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Semivowels: Practice

Instructions. Please record each of the words, phrases and sentences given below.

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a) accuse - argue - beauty - beyond - biyearly - cure

Europe - ewe - new - onion - pupil - pure - stupid

year - yes - yet - yew - you - young - yawn - yellow

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b) Yale - jail; yam - jam; you - Jew; yack - Jack

year - jeer; yet - jet; yoke - joke; yon - John

c) He went to jail when he was in Yale.

His jet hasn't arrived yet.

Do you know that Jew?

d) yes - young - European - beauty

Yes, I met that young European beauty.

e) argue - new - huge

Don't argue with him about his new huge car!

f) university - student - yellow - yard

That young man in the yard is a university student.

g) Yes, you were yawning all day yesterday.

You don't have to jeer at me this year.

Yes, I told Jess that his jet hadn't arrived yet.

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a) want - war - ware - warm - was - wasp - watch - water

we - wear - were - west - whale - what - where - white

wig - wild - win - window - wine - woe - woman - women

wool - word - work - world - worm - worth - won - one

would - wood - worse - worst - worry - wiper - wonder

b) good wood - an excellent wine - a wool jumper

wheat bread - a white woman - We won the race

c) twelve - queen - quick - swim - west - wet

The twelve queens swam quickly across the Western lake and got wet.

d) one - wasp - word - world

The word today is a wasp for the world.

e) squirrel - language

I can't understand squirrel language.

f) Why did you drink my wine?

The prince would woo the woman in the woods if he could.

g) The world has always lived in war.

The word 'world' would be very hard for us to pronounce.

h) Where would you wear such an ugly jacket?

We wonder what we'll do in the winter.

i) Where were you going so fast last week?

How much good wood would we cut in the woods if we were good woodcutters?