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理解する

英語の綴りと発音

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(音声は機械合成です)

III. 母音

1 字母音、2 字母音、R 付加母音について、「ローマ字音」も考慮して、母音の綴りと発音の関係を示す。

1. 母音字と短母音の分類

- 発音するときの舌の高さ(高低)と使う位置(前後)から、母音字と短母音は表のように分類される。母音字の特性から、綴りの意図を推測できる。

[母音字]

	前	後
	(Y)	(W)
高い	I	U
中間	E	O
低い		A

[短母音]

舌の位置	前	中央	後
高い	[i]		[u]
やや高い	[e]	[ə]	[o]
やや低い	[ɛ]	[ʌ]	[ɔ̄]
低い			[ɑ̄]

2. 長音の種類

- 長音には「伸ばす母音」と「二重母音」がある。
(長音は、狭義で「伸ばす母音」を意味する)
- 二重母音の第2音は、[u] [i] [ə]の3種類。

伸ばす母音：	[ɑ:]	[ɔ:]	[u:]	[i:]
二重母音	: [u] 収束	[au]	[ou]	
	[i] 収束	[ai]	[ɔɪ]	[eɪ]
	[ə] 収束	[eə]	[uə]	[iə]

第2音				
第 1 音	二重			
	伸ばす	[u]	[i]	[ə]
	[i]	[i:]		[iə]
	[u]	[u:]		[uə]
	[e]			[eɪ]
	[o]	[ɔ:]	[ou]	[ɔɪ]
	[a]	[a:]	[au]	[ai]

3. 母音の変化

中英語で規則的であった発音が、大母音推移などにより、現代英語へと変化した。(例えば、大名力(2014)『英語の文字・綴り・発音のしくみ』研究社)

1) 大母音推移

- 長母音が高い音へ変化

$$\begin{aligned} [\text{æ}:] &\rightarrow [\varepsilon:] \rightarrow [\text{e}:] \rightarrow [\text{i}:] \rightarrow [\text{ə}] \\ [\text{o}:] &\rightarrow [\text{o}:] \rightarrow [\text{u}:] \rightarrow [\text{u}] \end{aligned}$$

2) [u]→[ʌ] 変化

$$\text{put [u]} \rightarrow \text{cut [ʌ]}$$

3) 短化

$$\begin{aligned} \text{OO [u]:} &\rightarrow [\text{u}] & \text{book} \\ \text{EA [e]:} &\rightarrow [\text{e}] & \text{head} \end{aligned}$$

4) 二重母音化

$$\text{EA [e]:} \rightarrow [\text{ei}] \quad \text{great}$$

5) 中英語の発音

- 短音、長音が規則的に対応

	A	O	U	E	I
短音	[a]	[o]	[u]	[e]	[i]
長音	[a:]	[o:]	[u:]	[e:]	[i:]

6) 現代英語の発音

- 長音が変化し、複雑な関係に

	A	O	U	E	I
短音	[æ]	[ɑ/ɔ]	[ʌ]	[e]	[i]
長音	[eɪ]	[oʊ]	[ju:]	[i:]	[aɪ]

子音・母音 一覧

(章番号、節番号は本文に準拠)

II. 子音

1. 1字子音

1) 規則的な発音の子音

無声音: F[f] H[h] K[k] P[p] Q[kw] T[t]

f	[f]	fast, leaf	
h	[h]	hat, hot	
k	[k]	king, milk	
p	[p]	pen, cap	
qu	[kw]	quickly, queen	必ず u を伴う
t	[t]	ten, pet	

有声音: B[b] D[d] J[dʒ] V[v] Z[z]

b	[b]	big, job	
d	[d]	dog, bed	
j	[dʒ]	jet, just	
v	[v]	visit, seven	語末では ve
z	[z]	zoo, jazz	

無声音/有声音: S[s/z] X[ks/gz]

s	[s]	sea, miss	
	[z]	rose, music	語中、語末
x	[ks]	box, six	
	[gz]	example, exam	

流音(有声音): L[l] R[r]

l	[l]	leg, hill	
r	[r]	red, story	

鼻音(有声音): M[m] N[n]

m	[m]	map, room	
n	[n]	noon, run	

半母音 : W[w] Y[j]

w	[w]	way, swim	
y	[j]	yes, year	

2) C, G の発音

■ E, I, Y の前: 軟音 C[s] / G[dʒ]

c	[s]	cent, city, cycle	
g	[dʒ]	general, giant, gym	
	[g]	get, give, girl	例外

■ A, O, U の前: 硬音 C[k] / G[g]

c	[k]	cat, coin, cup	
g	[g]	gas, go, gun	

■ 軟音/硬音を作るための E/U 添加

ce	[s]	since	
ge	[dʒ]	large, bridge	
gu	[g]	guitar, guest	

2. 2字子音

ch	[tʃ]	child, lunch	
	[k]	school, stomach	ギリシャ語系
gh	[f]	enough, laugh	
ph	[f]	phone, photo	
sh	[ʃ]	shop, fish, station	
th	[θ]	three, think, tenth	
th	[ð]	this, that, mother	
ng	[ŋ]	sing, long	

3. 発音しない子音

kn_	[n]	knife, know, knock	語頭
gn	[n]	sign, foreign	語末
_mb	[m]	climb, comb	語末
_mn	[m]	autumn	語末
_gh	[]	eight, taught, high	語末
wr_	[r]	write, wrong, wrist	語頭

基本単語 ライム 一覧

I. 語末が子音

1. 語末が1字子音・二重子音

V	C	
	s	always, perhaps, sometimes: (副詞)
	s	ourselves, themselves(複数形)
a	s	as, gas
u	s	us, bus, plus
e	s	clothes, yes
i	s	tennis, his, this
ou	s	various, serious, dangerous, nervous, famous
ew	s	news
er	s	hers
our	s	yours
a	ss	pass, bass, class, grass
o	ss	across
e	ss	guess, less, business, express, impress, dress, address
i	ss	miss
a	p	cap, map, wrap
o	p	develop, pop, top, shop, stop, drop
u	p	up, cup
e	p	step
i	p	relationship, championship, chip, trip
ou	p	group
ea	p	cheap
ee	p	keep, deep, sleep, asleep
a	t	at, cat, fat, hat, what
o	t	pot, lot, pilot, not, hot, spot
u	t	put, cut, but
e	t	quiet, market, jacket, ticket, planet, set, upset, pet, get, forget, let, net
i	t	it, spirit, visit, sit, bit, hit
ai	t	wait
oa	t	coat, boat
oo	t	foot, shoot
ou	t	out, about, without, shout
ea	t	eat, seat, beat, meat, heat, treat, great
ee	t	meet, sweet, street

ui	t	suit, fruit
ar	t	art, part, start, smart
or	t	report, airport, support, effort, short, sport
er	t	desert, concert
ir	t	shirt
ear	t	heart
i	c	music, magic, plastic, olympic, traffic
oo	k	cook, book, look
ea	k	weak, speak, break
ee	k	week
ar	k	park, dark
or	k	work
a	ck	attack, back, black, track
o	ck	rock, shock, clock, o'clock
u	ck	luck
e	ck	check
i	ck	sick, pick, thick, stick, trick
o	f	of
i	f	if
oo	f	roof
a	ff	staff
o	ff	off
o	b	job
u	b	club
	d	tired, used, surprised
a	d	sad, bad, dad, glad
o	d	period, god, nod
e	d	bed, red, hundred
i	d	kid
ai	d	afraid
oa	d	road, abroad
oo	d	food, good, neighborhood, wood
ou	d	loud, cloud
ea	d	dead, lead, read, head, ahead, instead, bread, spread
ee	d	need
ar	d	card, regard, hard, toward, forward
or	d	record, word