

PRONUNCIATION

Find your partner...

Can you see that ship?

Can you see that ship?

Can you see that sheep?

Can you see that sheep?

He wants to live.

He wants to live.

He wants to leave.

He wants to leave.

I'm really hungry.

I'm really hungry.

I'm really angry.

I'm really angry.

Wow, that's a great prize!

Wow, that's a great prize!

Wow, that's a great price!

Wow, that's a great price!

Don't go too close to the edge.

Don't go too close to the edge.

Don't go too close to the hedge.

Don't go too close to the hedge.

Do you have any bears here?

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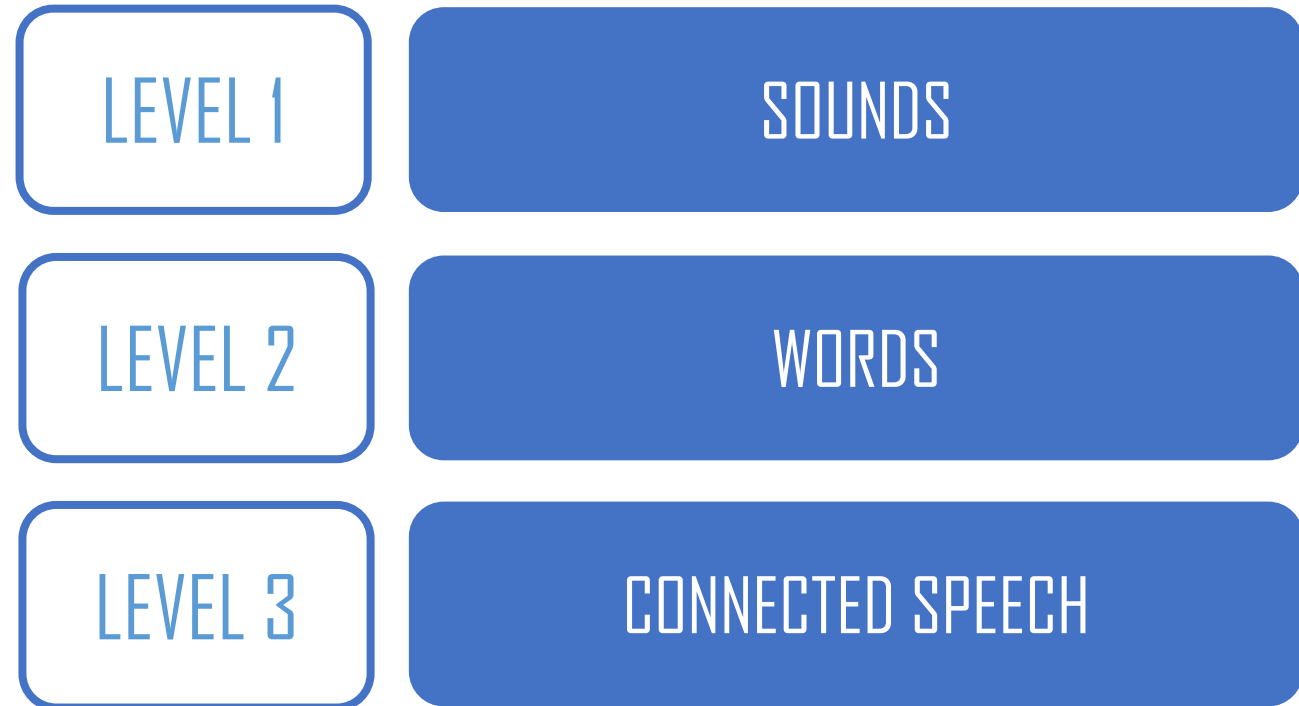
Do you have any beers here?



Pronunciation...does  
it matter?

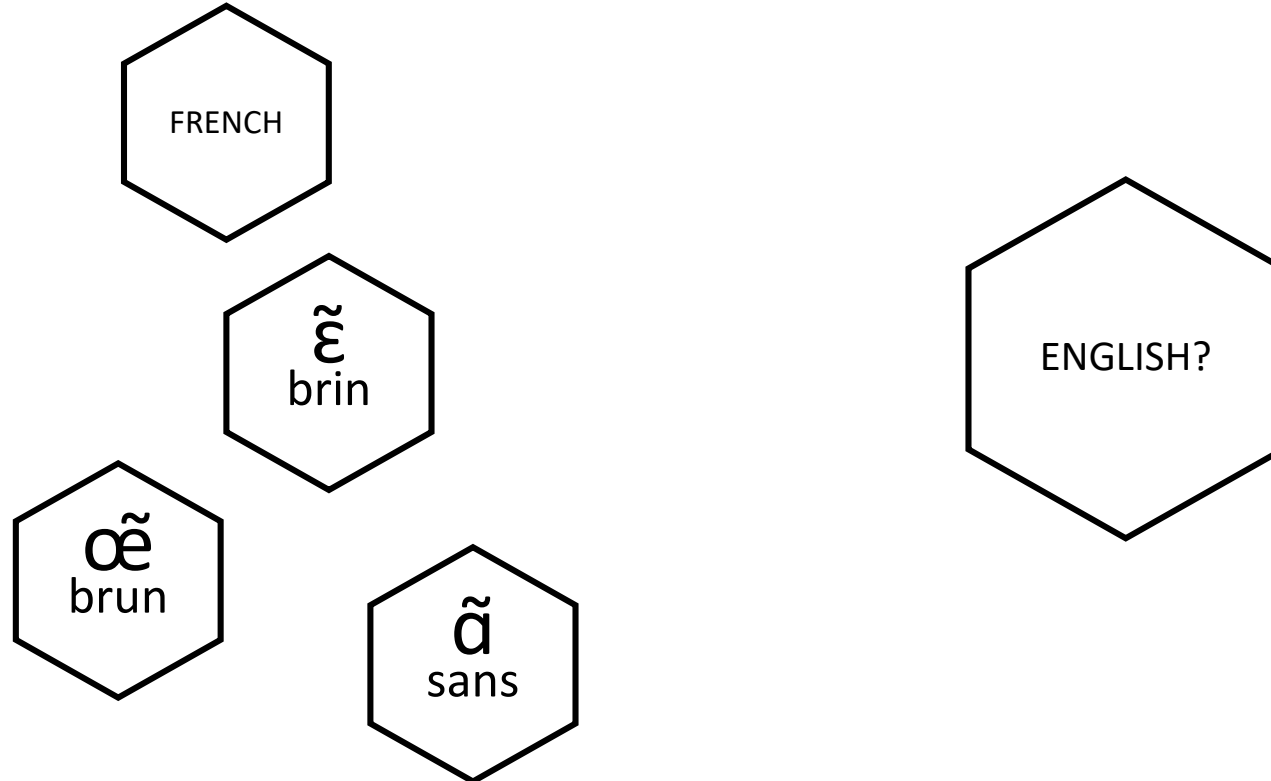
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## **comfortable intelligibility**



# LEVEL 1 – SOUNDS

What are the hardest sounds for you to say?

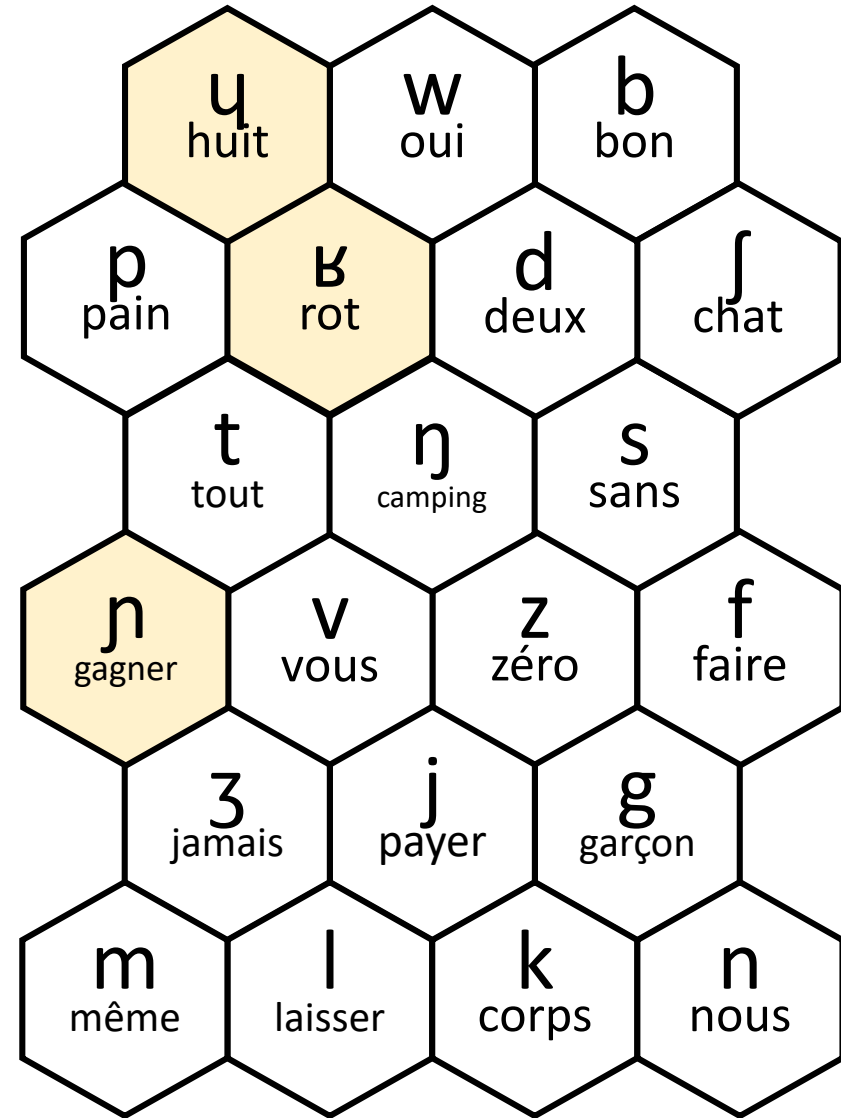
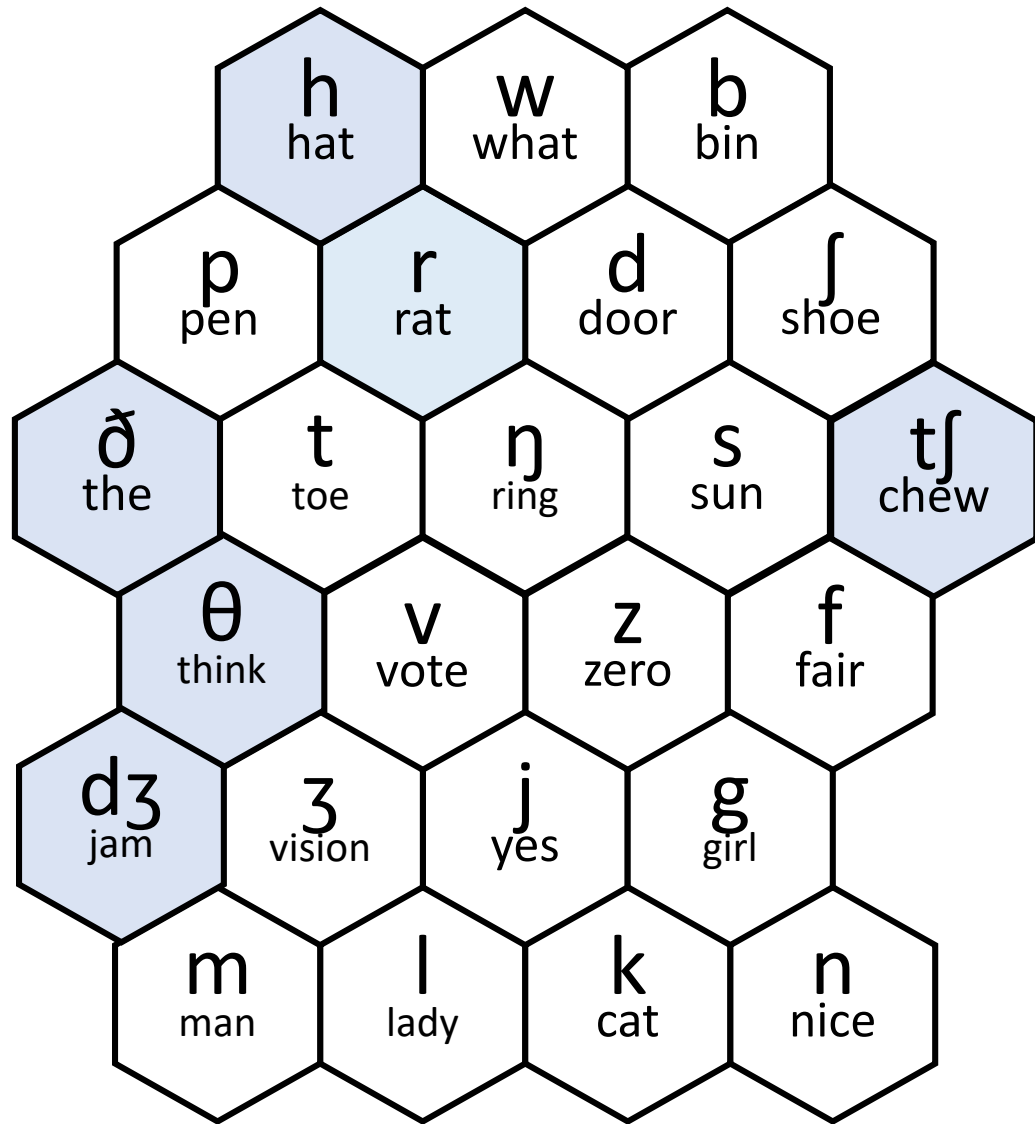


Vowels are difficult...

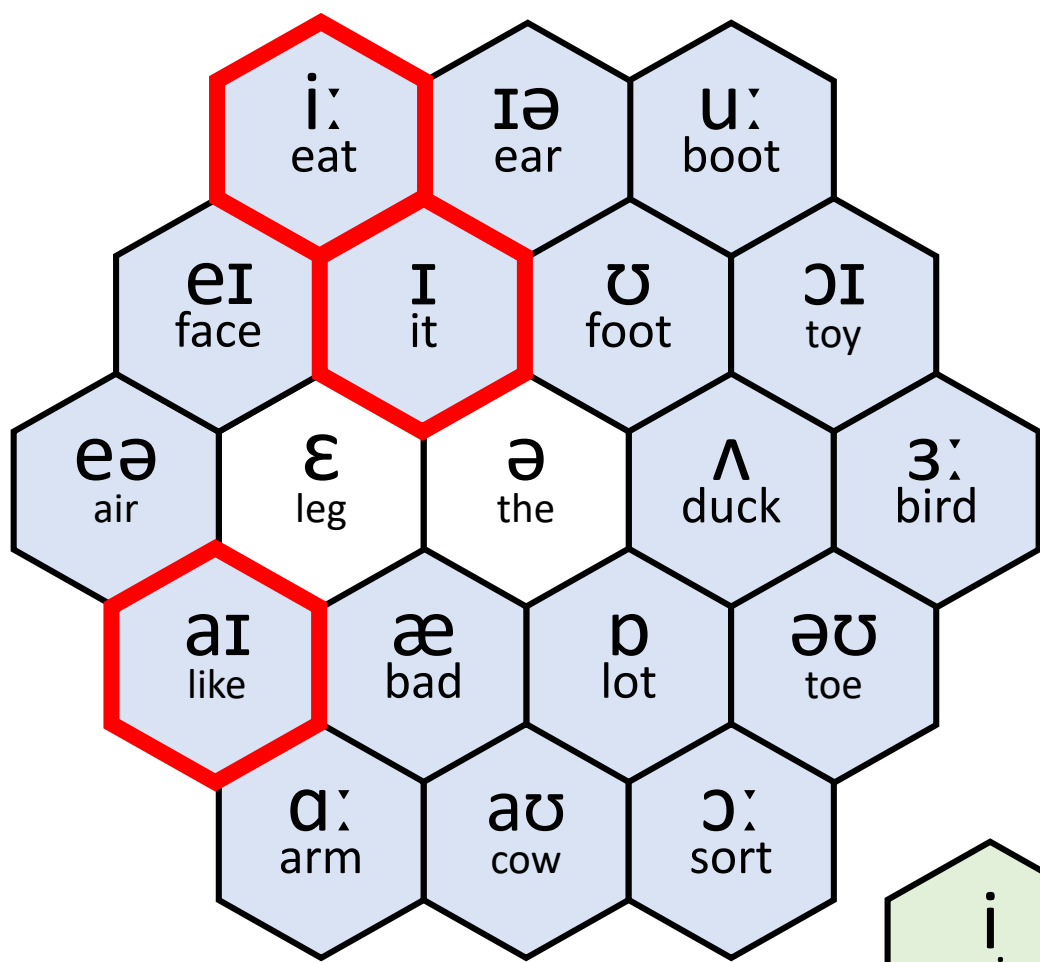
Consonants are not.



# ENGLISH

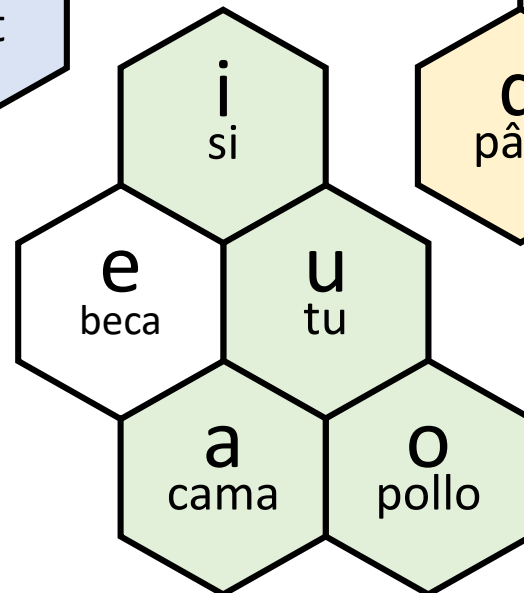
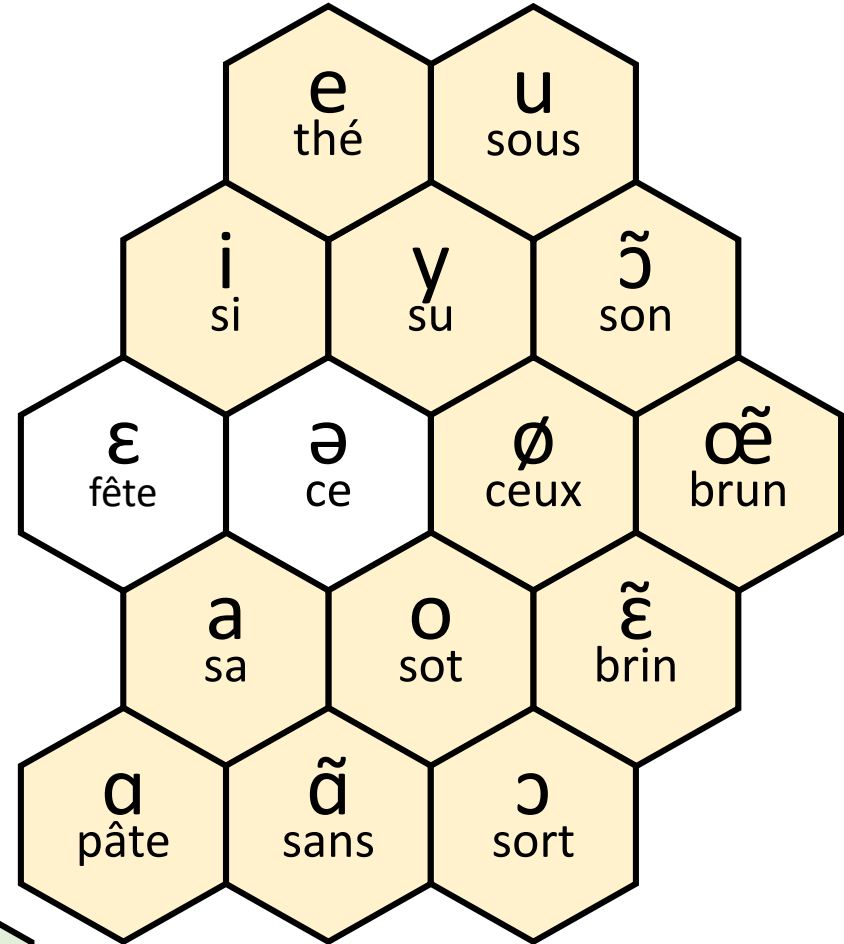


# FRENCH



ENGLISH VOWELS

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SPANISH VOWELS

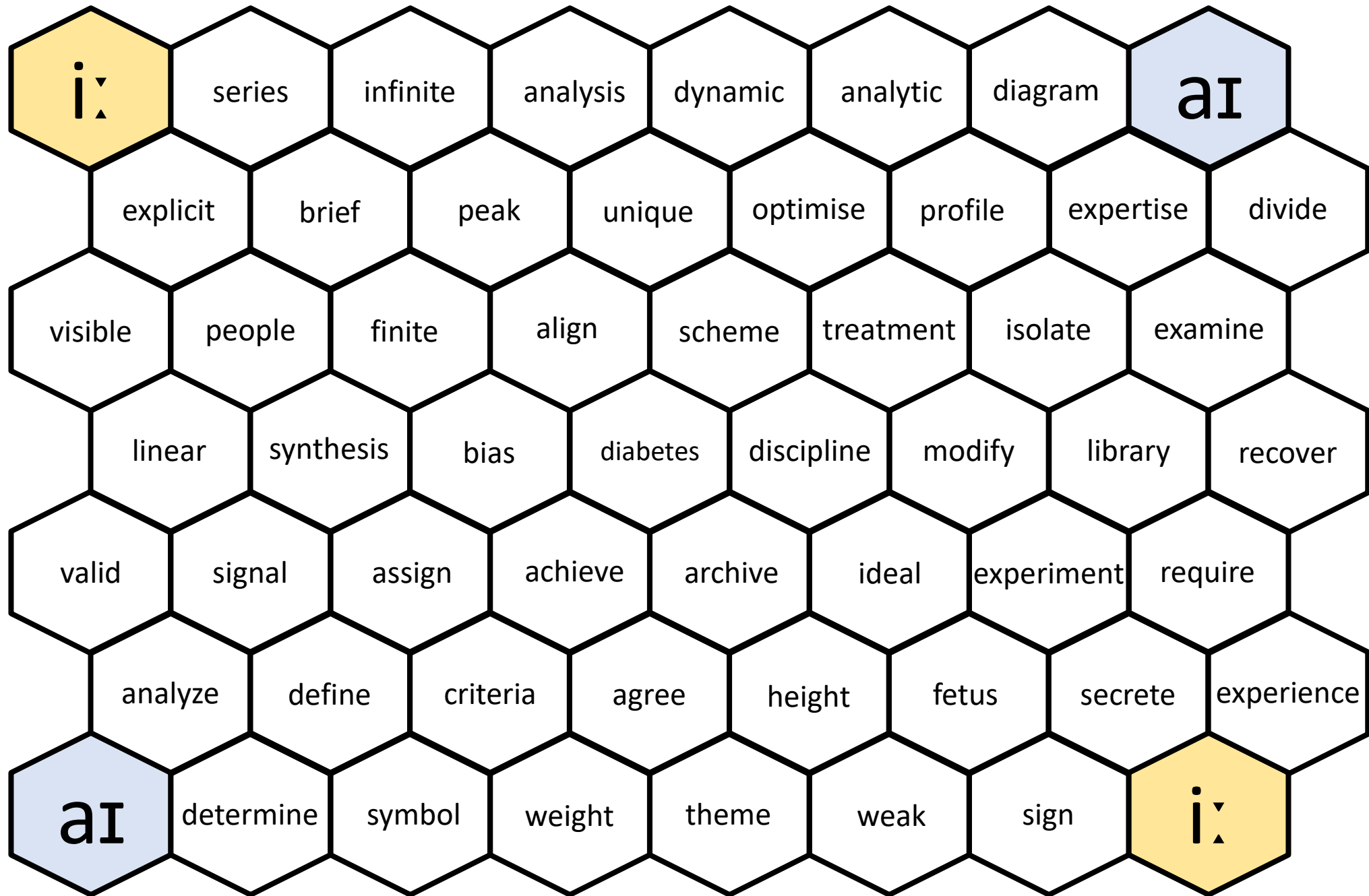
# English puzzle...

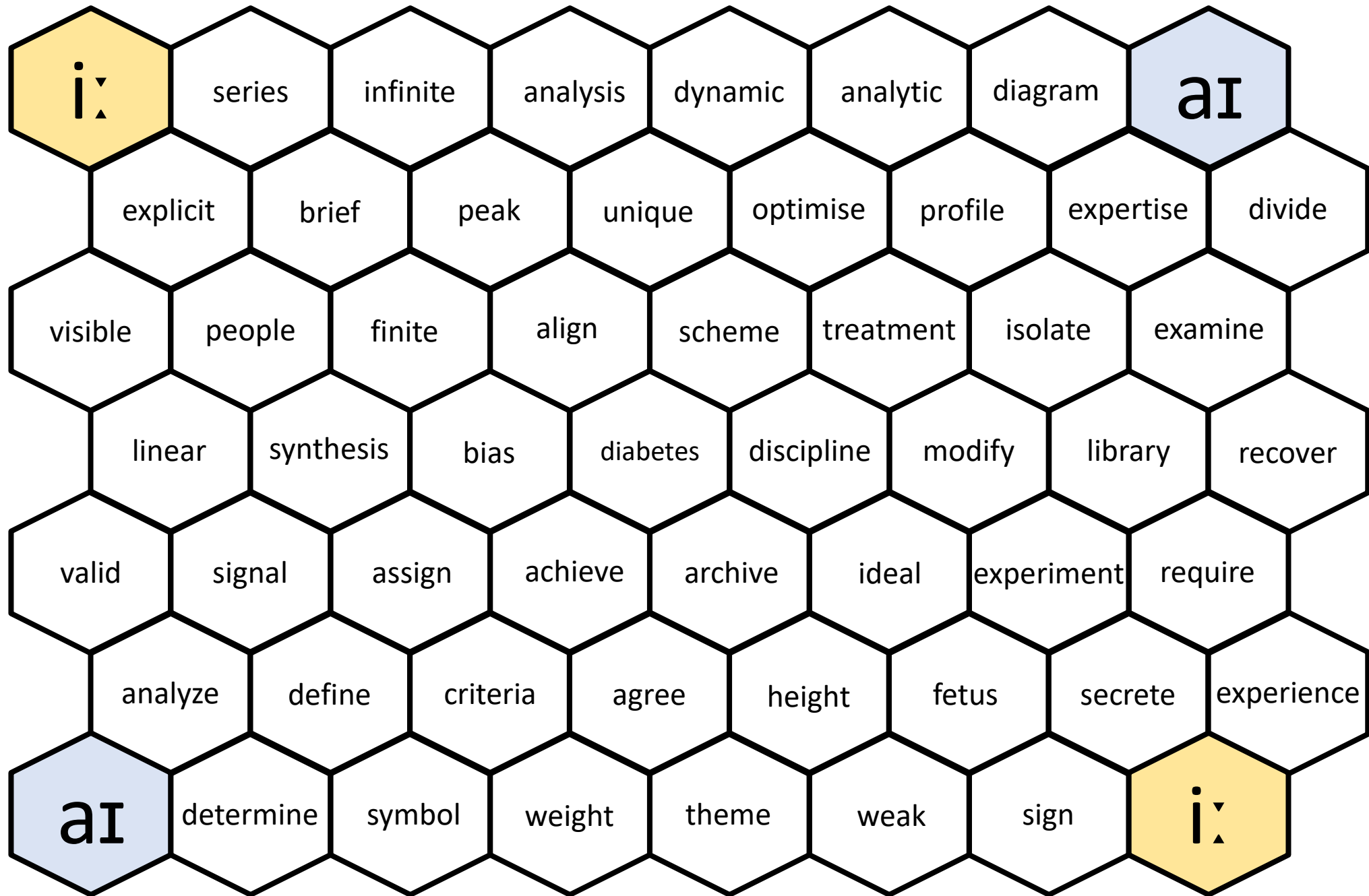
/ɪ/ sit

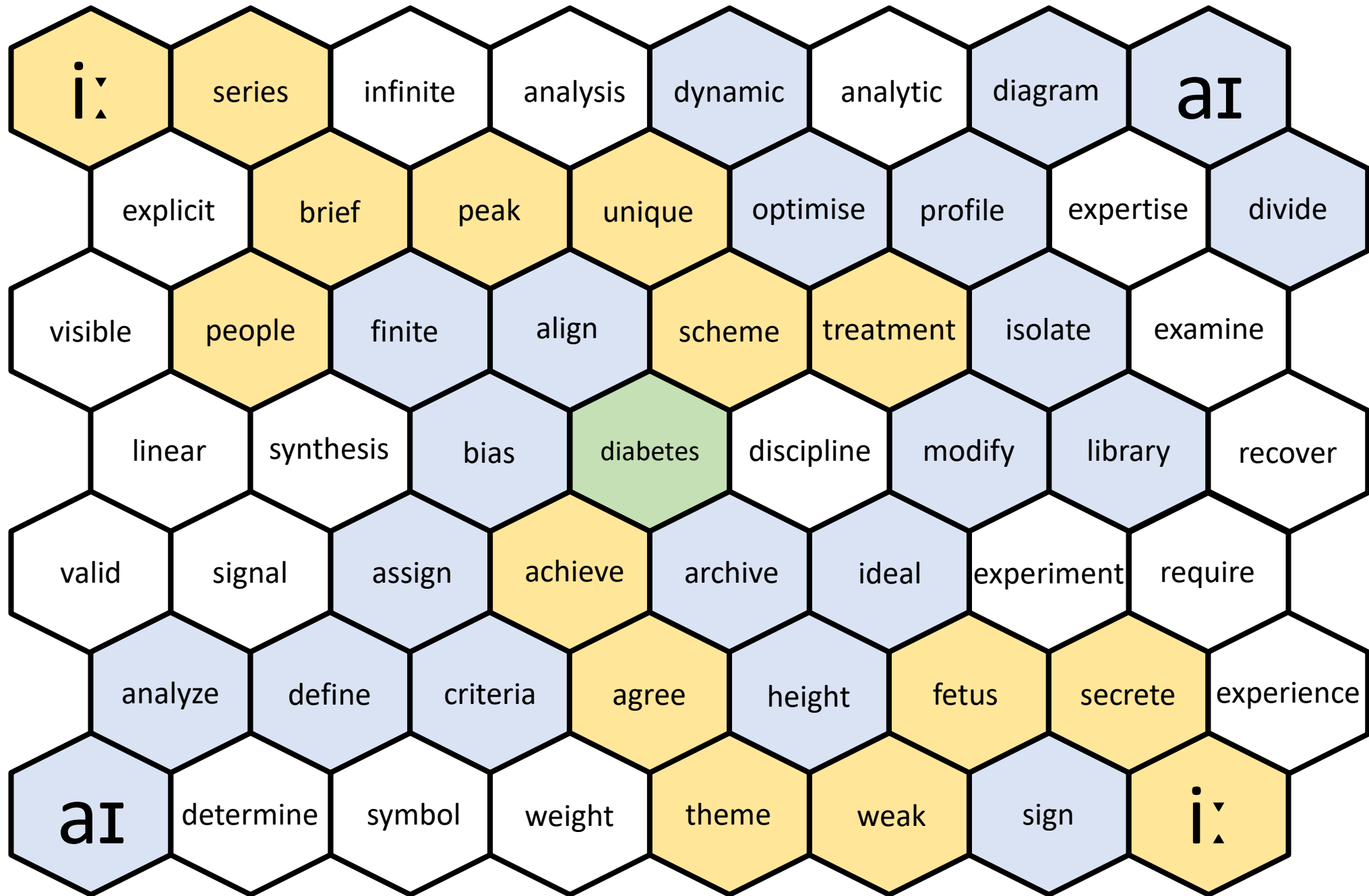
/aɪ/ site, fly, buy,

/i:/ seat, feet, unique

/ɛ/ read, red,





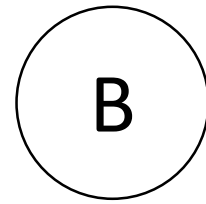
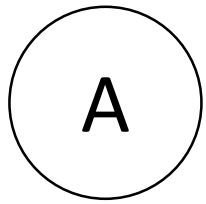


# Minimal pairs

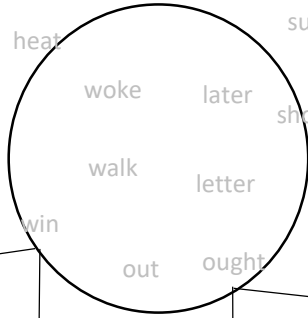
- A minimal pair is a pair of words which differ only in one sound.
- Dot-to-dot







house horse low walk meal pain  
 shin chin law work mile eat pen  
 beer law met fool heat suit  
 bear bear mate full wing woke later shoot  
 at saw mate treat win walk letter  
 art heart filling so these out ought  
 hurt filing this niece force  
 weird word pin pen tweet nice fourth  
 reach hair angry hld caught rang  
 cut lick air hungry coat pool rare ran  
 cat leek ear shop flaw crack Mary pull sung  
 worm warm hear chop flow quack marry taste sun  
 listen uncle ankle bird face flow test sort  
 lesson first bored phase through through spices species  
 wait forced sigh fission sent thin sigh thigh chew  
 fit wet forced sigh fission sent thin sigh thigh chew  
 feet fit wet forced sigh fission sent thin sigh thigh chew  
 see vision saint sin shoe





How can you know how to pronounce a word?

<https://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com/>

<https://howjsay.com/>

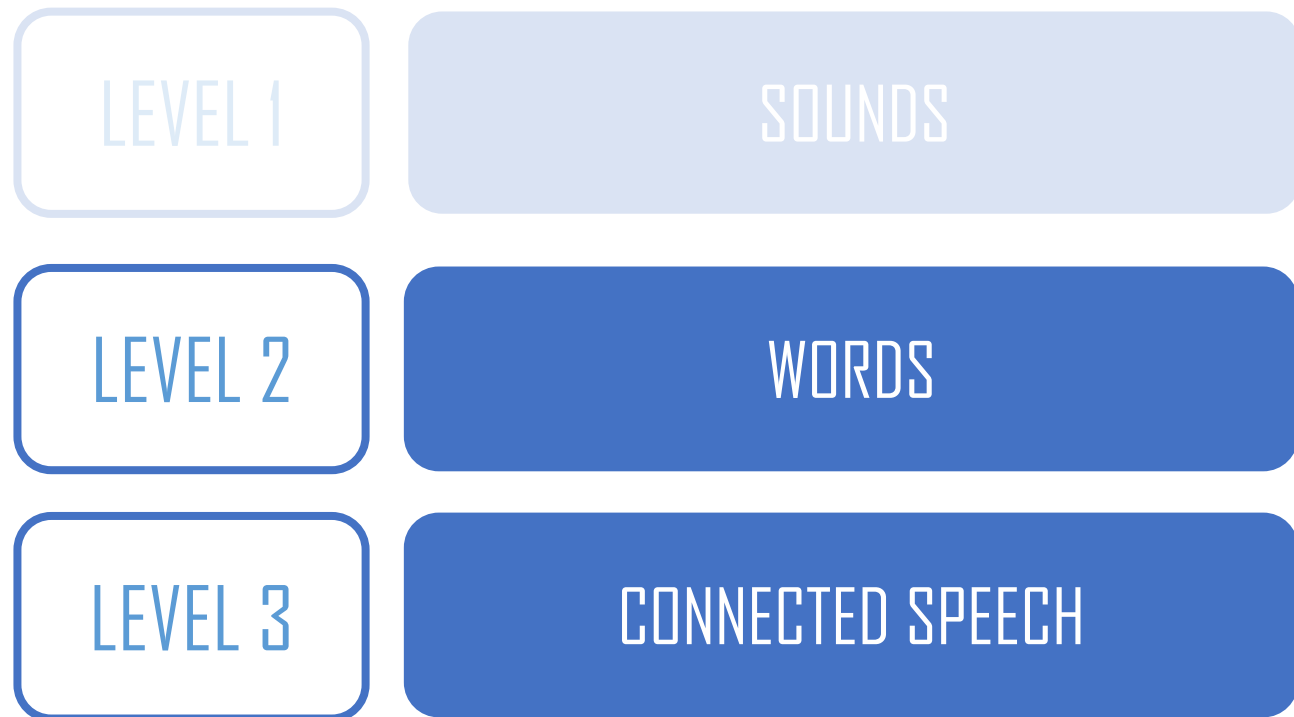
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<https://youglish.com/>

<https://www.playphrase.me/>

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## LEVEL 2 – WORDS

Syllable stress is THE source of difficulty

Syllable stress is THE basis for word recognition

Which syllable is **LOUDER, longer, HIGHER**

ultimate?	penultimate?	antepenultimate?	pre-antepenultimate?
..oO	..Oo	..Ooo	...Oooo
preDICT	deVElop	TERminate	MECHanism



TRANSPARENT WORDS

How can you know the stress pattern of a word?

In the dictionary: <https://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com>

**syllable** *noun*

BrE /'sɪləbl/ ; NAmE /'sɪləbl/ 

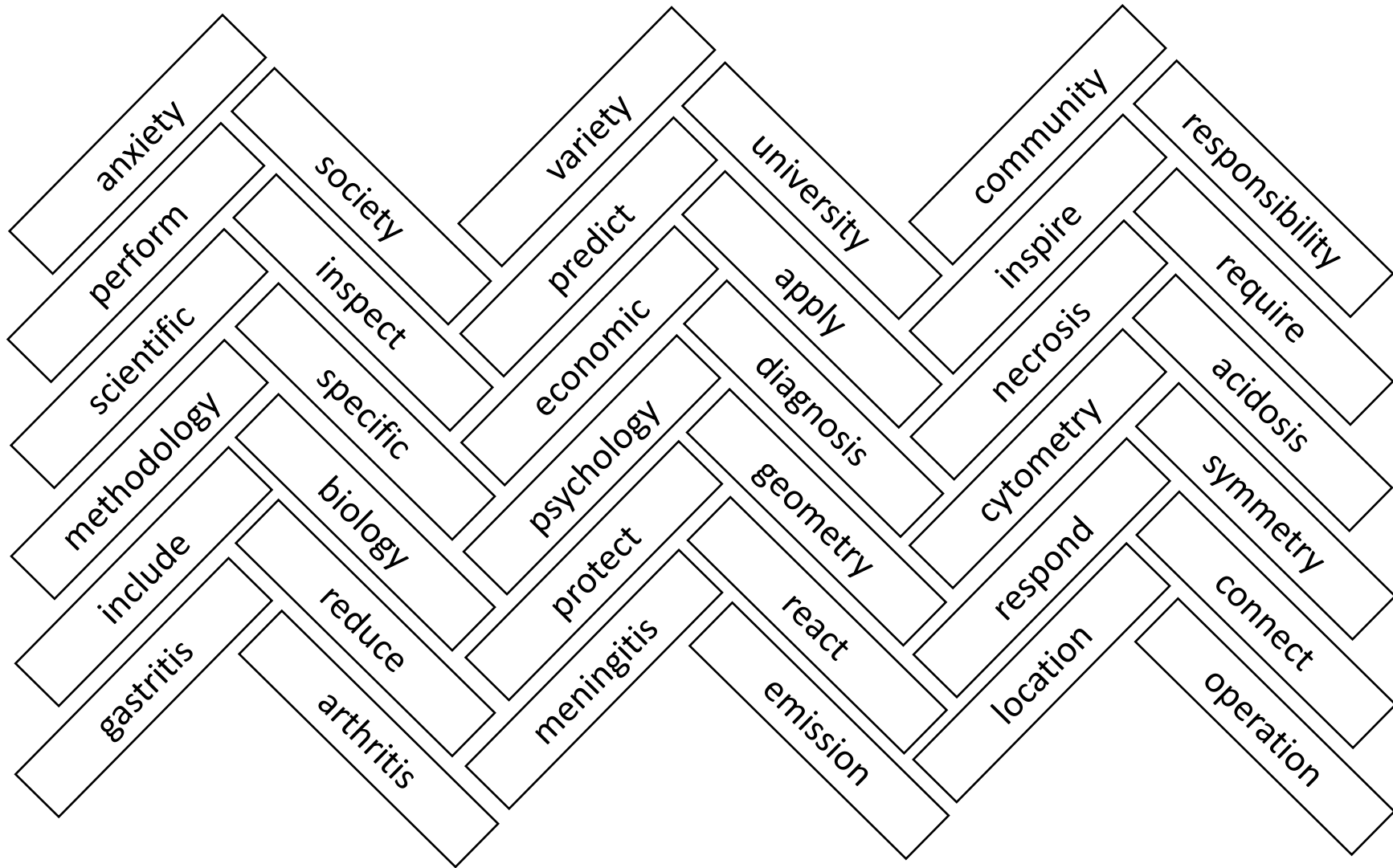
 **development** *noun*

BrE /dɪ'veləpmənt/ ; NAmE /dɪ'veləpmənt/ 

 **hypothesis** *noun*

BrE /haɪ'pɒθəsis/ ; NAmE /haɪ'pɑːθəsis/ 

(pl. hypotheses BrE /haɪ'pɒθəsiːz/ ; NAmE /haɪ'pɑːθəsiːz/ 

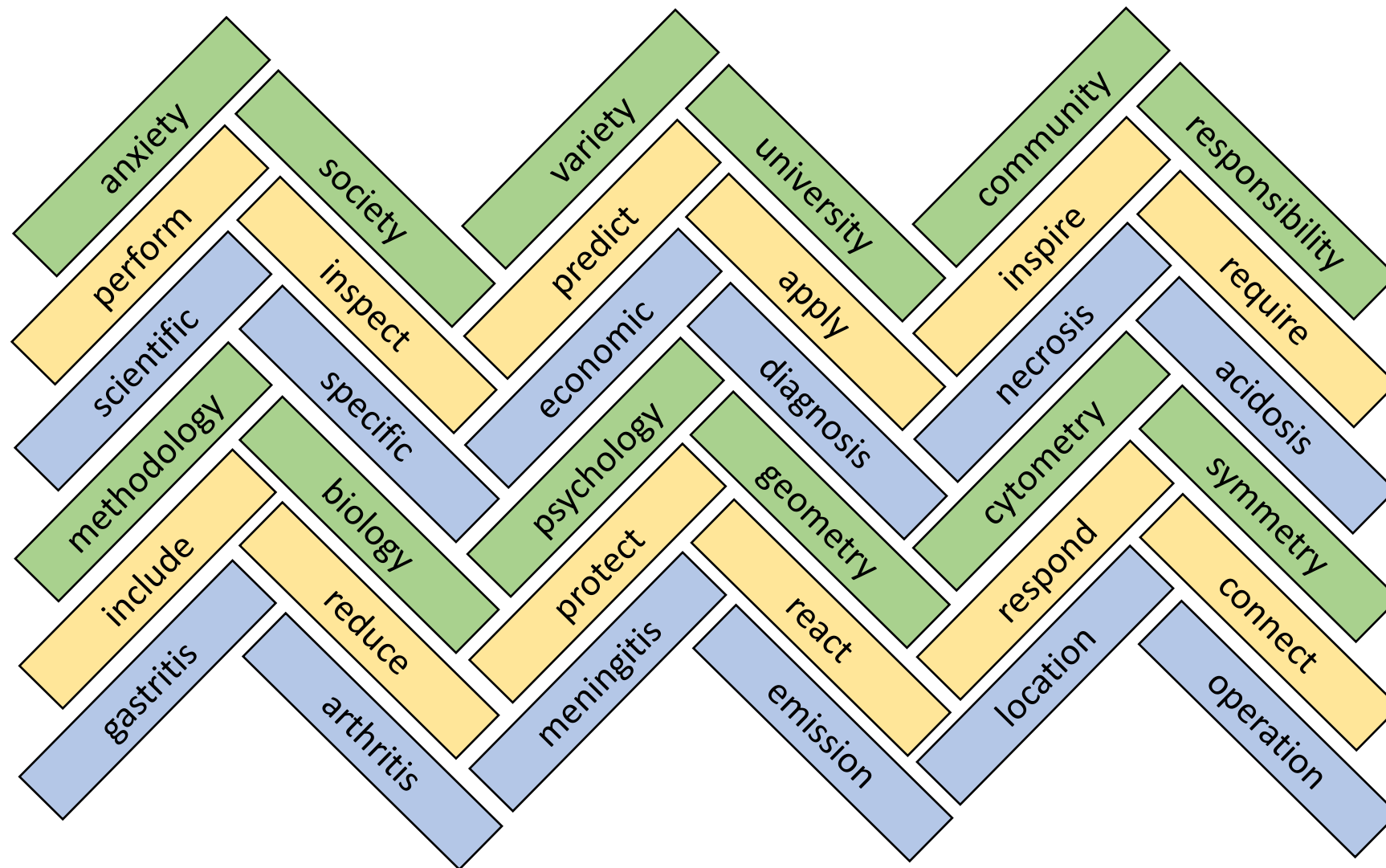


Colour words with the same stress pattern in the same colour:

...oO

...Oo

...Ooo

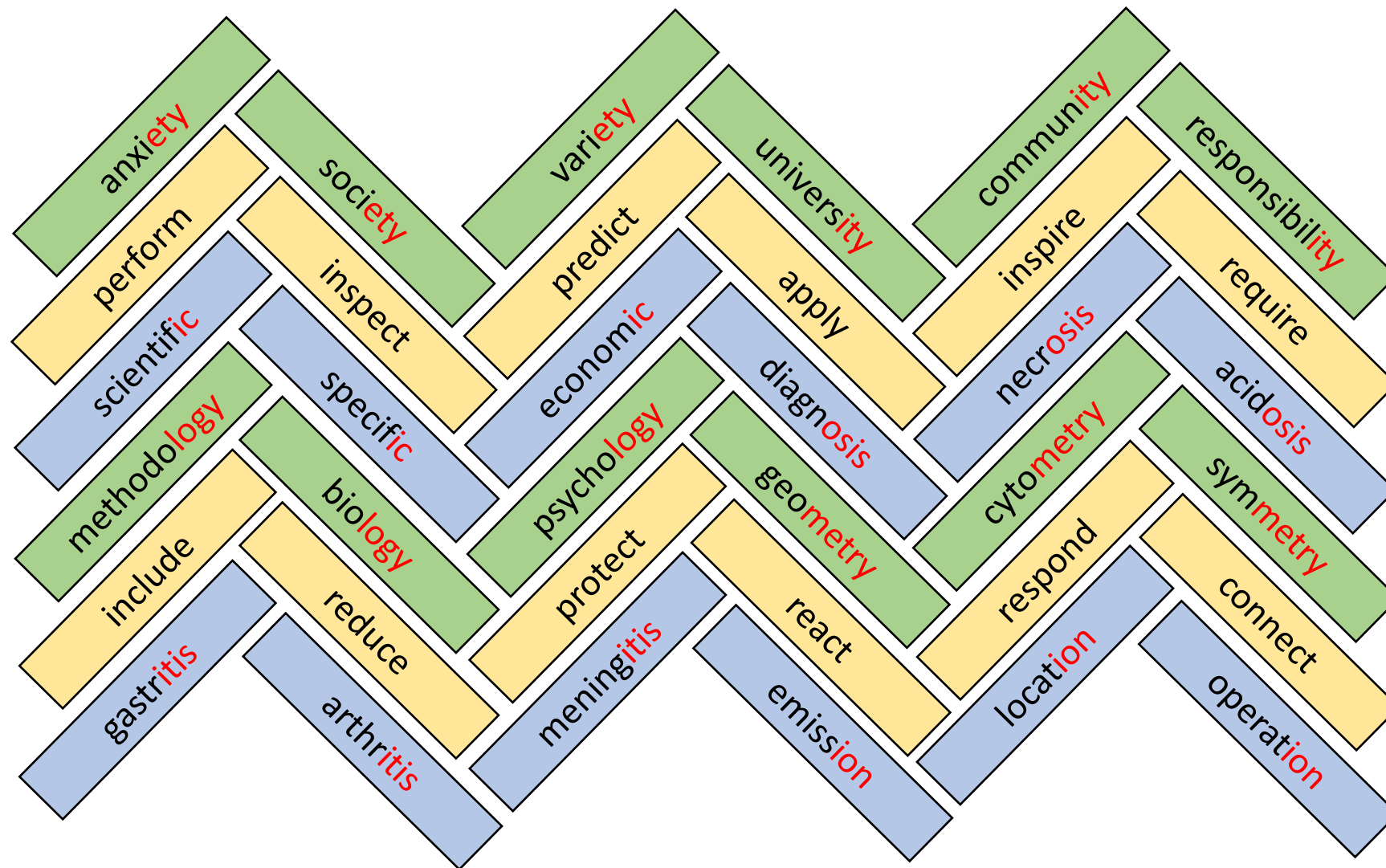


...o0

...0o

...0oo





...o0

...0o

...0oo

# LOOK FOR PATTERNS



Words with the same ending often have the same stress pattern

-teen

-eer

-self

-aire

-esce

-ique

-ise

-ade

-sive

-itis

-osis

-oma

-oidal

-ival

-escence

-iscence

-ible

-uble

-ity

-ety

-efy

-ular

-graphy

-itude

...oO

...Oo

...Ooo

# A few rules

- Stress the last syllable of most 2-syllable **verbs**:

**Require, decide**

- Stress the first syllable of most 2-syllable nouns and adjectives:

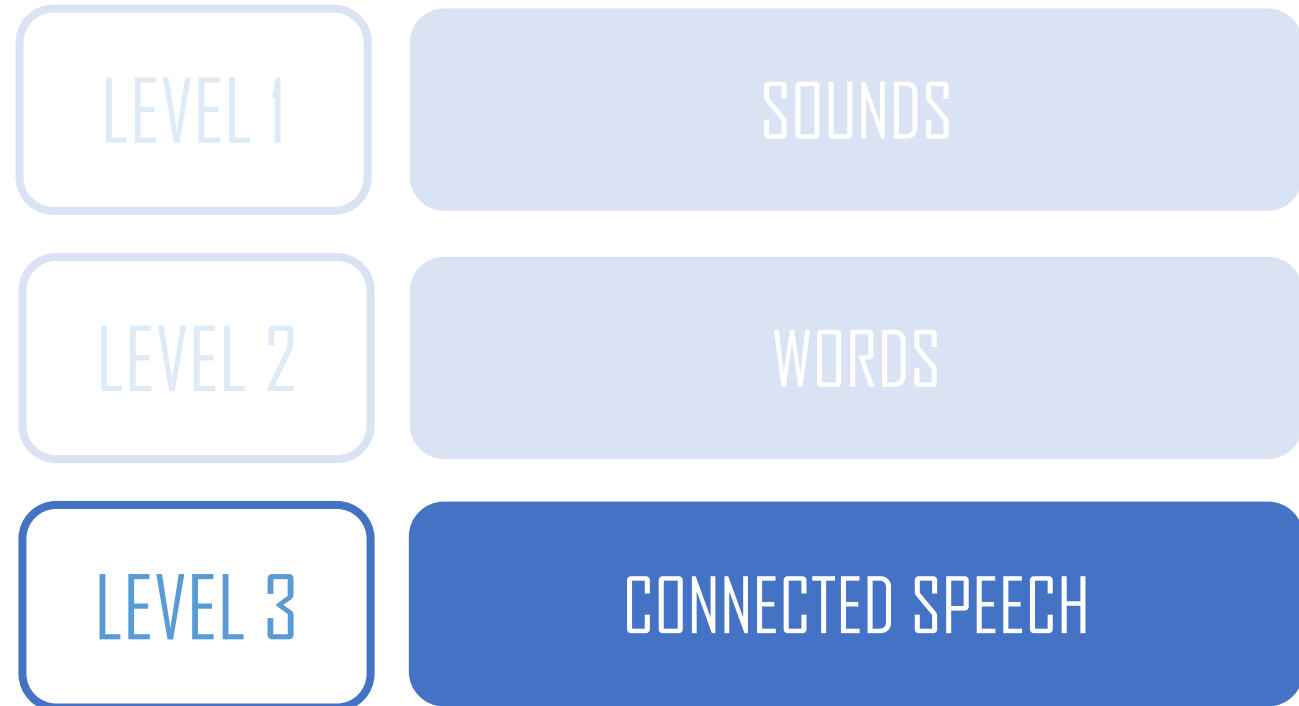
**Climate, knowledge, spacious, honest**

- Stress the last-but-one syllable in words finishing with: -cy, -ity, -phy, -gy, -al

**Democracy, infinity, geography, radiology, exceptional, critical**

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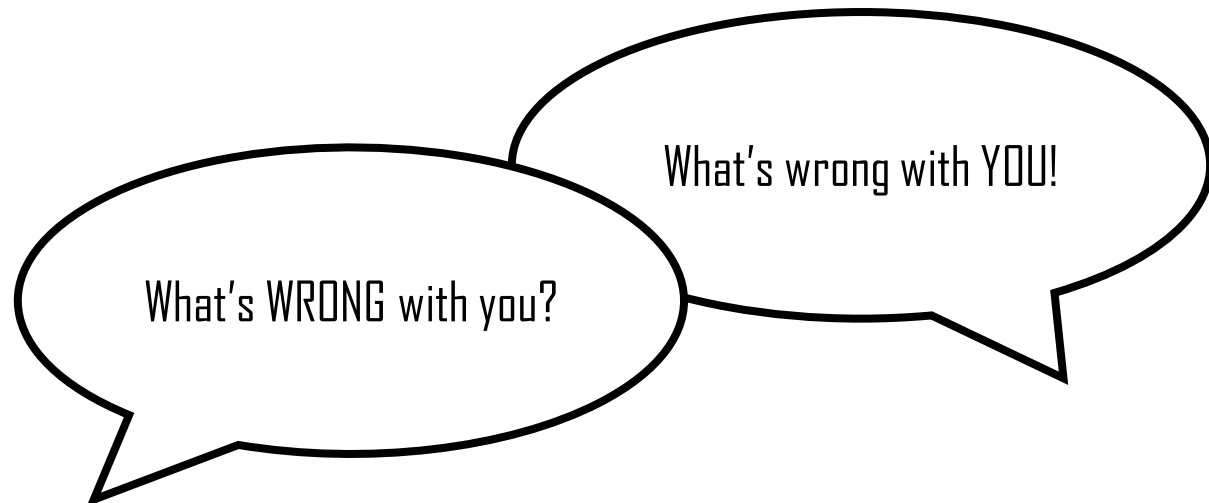
# LEVEL 3 – CONNECTED SPEECH

- **Prosody** – the music of the language – sound, rhythm, pitch



- English has its own “music” and greater variations than French.
- In word groups, the important words will be...

🔊 **LOUDE**  
↔ **R**  
🎵 **longer**  
**HIGHER**



# Why Prosody Matters...

- For *comfortable* intelligibility it is crucial to stress the important word(s) in a phrase.
- Intelligibility can be compromised if important words are not stressed – listeners may have difficulty taking notes.
- Prosody can become flat when you speak for a long turn.

# LEVEL 3 – CONNECTED SPEECH

- **Shadowing** – a technique for developing your prosody.
- Read – listen – imitate

# Shadowing

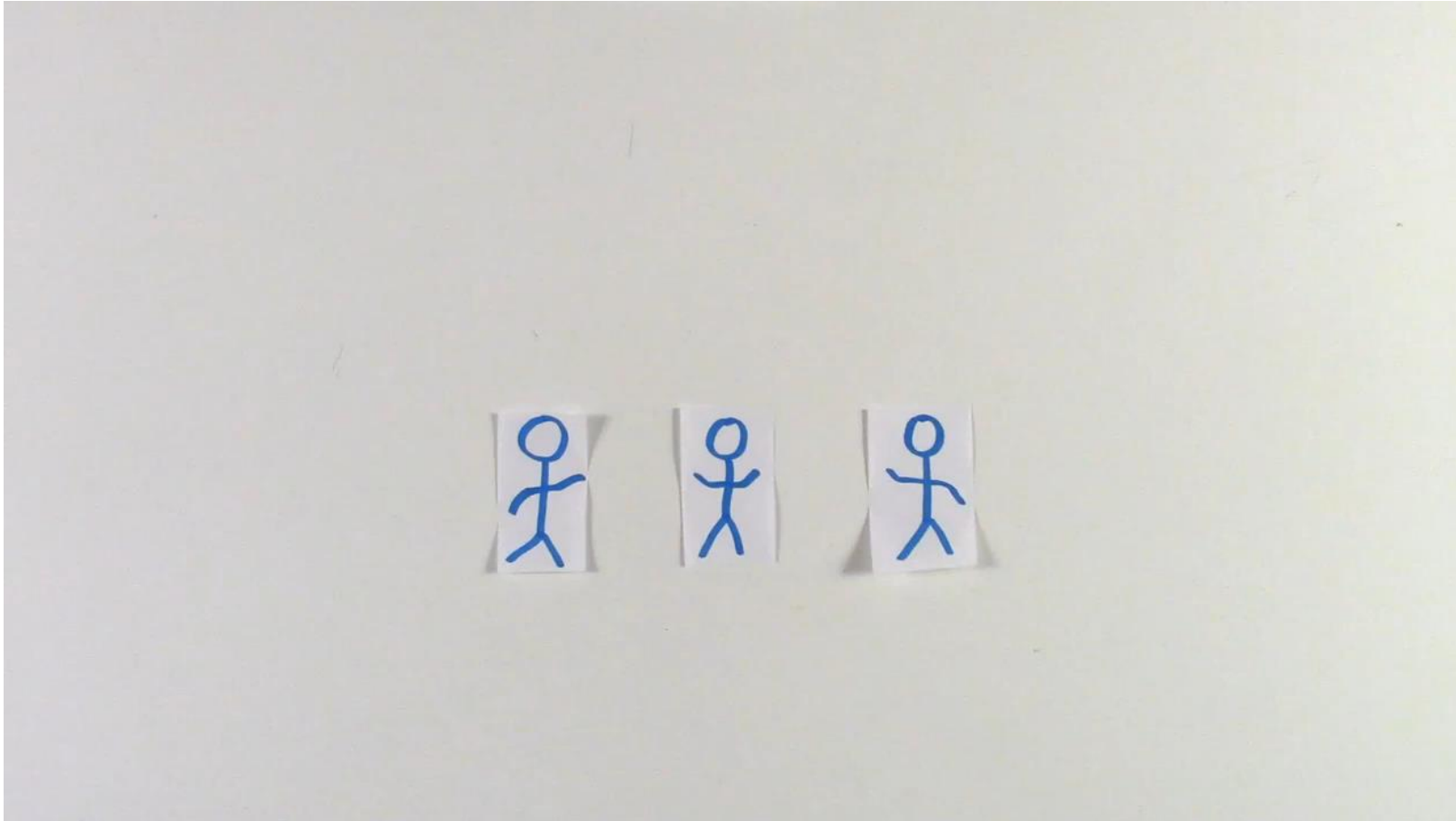
- Select a video + transcript from a site like...
  - <https://www.ted.com/>
  - <http://serious-science.org/videos>
- Read transcript, think about prosody
- Listen & pay attention to prosody
- Listen & imitate prosody



# Paper slide videos

- Group project: create a paper slide video
- Each group will make a 3-to-4-minute video about their scientific project
- In your video, you will give the objective of your project, why it is important, its specifications, and its main challenges

What's a paper slide video? Watch it again on FM (A good presentation section)



# Now get to work!

- Agree on the information you will include
- Write your script: spoken English (short sentences, simple vocabulary); use pseudo-cleft sentences (*What is really important...*)
- Create your slides
- Assign roles (speaker, students moving the slides)
- Check out the pronunciation of key-words!
- Practice, practice, practice! Get the timing right.
- Now, you are ready to film.