

ENGLISH LANGUAGE JSS 2 WEEK 3

SPEECH: THE SPEECH SOUNDS: /ei/, /iə/, /eə/, /ʊə/, /eʊ/, /ɔi/, /ai/, /aʊ/

1. **DEFINITION:** Speech sounds are the vocal sounds we use to make the words of the English Language. They are categorised into consonant and vowel sounds but our focus here is basically on diphthongs.
2. **Diphthongs** are gliding vowels created when a speaker glides from one vowel sound into another.
3. There are eight diphthongs in English Language. They are:
 - a. /ei/ as in late, make, date, etc.
 - b. /iə/ as in dear, fear,
 - c. /eə/ as in fair, care
 - d. /ʊə/ as in sure, cure,
 - e. /eʊ/ as in globe, show, go, slow, etc.
 - f. /ɔi/ as in join, coin, boy, etc.
 - g. /ai/ as in time, rhyme, mine etc.
 - h. /aʊ/ as in cow, how, brown, now, etc.

ASSIGNMENT

1. _____ are the vocal sounds we use to make the words of the English Language.
2. _____ are gliding vowels created when a speaker glides from one vowel sound into another.
3. There are _____ diphthongs in English Language.
4. Write down three (3) other words each with the following diphthongs:
 - a. /ei/
 - b. /iə/
 - c. /eə/
 - d. /ʊə/
 - e. /eʊ/
 - f. /ɔi/
 - g. /ai/
 - h. /aʊ/