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	English Phonemic Reference Sheet				
	Vowels				
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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 <b>a</b> ce	g <b>oa</b> t	price	m <b>ou</b> th	ch <b>oi</b> ce	n <b>ea</b> r	sq <b>ua</b> re	c <b>u</b> re
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Glottal stop Syllabic /l/ bott <b>le</b>		Syllabic /n/ fatt <b>en</b>			
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# **SECTION A: Individual Variation**

#### Text A

Text A is a transcript of Stuart, a man in his 50s, talking to a family member about how surviving a brain injury changed his perspective on life.

#### KEY

<b>S</b> = Stuart	/_/ = phonemic transcription
(.) = micro pause	<b>bold</b> = emphatic stress
? = rising intonation	

S: erm I/a/had my/ma/brain haemorrhage when I was (.) forty /fo?1/ years old? erm (.)I suppose the main thing how it changed us  $/\upsilon z/$  (.) initially was erm (.) at work I wanted time out? so when I was able to get that after two years? erm I was erm applied for a career break? and I got six months off and (.) erm I went off and travelled around South East Asia? so I suppose /səpəuz/ initially that was like erm the first /fəst/ thing how it affected us erm secondly I I also decided erm I didn't want anymore stress in my life? I wanted to keep stress to a minimum (.) and erm so I stopped being careerist? I was never really very careerist but (.) I just stopped completely after that didn't didn't go for anymore promotions at work or anything (.) and in a sense I just lost interest in my career? I just wanted (.) to live a life really erm and looked at the quickest way erm (.) I could get out of work in a sense out of the out of the rat race in a sense and so by the time I was forty seven I was able to take redundancy and erm (.) and go down to just part time working? which is what I do now I only work twenty five hours a week so (.) I have a pretty good work life balance? (.) and in a way that leads into the other way it affected us was I wanted to lead er a really healthy lifestyle? and so I'm very active? I do lots of things like yoga? pilates? /pila:?iz/ go to the gym lots of running? /runan/ lots of cycling? and eat really healthily as well and I suppose (.) another side in which it affected us was erm it does make us a bit anxious about my health? and I suppose that's reflected in all the classes that I do and the healthy eating /i?an/ but when things do go wrong with my health erm such as having appendicitis a few years ago or (.) if whenever I get like test results? I'm always a bit anxious about the results in case it might lead to erm another illness? so I suppose that's the the downside to it (.) erm generally though it's made us more (.) positive about life? and I want to /wpnæ/ live life to the fullest because you realise (.) erm how it can just be snapped away you're only here a very short time and you're only here the once as well

# Glossary

haemorrhage - bleeding from a blood vessel

#### Text B

Text B is an extract from a post published in 2016 on the blog Who Goes Her Way. It features an American woman reflecting on her life and experiences.

### When a Career Woman Becomes a Mom

There's an unrest among many women in my position. We are career women who have embarked on parenthood. We have heard and embraced the ideas of, "if you can dream it, you can do it" or, "the old rules around women and their place in the home and society have changed – take advantage of the doors the women before you have opened and define your own path." We have done just that.

I grew up with this mindset too, no holds barred. Anything a guy could do, I could do better if I put my mind to it. I could have the best of both worlds as far as I was concerned. I could tumble like a boy, but then squeal and refuse to eat the worms they dug up on the grounds of being a girl. There wasn't anything I wanted to do but couldn't because I was a woman, and I worked hard to live without any regrets in wondering what I could achieve. I went to the best school I got into and accepted the best job offer from the best company I received upon graduation. I went on to live in several of the best cities in the world and eventually got a job at a company ranked #1 in the world for "Best Place to Work". Because, that's what you do, I thought. In my lifetime women had the same rights as any man, so I had no excuse but to live that way thoroughly and strive to enjoy the same level of accomplishment that any man could. I never felt a sense of obligation to do it because I was a woman, I did it because I was just striving like any young adult would in the effort to pave my own way to the "American Dream."

Here's the thing... I'm stuck. I'm a career woman and a mother. Read that again. I'm a career woman and the all-encompassing nature of what that means. I'm a mother and the all-encompassing nature of what that means. I'm both. This sounds like "having it all", and that's certainly true in some ways, but the reality is that my cup overflows... life is streaming down the side of my cup and into a puddle on the floor where it gets run through and stomped on and lapped up by the cat. It's chaos. Abundant. But chaotic.

# **SECTION B: Variation over Time**

#### Text C

Text C is an extract from an article published in The London Gazette in 1666. The writer is reporting on The Great Fire of London which spread across the city and lasted for four days.

at one of the clock in the Morning, there hapned to break out, a sad in deplorable Fire in *Pudding-lane*, neer *New Fish-street*, which falling out at that hour of the night, and in a quarter of the Town so close built with wooden pitched houses spread itself so far before day, and with such distraction to the inhabitants and Neighbours, that care was not taken for the timely preventing the further diffusion of it, by pulling down houses, as ought to have been; so that this lamentable Fire in a short time became too big to be mastred by any Engines or working neer it. It fell out most unhappily too, That a violent Easterly wind formented it, and kept it burning all that day, and the night following spreading itself up to *Grace-church-street* and downwards from *Cannon-street* to the Water-side, as far as the *Three Cranes in the Vintrey*.

On Thursday by the blessing of God it was wholly beat down and extinguished. But so as that Evening it unhappily burst out again a fresh at the *Temple*, by the falling of some sparks (as is supposed) upon a Pile of Wooden buildings; but his Royal Highness who watched there that vvhole night in Person, by the great labours and diligence used, and especially by applying Powder to blow up the Houses about it, before day most happily mastered it.

Divers Strangers, Dutch and French were, during the fire, apprehended, upon suspicion that they contributed mischievously to it, who are all imprisoned, and Informations prepared to make a severe inquisition here upon by my Lord Chief Justice *Keeling*, assisted by some of the Lords of the Privy Council; and some principal Members of the City, notwithstanding which suspicion, the manner of the burning all along in a Train, and so blowen forwards in all its way by strong Winds, make us conclude the whole was an effect of an unhappy chance, or to speak better, the heavy hand of God upon us for our sins shewing us the terrour of his Judgement in thus raising the Fire, and immediately after his miraculous and never to be acknowledged Mercy, in putting a stop to it when we were in the last despair, and that all attempts for quenching it however industriously pursued seemed insufficient. His Majesty then sat hourly in Councel, and ever since hath continued making rounds about the City in all parts of it where the danger and the mischief was greatest.

#### Glossary

formented - to instigate/stir up

Privy Council - a body that advises the head of state of a nation

#### Text D

Text D is an article from The Sun online newspaper reporting on the wildfires which occurred in California, in 2017.

# **HIGHWAY TO HELL**

# Wildfires force commuters to take fiery motorway gauntlets as flames destroy California

The blaze which now threatens millionaires' mansions has forced more than 200,000 to flee

## It looks more like a descent into hell than a drive to work.

A nightmarish video shows flames from the California wildfire blanketing the hills of Ventura County as morning commuters meander slowly down the highway. The blaze which has already killed one, destroyed hundreds of homes, charred 80,000 acres of woodland and forced 200,000 to flee shows no sign of abating.

Californian authorities have issued a "purple alert" for the first time ever after forecasts of 80mph winds which will severely hinder firefighting efforts. These high winds caused another wave of wildfires to erupt on Tuesday night, including one in Los Angeles' affluent Bel-Air neighborhood.

The area battled gridlocked traffic as residents fled ash and smoke that churned over the smoldering hillside in the second-largest US city. Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti said more than 230,000 people had been forced from their homes in Los Angeles and Ventura counties.

"Very strong winds" blowing from the northeast to the southwest were causing the fire to balloon, he said, warning Angelenos to be ready to flee at a moment's notice. The "Skirball" fire ignited Wednesday morning and quickly grew to engulf about 150 acres around the district, home to celebrities and billionaires including SpaceX CEO Elon Musk and pop superstar Beyonce. Police knocked on doors and used loudspeakers to make sure everybody had left their mansions. The singer Lionel Richie cancelled a concert to help his ex-wife flee the area, while comedian Chelsea Handler and designer Adrienne Maloof were among celebrities tweeting that they had to evacuate.

Forecasters predicted that winds could cause fires to spread further, threatening more upscale homes and the acclaimed Getty Center museum. At least 4,000 firefighters were deployed across the entire fire zone, including on the scene of the "Rye" blaze, which had grown to 7,000 acres in the Santa Clarita area. California Governor Jerry Brown declared a state of emergency over the area on Tuesday. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) said it had released funds for relief services. US President Donald Trump tweeted a message of "thoughts and prayers" to California as it nears the end of its deadliest year ever for wildfires.

#### Glossary

Angelenos – inhabitants of Los Angeles

Skirball and Rye - locations where the fire started

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