

CLASIFICATION OF VOWELS.

Primary:	i	e	o	ū	} Full		
Secondary	i	e	æ	ʌ		a	o
or derived	i	e	ʌ	o	u	} Weak	

WORD-REGISTER.

[Line 1 is Old Spelling; 2, Amended Sp.; 3, New Sp.]

1	orang-utang	watch	success	revolution	
2	orang-utan	"	"	"	
3	"	watch	successes	revolution	
1	people	condense	project (v.)	reject (v.)	toad
2	peple	"	"	"	"
3	pipl	condens	projekt	rejekt	tōd

NOTES

The current spelling is but a jingl-jangl (°ræpʰtæŋ) for Malay ōraj (*man*), ūtan (*woods, wilds*). Marking u as ū is not required as between u and a but a single consonant intervenes. See page 200.

In America *watch* has a (*fur*) comonly, but o (*for*) in Britan. So of *what, yacht*.

Had *success* main stres on first sylabl it wud be 'sakses': its being "sacsēs" shows that the second sylabl is stronger.

Between l and u shud *revolution* hav y, i, or nothing (as we prefer)? We quote

After r, simpl u, u, take the place of i, u; which is also the uzage of many speakers after l, as in *lieu, lunar, lure*, where others make, or try to make, a difthong.—N. E. Dict., vol. i., p. xiv.

K in *project, reject*, shows strong stres.

In provisional New Spelling.]

SIMPLIFAIÐ FORMZ IN PERIODICALZ.

Tich pipl ðat reform in speling iz no sakrilej, no tabu on it. Brek ðe crast ov conservatizm; get pipl in ðe habit ov sring serten dezairabl chenjez, and lern so, ðat farðer dezairabl chenjez ar posibl. It iz meziurabli important ðat evri chenj rekomeneded shud bi in ðe lain ov permanent imprūvment, so ðat it wil not hav tu bi chenjd agen leter; bat it iz mōr important tu mek sam dazenz or handerdz ov imprūvments in we ov simplifcesion at wans and acastom ppl'z aiz tu ðem, and ðas shatar ðe crast ov ðer prejudis. Wi shud not wet til wi can droʷp a fainal skim and caunsel ov perfekcion, and wet til it iz setld on befōr wi mek eni chenj. Wi shud not hezitet tu mek nau eni chenj obviosli gud, rven if not obviosli fainal. It iz not oʷful if, after wi hav toʷt pipl ðat ðe can chenj a speling wiðaut ōverternung ðe Inglish yunivers ov letarz, ðe shud bi askt tu chenj a betar for a best. Iz not ðat ðe we ov ol progres?—W. H. WARD, D. D., SSB *Circ. 20*. [Dr W. puts hiz viuz in praktis tu sam eestent in hiz *Independent*, a pauerful wikli, pablisht in Niu York. Hi haz dan so consistentli for meni yirz.]

KEY: ð e i ʌ o ū oi ai au iu
as in they see us old rule oil aisle owl few
(Marking o or u is unnecessary in open sylabls
and some other definit positions.)

Alfabet: aʌbcdøeefghijklmnoprstuvwyz

ʌ AND R.—Betwim r and ðe niutral vauel ðer eczists a peculiar relesion. . . . r iz an anyuziali labōrios prodaksion. . . . ðe tang-pozision from hwich its aterans iz mōst izili richt iz ðat inaktiv wan hwich givz ðe niutral vauelz.—Diz lai az natyural intermidiets betwim eni ʌðer vauel and r. ðe vois iz perfectli ebl tu mek ðe tranzision so rapidli ðat no intermidiet stej iz oʷdibl; and it dʌz so after a 'short' vauel; bat in ðe greter deliberetnes ov a 'long' vauel or difthong it givz ðe tranzisional saund a chans tu aprir. In werdz laik *care, fear, sore, cure, fire, sour*, a niutral vauel (°) foloz palpabli tu ðe ir, mōr nōtisabl ðan i and u ov e and o, olmost cwait az plēn az i ov oi-difthong. If ðe sem insersion iz tu bi rekognaizd theoreticali az med after ðe ʌðer tū 'long' vauelz, a and o (in *far, for*), it iz at eni ret hōlli inconspikyuos, a glaid vertiuali inoʷdibl. In ðat stail ov pronansiesion, ðen, in hwich r haz cʌm tu bi not ʌterd at ol, ðe tranzision saund iz left az its substitiut, and iz alōn herd. *Care* becamz cæʌ insted ov cæʌr; *cared*, cæʌd; and so on; hwail *caring* haz bōth tranzision saund and smūð or antrild r, cæʌrʷ.

Wið ðis fenomenon standz in evident coneksion a substitiusion ov ðe long niutral vauel for a mōr orijinal saund in sach werdz az *worth, mirth, earth, scourge, curse*; ðe formerli distinkt vauel haz bin ōverpauerd and replēst bai ðe tranzisional saund at first developt after it. Hwerver r iz faund, it tendz tu giv ðe presiding vauel a niutral calor; and asosiesion wið it helps convert ðe vauelz ov ʌnacsented silablz tu niutral ʌ.

Becoz ov its tendensi tu develop ðe niutral vauel, and ðen itself tu disapir, in Inglish pronansiesion, r never becamz in Inglish (az it dʌz in verios ʌðer langwejez, mōr fulli ðan eni ʌðer consonant) ðe aktiual vauel ov a silabl, laik l and n. In sityuesionz hwēr ðiz tū wud bi left alōn, wið vocalic ofis, r iz replēst bai brif ʌ (*but*); or if itself pronauunst, it haz sach a vauel prefikst; *acre*, e. g., iz ekʌ or ekʌr.—W. D. WHITNEY, LL. D., in *Oriental and Linguistic Studies*, 2d Series, p. 237.

NIGRO COLŌKWIAL.—In oðʌ tʌ bi ʌ reglʌ optʌmʌst, its ʌ gud aidʌ tʌ staat aut wif yō ʌrenjmʌnts ol med foʷ thri scwæʌ mlz ʌ de ʌn dʌ pemʌnt ob dʌ rent.

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