

Connected speech in acronyms and spelling

Try to work out what abbreviations and words the lines below represent. Each is an acronym followed by a word that goes with it, like “ee yoo summit” for “EU summit”.

Hint: These pronunciations are used for the letters of the alphabet (although split in different ways)

● ei	A
● bee	B
● cee	C
● dee	D
● ee	E
● ef	F
● gee	G
● eich	H
● ai	I
● jei	J
● kei	K
● el	L
● em	M
● en	N
● oh	O
● pee	P
● kyoo	Q
● ah	R
● es	S
● tee	T
● yoo	U
● vee	V
● double yoo	W
● eks	X
● wai	Y
● zed/ zee	Z

Check with as a class or with the suggested answers.

*Why are the pronunciations in the acronyms different from the list of each letter above?
What patterns are there in those changes?*

What are the patterns for these things?

- a letter ending with a consonant sound followed by a letter starting with a vowel sound (“ME”, etc)
- a letter ending with a vowel sound followed by a letter starting with a vowel sound (“EF”, etc)

Acronyms to work out from the (fast, natural) pronunciation

- ei yai yassistant
- ei ah game
- bee yei yin French
- she's my bee ye fef
- see yai yei yagent
- see yoh too wemissions
- dee ye nei analysis
- ee yah doctor
- e fem radio
- gee yem foods
- ei chah manager
- e lei yek sairport
- e mei yin art history
- e mah rai scan
- e nei ches doctor
- oh wee see dee report
- oh we lee dee television
- oh wem gee emoji
- oh we supdate
- pee yee lesson
- pee yoh box
- pee yah company
- pee yes five game
- kyoo wah code scanner
- ah ree yem sleep
- ah roh wai yof five percent
- yoo wei yee dirham
- yoo we foh sighting
- yoo wen resolution
- yoo we sei Olympic team
- yoo weks designer
- vee yah headset
- ek sel size pants
- wai yei fiction

Suggested answers

- ei yai yassistant AI assistant
- ei ah game AR game
- bee yei yin French BA in French
- she's my bee ye fef she's my BFF
- see yai yei yagent CIA agent
- see yoh too wemissions CO2 emissions
- dee ye nei analysis DNA analysis
- ee yah doctor ER doctor
- e fem radio FM radio
- gee yem foods GM foods
- ei chah manager HR manager
- e lei yek sairport LAX airport
- e mei yin art history MA in art history
- e mah rai scan MRI scan
- e nei ches doctor NHS doctor
- oh wee see dee report OECD report
- oh we lee dee television OLED television
- oh wem gee emoji OMG emoji
- oh we supdate OS update
- pee yee lesson PE lesson
- pee yoh box PO box
- pee yah company PR company
- pee yes five game PS5 game
- kyoo wah code scanner QR code scanner
- ah ree yem sleep REM sleep
- ah roh wai yof five percent ROI of 5%
- yoo wei yee dirham UAE dirham
- yoo we foh sighting UFO sighting
- yoo wen resolution UN resolution
- yoo we sei Olympic team USA Olympic team
- yoo weks designer UX designer
- vee yah headset VR headset
- ek sel size pants XL size pants
- wai yei fiction YA fiction

Try to pronounce these letters with natural linking for fast speech, in the way given above:

- ALT
- BLT sandwich
- BMI
- BO
- BR
- BS story
- new CEO
- CFO
- CNN broadcast
- COO
- CSI Miami
- DA
- DM
- DOA
- DUI conviction
- ER department
- midday EST
- FA cup
- FE college
- SFX-heavy movie
- ME
- MI5
- MO
- dot mx
- OA
- OMD
- OSS
- QE
- RA exhibition
- RE classes
- RSVP
- SNL
- TA
- TM
- URL
- USP
- VA
- VE day
- WA

Write the spelling of some words in the way above, then dictate them to someone else, making sure you start speaking quickly in the way that you have written them.