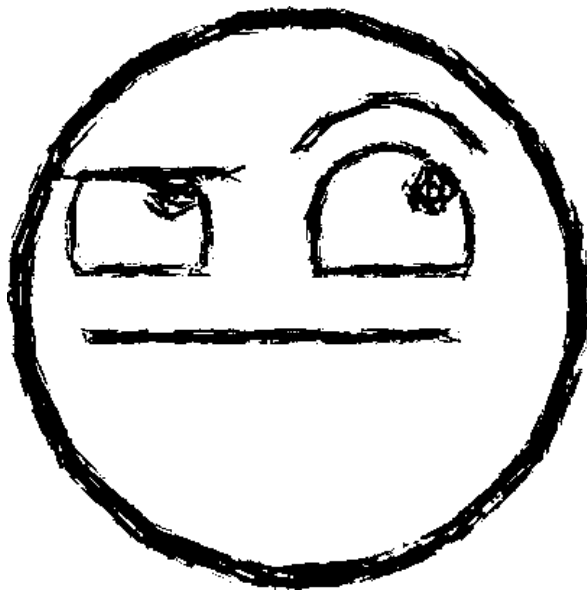
SU



... is pronounced /sw/ as in swan, or suave.



th



... is pronounced /th/ as in think.

Congratulations! You  
know your Latin  
sounds!

