

NEUTRAL AMERICAN – Pronunciation and IPA Drills

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ANSWER KEY

Lawyer _____ lɔjə _____

Ball _____ bɔl _____

Call _____ kɔl _____

Drawl _____ drɔl _____

Mall _____ mɔl _____

Maul _____ mɔl _____

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Ready _____ rɛ dɪ _____

Steady _____ stɛ dɪ _____

Entertainment _____ ɛn tə **teɪ** mɛnt _____

Sense _____ sɛns _____

Everywhere _____ **ɛv** rɪ **wɛə** _____

Whenever _____ wɛn ɛ vɚ _____

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On _____ ɑn _____

Hot _____ hɑt _____

Bob _____ bɑb _____

Box _____ bɑks _____

Top _____ tɑp _____

Robbery _____ rɑ bə rɪ _____

I in final, unstressed syllable

Lovely _____ **lʌv** lɪ _____

Happy _____ **hæ** pɪ _____

Only _____ **ɒn** lɪ _____

Exactly _____ ɪg **zækt** lɪ _____

Steadily _____ **steɪ** dɪ lɪ _____

Calmly _____ **kalm** lɪ _____

I in unstressed syllable

Delightful _____ dɪ **laɪt** fʊl _____

Palace _____ **pæ** lɪs _____

Solace _____ **sə** lɪs _____

Beguile _____ bɪ **gaɪl** _____

Continuants with no “off-glide” ɪŋ

Song _____ sɒŋ _____

Going _____ **gɔ** ɪŋ _____

Ringing _____ **rɪŋ** ɪŋ _____

Longing _____ **lɔŋ** ɪŋ _____

Winning _____ **wɪ** nɪŋ _____

Signing _____ **sɑɪ** nɪŋ _____

Continuants in contractions – dnt

Didn't _____ **did** nt _____

Wouldn't _____ **wʊd** nt _____

Couldn't _____ **kʊd** nt _____

Shouldn't _____ **ʃʊd** nt _____

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Back _____ **bæk** _____

Ran _____ **ræn** _____

Saturday _____ **sæ** t̬ə deɪ _____

Happy _____ **hæ** pi _____

Paddle _____ **pæ** dl _____

Dad _____ **dæd** _____