

LIGN 101 Section Activity - Phonetics

Your writing system is lying to you. I've been hoping to convince you of that all term, but this should be the last straw, as well as being excellent transcription practice before our test. This text, adapted from a piece titled "Why foreigners have trouble with English" and written by Pat Brentani of the Boston BBS, highlights the fact that spelling gives us little information about pronunciation. Transcribe the following broadly.

1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
2. The farm was used to produce produce.
3. The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
4. He could lead if he stopped eating so much lead.
5. The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
6. Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
7. A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
8. When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
9. A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
10. They were too close to the door to close it.