

W and Y are ALWAYS Vowels.

W has the power of *oo*, the sound heard in the word *good*; and at the beginning of words or syllables, it always forms a regular diphthong with the vowel which immediately follows; as in

way,	which is sounded.....	ööay.
water,	" "	ööäter.
went,	" "	ööent.
win,	" "	ööin.
bewilder,	" "	be-ööil-der.

And so on in every case in which it begins a word or syllable. And when it is not at the beginning of a word or syllable, it also invariably coalesces with the succeeding vowel and forms a regular diphthong; as in

twin,	which is sounded.....	tööin.
twenty,	" "	tööen-ty.
twist.	" "	tööist.

W is silent in the irregular diphthongs *wo* and *ow*; as in *two*, *ow*, &c.

Y has the power of *e*, as in *beauty*; or of *i*, as in *by*.

Y, when it begins a word or syllable, is always pure *e*, uttered in an abrupt manner or pronounced quickly, and invariably coalesces with the succeeding vowel to form a diphthong; as in

yesterday,	which is sounded.....	ëes-ter-day.
you,	" "	ëoo.
yoke,	" "	ëoke.
bowyer,	" "	bow-ëer.

And so on in every case in which it begins a word or syllable. At the end of a word or syllable,—or when it is at neither extremity of a word or syllable, as in *myrrh*,—or when it forms a syllable of itself, as in *dew-y*,—it is either lost in the preceding vowel, or has the precise function which would be possessed in the same case by the vowel *i*.

THE END.